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FBI Arrests Anand Singh, & Searches for Victims Borgia Resigns as BOL Chair; Barr Named New Chair



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US Attorney Damian Williams

By Dan Murphy

On May 1, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANAND SINGH was arrested and charged with one count of attempted enticement of a minor. The Complaint charges that SINGH communicated with an individual, who he believed to be a 14-year-old girl, on Hily, a dating application, and via text message and made plans to meet the individual at an apartment building to engage in sexual activity. SINGH was presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith C. McCarthy in White Plains federal court and detained pending a bail hearing on Wednesday.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “33-year-old Anand Singh allegedly attempted to entice an individual, who he believed to be a 14-year-old, to meet for sexual purposes, via dating and text apps. Today’s arrest is a reminder of the inherent danger the internet could potentially pose to our youth and the critical importance to protect them from online predators.”

As alleged in the criminal Complaint:[In December of 2022, SINGH, then an employee of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, used a mobile dating application called “Hily” and text messages to entice an individual posing as a 14-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity with him. SINGH used the screen name “Anon” to communicate with the individual on the Hily application. During these communications, SINGH repeatedly expressed, in graphic and unambiguous terms, his desire to engage in sexual activity with the individual and made a plan to meet her at an apartment building in Newark, New Jersey, for the purposes of engaging in sexual activity. In the early hours of December 17, 2022, SINGH went to the location where he and the individual posing as a 14-year-old girl planned to meet.

ANAND SINGH, 33, of Tarrytown, New York, is charged with one count of attempted enticement of a minor, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison.

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

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (“FBI”) Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force. He also thanked the Westchester County Police Department and Westchester County

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ADL Report Shows 23 Anti-Semitic Incidents in Westchester: “Kanye is Right” Fuels Hate



By Dan Murphy

Last month, we reported on an ADL (Anti-Defamation League) report which found that in 2022, New York State had the most reported antisemitic incidents of any state across the nation. Included in that number were a reported 23 antisemitic incidents in Westchester County.

A deeper examination of the Westchester incidents found the following:
* Four anti-semetic incidents in the Ossining schools over a three month period, (October-December 2022) Three swastikas drawn on a piece of paper were found at a middle school., Swastika vandalism was found in a middle school boy’s locker room bathroom., Swastika graffiti was located at a middle school. Swastika vandalism was found on a school cafeteria table and a classroom desk, at Anne M. Dorner Middle School.Ossining

* Four incidents in Scarsdale--A political official received a phone call in which the caller called the official “Kike Jewish bitch.” A swastika was etched in a bathroom stall of an office complex., Graffiti that included a swastika was found in a high school bathroom, A synagogue received a threatening antisemitic voice message.

* Four incidents in Port Chester. Individuals associated with the Goyim Defense League distributed antisemitic propaganda on cars parked in a public parking lot that read, “Every single aspect of the COVID agenda is Jewish.”

* Three incidents in White Plains--Swastika graffiti was found at a high school, A swastika and the words, “I hate Jews” were written on the property of a school, An attorney was harassed with antisemitic comments online and over the phone.

* Two incidents in Cross River--Swastikas were drawn onto a desk at a middle school, A swastika was drawn in a school bathroom stall.

* Two incidents in Katonah-- The Goyim Defense League, an antisemitic group, distributed propaganda that read, “Every single aspect of the Covid agenda is

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Rally to Save the River May 6

“It’s time for Governor Hochul to get off the sidelines.”

RALLY TO SAVE THE RIVER

The Town of Cortlandt is partnering with organizations and communities along the Hudson to oppose Holtec’s plan to discharge 1 million gallons of radioactive water into our river.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 | 2-5 PM | RAIN DATE: MAY 7
CORTLANDT WATERFRONT PARK
77 RIVERVIEW AVENUE, VERPLANCK

FEATURED ARTISTS DAR WILLIAMS, BRIAN MCGRATH, FRED GILLEN, JR. AND TOM CHAPIN	FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS RIVERKEEPER, CLEARWATER, FOOD AND WATER WATCH, AND OTHERS
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CONFIRMED ELECTED OFFICIALS

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE GEORGE LATIMER	NEW YORK STATE SENATOR PETE HARCHKHAM	ASSEMBLYWOMAN DANA LEVENBERG
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Many more Federal, State, and Local officials will also participate

By Dan Murphy

The Town of Cortlandt Manor and Supervisor Dr. Richard Becker will host a rally to save the Hudson River from a planned dumping of 1 million gallons of nuclear waste by Holtec on May 6, at Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck.

Supervisor Becker writes, “As the Supervisor of The Town of Cortlandt, the host community for Indian Point, I am writing to inform you of a major rally against Holtec on May 6, at The Cortlandt Waterfront Park in Verplanck, at 2 PM. This site is a Town owned park, adjacent to Indian Point and the perfect venue: beautiful views of the Hudson. The Town Board is sponsoring this event.

“As you may be aware, Holtec International is planning to discharge 1 million gallons of radioactive water into the Hudson River as part of its decommissioning process. Their argument is that this is a low level of radiation, that they have been doing it continuously since the plant opened, and that there are no other viable options. The Town of Cortlandt, as well as multiple local other municipalities and agencies, strongly objects. Since the decommissioning process began, The Town has been working with the State’s Decommissioning Oversight Board. Disappointingly, this Oversight Board has taken no action on this issue and has stated that it is really a Federal (NRC) and State (DEC) decision. The Town Board feels this is unacceptable, and we are prepared to fight vehemently against this happening. We anticipate this to be a major rally with thousands in attendance.

