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## FLIP Circus Performers Come From Ukraine to Westchester, The Show Must Go On!



Anastasiia Savych, 3rd right, and FLIP Circus performers from Ukraine at Cross County Center Yonkers with City officials

By Dan Murphy

Circuses have entertained American audiences for over 200 years. A new circus has popped up in Westchester, at the Cross County Center in Yonkers called FLIP Circus, with performances through May 2. World-class clowns, acrobats, jugglers and daredevils display their talents right in front of an audience that is 50 feet or less from the action. And there are no animal performances.

Performers from around the world are a part of FLIP Circus, including the 16 member Bingo Troupe, direct from Kyiv, Ukraine. And as the war rages on in her country, we spoke to dancer Anastasiia Savych about her experiences in her home country, and her path to Yonkers.

Anastasiia, 20, worked in a circus in the United States two years ago, and was invited to perform in the FLIP Circus' 2022 tour of the country. She planned on coming to the US at the end of March, but in February Vladimir Putin and Russia changed the plans of millions of Ukrainians.

"I heard the first attack at the airport 15 minutes from my house. People started leaving the country and I left because I was coming back to America to perform in the FLIP Circus," said Anastasiia, who lives in Kyiv. "It was very sad at the train station going into Poland. There were thousands of us trying to get on the trains, crying. There wasn't enough room for everyone."

She took a train to Western Ukraine and was one of millions of Ukrainians fleeing their country into Poland. In Poland, Anastasiia was able to get on a plane from Poland and come to New York City on March 23. FLIP Circus performances began in NYC Staten Island before moving on to Yonkers-Cross County with their first Westchester performance on April 15.

Almost all of Anastasiia's family is still in Kiev. "I spoke to my father last week. He has a positive attitude but he can't leave because of the war. But I am worried about my family. I'm confused that in the 21st Century we can still see this type of war and bombing of civilians. With all of the democracies around us. I'm hoping we can put an end to it."

Like most of the world, Anastasiia thinks Ukrainian President Zelensky, "is great. He is a legend in my country because he is a true person and he is fighting for our country."

She adds that when people come up and ask if she is Russian, she says no. "I'm not Russian we have a totally different mentality. In Ukraine, we are all brothers and sisters, like our President."

Performers in FLIP Circus come from across the world, including Argentina, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. "I love the circus because it makes people happy and I'm

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## Former NYPD Cop From Bronxville Gets 10 Years for Drug Trafficking in Westchester/NYC



On April 12, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that former New York City Police Department officer and Bronxville, New York resident John Cicero was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Karas to 10 years in prison for distributing large quantities of imported gamma-butyrolactone (known as "GBL") and methamphetamine in Westchester County and New York City. Cicero previously pled guilty on October 13, 2021 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause, to one count of conspiring to distribute GBL and 50 grams of methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "A former NYPD police officer once sworn to protect the public, John Cicero spent years betraying his former law enforcement partners, enriching himself, and endangering the community by importing GBL, a dangerous liquid date-rape drug, from China and methamphetamine from Mexico and trafficking massive amounts of both throughout Westchester and New York City, including in Hell's Kitchen and midtown-Manhattan around Penn Station. Thanks to the tireless efforts of law enforcement, Cicero will serve a substantial sentence in prison for his callous crimes."

According to the Indictment, public court filings, and statements made in court: Beginning in at least 2017 and lasting until his arrest in February 2020, Cicero and his co-conspirators stockpiled and sold liters of GBL and kilograms of methamphetamine in apartments, hotel rooms, and storage units in the heart of midtown Manhattan, and a residence in Bronxville. Cicero played a prominent and leadership role in the conspiracy, as the conspiracy's top importer of GBL from China, and as someone who had direct access to the Mexico-based source of supply and with whom he arranged the receipt of and payment for methamphetamine. Cicero also created and used fake identity documents and stolen credit cards to pay for, among other things, the luxury Manhattan hotel rooms where drugs were trafficked and used. Cicero repeatedly brokered large-scale narcotics transactions over recorded prison calls with an inmate then in New York State custody. U.S. Customs and Border Protection has previously seized GBL sent

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## Cuomo Blasts Hochul; Suozzi Says Hochul Unfit to Pick Next Lt. Gov. Cuomo Accusers Tell Him-Don't Run Again!



Clockwise:  
Governor Kathy Hochul,  
former Governor Andrew Cuomo,  
Charlotte Bennett,  
Congressman Tom Suozzi

By Dan Murphy

The race for NY Governor intensified as the current Governor, Kathy Hochul ended a bad week with the indictment and resignation of her Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin, and with accusations of helping billionaires with the building of a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills at a taxpayer cost of \$650 Million. --work on this doesn't read smooth

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo returned to the fray with an Op-Ed in the Daily News which criticized Gov. Hochul and the state legislature for the direction that New York has taken since his resignation in August 2021.

"The problems are mounting and public skepticism about the future of New York is at frightening levels. Dramatic action is needed to stop the New York City crime spree and to give New Yorkers hope rather than fear," writes Cuomo.

"The subway system is the circulatory system for our downstate economy and we must increase police presence and police action. A police officer on every train worked before and will work again. But police must actively patrol, and that means district attorneys must prosecute crimes.

"Commercial office space will not fully rebound post-COVID, and there's a unique opportunity to convert space to much-needed affordable housing and save these buildings from insolvency.

"Real tax relief must be provided. The state budget missed the opportunity, and Washington promised property tax relief by repealing the so-called SALT bill. President Biden, Sen. Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kristen Gillibrand all repeatedly stated that the federal tax was unfair to New Yorkers and promised they would repeal it when they were in power. That was two years ago. Their political feet must be held to the fire of accountability.

"Pay-to-play donor connections and conflicts of interest are glaring....The lieutenant governor's indictment raises troubling questions. After many scandals, we had reformed the insidious pork-barrel member-item process. The attorney general's office had undertaken a comprehensive vetting process and required legal certifications that there was no conflict of interest or financial relationship between the legislator and the grantee. The legislative leaders were responsible for reviewing the grant for any conflict or political connection. In the Brian Benjamin case, the entire system failed.

