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Will Redistricting Mean that AOC Will Represent Westchester?

By Dan Murphy



Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez

While Westchester County gained enough residents in the 2020 Census to top the 1 Million mark, New York State's population did not increase enough in comparison to the largest growing states like Texas and Florida. That means that NY will lose one of its 27 seats in the House of Representatives, to 26.

And because New York City's population increased to 8.8 Million, and upstate NY's population continued to shrink, democrats have an opportunity to take over some or most of the 8 house republicans from New York.

Dave Wasserman, from the Cook Political report, perhaps knows more about redistricting than anyone, told Fox News that "I think New York could turn into a bloodbath for Republicans. Democrats could convert the existing 19-8 delegation into a 23-3 delegation through redistricting alone."

One of the upstate NY republican house seats is likely to be eliminated, resulting in all of the remaining 26 house seats in NY being redrawn.

Under the possible scenario's laid out by Wasserman, here in Westchester, the three democratic congressmembers will also have different districts. Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney will still have a small part of northern Westchester in the 18th district.

Congressman Mondaire Jones' 17th District will no longer include Rockland County but will now include more of Westchester County.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman's 16th District will now run north from Yonkers up into Rockland and further north into Orange County. The possibility of losing the Bronx portion of his district, and now having less of Westchester and all of Rockland and Orange Counties resulted in Rep. Bowman, tweeting WTF, which was deleted almost immediately.

The big takeaway, and possibility for Westchester is that Congresswoman Alexandra-Ocasio Cortez, AOC, and her 14th District, may now include parts of Westchester County. According to Wasserman, and his proposed map, AOC would

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Don't Change the Name of the Tappan Zee Bridge, Again



By Dan Murphy

Yes, I realize that I called the Mario Cuomo Bridge the Tappan Zee Bridge in the headline. That is because most of us in Westchester still call it the TZ Bridge, despite the name change, and the controversy surrounding the change by former Governor Andrew Cuomo to honor his father, Governor Mario Cuomo, in 2017.

Now that Andrew Cuomo has resigned in disgrace, there are some calls to change the name of the bridge once again, back to the Tappan Zee Bridge. For several reasons, I say don't do it.

1-As Chris Churchill writes in the Albany Times Union, "The Tappan Zee name never died. Many in the Hudson Valley — the bridge connects Rockland and Westchester counties — refused to say "Cuomo Bridge," no matter what the highway signs told them. The name continues to inspire resentment.

2-Political motivations are behind the proposed name change. "With Andrew on his way out the door, let's erase a visible symbol of him bullying legislators and citizens alike," said State Senator Mike Martucci, a republican sponsor of the bill.

3-Mario Cuomo was an honorable man, and public servant. Removing his name from the bridge, tarnishes a Governor who served the people of New York with honor, and distinction. His thoughtfulness and eloquence, should not be forgotten. Gov. Mario also had to work with a republican state senate for his 12 years as Governor, and he did so without the hyperpartisanship we see today.

"It would be petty to take down the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge signs, erasing an honorable man's memory to punish a less than honorable son...Mario's true legacy was integrity, fairness, compassion and a clearly articulated view of government as a tool to raise up those who couldn't do it on their own... Mario Cuomo's ideas and their impact on a generation will outlast any building, any bridge," writes Howard Glazer, who worked for both Mario and Andrew Cuomo, in the Daily News.

A website, saveourtappan.com, was formed in 2017 after the name change to "return the Tappan Zee Bridge its original name, and to preserve the history of the Tappan Indians (Tappan) and Dutch Settlers (Zee is Dutch for A

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As Governor Hochul Takes Office, Several Westchester Dems Mentioned as 2022 Candidates



Governor Kathy Hochul, with husband Bill Hochul holding Bible, takes oath of office from NYS Chief Judge Janet DiFiore

By Dan Murphy

New York State's 57th Governor, Kathy Hochul, took the oath of office from NYS Chief Judge Janet DiFiore on August 24. Hochul will serve the remainder of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's term until 2022, when she will have to win a democratic primary and then a general election in order to serve for another four years.

Several New York Democrats have been tossed out as possible challengers to Hochul next year, including two Westchester democrats, County Executive George Latimer and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

On August 18, Albany Times Union reporter Chris Bragg wrote a story including Westchester County Executive George Latimer in the mix of democratic candidates for Governor. Latimer's campaign is quoted in the story as saying that he is focused on his upcoming campaign for re-election as County Executive.