“Musicians: Dar Williams, Brian McGrath, Fred Gillen, Jr, and Tom Chapin. Large Flotilla on the river—Dozens of Yacht clubs, Rowing Associations, Fisherman, Kayakers, etc. Children’s activities – Including Face Painting; Cornhole; Hula hoops Please join us!”

Holtec delayed a planned dump this month, but still plans on dumping in the fall. Several environmental groups have provided viable alternatives to Holtec which do not include dumping in the Hudson.

Holtec is also planning to dump nuclear waste from Massachusetts power plant into Cape Cod Bay this year.

Some Westchester residents have called on a boycott of Holtec, its company, and its company stock. Outreach has also begun to environmental stake holders on Cape Cod to join the effort. On April 27, the Indian Point Decommissioning Board held its regularly scheduled meeting in Westchester, which was attended by hundreds calling out Holtec for its plans. Assemblymember Dana Levenberg said, “After last night’s discussion, there remain open questions that need answering. We still don’t have satisfactory answers about the potential impacts of this radia-

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2023 Bicycle Sundays Begin May 7

Westchester Parks Foundation & Westchester County Parks Announce 10 Dates



Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks today announced dates for the 49th Annual Bicycle Sundays season for 2023. During this annual event, bicyclists, skaters, joggers and walkers will take over 6.5 miles of the Bronx River Parkway. The program kicks off May 7 and will continue every Sunday in May, June, and September – except Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The program is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by the Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners, through generous donations from co-presenting sponsors Con Edison and NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester. Jen’s Cycles in Yonkers is the official Bicycle Sponsor. The event attracts more than 60,000 residents and visitors each year.

Residents and visitors can enjoy Bicycle Sundays this year on the following dates between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

- May- 7th, 14th, 21st
- June- 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
- September- 10th, 17th, 24th

Bicycle Sundays are a beloved Westchester tradition since 1974. Since 2012, this program has been funded by Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners. Each year, thousands of cyclists, joggers, and others come out to enjoy the curves and wooded scenery that make the nation’s first parkway a national historic landmark. The path winds alongside the wooded Bronx River Reservation.

For more information visit: <https://www.thewpf.org/bicycle-sundays>

WWE Supershow Returns to County Center



WWE fans get ready for nonstop action from bell to bell. Come experience the live action up close and interact with your favorite warriors when professional wrestling returns to the Westchester County Center with WWE's Supershow on Saturday, June 3.

Presale tickets are available for sale through Ticketmaster or by calling 1-800-745-3000. General on sale tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster or in person at the Westchester County Center Box Office beginning Friday, April 7 at 10 a.m.

County Executive George Latimer said, "Westchester residents should get ready to be thrilled by WWE, the global, integrated media and entertainment company. This family-friendly show presents the opportunity for parents and their children to enjoy an entertaining evening out together by staying local, without having to travel into New York City."

Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor said, "It's exciting to welcome WWE back to the Westchester County Center! WWE fans are passionate and bring a one-of-a-kind energy to our venue. Purchase your tickets before they sell out.

Doors open at 5:50 p.m. and show time is 7 p.m. Event parking is \$15.

The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains. For directions or more information call 914-995-4050.

Memorial Day Ceremonies in Eastchester

The Veterans Ceremony and Parade Committee (VCPC), which is comprised of veterans from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2285 and Post 2768 and the American Legion Post 979, announce that they are sponsoring a Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on May 18, 2023, at the Eastchester School auditorium at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30. This year commemorates The Korean War Armistice and lasts approximately one hour that includes videos, patriotic music and honoring local residents who made the supreme sacrifice.

In addition, the VCCP is sponsoring a Memorial Day Parade in Eastchester on May 29, 2023. It commences at 11:00 am from the Eastchester Library parking lot and proceeds south on White Plains Road to Depot Square in Tuckahoe.

A Walk Through History: Reenactor Showcase at John Jay Homestead



Experience history in real time at John Jay Homestead State Historic Site's inaugural Reenactor Showcase! There are a thousand different ways to enjoy history, and with springtime fully upon us, now's the perfect time to take your passion for learning outdoors. Join us on Saturday, May 13, from 11am to 2pm for a presentation from over a dozen historical reenactors whose area of expertise ranges from the colonial era up to the early-1900s. Guests are invited to go at their own pace as they listen to live music while learning about smithing, riflery, craftsmanship, and so much more! Several of our Founding Fathers will be in attendance to take questions and chat with guests.

Coinciding with our weekly Farm Market, the Showcase is a great opportunity for parents looking to instill a love of history in their children, history buffs who want to polish their knowledge and interact with other aficionados, or anyone who's interested in learning something new. With the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution right around the corner, this is an exciting time to see much of our nation's history brought to life!

The Showcase will be held outdoors rain or shine. Admission is free. All ages welcome. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit parks.ny.gov.

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CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

The People Have Created A Government We No Longer Trust

2023

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(Washington Times Ad from February 2001)

Notwithstanding the law or the absence of law the IRS, acting in concert with the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the courts, have imprisoned many Americans whose only crime was to discover the Truth about the inapplicability of the income tax to them and to dare to confront the government with that Truth. In case after case the Truth has been paraded before the IRS, DOJ prosecutors and both trial and appellate judges only to have them all turn a willfully blind eye and deaf ear to the law all of them are solemnly sworn to uphold.

Anyone daring to expose themselves as being among those who have seen the Truth about the IRS's and DOJ's lies and myths about the income tax law is in jeopardy of harsh reprisals despite the law to the contrary. Thus it is not recommended that you confront them. These tax enforcement agencies are "armed and dangerous" and they will do you harm.