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## County Legislator Christopher Johnson Marks First 100 Days at BOL Majority Leader



BOL Majority Leader Christopher Johnson, with wife Tai and son Joshua

County Legislator Christopher Johnson, who was elected by his fellow members earlier this year to serve as the Board's Majority Leader, recently penned a letter outlining his role and his first 100 days in leadership. Legislator Johnson represents the 16th District in Yonkers, where he has served for the past five years, winning election in 2017 and 2021. From 2019-2021 he served as Majority Whip and in December 2021 he was elected by his colleagues to serve as Majority Leader. Prior to that Legislator Johnson served as a Yonkers City Councilman for 6 years.

Majority Leader Johnson writes, "2022 marked a new phase for me in my role as County Legislator for the 16th District in Yonkers. I was elected by my colleagues to serve as Majority Leader of the Democratic Caucus of the Board of Legislators. For those who are unfamiliar, the Board of Legislators is made up of 17 members. Those members are comprised of elected individuals from different parts of Westchester, who represent each of their respective districts. Those individuals represent different political parties. Our current Board is comprised of 15 Democrats, 1 Republican and 1 Conservative. The Majority Leader is the head Majority Caucus, currently the Democratic caucus. As such, my role is to organize the Board's agenda and priorities, ensuring we tackle a wide range of issues in support of the residents of the County of Westchester, and that is exactly what I have begun to do in this first quarter.

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## “The Points Mom,” From Westchester, Says For Free Travel, Avoid CC Rewards Errors



**Cindy Greenstein, with husband Robert in Laguna Beach, California**

By the time most families step off planes for vacations, they’ve spent thousands of dollars getting to their destinations—but not Cindy Greenstein.

As The Points Mom, the Chappaqua-based mother of three has turned her dexterity with credit card reward programs into a small business advising neighbors and small business owners on how to reap the biggest rewards using the right cards. At the same time, she has earned hundreds of thousands of dollars in free travel for her family.

“Every month, I counsel credit card users who missed out on significant free travel and benefits because they made simple, avoidable errors,” said Greenstein, who began The Points Mom consulting four years ago. “These errors fall into several categories, and they are easily avoidable with a bit of planning and awareness.”

One of the most common errors Greenstein sees is a failure to hit a minimum charge amount within a given period, say \$6,000 within the first three months of sign-up. Failing to hit that minimum spend means a credit card can cancel a 50,000-point sign-up bonus, which negates the reason for applying for that card.

“Credit card users might think the card’s annual fee counts towards the minimum spend—it doesn’t. If you charged \$500 on a new coat and then return it for a refund, then that \$500 doesn’t count either,” said Greenstein, whose free, five-figure family trips include Aspen, Greece and London.

Another mistake is redeeming points on Amazon. “It looks appealing, but you’re not getting one cent per point, often you’re getting 0.7 cents and we want at least one cent per point or mile redemption,” said Greenstein, whose favorite cards are the Chase Sapphire Preferred, Capital One Venture X and Amex Gold Card.

Making a reservation without comparing ticket-redemption costs is a mistake. For example, a \$500 ticket on Delta might cost 50,000 American Express points, but on the Delta rewards site it may cost 40,000 miles. Instead of redeeming the points on American Express, Greenstein advises transferring 40,000 of those points to the Delta rewards program.

This error seems counter intuitive: Airlines’ frequent flyer credit cards are not always best for free plane tickets.

“Even if you live in Atlanta—Delta’s hub—you’ll do much better with an Amex flexible rewards card. You might earn four Amex points for every dollar spent, which can be better than Delta’s card,” said Greenstein, who has joined every airline’s frequent flier program to maximize her points-transfer and redemption options.

### Letter to the Editor:

During National Volunteer Week, I would like to acknowledge Bruce Crilly for his leadership as the Marketing Chair of the Hudson Valley chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Westchester Walk Planning Committee.

For two years Bruce has brainstormed and strategized to create marketing collateral for internal communications always thinking outside the box. Without volunteers like Bruce we would not be able to accomplish our mission of raising funds and awareness to end Alzheimer's and all dementia. His efforts embody the spirit of what it means to really be the change you wish to see in the world.

Thank you so much for your ongoing volunteer leadership.

**-Esther McCarthy Director, Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's**

## Cellphones are Helping Young People Hookup, Date and Find Love



**By Dennis Richmond Jr.**

“A hookup is sex with no strings attached,” said TS Candii, 28, of Brooklyn, New York. “Everybody has their own agenda,” she said, but with a hookup, “you have two individuals who are looking for the same thing.” Dating could look like going out with someone to see if they’re relationship material. “You feel safer” with dating apps, said Kira Lingala, 26, of Rockland County, New York. “General social anxiety is solved with online dating,” she said.

In the past, people had to meet outside. You would have to go to a bar on a Friday night or attend a party on a Saturday night to meet someone. Today, people as young as 18-years-old are on Grindr and Tinder. According to their website, “Grindr is the world’s largest social networking app for gay, bi, trans, and queer people.” With over 700 employees, Tinder boasts of being the most popular dating app, with 55 billion matches to date.

One of those Tinder matches is Javonte Spencer, 27, of Blythewood, South Carolina, and his girlfriend. “We probably messaged each other on Tinder for like a good two weeks before I got her number,” said Spencer. The two young adults didn’t hookup. They took their time getting to know each other on the app. “I didn’t meet her for like a month after we matched on Tinder,” said Spencer. “Sometimes relationships are found on social media and not on a dating app.”

Tulleesha Burbage, 27, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, met her boyfriend on Instagram. While Instagram isn’t a dating app, young people use Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat, amongst other social media apps, to search for potential love interests. “I liked his pictures,” she said. So, after following each other on the platform for a year, he decided to slide in her dm’s. Sliding in direct messages is a phrase meaning to message somebody privately.