Several democratic "Friends of George" from Westchester that we spoke to confirmed that Latimer will not be a candidate for Governor, but that the leadership that Latimer has shown as Westchester County Executive during COVID, is fueling the discussion.

"George has been getting high ratings for his job as County Executive and he is well liked and well respected by everyone. That is why he is being considered. I think he would make a great candidate for Lt. Governor, but then again, I want him to stay here in Westchester for another four years," said a Democratic Friend of George.

Another Democratic leader from Yonkers said, "I'm certain there is a core group of supporters that would love to see George run for Governor, but Kathy Hochul is a strong and capable woman who will do a great job and will have an edge for re-election. It's time for a woman to be Governor and I don't think George will want to get in her way."

Mayor Spano and his close advisors, are exploring, and moving forward with a run for Governor right now. Spano, who had a good working relationship with former Gov. Cuomo, did not call for his resignation. "Governor Hochul will have the next 8 months to prove to be a viable candidate for Governor. And she could do that, she has been underestimated before. But it's also possible that she can't win a democratic primary for

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Drunk Drivers are Still Killing What Can be Done to Stop it?



The wreckage from a DWI-Fatal Accident in Yorktown in 2020 that resulted in a young mother's death --

By Dan Murphy

Yorktown resident Mark Cope was arraigned on Monday for a wrong-way, head-on collision he caused while intoxicated in December 2020 which resulted in the death of an Ossining mother, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced on August 23.

Cope has been charged with three Counts Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, a Felony, manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Felony, aggravated Vehicular Assault, a Felony, vehicular Assault in the Second Degree, a Felony, assault in the Third Degree, a Misdemeanor, aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, two Counts Driving While Intoxicated, a Misdemeanor, Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor

Cope, 41, faces a sentence ranging from a minimum of 1 to 3 years to a maximum of 8 1/3 to 25 years in state prison. "This horrible tragedy cost a woman her life and a daughter her mother due to Mark Cope's decision to selfishly get behind the wheel of his car while intoxicated," DA Rocah said. "This is why the District Attorney's Office will continue to hold accountable

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Manhattanville College Nursing School Graduates First Class of 2021



From NewYork-Presbyterian's Health Matters: What You Need to Know about the Delta Variant

After months of declining infection rates in the United States, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again due to the highly contagious Delta variant.

On July 27, the CDC updated its guidance for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the transmissibility of the Delta variant, adding a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. Fully vaccinated people may choose to wear a mask in these settings regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19 or have someone in their family who is. NewYork-Presbyterian's Health Matters gives you the latest information on what you need to know.

What is the Delta variant? Like other viruses, coronaviruses, including SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 can change (or mutate) over time. This leads to different viral variants, and these have emerged in different parts of the world. The variants originally were named for their place of origin and with letters and numbers, but the World Health Organization now names them with Greek letters.

The Delta variant was originally called B.1.617.2 and was first identified in India in late 2020 and is spreading rapidly throughout the world. It is now the dominant viral strain in the United Kingdom and the U.S.

The CDC has labeled the Delta variant as a "variant of concern." What does that mean? SARS-COV-2 variants can have different properties than the original virus. Variants of concern are those viruses that can be transmitted between people more easily, cause worse COVID-19 illness, are less susceptible to antibodies resulting from natural infection or vaccination, are less susceptible to COVID-19 treatment or prevention strategies, or are more difficult to detect.

The Delta variant is more transmissible and may be associated with more severe COVID-19 illness, and this has led to a COVID-19 surge in unvaccinated populations.

What makes a variant more transmissible? Some viral variants can grow better in human cells and make greater quantities of the virus — the higher levels of virus can increase the efficiency of transmitting to other people. The Delta variant is about 50% more transmissible than the Alpha variant (originally identified in the United Kingdom) and about twice as contagious the original SARS-CoV2 strain. One study found that people with Delta may carry 1,000 times more virus in their nose and mouth than with the original strain — more virus means easier transmission to others.

Do the vaccines offer protection against the Delta variant? Full vaccination with the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) protects well against the Delta variant and the other common variants. (In fact, a recent study found that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine were 88% effective at protecting against symptomatic disease caused by Delta.) The Johnson & Johnson vaccine likely also offers protection, though possibly at a lower rate. According to the CDC, more than 97% of those hospitalized with COVID-19 infection and more than 99% of COVID-19 deaths currently are in unvaccinated people.