It is recommended that you do the same thing that you would if you were to recognize a band of armed and dangerous fugitives. You would not attempt a citizen's arrest in that case but you would report your sighting to the authorities, wouldn't you? Since reporting the government's illegal activities to the government would be tantamount to informing one of the armed and dangerous fugitives that you have recognized them, that would be imprudent at best, and more likely be a disastrous mistake. The authorities in this case must be those who have the authority over the government ... We the People of America. The owners and masters of the government must be informed of their government's misconduct. Instead of confronting the gang of outlaws, tell your family, your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers and associates. Tell it to the People and call upon them to bring the force of the law down on the government.

The law provides that the income tax is imposed only on "taxable" income, that is, income that is derived from engaging in a privileged activity that is within the taxing authority of the federal government. See *Stanton v. Baltic Mining*, 240 U.S. 103 (1916). Yet the Supreme Court has held in scores of cases that when we work for a living we are exercising a God-given, Constitutionally protected and tax exempt right, not a privilege. Thus, *since the tax is only on "taxable activities and exercising our right to labor for a living is not "taxable", the income tax has no application to our working for a living or any wages or salaries that activity might generate.*

So what about the IRS's "Truth" About Frivolous Tax Arguments? Just how "truthful" is the IRS's account of these issues?

IRS CODE

A. The Voluntary Nature of the Federal Income Tax System

1. Contention: The filing of a tax return is voluntary.

*Some taxpayers assert that they are not required to file federal tax returns because the filing of a tax return is voluntary. Proponents point to the fact that the IRS itself tells taxpayers in Form 1040 instruction book that the tax system is voluntary. Additionally, the Supreme Court's opinion in *Flora v. United States*, 362 U.S. 145, 176 (1960), is often quoted for the proposition that "[o]ur system of taxation is based upon voluntary assessment and payment, not upon duress."*

This is a misrepresentation by omission. The code section setting forth the requirement to file a tax return is missing from this statement. The IRS is talking out of both sides of its mouth because in its instructions for the Form 1040 (page 97 of the 2009 instructions) it clearly states something different:

Our legal right to ask for information is Internal Revenue Code Sections 6011, and 6012(a) and their regulations. They say that you must file a return or statement with us for any tax you are liable for. Why is Section 6001 mysteriously omitted when that is the first section cited in its own instructions regarding the requirement to file a Form 1040? What is it about that section that the IRS wants to conceal from you?

But the deception continues, progressing from deception by omission to active misrepresentation of the law:

IRS CODE

Any taxpayer who has received more than a statutorily determined amount of gross income is obligated to file a return.

This misrepresentation presents another conflict between what the IRS says in the instruction book and what it is saying in this publication purporting to be the "truth". The only thing that prevents this statement from being an outright lie is the word "taxpayer". Since a "taxpayer", the person required to pay the tax, would be liable for the tax, then and only then would the amount of gross income become relevant. A "taxpayer" is defined as one who is "subject to" a tax (26 USC 7701(a)(14), i.e., one liable for a tax. If the statement had been about a "citizen", or "you", it would have been a blatant lie. So why is that so important?

Take another look at the Privacy Act Notice quoted above. Is it addressing "taxpayers"? No, it is addressing "you". Does it say anything about those receiving "more than a statutorily determined amount of gross income"? No, it doesn't. According to the disclosure that the law requires (as opposed to this publication, which is not governed by Congressional mandate) the requirement to file a return is based on whether "you are liable for" a tax.

Let's examine the conspicuously omitted section of the code, Section 6001, and see if we can find out what the IRS does not want you to see:

"Every person liable for any tax imposed by this title or for the collection thereof shall keep such records, render such statements, make such returns and comply with such rules and regulations as the Secretary may from time to time prescribe." (emphasis added)

Both the Privacy Act Notice in the instruction book for the Form 1040 and the mysteriously concealed code section, Section 6001, say that only those LIABLE for a tax are required to file a return.

What about the other sections that are disclosed? What do they really say? Section 6011 begins with "When required by regulations...", but who is "required by regulations" to do anything? Section 6001, above, makes it plain as day that only those LIABLE for a tax are obligated to "comply with such ... regulations". But Section 6011 goes on from there to mention a familiar word.

a) General rule -When required by regulations prescribed by the Secretary any person made liable for any tax imposed by this title [which would include the income tax], or with respect to the collection thereof, shall make a return or statement according to the forms and regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Every person required to make a return or statement shall include therein the information required by such forms or regulations.

So who is required to comply with regulations, including those indicating that a Form 1040 should be completed and filed? Only those persons liable for the income tax are required to comply with regulations according to Section 6001.

What about the last section cited? Section 6012(a) is often referred to by the IRS as the sole basis for being required to file a Form 1040, although we now know that the requirement is actually based on Sections 6001, 6011 AND, (not OR) 6012(a). Section 6012(a) actually adds a second precondition for a requirement to file, narrowing, not broadening that group:

(a) General rule -Returns with respect to income taxes under subtitle A shall be made by the following:

(1) (A) Every individual having for the taxable year gross income which equals or exceeds the exemption amount ...

Notably absent from that section is any requirement to keep records, so how can anyone who kept no records complete a return? Nor does this section make anyone subject to regulations, including those regulations that specify the form, manner and place for filing returns.

This section does not add any "filers" to those LIABLE for a tax, but rather actually excludes those who are liable but have income less than the standard exemption. In fact, section 6012 is listed in the index of most IRC publications as "exclusion from requirement to file".