Young adults across America are experiencing a hard time finding true love. Alajah Whitehead, 26, of Yonkers, New York, gave me her take on why. “Love is harder to find because a lot of people aren’t genuine,” she said. “They’re not real and upfront with what they want.” Some young adults don’t clearly express what they want with potential love interests until weeks or months after meeting them. With unclear communication, feelings get hurt, and people get unfollowed or blocked on social media.

With apps, looking for a relationship could be tough. “It’s like you’re recruiting people for a job,” said Kira Lingala. “You’re evaluating candidates.” If candidates don’t work out, you don’t have an obligation to respond to them. Sometimes, people say things to you on these apps because they feel like they know you or they feel like they have a right to. “There’s a certain satisfaction with ghosting men when they’re acting entitled,” said Lingala.

Whether you’re looking to hookup, date, or commit to someone special, always be safe.

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## United Way Ride Program Celebrates 50,000 Delivery of Meals and Supplies in West-Putnam



[uwwp.org]United Way of Westchester and Putnam's Ride United Last Mile Delivery (RULMD) initiative has completed more than 50,000 deliveries of meals, food boxes, and household supplies to vulnerable populations throughout Westchester and Putnam counties using [doordash.com]DoorDash, since it launched in July 2020.

The RULMD program is part of United Way's national efforts to close the transportation gap for those in need. The program began in response to the COVID-19 crisis to deliver food and essential goods to vulnerable populations across the U.S. and continues to grow as it assists in connecting families and individuals to food and other items that were otherwise out of reach.

"Having the food delivered to my home is helpful because it is hard for me to get out," said Marilyn Jones\* of Mount Vernon, who has two school-aged children. "Thank you so much for providing this service."

United Way Worldwide's partnership with DoorDash and generous funding from donors including The Rockefeller Foundation and Safeway Stores' Nourishing Neighbors program enables the free delivery of food boxes from local food banks or food pantries and other items in need to older adults, low-income families, and those who can't or have challenges leaving home.

"No matter the reason—COVID restrictions, record unemployment, inflation, or a war in Europe – at least 40% of our neighbors live in poverty or paycheck-to-paycheck. Our Ride United Last Mile Delivery program helps alleviate one of life's most important stressors so that families can work hard to lift themselves up," said Tom Gabriel, CEO of United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "We are proud to work with local agencies, food banks, and school districts to identify available food and other essential goods for people who can't travel, and arrange for deliveries by DoorDash Dashers. Solving problems sustainably takes partnership, and by working together, we can make sure every person gets the support they need in this challenging time."

In addition to providing accessibility and enhancing the organization's existing services, the RULMD program offers a dignified approach for clients to receive items rather than waiting in lines for others to see. It also adds money to the local economy as the Dashers are paid for each delivery made.

UWWP partners with Feeding Westchester to organize the Westchester Backpack Program, which uses RULMD to deliver supplemental fresh produce and packaged food to 750 low-income families of school-aged children weekly. The food parcels include books and activities during the summer months to keep the children engaged and active. The Boys and Girls Club of Mount Vernon, the Elmsford School District, the Ossining School District, and the Peekskill School District are distribution hubs where DoorDash picks up the food parcels provided by Feeding Westchester.

Also, UWWP works with 18 other local organizations, including HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle, Eastchester Community Action Program (ECAP) in Tuckahoe, the City of Mount Vernon, Meals on Main Street in Port Chester, Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) in Peekskill, Family Services of Yonkers in Yonkers, Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry of Pleasantville in Thornwood, and more. Most organizations that utilize the RULMD program serve seniors, veterans, and low-income families with children.

"HOPE Community Services has benefitted incredibly from the RULMD Program," said Anya Di Salvo, Pantry Manager at HOPE Community Services. "It has allowed us to serve over a hundred households who have been in quarantine due to the COVID-19 virus and made our Senior Grocery Delivery program possible, with monthly deliveries to various senior buildings in New Rochelle.

Ana Costa, Youth Director at ECAP, agreed. "Eastchester Community Action Program Food Pantry has benefited tremendously from this program. Since our community has a large population of homebound and seniors that cannot make it to the pantry to receive their groceries monthly," she said. "Thank you to United Way for developing this well-needed program."

UWWP's RULMD program completed 9,000 deliveries in 2020 and 30,000 deliveries in 2021. The organization continues to grow the program with new partners and adds new services. \*individual's name has been changed.

## Masks, A Special Yonkers High Class of '72 Reunion and More



By Eric Schoen

As I get ready to file my column, a Judge in Florida has lifted the mask mandate on airplanes, trains, buses and other public transportation. People were shown on television tossing their masks into garbage bags flight attendants were bringing down the aisle after the announcements were made on planes in flight. Some thoughts.

Why did the airline attendants bring garbage bags down the aisle of airplanes collecting masks. Not so much that they were rejoicing about the judges ruling. They didn't want to in their cleaning of the plane (seatbacks, seats, airplane floor, etc.) have to pick up masks, many germ filled that passengers left on the plane.

Let's face it. People have been pigs dropping their masks anywhere and everywhere on the ground. It got so bad a doctor friend of mine had to put a sign up telling people not to throw their masks on the ground of the parking lot at her office.

In terms of flight attendants, though many are rejoicing that they won't have to serve as 'mask policemen or policewoman' anymore, many people particularly with health conditions will continue to wear masks. Many will object to those around them who are not masked. So in my opinion, the job of flight attendants and ground personnel will get even more complex as some people will only wanted to be seated next to people who are masked.

This all reminds me of what goes on regarding nuts on an airplane. People have been known to go on a plane and tell flight crews they must alert people in the rows around them that no one can consume nuts. If a member of my family had an allergy to nuts that was that bad, I simply would not let them fly on a plane. Just like if you have a nut allergy and go to eat at a restaurant. You never know if nuts have touched the pots your food was cooked in or the plates it is served on. So if you care about a loved one you avoid the situation completely.

If you are riding the New York City subways, you would, no pun intended be nuts not to continue wearing a mask. Sadly, the mask is probably your best friend. It's quite dirty down there, rats running along the tracks searching for food that the same pig who dropped their mask on the grounds of the doctors office above threw on the train tracks. The same goes for any other mode of public transportation where people are packed together one on top of another.