How do we stop the Delta variant from spreading? Vaccines are the best tool we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic. People who can't get vaccinated or don't respond to vaccinations (for example, people with compromised immune systems) should continue to wear a mask, wash their hands, and practice social distancing.

The CDC made the recommendation that people who live in areas of high transmission mask indoors. This is a reaction to the increasing spread of the Delta variant and the fact that after months of declining cases, U.S. COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are increasing again, especially in states and areas with low vaccination rates.

For more stories about science, care, and wellness, visit www.healthmatters.nyp.org.

Manhattanville College's first class of nursing students earned more than their stripes this week. They earned official pins marking their entry into the nursing profession during a year when a worldwide pandemic challenged them to give their all.

Eleven students were honored in a Pinning and Award Ceremony that celebrated their courage over the last year. Interim President Louise Feroe, Dean Debra Simons, and Associate Dean Orhan Hakli all commended the students for their courage and dedication in joining the ranks of healthcare professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We initially thought that some of the students would defer their admission and put their dream of becoming a nurse on hold because of this deadly global pandemic," said Hakli. "They said no! They said our patients need us; our nation needs us — now more than ever. When most of us could not even go outside during this pandemic, these brave individuals said that they want to go to hospitals, to be trained to become nurses, and help the sick."

The Pinning Ceremony is a tradition dating back to the 1880s and inspired by Florence Nightingale who blazed the trail for nurses on the frontlines. As a special surprise, students also heard from alumna Titsa Fotopoulos Pelzman, a graduate from the Class of 1949 and the original Manhattanville College school of nursing. The school awarded nursing degrees in the 1940s to prepare nurses to serve in World War II.

Anne Brandon, Carolyn Brandt, Jennie Chacon, Donna Nicole Crepault, Emily Estrella, Maria Estupian, MaryKate Dichiarra, Alicia Gomes, Saquiba Hassan, Sara Hios, and Amanda Peters were recognized for being part of the first cohort to graduate in the college's program. Special awards were given to Emily Estrella (Leadership Award and Deans Award); Sara Hios (the Caritas Award) Donna Nicole Crepault (the Valiant Nurse Award) and MaryKate Dichiarra (the Spirit of Nursing Award).

Manhattanville launched its new nursing program last year. It offers three degrees in nursing: Bachelor of Science in Nursing for traditional 4-year and transfer students, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for second-degree students who already hold a bachelor's degree, and a Master of Science in Nursing —Family Nurse Practitioner.



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Open Door School-Based Health Center, on The Frontline as Kids Return to School

As schools around the country open, there are concerns over the delta variant, and possibly other strains of the coronavirus that haven't yet landed in America, and the impact on another school year. Nationwide, children now account for an estimated 15% of all newly reported COVID-19 cases.

"At this point in time, the one blessing in all this is that while kids are getting sick, they are not getting seriously ill," said Lindsay Neptune, a pediatric nurse practitioner and Director of Clinical Services at Open Door's school-based health centers, which have seven locations at schools in Ossining and Port Chester. "Still, we need to do whatever we can to protect the kids and give them the best chance to have a normal quality of life. We have seen a rise in anxiety and depression because they haven't been living a normal life. We need to get ahead of this."

Last year at this time, the reality was very different. There were few if any proven treatments for the virus and there was no vaccine. At the same time, however, much of the country was not coming off an entire school year where schools bounced between in-person and remote classes, often at a moment's notice, and students, in many cases, lost their social bearings with friends and fell behind in their classwork.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there and people need to go back to relying on what we know, what we can prove. This is why education is such an important part of what we do. Most of all, people don't want to be back to a lockdown," said Neptune. "It all starts," she said, "with getting people vaccinated – at a time when more than four in ten New Yorkers remain unvaccinated."

Neptune and her staff have been focused on educating families about vaccinations. Calling education the "hallmark of public health," she and her staff put the need for vaccinations and mask wearing at the top of their list in any parental discussions. "Parents have been eager to get preventive care visits. This allows us to have conversations about the vaccine and wearing masks and try to put them at ease."

She said that templates are in place at Open Door's school-based health centers to reach out to parents once a vaccine for younger children – under 12 – is approved. She believes that due to the new strain, which preys primarily on the unvaccinated of any age, this will happen soon.

"Parents are anxious because in many cases they have older children who have been vaccinated and younger ones who haven't," said Neptune. "They want to make sure their kids can go to school and can do extracurricular activities. Many parents have returned to work and can't be home with their children. Our job is to work with the school districts to give them as normal a year as humanly possible."