Thus, the Truth about this argument is that although we can debate at length the meaning of "voluntary" and its various usages, the IRS has misrepresented the law in an effort to call this argument "frivolous".

Why? Because there is no statute imposing liability for the income tax on working Americans, an issue that we have already seen is admittedly not frivolous-not on the official list of frivolous arguments. If the Truth about this argument, that a requirement to file a return is based upon whether one is liable, had been revealed instead of concealed then the next question would be "Then who does the law say is liable for the income tax and, being liable, must keep records, render statements, make returns and comply with regulations?"

CONCLUSION: Since there is no law making the typical working American liable for the income tax then the typical working American is not required by law to keep records, render statements or to comply with regulations, including those designating form and manner of filing returns. Above all, he is not required by law to file an income tax return. See Section 6001. So if he does so without being required by law then he must be doing so "voluntarily", strictly of his own election and volition. Thus, filing an income tax return is "voluntary" in the most "voluntary" sense of the word and the IRS' response to that argument is... well ... frivolous.

Failure to file a tax return could subject the non-complying individual to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, as well as civil penalties.

Paid for by Anthony Futia

Attorney General James Takes Action to Protect New Yorkers Homes and Combat Deed Theft

On April 28, New York Attorney General Letitia James, State Senator Brian Kavanagh, State Senator Zellnor Myrie, and Assemblymember Helene Weinstein announced new legislation to strengthen protections and remedies for victims of deed theft and bolster the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) ability to prosecute these crimes. Deed theft is a growing problem that predominantly targets Black and Brown homeowners, and under New York's current laws, opportunities for prosecutors to hold deed thieves accountable are limited. The two bills — one addressing criminal challenges and the other focused on changes to civil laws — would establish a crime of deed theft and help keep New Yorkers in their homes.

"No one's home should be stolen by a scammer without warning or reason," said Attorney General James. "Victims of deed theft are often older adults and people of color who are asset rich but cash poor. Homeownership is a stabilizing economic force for their families and loved ones, and deed theft robs them not just of their family home, but of their most significant financial asset and the community they have known for their entire lives. This legislation will provide real and necessary changes to our civil and criminal laws to stop the perpetrators of these crimes and provide the protections and remedies needed to keep people in their homes. I want to thank State Senator Kavanagh, State Senator Myrie, and Assemblymember Weinstein for their partnership in these critical efforts to keep New Yorkers in their homes."

"At our public hearing in October 2022, my colleagues on the Housing Committee and I heard harrowing, infuriating testimony about the all too common crime of deed theft," said State Senator Kavanagh, Chair of the Senate Housing Committee. "We learned a lot about how it works, and about how difficult it is to prevent, prosecute, or undo under current laws and real estate practices. We've been working diligently since then and we are prepared to act."

"I have been fighting to help hardworking homeowners in stay their homes for many years, and in particular, against the awful form of fraud known as deed theft," said Assemblymember Weinstein. "I have sponsored deed theft legislation in the past, but it is clear that the Attorney General and our District Attorneys need better tools to stay ahead of the fraudsters. I am particularly pleased and grateful that Attorney General Letitia James has devoted ample resources to the fight against deed theft and am proud to join her in her efforts to fight these cruel thefts."

Deed theft occurs when someone takes the title, or deed, to another person's home without the homeowner's knowledge or approval. It has become a popular tactic used by scammers to illegally obtain ownership of a property, and disproportionately impacts elderly homeowners and homeowners of color, especially Black and Brown homeowners in gentrifying neighborhoods. From 2014 to the present, the New York City Sheriff's Office counted nearly 3,500 complaints of deed theft throughout New York City, with more than 1,500 complaints in Brooklyn and 1,000 from Queens. Deed theft scams are not just limited to New York City. Throughout the state, District Attorneys in Albany, Erie, Monroe, and Onondaga Counties have reported recent active deed theft complaints. As part of the legislation, the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services would collect statewide data on deed theft crimes, which will further aid efforts to combat this scam.

The most common ways scammers steal deeds are through forgery or through fraud. In cases that involve forgery, scammers fake the real homeowner's signature on a deed and file it with the county clerk to make it look like they bought the property. In cases that involve fraud, homeowners are tricked into unknowingly signing over their homes to a scammer. These thieves then often evict the homeowner and sell the property at a significant profit.

Under current law in New York state, deed theft itself is not a crime, and there are not adequate protections in place to slow down or stop a deed theft in process. Today Attorney General James, State Senator Myrie, State Senator Kavanagh, and Assemblymember Weinstein are introducing two pieces of legislation that would address these issues by creating new criminal and civil legal provisions to increase enforcement opportunities and help keep New Yorkers in their homes. They would Establish a Crime of Deed Theft, Grant OAG Criminal Jurisdiction, Extend the Statute of Limitations, Void Good Faith Purchaser Protections, Stay Eviction Proceedings, and Expand Existing Protections. Visit Yonkerstimes.com for more information.

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District Attorney's Office for their participation and support in this investigation.

The investigation is ongoing and there may be other victims of this alleged conduct. If you have information to report concerning ANAND SINGH, please contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer was asked about the Anand Singh matter during his weekly press briefing on May 1. "This issue has been quite the controversy over the past ten days. It has directly involved the leaders of the Board of Legislators as they made their assessment about what happened with Mr. Singh. ..I was personally made aware that he may have been involved in illegal actions on or about April 12 or 13. The only interaction we had with him was he was a member of our Asian-American Advisory Board. We sought and received an immediate resignation...The video became apparent to us at the same time that he was let go from the BOL. We were not aware that the video had existed previously. Had it existed earlier, more decisive action would have happened. The leadership of the Board of Legislators is at the prerogative of the board of legislators."