The lifting of the mask mandate by the Florida judge also tells you something about the state of the Judiciary in America. This lawsuit was filed in July 2021. Yes around 8 months ago. For such an important topic like this it took the Federal Courts 8 months to issue a ruling? Just another sign that justice in this country is incredibly slow, even when it affects millions of people nationwide. I would laugh if the judge blamed Covid for the delay in the ruling.

With Zoom and all the powerful tools the Court System has available to it, this ruling should have been issued much earlier, not on the day the mask order was intended to expire before it's extension to early May due to new variants and increases in the number of people reported to have Covid.

With all due respect to those involved in preparing reports on the numbers of people with Covid, all along the numbers have been meaningless. We see this now with the millions of test kits that the government has sent out so that people can check for themselves whether or not they have the virus. There is nothing that comes with these tests that require you to report a positive test. So who knows how many people really have Covid.

You wouldn't go to the beauty parlor and tell your mates under the hair dryer that you just tested positive for Covid with one of those home tests. So the really important gauge is the number of people hospitalized with Covid symptoms which fortunately in most areas of the country has not gone up. We know much more about the disease now, there are great pharmaceuticals that can cut the isolation period and symptoms, and we seem to be heading in the right direction with Covid.

Am I going to mask up if I have the occasion to take public transportation, let's say from a Bronx connection to the Barclay's Center in Brooklyn where the most efficient way to get there is by New York subway? I think so. I haven't been on a plane since February 2020, the month before the Covid crisis began. If I were to fly now until things calmed down I would probably mask up not knowing the vaccine or health status of the people around me.

They say Covid exposure time is being in someone's close proximity for 15 minutes or more. I know of very few plane rides less than 15 minutes, so the mask would stay on as long as possible. If I was coming home to an elderly relative or a child with health issues, I would definitely mask up. You could expose them to what you were exposed to.

If you take public transportation or are a frequent flyer, I think a good conversation with your primary physician is in order. Most importantly, please don't judge those people who do or don't wear masks on the various modes of public transportation. Isn't the option to wear or not wear a mask what those people who fought against mask mandates are fighting for?

### Yonkers High School Class of 1972 (and '70, '71 and '73) Reunion

I'm a third generation Yonkers Public Schools graduate. With Covid so many High School reunions throughout the country were put on hold. That's why I am excited to tell you that the Yonkers High School Class of 1972 50th Anniversary Reunion (my sister's graduating class) will take place Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 2-6 pm at Artie's Steak and Seafood on City Island. Restaurant owner John Skeadas, YHS '72 will be the host for the event at the restaurant, 394 City Island Avenue. \$50 for a sumptuous buffet? You can't beat the price. A Cash Bar will be featured.

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## NY Attorney General James: Landlords Can't Raise Rents for 12 Months if they Received Emergency Rental Assistance

## Assemblyman Byrne Kicks Off Middle School Art Competition in 94th District

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne (R, C, Ref-Mahopac) is kicking off his annual Art Competition for middle school students in partnership with the Putnam Arts Council. The theme of this year's competition is Nature. Examples include trees, rain, oceans, lakes, mountains, etc.

"Last year's competition was a great success and I look forward to meeting another group of talented young artists this year," said Byrne. This special initiative enables us to offer young people additional opportunities to engage with their elected representatives and harness their passion and skill for the arts."

This competition will take place within the towns of Yorktown, Somers, Carmel, Southeast, Patterson and Putnam Valley and is open to all middle-school aged children. Eligible public schools will include students from George Fisher Middle School, Mahopac Middle School, Lakeland Cooper Beech Middle School, Somers Middle School, Mildred E Strang Middle School, Putnam Valley Middle School and Henry H. Wells Middle School. All students attending parochial schools, private schools, and home-schooled students within the district are also encouraged to participate.

Artwork must be submitted by May 16 at Assemblyman Byrne's district office located at 3 Starr Ridge Road, Brewster, NY 10509 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Art will be displayed in the A. Eric Arctander Gallery at the Putnam Arts Council located on 521 Kennebec Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541 from May 21 to May 29. All students, families and teachers will be invited to a ceremony on the evening of Thursday, May 26 to honor all participants and recognize our top five winners, as judged by the Putnam Arts Council.

Rules and guidelines to enter the competition will be available on Assemblyman Byrne's website at [nyassembly.gov/byrne](https://nyassembly.gov/byrne). Anyone with further questions is encouraged to contact the district office at (845) 278-2923.

## St. Vincent's Hospital, a Division of Saint Joseph Medical Center, to hold Spring Sprint on May 7

Event Supports Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services

Ready. Get Set. Run! St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, a division of the Saint Joseph's Medical Center, will hold its Annual Spring Sprint Run/Walk on Saturday, May 7.

Hosted by the St. Vincent's Hospital Auxiliary, the event start will start at 9:00 am at the St. Vincent's Harrison campus. Check-in starts at 8:00 am. Participation fee is \$30. The event supports mental health and addiction recovery services at St. Vincent's.

To register visit <https://www.saintjosephs.org/about-us/event/st.-vincent-s-spring-sprint> Sponsorship opportunities are available.

St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester division of Saint Joseph's Medical Center offers inpatient and outpatient mental health and addiction treatment services at its campus in Harrison and at off-site locations in White Plains, Tuckahoe, and Port Chester.

St. Vincent's also provides mobile crisis services for Westchester County, manages residential services for more than 1,200 individuals in Westchester County and New York City and operates three opioid treatment centers in New York City.

"The need for helping people who are challenged by mental illness and addiction has grown even more critical in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. By participating in this event, you are helping us to meet this growing need," said Michael Spicer, President and CEO of Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

## NY LWV Files Amicus Brief, Calls for Courts to Invalidate & Draw New Electoral Maps

League says the Constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2014 now requires that the New York courts, not the Legislature, draw the electoral maps.