Open Door makes it easy for children to get vaccinated at their school-based health centers. Vaccines are free and easily accessible. The only requirement is the signing of parental consent forms.

"Kids, particularly adolescents, may not fear the virus, but are fearful about the social restrictions that come with quarantine. They don't want to go back to their room for another six months," she said. "We're trying to take the stress out of the equation and provide these services. Our job is not to be part of the challenge, but rather part of the solution."

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This Column is Fully Approved!



By Eric W. Schoen

I never knew there were so many people knowledgeable about the regulatory process of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). I heard from so many people, both friends and folks on the street that they would not get the Covid vaccine until it received full FDA approval.

Glad that I have such knowledgeable friends. Glad that there are so many people knowledgeable about the FDA and CDC regulatory practices. Come on let's face it. Just like me you hadn't a clue as to what full approval of a vaccine by the FDA entailed. But you do know that hospitals are again filling up with people who are coming down with the coronavirus. Most of these people were not vaccinated.

Yes, some people who were vaccinated are coming down with the coronavirus. But they are not getting as sick as those who were vaccinated. So bottom line, the Pfizer vaccine has received full regulatory approval from the FDA. So I expect all of you who were not vaccinated to roll up your sleeves and get the shot this week. No more excuses. By being unvaccinated not only are you endangering yourself and your loved ones and those around you but you are putting me and my family in danger. We've been vaccinated. That's unacceptable.

Now that the FDA has fully approved Pfizer if you are not vaccinated please wear a N95 or K95 mask or one of those goofy looking plastic shields to protect yourself and protect me. Or frankly, stay home. The time for games is over. The deceased Kennedy brothers are rolling over in their graves when Robert Kennedy, Jr. comes out and makes silly comments as to how you should not get vaccinated. But enough about vaccines.

So friends, we have a new Governor, Kathy Hochul. Her last name rhymes with chuckle. Just think about those soft chewy candies that come in several flavors. My favorites are the black, licorice ones and the green ones. We wish her well.

We have a new Sheriff in Albany. I think she's going to be a kinder, gentler Sheriff, firm but kind, someone who cares about the citizens of our great state. She has a lot of house cleaning to do. And those that were part of the 'Cuomo' gang, folks that caused thousands of nursing home deaths, folks that arranged for the Governor's friends and family to get Covid tested while you and I stood out in the rain begging, folks that chauffeured members of the Governor's family around to private events on state time, folks that were involved and/or were aware of Cuomo's misbehavior. I could go on and on. She's got a lot of house cleaning to do.

But of course Andrew left us with a bang. And a Big Bang that was. He offended every police officer and law enforcement official in New York State by granted clemency to five men, including the commutation of the sentence of David Gilbert, a former member of the radical Weather Underground who, in 1981, took part in the robbery of a Brink's armored truck in Rockland County. Police lives were tragically

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DiNapoli: Problems Plague State's Rent Relief Program

Financial relief has been slow to reach New York's pandemic-hit renters because of poor management by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in implementing the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), according to a new report released by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The state's initial rollout of the program resulted in only a small portion of the much-needed funds being distributed, and aid has not reached many low-income and minority New Yorkers, particularly those in New York City.

DiNapoli's report details OTDA's struggles in providing information to eligible individuals, processing applications, and reporting on progress and distribution of funds. While OTDA provides a brief monthly public report on applications, these do not contain detailed geographic or socioeconomic information on applicants, and little clarity over how many households were turned away and why, making it difficult to track program progress and manage outreach.

As of Aug. 12, 2021, \$108.8 million has been disbursed from the Emergency Rental Assistance Fund, reflecting payments and support for the program. With unemployment in New York City close to double the national average, 10.1% in June of 2021 according to the Department of Labor compared to 5.4% nationally as of July 2021, and pandemic-era federal unemployment benefit programs ending next month along with uncertainty about the eviction moratorium end date, many families are facing a dire situation.

"There are billions in federal aid to help renters who fell behind on payments in the pandemic, but this money isn't getting to them," DiNapoli said. "The state can and must do a better job getting this aid into the hands of New Yorkers that could face evictions. New York's Congressional delegation has pushed for more efficient distribution of funds, while lawmakers have rightly proposed extending the state's eviction moratorium. We must make sure that we don't lose these critical funds, and that the renters most in need of help don't get left behind."