Last week, County Legislator and Board Chair Catherine Borgia said she would not resign her leadership position despite being asked to do so by the 14 other democrats on the county board. Borgia filed a lawsuit challenging the board's desire to remove her, but after a judge lifted any barriers from the democratic BOL caucus to move forward, Borgia resigned.

After Singh's arrest, Borgia stated, "I have been informed today that the FBI Safe Streets Task Force has arrested former Board of Legislators employee Anand Singh. I called on them to investigate 2 weeks ago. I want to thank the FBI for their swift response. In addition, thank you to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety for their ongoing investigation and cooperation with all relevant law enforcement agencies."

County Legislator Nancy Barr has been named BOL Chair. To read a copy of the US Attorney criminal complaint against Singh, visit Download U.S. v. Singh Complaint.pdf.



by Eric Wolf Schoen

The Spano's: Every few years when a Spano runs for office, you can count on the Journal News or it's Predecessor, the Herald Statesman to run a story on how many Spano relatives are in public service. This goes back to Leonard Spano, the patriarch of the family right up to his son Mike, current Mayor of the City of Yonkers.

Do you have 16 brothers and sisters? If they play by the rules would you have a problem with your relatives working for the city of Yonkers, Westchester County or New York State? Should they be denied the right to public service just because they are related to you?

Of course the answer is no. No one told you you couldn't have a big family. And if they play by the rules no one says they can't have a career in public service. Jobs in the Fire Department and Police Department are appointed off of Civil Service lists. You take a test, sometimes with 100's of other people. The top scorers if they can meet the physical agility and other tests are appointed to good paying jobs.

Environmental Maintenance Workers which could be garbage men or work in one of the city maintenance departments initially are appointed at the discretion of the Mayor but receive their promotions just like Police and Fireman by taking civil service tests. You do well you move up, you have special skills you move up, and your overtime is not assigned by the Mayor but by your Department Head.

Now let's take a moment to be clear. You are elected Mayor, President or to any office and you want to get re-elected? You surround yourself with people you trust. People that will take their job responsibilities seriously, do a good job and help you get re-elected. The President of the United States doesn't surround himself with people who are not loyal to him, and neither does the Mayor of the City of Yonkers when he is selecting his top officials to help him run the government.

If you want a job working in City Hall in Yonkers and it's not an exam appointed off a Civil Service list, there is nothing to stop you from putting in an application and talking to the Mayor or other appointed officials about the possibilities of appointment. You know the old phrase, 'It's not what you know but who you know!' I would say the vast number of people, all hard workers obtained their city government jobs by putting the word out that they want a job in government. Or someone told them there was a position open in government they should apply for. This again goes from Mayor of Yonkers to President of the United States.

And don't just think this is the way that things work in the public sector. When you are applying for a job in the private sector your knowledge of those involved in hiring or connections you may have help you get your foot in the door. It's been that way for years.

David Wilson, the scribe of this year's Journal News article on 'Spano Foot-hold' is a long time employee of the paper. I am sure he has written articles like the one about 'nepotism' and particularly about the Spano's many times before. The articles for the most part are generated by the opponent to the elected official. If this was something new or a new official with all these relatives on the payroll I could see the big deal. And some will read Wilson's article and say, 'Gee, he forgot someone!'

Corazon Pineda Isaac is running against Spano in a primary for the Democratic nomination for Mayor. I'm sure if she was in government as long as the Spano family and had as many brothers and sisters as Mike has, many of them would be working for the City of Yonkers. She just happens to be the one to bring up the issue this year. Believe me, it's been brought up many times before by candidates running against the Spano's.

The solution to the 'problem.' Stay on top of Civil Service lists and apply for jobs you know you are qualified for. Between Covid and retirements there will be many jobs open over the next 3-5 years. Apply for them. Take the tests, and good luck to you!

On the issue of Spano relatives serving as paid lobbyists for city unions and companies doing business before the City of Yonkers, I would surely hope that the Board of Ethics and Inspector General have been consulted for legality of this. And remember, if you see something you think is illegal or unethical, you as a citizen have every right to file a formal complaint with these agencies or the governing bodies of the commissions or agencies involved.

Remember, our door is always open here at Rising Newspapers to **publish legitimate complaints from taxpayers or organizations**. That's what we are here for together with providing news about your community and neighbors.

Good Luck Ms. Pineda Isaac. This column is not meant to discourage you from bringing up issues where you disagree with the current Mayor (like the extension of term limits again which I think is terrible.)

What floors me is that reporter Wilson was unable to get comments from Anthony Merante, the Republican candidate for Mayor or Margaret Fountain Coleman, another Democrat seeking the nomination on the Spano's family involvement in city public affairs. My only thought is that it's going to be a quiet election and as is typical in Yonkers, the opponents will be looking to have their names on a City of Yonkers employee (not elected official) pay check. We certainly have witnessed that before!

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Westchester Household Recycling Day May 6 at Sprain Ridge Park Yonkers

Household recycling day Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) Event on Saturday, May 6, from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at Sprain Ridge Park, 149 Jackson Avenue, Yonkers. The upcoming HRD event in Yonkers will be the second HRD event of 2023 and gives residents across the County an opportunity to conveniently and safely dispose of their household waste.

In 2022, DEF hosted six HRD events for over 3,800 County residents and accepted nearly 400,000 pounds of household waste. The first HRD event of 2023, held at FDR State Park, in Yorktown Heights, attracted almost 1,000 households.