The League of Women Voters of New York State yesterday filed an amicus brief with the Appellate Division, Fourth Department in the case challenging the redistricting maps drawn by the Legislature after the Independent Redistricting Commission had failed to submit a second set of maps as required by the Constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2014.

Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director of the League, stated: "This case raises a question of monumental importance, whether the courts will enforce the procedural requirements adopted by the People in the New York Constitution to prevent partisan gerrymandering and sharply curtail the Legislature's power over redistricting. Here, that constitutionally mandated process was indisputably violated by a combination of the Independent Redistricting Commission's failure to live up to its constitutional responsibilities and the Legislature's brazen disregard of the required process."

Bierman continued, "Our brief calls on the Court to invalidate the maps drawn by the Legislature in violation of the constitutionally mandated process. Under the clear language of the Constitution, new maps must now be drawn by the Court, not by the Legislature, to provide the critical protection against partisan gerrymandering that voters understood in approving the amendment."

In 2012, the League called on Governor Cuomo and the Legislature to negotiate a constitutional amendment on redistricting that would achieve the permanent reform the League had sought for decades. After Legislative passage and a substantial public campaign led by the League and Citizens Union, that reform was achieved with voter approval in 2014.

The League of Women Voters of New York State, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

See amicus brief at: <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Exhibit-A-AmicusBrief.pdf>.

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New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an advisory to landlords reminding them that they cannot raise rents if they accepted or plan to accept funding from the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which was recently expanded in the state's budget. Landlords who accept payments from the program are prohibited from raising rents for a year after they receive the funds. Attorney General James is ready to take action to protect tenants if landlords fail to abide by ERAP's rules.

"The rules are clear: Landlords who accept ERAP payments cannot raise rents for 12 months," said Attorney General James. "This program was created to support struggling tenants and keep New Yorkers in their homes during the pandemic. Landlords who accepted payments from the state yet are still raising rents are double dipping and breaking the law. I urge any tenant who accepted ERAP payments and received a new lease with rent increases from their landlord to contact my office."

ERAP is a rent relief program that provides support to low- and moderate-income tenants across the state who could not pay rent during the pandemic. Since the state started accepting applications in June 2021, it has provided hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers with financial support to pay off back rent. It pays up to 12 months of rental arrears accrued on or after March 13, 2020 as well as up to three months of additional rental assistance going forward. In addition, the program pays up to 12 months of electric or gas utility arrears that accrued on or after March 13, 2020. The program was recently infused with an additional \$800 million.

Landlords who accept ERAP payments agreed:

Not to increase the monthly rental amount for one year from receipt of the ERAP payment;

To waive any late fees due on any rental arrears covered by the ERAP payment; and

Not to evict ERAP recipients when their lease expires. This does not apply if the apartment is in a building of four or fewer units and the property owner or owner's immediate family members intend to immediately occupy the unit for use as a primary residence.

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received reports from tenants that landlords who accepted ERAP payments are sending them renewal leases with rent increases amid the 12-month grace period. While these leases may be generated automatically by management, landlords are cautioned not to seek rent increases in renewal or new leases that commence during the 12-month period.

"Now more than ever, it is critical for tenants across New York to empower themselves and know their rights under ERAP, and for landlords to adhere to the law," said Judith Goldiner, attorney-in-charge of Civil Law Reform Unit, The Legal Aid Society. "We applaud Attorney General James for putting property owners on notice and reinforcing that there will be serious consequences for unscrupulous landlords."

"The Emergency Rental Assistance program has been an effective tool in ensuring tenants can remain housed during a global health crisis," said Meghan Zickl, legal tenant advocate, PUSH Buffalo. "Continuing to fund ERAP is a decision we are relieved the New York state legislature made a priority in the most recent state budget. However, we remain concerned about landlords who will take advantage of this mutually beneficial program and seek to undermine the tenant protections in it by raising the rent during the first year, apply excessive late fees, or even trying to move their tenants out, all while accepting ERAP. We have seen this happen in the prior round of ERAP funding, and we must remain aware of those patterns and address them if our goal is to stabilize our communities."

"The state law that implemented ERAP took measures to promote housing stability," said Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Esq, chief program officer, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. "Our clients face numerous obstacles to maintaining safe and sustainable housing and these challenges have increased during the pandemic. As the majority of tenants in housing court are unrepresented, it is critical that both tenants and landlords are informed and understand the ERAP program and it's protections."

"During the COVID19 pandemic hundreds of families in North Brooklyn struggled with staying safe and healthy but lost income had difficulty meeting housing costs," said Frank Lang, housing director, St. Nicks Alliance. "In 2021 St. Nicks Alliance assisted over 200 households apply to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) so these families don't become homeless. We remind landlords that received ERAP funds to comply with the program regulations. To tenants that received ERAP assistance we encourage them to seek Housing Counseling assistance to ensure that their housing rights are protected."

Attorney General James offers the following tips and guidance to tenants who have received funding from ERAP:

Return leases that have a rent increase. Leases that include an increase within 12 months of your landlord receiving ERAP payments should be returned to your landlord with a note explaining that the landlord received ERAP payments and cannot increase the rent. Tenants should follow up with management to explain why the lease is improper and ask for a new lease to be issued.

Monitor your rent statements. Check your rent statements to make sure that your rent hasn't been increased or that your landlord is charging you late fees for any of the months covered by the ERAP payment.

Do not ignore court papers. Even if your landlord received an ERAP payment or you submitted an ERAP application, do not ignore court papers.

Speak with an attorney. If your landlord is taking you to court or you have questions about your lease, you should speak with an attorney. You can visit OAG's tenant help website to find free legal representation.

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## New Rochelle Library to Host Martial Arts Marathon April 23



**MARTIAL ARTS MOVIE MADNESS**  
Saturday, April 23 | 12:00 - 5:00 pm  
A full day of free martial arts movie screenings with New Rochelle librarian and film historian Chris Poggiali, co-author of the new book, *These Fists Break Bricks: How Kung Fu Movies Swept America and Changed the World*.