In addition to properly labeled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the May 6HRD Event.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labeled household chemicals, such as:
 - o Household cleaning products
 - o Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, but not motor oil)
 - o Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
 - o Metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
 - o Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
 - o Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- Batteries – only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell batteries
- Textiles- footwear, clothing, linens, leather, small area rugs, handbags
- Latex and oil-based paint with labels visible, wood stains, Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs, Fire extinguishers, BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.), Mercury containing devices (thermometers and thermostats), Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers), Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription, Personal documents for shredding, limit of four boxes, Tires with or without rims, up to four (4),

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425.

To avoid waiting in line, you can dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf> or call (914) 813-5425.

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tion in the context of all the other pollutants to which we are exposed. Arguments like “we’ve been doing this for years” and “we are all exposed to lots of radiation” are offensive to people who have lost loved ones to cancer, or are dealing with children with genetic abnormalities, for example. Ideally, we should be trying to eliminate exposure whenever possible and seeking alternatives to exposing people to unnecessary radiation.

“The safe decommissioning of Indian Point remains the number one issue that constituents write to me about. My job is to represent my constituents and bring their concerns forward. My constituents by and large do not believe that Holtec or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have their best interests in mind. They will need to do a lot of work to establish trust in this community. Holtec’s threats of layoffs also do not help. Building trust will take time and good faith actions. Pushing forward without the community on board will do untold damage to this effort.

“I was not reassured by some of Holtec’s responses last night, particularly with regard to the timing of any potential discharges. They still appear to be more protective of their bottom line and their “efficiencies” than the community’s wishes. Holtec pausing the May discharges was a wise move and a good step in the right direction. Based on the timeline they presented, there is no reason to rush to discharge without first allowing state agencies to further address the unanswered questions raised last night. Continued transparency and willingness to listen and work with the community will help to build trust. I will continue to push for the highest standards and the best solutions for our community throughout this process,” said Levenberg, who together with State Senator Pete Harckhna have introduced legislation banning this type of dumping in the Hudson. It is now a race against time to see if the legislation is passed and signed by the Governor before the dumping, if Holtec doesn’t back off.

Several environmental groups have called on Governor Kathy Hochul to get involved and put pressure on Holtec to change plans. In a story from Gothamist, <https://gothamist.com/news/new-yorkers-call-on-gov-hochul-to-stop-radioactive-water-dumping-in-hudson-river>, “Alex Beauchamp, the northeast region director of the nonprofit Food and Water Watch, at the public hearing. “It’s time for Gov. Hochul to get off the sidelines.”

“This needs to be laid at the feet or hung around the neck of Gov. Hochul because she’s the missing person here in this room that nobody’s talking about,” said Courtney Williams, a cancer researcher who frequently handles tritium in her lab under strict safety conditions. “She has the authority to instruct the DEC to do the right thing and protect the kids at the elementary school and protect the river.”

Westchester DA Rocah Urges Seniors to be Vigilant Against Grandparent Scams

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah is encouraging residents to be vigilant against scams targeting seniors after four individuals were arrested and charged last week in separate incidents for allegedly preying on and exploiting elderly victims for money in schemes commonly known as “grandparent scams.”

DA Rocah said: “Grandparent scams are a nationwide trend that target and abuse the love and generosity of our most vulnerable by impersonating a relative or friend in need of immediate access to financial assistance. Before sending any money, make every attempt to find out where the family member or friend is and whether the claimed emergency is real, and report any suspicious activity to law enforcement. I am committed to protecting our senior population from those who seek to take advantage and manipulate them.”

The following defendants were each arrested and charged in connection with a “grandparent scam” in Westchester County:

* Following a joint investigation with the Economic Crimes Bureau of the District Attorney’s Office, the City of Rye Police Department arrested Jorge Duche, 32, of Port Chester, on April 18, 2023, for allegedly posing as a bail bondsman to collect \$9,500 from a 78-year-old in October 2022. After receiving the cash, the defendant then placed the money in a duffel bag before leaving in a taxi. The incident was captured on video. It is alleged the victim received a phone call from a separate individual purporting to be her grandchild, claiming they had been arrested and in need of bail money. The defendant was charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a felony. He was arraigned in Rye City Court and remanded.

* Following a joint investigation with the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety’s Real Time Crime Center, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department arrested Manuel Alfonso Sosacastillo, 28, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on April 19, 2023, for allegedly stealing \$6,900 from a 90-year-old on February 24, 2023. It is alleged the victim received two phone calls – the first from an individual claiming to be the victim’s grandchild that had been in an accident, and a second, purportedly from an attorney claiming that money was needed to post bail for the grandchild. The defendant was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony, and arraigned in Hastings-on-Hudson Justice Court.

* The Tarrytown Police Department, with assistance from the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force, arrested Miguel Sosa, 33, of the Bronx, on April 19, 2023, for allegedly attempting to steal \$1,500 from a 76-year-old. It is alleged the victim received two phone calls – the first from an individual purporting to be the victim’s relative that had been in an accident, and a second, purportedly from a public defender advising the victim that payment was required for her relative’s release from jail. The defendant was charged with Attempted Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor, and arraigned in Tarrytown Justice Court. The New Rochelle Police Department arrested Roger Mena-Carrion, 28, of the Bronx, on April 20, 2023, for allegedly attempting to steal \$15,500 from a 79-year-old after falsely notifying the victim that her friend was arrested and needed bail money. The defendant was charged with Attempted Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony, and arraigned in New Rochelle City Court on April 21, 2023.