 <p><b>12:00 PM: BLACK SAMURAI (1976) STARRING JIM KELLY</b></p>	 <p><b>1:45 PM: 5-PATTERN DRAGON CLAWS (1983) STARRING HWANG JANG-LEE AND DRAGON LEE</b></p>	 <p><b>3:30 PM: THE HAUNTED SAMURAI (1970) STARRING HIDEKI TAKAHASHI AND ISAO NATSUYAGI</b></p>
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**REGISTRATION REQUESTED (NOT REQUIRED)**  
At [bit.ly/MartialArts\\_04\\_2022](https://bit.ly/MartialArts_04_2022) or via email, [communityrelations@nrpl.org](mailto:communityrelations@nrpl.org), or phone, 914-813-3706

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the New Rochelle Public Library will host Martial Arts Movie Madness, a full day of three martial arts films shown in succession. The program will be hosted by NRPL librarian and film historian Chris Poggiali, co-author of the new book, *These Fists Break Bricks: How Kung Fu Movies Swept America and Changed the World*.

The three movies to be screened are:

**BLACK SAMURAI (1976)** starring Jim Kelly at 12:00 pm. When a coven of kung fu Satanists kidnaps his girlfriend, secret agent Robert Sand – code name Black Samurai – springs into action with sword, feet, and fists-a-flying!

**5-PATTERN DRAGON CLAWS (1983)** starring Hwang Jang-Lee and Dragon Lee at 1:45 pm. The deadly Thunder Foot will stop at nothing to track down four valuable kung fu manuals, but meets his match in a young practitioner of the Lightning Mantis Strike.

**THE HAUNTED SAMURAI (1970)** starring Hideki Takahashi and Isao Natsuyagi at 3:30 pm. The hunter becomes the hunted in this period ninjutsu swordplay adventure from Japan, which hasn't been screened in the U.S. for over 40 years.

Following the screening of each film, Poggiali will lead a discussion and take questions regarding the film. The program will take place in the Ossie Davis Theater at the New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle. Registration is requested at [bit.ly/MartialArts\\_04\\_2022](https://bit.ly/MartialArts_04_2022), or via email, [communityrelations@nrpl.org](mailto:communityrelations@nrpl.org), or phone, 914-813-3706. Learn more at [nrpl.org](https://nrpl.org).

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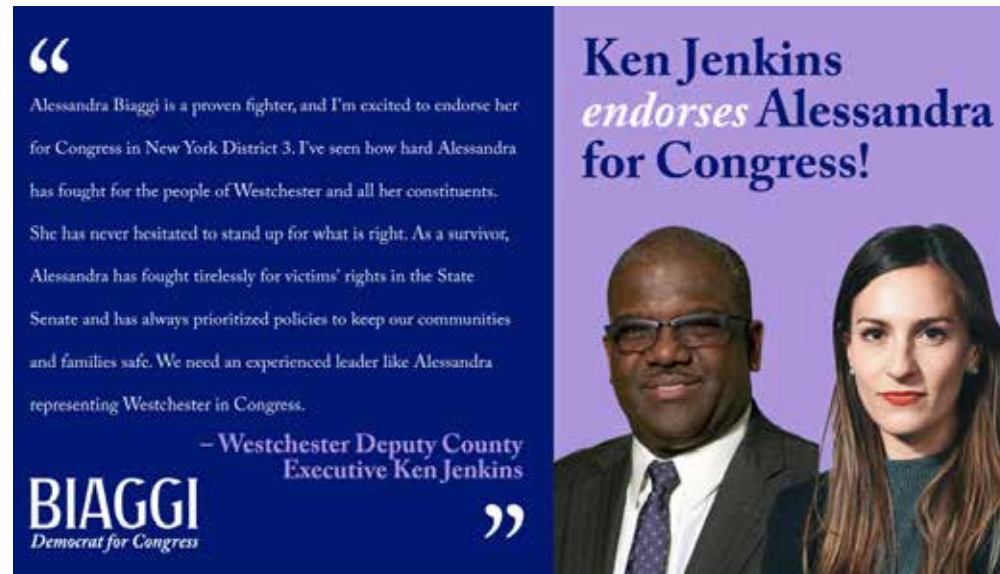
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## Westchester Deputy County Executive Jenkins Endorses Biaggi for Congress



“Alessandra Biaggi is a proven fighter, and I’m excited to endorse her for Congress in New York District 3. I’ve seen how hard Alessandra has fought for the people of Westchester and all her constituents. She has never hesitated to stand up for what is right. As a survivor, Alessandra has fought tirelessly for victims’ rights in the State Senate and has always prioritized policies to keep our communities and families safe. We need an experienced leader like Alessandra representing Westchester in Congress.”

– Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins

**BIAGGI**  
Democrat for Congress

**Ken Jenkins endorses Alessandra for Congress!**

The race for Congress in the 3rd District of NY, which includes the sound shore communities of Westchester and a large portion of Nassau and Suffolk counties on Long Island, got more interesting with the news on April 14 that State Senator Alessandra Biaggi picked up the endorsement of Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

Senator Biaggi, who represents the Bronx and Pelham in the 34th Senate District, welcomed the endorsement from Jenkins, one of Westchester’s top democrats, and endorsements from New Rochelle Councilwoman Yadira Ramos-Herbert, and New Rochelle Councilwoman Martha Lopez. All three elected officials highlighted Senator Biaggi’s track record on delivering progressive wins for Westchester families and her commitment to prioritizing community safety.

“Alessandra Biaggi is a proven fighter, and I’m excited to endorse her for Congress in NY-3. I’ve seen how hard Alessandra has fought for the people of Westchester and all her constituents. She has never hesitated to stand up for what is right. As a survivor, Alessandra has fought tirelessly for victims’ rights in the State Senate and has always prioritized policies to keep our communities and families safe. We need an experienced leader like Alessandra representing Westchester in Congress,” said Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

“Alessandra Biaggi is a proven leader, who cares deeply about the issues that impact working families in New Rochelle and across NY-3. The safety of our communities is Alessandra’s top priority and her willingness to roll up her sleeves and put in the work everyday for New Yorkers is exactly why we need her in Washington. I am proud to endorse Alessandra Biaggi’s candidacy for Congress,” said New Rochelle Councilwoman Yadira Ramos-Herbert.

“Today I am proud to endorse Alessandra Biaggi for Congress. In her two terms as a State Senator, Alessandra has gone above and beyond to deliver on important issues, including historic tenant protections, expanding penalties for housing discrimination, increasing state investment in and access to affordable housing, and bringing to the forefront the issue of building code enforcement. Alessandra’s compassion and grit will make her a formidable member of Congress,” said New Rochelle Councilwoman Martha Lopez.

“Westchester is my home. To have the support of Deputy County Executive Jenkins and New Rochelle Councilwomen Ramos-Herbert and Lopez, three impactful leaders in our county, means so much to me and to our campaign. Together we have worked to deliver for Westchester families by fully funding our public schools, implementing historic tenant protections, and prioritizing community safety. I am eager to continue our progress in Congress, and I am so grateful to have their support behind me,” said Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who also has the endorsements from Representative Jamaal Bowman, State Senators Pete Harckham and Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, Damon Maher, Westchester County Legislators Damon Maher and David Tubiolo, and former chair for the Westchester Democratic Committee David Alpert.

Biaggi is running in a crowded democratic field of candidates hoping to get on the ballot for the June 23 primary. Her two major democratic opponents are both from Long Island. Suffolk County legislator Josh Lafazan, and small businessman and democratic national committee member Robert Zimmerman. The Westchester communities of Pelham, southern New Rochelle, Mamaroneck (both the Village and the unincorporated section of the Town), Larchmont, the City of Rye, Port Chester, and Rye Brook are part of the 3rd Congressional district of New York.

### BOL Majority Leader Johnson , continued from pg. 1-

“Legislatively we have introduced Salary Range Legislation requiring employers in Westchester to post minimum and maximum job salary ranges to promote equity in hiring. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, on average women earn 82 cents to every dollar a man earns, and inequity is worse for women of color; the gap is persistent regardless of educational attainment. This legislation forces companies in Westchester to be transparent about pay scales which in turn will help the employee judge whether or not they are being treated fairly.

“We also backed the Clean Slate Proposal pending in the New York State Legislature which would automatically seal criminal records from civil review in certain cases, for people who have completed their sentences and probation, and have maintained a clean record for some years thereafter. It is intended to help people get back on their feet after serving their debt, and to reduce recidivism.

“Other Legislation in the works include topics on Food Allergy Safety and the creation of an Office of Police Accountability. Additionally, I sit on the Appointments, Rules, Housing, Human Services/Equality, Legislation and Public Works and Transportation Committees.

“Serving as Majority Leader is an honor but that does not take away from the district work happening in my office daily. Since the year has begun my office has continued to field constituent calls on an array of issues ranging from coyote sightings to Con Edison. We are working diligently to improve departments and navigate the issues, to better serve residents of the 16th District. Last month, we held a Non Profit Workshop with over 40 attendees in collaboration with the Westchester County Youth Bureau, Non Profit Westchester and Pro Bono Partnerships, to aide individuals who want to start their own nonprofit organizations. I want to do all I can to support the growth and ambitions of Yonkers residents.

I can’t say the work is easy but I can say it’s rewarding. To continue to be able to serve residents of District 16 is not something I take lightly. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns. Give us a call at 914-995-2829 or send an email to [slpc@westchestergov.com](mailto:slpc@westchestergov.com) and my aide Shatika Parker will assist. I will also start a #QuestionsforChrisJohnson on my social media pages so be sure to follow me @honchrisjohnson on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Thank you for taking the time to read what I’ve been up to at the Board of Legislators. I look forward to seeing everyone in person, as the weather gets warmer,” writes Majority Leader Johnson.

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, who served as the County Legislator from the 16th District prior to Johnson, said, “Majority Leader Johnson has done a wonderful job navigating the different voices in the democratic majority. That role is different from his duties as a legislator. When you are a legislator you can take stronger positions for your district, but as a leader, you have to have a skill set that helps shepherd the 15 members of the democratic BOL caucus. He has shown that type of leadership,” said Jenkins.

Board Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said, “It’s been exciting working with Chris as he’s stepped into his new leadership role at the Board of Legislators. We make a great team. In just a few months Chris has already made his mark, moving forward important legislation through the Board process. He works hard with staff and colleagues to create a calendar that allows the legislative process to play out, while ensuring the priorities of all of the caucus members are being heard. We have an ambitious agenda for the rest of this term, including redistricting.”



LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PONDSIDE VILLAGE III CONDOMINIUM AND THE PONDSIDE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., on behalf of the unit owners, Plaintiff

against

ROLANDO CHUMACEIRO and CECELIA CHUMACEIRO, Defendants.

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My sister Carrie and John Skeadas of the famed restaurant family look Forward to Seeing You and Reminiscing About Great High School Days! GO BULLDOGS! See you June 26! There may even be a special guest at the door to welcome you!

Briefs: Visiting my dear cousins in Mahopac for Passover, I saw signs promoting Vedat Gashi who is in a primary with Jamaal Bowman for New York's 16th Congressional District seat. Now I don't have to tell you who I am voting for in the Primary hopefully with my dear cousins. But to think that a Congressional District goes from the Bronx all the way, an hour away to Mahopac! The members of the State Legislature who drew the Congressional lines certainly have no love for the current Congressman!

I have posted it on Facebook. Tweeted it. Will someone please tell Nicholas Speranza who was going to run for Judge in Yonkers but is not to 'tear down' the cheap, scotch taped signs he posted all over Yonkers for his short lived run for City Judge. Going through the drive thru at the Dunkin Donuts, Central and Midland Avenues, there again was a water soaked scotch taped Speranza sign. Could he be keeping the signs up for publicity for his law practice?

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE OF ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE  
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DATED FILED: 03/11/2022  
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Plaintiff,

-against

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Katherine McLaughlin, Esq., Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose of a mortgage covering premises described as follows:

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The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Janet C. Malone, J.S.C. dated June 21, 2021 and filed June 28, 2021

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New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself.