The District Attorney reinforced some vital tips on avoiding scammers:

- * Beware of any unknown person asking for money or wiring of cash with a sense of urgency and secrecy, requesting personal and financial information over the phone, or requesting gift card purchases to pay a debt or fee.
 - * Do not respond to unsolicited offers of help and money; never share personal information like date of birth, social security number, bank account information, PIN, passwords, credit card information with unknown persons or companies.
 - * Be wary of door-to-door sales and solicitations.
 - * Pause before acting immediately and always consult someone you trust.
- The District Attorney’s Office provides year-round education to the Westchester community to ensure residents can recognize a potential scam. Representatives from the DA’s Office will be present at the 55th Annual Salute to Seniors events next month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., outdoor information fairs that provide seniors with access to programs and services aimed at improving their health, safety and wellness:

May 10 – Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale

May 17 – Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson

May 24 – Glen Island Park in New Rochelle

Anyone who believes they or someone they know to be a victim of a scam is urged to call your local police department. Complaints can also be filed directly with the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office at (914) 995-TIPS (8477) or online through the Westchester County District Attorney Complaint Form. Language assistance is available.

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Jewish.”

* Two incidents in New Rochelle. An individual shouted “Fucking kike” at a Jewish person, Three teenage boys trespassed on the property of a Jewish Community Center and made the “Heil Hitler” sign, took a picture, and posted it on social media.

Many other anti-semetic incidents across the country recorded by ADL were related to Kanye West, who made antisemitic statements last year. Graffiti that says Kanye Was Right, or “Ye is Right” was the most prevalent statement found.

Starting in January 2023, white supremacist Groppers launched a series of “Ye is right, change my mind” events on college campuses, where extremists peddle Holocaust denial and praise Hitler, all under the auspices of defending Ye’s anti-semitic comments and outbursts. Two college events were held at Florida Atlantic University on Jan. 18, and at Florida State University on Jan. 26.

On April 29, a campaign to push back on anti-semetism was held across the country, with local governments naming this day “End Jew Hatred Day.”

Four members of the NYC Council were criticized for voting no on this resolution.

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5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132) (May 2023 ZBA meeting)

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521)

5798 – Area Variance – Ralph G. Mastromonaco, P.E., on behalf of 23 Park Avenue LP, owner, and Kearney Group, contract vendee, on premises known as 23 aka 21 Park Avenue, Block: 2090, Lot: 44, Zone: M (B30335)

5799 – Area Variance – Jacob Amir, Esq., on behalf of Dagro Associates II, LLC., owner, on premises known as 165 aka 167 North Broadway, Block: 2094, Lot: 25, Zone: BA (B23338)

5800 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Assoc., P.C., on behalf of Sherwood Holding Company, owner, on premises known as 1186 Yonkers Ave Rear aka 2 Sherwood Ter., Block: 6315, Lot: 14, Zone: BA (B29260)

5802 – Area Variance – Diana B. Kolev, Esq., on behalf of Macquesten Development LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 632 aka 636 South Broadway, Block: 29, Lot: 1, Zone: SBS (B31218)

NEW HEARINGS

#5803 – Area Variance - Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, LLP, on behalf of 1219 Yonkers Ave LLC c/o Titan Capital, owner, on premises known as 453 Bronx River Road aka 1219 Yonkers Ave, Block: 6383, Lot: 6, Zone: BA (B22115)

#5804 – Area Variance - Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, LLP, on behalf of City of Yonkers, owner & Verus Development LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 345 McLean Ave, Block: 59, Lot: 75, Zone: A (B27461)

#5805 – Use Variance - Daniel Patrick, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of Sgarson LLC, owner, on premises known as 673 McLean Ave aka 675 McLean Ave, Block: 6215, Lot: 1.49, Zone: B (B31393)

#5806 – Area Variance – Andrew Maniglia & Jim Surdoval, on behalf of 70 Pier LLC, owner, on premises known as 66 and 70 Pier Street, Block: 146, Lot: 1.4 & 5, Zone: LMX (B24085)

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Breakfast Club Group Donates Laptops to Area Students



Three Westchester students recently received Dell laptops from The Breakfast Club Group to help further their studies. Ken Meccia, President of Statewide Abstract (second from left) spearheaded the donation. Robert Withers (third from the left) founded The Breakfast Club Group with Ken Meccia. Rich Klein (second from right) and Jean Coney (third from right) are also members from The Breakfast Club Group.

On Sunday, March 26th, the Breakfast Club Group, a network of real estate professionals, donated three Dell laptops to area students to help further their studies and contribute to their available educational resources. The Board of First Baptist Church of White Plains in conjunction with Misi3n Bautista Hispana de Westchester, identified three rising star students from their faith community to receive the computers. Rev. Kei Okada was on hand to recognize the students and the generosity of Statewide Abstract and President Ken Meccia who spearheaded this effort on behalf of the Breakfast Club Group.

The Breakfast Club has now donated a total of seven laptops since 2020 when the group decided to help students who were struggling with school assignments due to the pandemic. The three students included Denisson Jose and Edwin Lithgow, both of White Plains High School, and Luis Gonzalez, a graduate of Mamaroneck High School and now attending SUNY New Paltz majoring in international business.

The recent recipients expressed their gratitude to the group and the congregation prayed for the students and for the members of The Breakfast Club Group. "It was an inspiring morning," stated Ken Meccia, President of Statewide Abstract and co-founder of The Breakfast Club. He added, "We are happy that we can make a difference to these young students so they can strive to reach their full potential. Some of the things we take for granted, like a laptop computer, can open up a world of possibilities for a young mind and we are happy to give back in this way."

The Breakfast Club was founded by Robert Withers of M1 Capital and Kenneth Meccia of Statewide Abstract in 2018. Since inception the group has sought to not only network with each other but help organizations and individuals in need. Each meeting begins with a discussion of the philanthropic efforts before any business is discussed.

Past donations include a \$500 donation to General Needs, a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping homeless Veterans and their families. The money went to purchase 20 winter coats for Veterans. For the last two Christmas seasons the group has donated toys to Toys for Tots. In August of 2021, the group established a GoFundMe page for one of their members who was diagnosed with ALS raising nearly \$100,000 and they have also made donations to Feeding Westchester and New Rochelle Hospital ICU. Many members of the group also support the annual golf outing hosted by Statewide Abstract to benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital which has raised over \$200,000.

In addition to Withers and Meccia, the members of the group include John Barrett of RM Friedland, Richard Flahive of Hightower Westchester, Ron Hoina of Design Development Architects, Richard Klein of Klein Greco Law, Michael Murphy of Murphy Brothers Contracting, Ben Palancia of Albert Palancia Agency, Inc., Jean Coney of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Elissa Grayer of Elissa Grayer Interior Design, Francie Malina of Compass, Anthony Morando of Cuddy & Feder, Risa Hoag of GMG Public Relations, Lou Gallo of Wells Fargo, Jordan Linkowski of First Republic Bank, and Jac Zadrima of Genesis Realty Group.

The group meets every other week to share real estate and financial news. For more information visit www.realestatenetworkingny.com.

Harrison Police Arrest Residential Burglar



On April 17, 2023, Harrison Police Department investigators arrested Christopher M. Wheeler, 45 (pictured above) for a residential burglary committed in the Winfield/Glen area of

Town of Harrison. Immediately after the burglary, which occurred on April 13, 2023, a criminal investigation was commenced. Subsequent to the arrest of Mr. Wheeler, search warrants were executed which led to the recovery of stolen property from that burglary and the recovery of a stolen, loaded 9mm handgun. Wheeler is being held at the Westchester County Jail without bail.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be forthcoming.



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Business Council of Westchester Names Hall of Fame Award Winners



Standing: BCW Board Chairman Jamie Schutzer; BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon; Hall of Fame Co-Chairs Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson and Jim Giangrande; Chris Nyikos, CFO of Leros Point to Point; Mike Bass, COO of Leros Point to Point; and John Nyikos, Founder of Leros Point to Point; **Seated:** Iona University President Seamus Carey; Russel Yankwitt, Founder of Yankwitt LLP; Jennifer Flowers, Founder and CEO of Accreditation Guru Inc; National Resources President Joe Cotter; Yonkers Housing Authority President and CEO Wilson Kimball; Eric Eller, Chairman African American Men; and Jeff Nyikos, CEO/President of Leros Point to Point

Nearly 500 business leaders were on hand April 25th for the Business Council of Westchester's Annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. This year's program, which was held at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle, honored seven business leaders and organizations who have transformed their industries and added to the economic vitality of the region. The theme of this year's awards ceremony was "The Year of Talent."

"We chose the theme of tonight's event honoring the dynamic and innovative business leaders who have led their talented teams to outstanding success in their respective fields," said Dr. Marsha Gordon, President and CEO of the Business Council of Westchester. "This illustrious group of winners joins more than 100 past winners which include some of the most prestigious business leaders and organizations. We are proud to continue this time-honored tradition in Westchester."

The winners in their respective categories were:

Corporate Citizenship: Iona University

Entrepreneurial Success: National Resources, Joe Cotter, President and CEO

Family Business Success: Leros Point to Point

Minority Business Success: African American Men of Westchester

Small Business Success: Yankwitt LLP

Women in Business Success: Wilson Kimball, President and CEO, Yonkers Housing Authority

Chairman's Recognition Award: Jennifer Flowers, Founder and CEO, Accreditation Guru Inc.

United Way of Westchester -Putnam's Chief Dev. Officer Named Fundraiser of the Year



Margaret Tramontine, Chief Development Officer at United Way of Westchester and Putnam, was named the 2023 Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Development Officers (ADO) for her exceptional work in raising funds to support critical community programs. She was one of several honorees at ADO's annual ADO Philanthropy Awards on March 22 at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown.

"To say that I am immensely humbled by this award and recognition is an understatement," Tramontine said. "Fundraising can be a daunting challenge, yet it can also be tremendously satisfying and is an experience I have truly enjoyed."

United Way of Westchester and Putnam is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Westchester and Putnam counties by mobilizing resources to address critical needs in education, income, health and more. Tramontine's exceptional fundraising efforts have enabled the organization to provide critical support to those in need.

"We are thrilled that Margaret's exceptional work has been recognized by the ADO," said Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Her dedication and tireless efforts to raise funds to support our programs have enabled us to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve."

Other awardees included Yvonne Tropp-Epstein of Mental Health Association of Westchester, who was named Board Member of the Year; The VNSW Foundation received the Outstanding Foundation Award; and Corporate Audio Visual Services was named Outstanding Corporate Partner. The Youth in Philanthropy Award was presented to Annabelle Newberger for her outstanding work in supporting efforts to Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP), in which she organized a drive for period products.

"The ADO is proud to honor these exceptional individuals and organizations who have made a positive impact on our community through their generosity and service," said ADO Executive Director Hillary Millman. "Their work is a testament to the power of philanthropy to transform lives and strengthen communities."

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