Sources of Information and Assistance  
The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at http://www.dfs.ny.gov.

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YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law.

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Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER DYNASTY, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST CGSRE ACQUISITION CORP, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 22, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Courtroom 200, White Plains, NY on April 29, 2022 at 2:30PM, premises known as 68 Runyon Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 3 Block 3112 Lot 59+60. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,792,943.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #50855/2019. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WESTCHESTER County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee CLAIR GJERTSEN & WEATHERS PLLC 4 New King Street, Suite 140 White Plains, NY 10604 50855-2019

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from China to Cicero's address in New York. Cicero held a supervisory role in the criminal activity, which involved over three kilograms of methamphetamine and 750 liters of GBL. The charged conduct began years after Cicero left the NYPD.

On February 19, 2020, Cicero was arrested in a Wall Street hotel, in a room he had rented under a false identity. In addition to methamphetamine and GBL, law enforcement recovered from Cicero's room a bank card and a fake ID, bearing Cicero's photograph, all in the name of the false identity to whom the room was rented. As part of Cicero's arrest, law enforcement also recovered detailed drug ledgers, sophisticated credit card making equipment, and notebooks full of victims' personally identifiable information.

In addition to the prison sentence, Cicero, 40, of Bronxville, New York, was sentenced to four years of supervised release and ordered to pay a forfeiture penalty of \$216,262.50.

Earlier in the case, three of Cicero's co-defendants pled guilty for their roles in the same conspiracy. Marco Casso, 50, of New York, New York and Irma Materaso, 38, of New Rochelle, New York, previously pled guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute GBL and 50 grams of methamphetamine and Matthew Matteo, 25, of the Bronx, New York, previously pled guilty to one count of conspiring to distribute GBL and 500 grams of methamphetamine.

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proud to be a part of this happiness." Anastaiisa will be touring with FLIP Circus until November. "We like to keep it positive and hope for a better future."

FLIP Circus will be at the Cross County Center in Yonkers through May 2. For tickets and additional information, please visit [www.FlipCircus.com](http://www.FlipCircus.com). Tickets start at \$25.00 (children) and \$40.00 (adults) with senior/military/handicap discounts available.

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"How could this happen? The public deserves answers now. Also, the League of Women Voters is right, recently passed congressional and legislative lines are a clear violation of constitutional language prohibiting partisan redistricting.

"The Albany culture now is "see no evil" and "go along to get along." State government is back to parochial politics, fundraising and incompetence. There is no vision, planning, performance or accountability. The only act of national significance in the budget was the Bills stadium deal that a national expert called "one of the worst deal for taxpayers I've ever seen" and "a return to the bad old days." New Yorkers were extorted and the Legislature must insist that It be re-negotiated before the end of session because they are effectively cosigners.

"I would've never signed this budget. I'm proud to have been considered a disruptive force to politics as usual... The window of opportunity to restore faith in New York is closing. We just paid the Buffalo Bills \$1 billion to stay here. What do we pay our citizens to stay?"

"State government must act decisively and tackle the difficult problems. If the Democrats do not make a dramatic difference quickly, I fear the people will make that difference by defeating Democrats in November," writes Cuomo, who very much sounded like someone who wanted to run for Governor again, NOW.

While its too late for Cuomo to run in a democratic primary for Gov. in June, he can collect 45,000 signatures and create a party line to run on in November, and rumors are rampant that he will do just that, starting April 24, the first day to collect independent nominating petitions.

But two of Governor Cuomo's accusers of sexual harassment have come forward to blame the state legislature for not impeaching Cuomo when they had the chance last year. Westchester resident Charlotte Bennett and Brittany Comisso, both said that a return to the ballot for Cuomo this year would be outrageous.

When asked what she thinks if Cuomo does run again, Bennett said, "I don't really care what he has to say. I don't think anyone else should. It's been over a year since I came forward and almost two since Cuomo's sexual harassment, but I'm far from recovered. I'm still working to accept that I can't just go back to my old life. I'm still mourning my old life. And every transcript drop, every news article, every press conference was, and is, difficult. I definitely underestimated how this would change my life. And maybe it's because I didn't really want to know."

Bennett said that her "career in public service was cut short because of the governor's sexual harassment. I really love public service and felt like I was literally kicked out of it because of what he did... I'm questioning: how does this change the way I can do good things? What can I do next, and where? I don't have those answers."

Impeachment of Cuomo would have also disqualified him from running for office in New York ever again. "He didn't face accountability. He resigned just to avoid it... For New York, women showed their strength. We did the heavy lifting. The Assembly did not. We had an opportunity for accountability through impeachment, and [Speaker] Carl Heastie stalled. I'll never forget that."

Finally, democrat Tom Suozzi, who is challenging Hochul in a democratic primary for Governor, said that Governor Kathy Hochul should not appoint a Lieutenant Governor since her former LG Brian Benjamin last week was arrested on federal corruption charges and subsequently resigned his office. "Kathy Hochul has disqualified herself from appointing a new Lieutenant Governor," said Suozzi during a Zoom press conference with Reyna. "She knew when she chose her first LG that he had ethical issues. But she put her own political considerations ahead of good, sound judgement."

"She has proven that she cannot handle this, and she needs to let the people decide, they will do a far better job than she has." Suozzi also contended that Hochul was not being truthful when she claimed that she was surprised by Benjamin's arrest. "For her to say she didn't know shows either a lack of judgment and a lack of experience or it's a complete and total lie. Either way, New Yorkers deserve more from their Governor," said Suozzi. Suozzi's running mate for Lt. Governor, Diana Reyna, now has a very good chance at becoming the next Lt. Gov after the resignation of Benjamin and the fact that democrats can't replace him on the ballot

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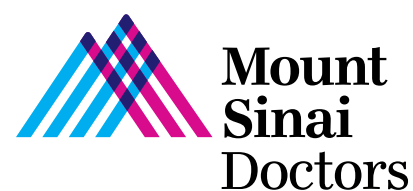
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