DiNapoli's report found that OTDA received only 168,321 applications as of July 30, reflecting fewer than 15 percent of the 1.2 million low-income rental households in New York City alone. Of the applications received, 68% were from tenants in the city. As of August 9, OTDA reported it had made payments to only 7,072 households.

New York and South Carolina were the only two states not to distribute any money through June. In contrast, Monroe and Onondaga counties and the Town of Islip aided over 850 households during the same period through their standalone rental assistance programs. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer warned about the risk of reallocation of a portion of federal rental assistance left unallocated by Sept. 30, 2021. In response, the state committed to simplifying the application process and increasing the number of reviewers.

DiNapoli called on OTDA to target outreach efforts and technical assistance to reach those most in need, and to implement the following improvements. Target assistance and program enhancements by geography, language, industry, age and other pertinent characteristics; Monitor the program in real time to improve application completion, fund disbursement and program outreach; Update educational and outreach materials to reflect the recently simplified forms as well as translated materials in additional languages; Advertise the newly created eviction protections gained both from applying to the ERAP and from the passage of the Tenant Safe Harbor Act, so that tenants understand their legal rights; and Work with community-based organizations, housing nonprofits and local governments to improve the application system and better assist tenants who require follow-up documentation.

DiNapoli also urged lawmakers to extend the state's eviction moratorium. Minority Households Affected Most: New York has the highest share of rental households in the U.S. (46%), with the majority located in New York City (63% of all state rental households). The pandemic has had a more pronounced impact on low-income households, who were already more rent-burdened, defined as households spending more than 30 percent of income on rent.

Hispanic and Black households make up disproportionate shares of New York City low-income renter households at 37% and 27% respectively. They have also experienced higher rates of employment income loss than other racial or ethnic groups since April 2020. As of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2017 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey, over 1.2 million renter households earned below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) and 78% of that number are rent-burdened. One-third of all low-income renter households in the city were in Brooklyn, nearly a quarter in the Bronx, approximately 21% in Queens and 19% in Manhattan. High school education (or less) and immigrant status are also generally correlated with lower incomes.

DiNapoli's report notes that in the early months of the pandemic, an average of 507,000 rental households in the New York metropolitan area (within New York state) said they did not pay the prior month's rent on time. As of June 2021, more than 300,000 households still have been unable to pay rent. Hispanic and Black households represented the largest groups not caught up on rent payments. Rent arrears for Black households have grown fastest in the period since April 2021, when \$1,400 stimulus payments were sent and a major reduction in rent arrears was recorded. A state moratorium on residential and commercial evictions is scheduled to end by Aug. 31.

Troubles With State's Distribution of Rent Relief. In 2020, New York state provided \$100 million in federal aid through the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) under its COVID Rent Relief Program. It awarded about half of the funding in subsidies to households that applied, largely because of strict eligibility guidelines. The DHCR provided one public summary report in Oct. 2020 on the first round of funding when approximately \$23 million had been disbursed. About 86% of funding went to renters in New York City. Among successful applicant households who self-reported, 30% were Hispanic, 27% were White, 20% Black and 18% Asian.

The poorest households (those that earned 30% of the AMI or less) made up a disproportionately low number of successful applicants (25%) given that they make up about 42% of all low-income households. Numerous obstacles, including language barriers, lack of information about the program, eligibility concerns, lack of broadband access or gaps in computer and financial literacy, could have prevented many of these households from applying to last year's program.

Given the large number of low-income households in New York City, the city's high rent burdens, and the severity of employment loss there during the pandemic, the ERAP, which began in New York on June 1, could be of benefit to a large population of city households that need assistance. The success of the ERAP will ultimately be judged on the program's ability to reach those in need by processing applications and disbursing funds quickly while maintaining controls over the shortened applications.

Governor Cuomo's Resignation is Good for NY



*Legislative Column
from Assemblyman
Kevin Byrne*

It was one year ago yesterday I was demanding answers and accountability of Gov. Cuomo and his administration during our joint legislative hearing on the state's handling of COVID-19 in our nursing homes. Since then, the list of scandals, improprieties, cover-ups, and corruption tied to the governor's administration has only grown. As I have previously stated, I believe the governor's dishonesty concerning the state's handling of COVID-19 in nursing homes, his profiteering from a more than \$5 million book deal, and his alleged sexual misconduct against women both inside and outside of the workplace, all passed the threshold for impeachment.

For months, despite these numerous transgressions, the governor remained defiant and refused to give an inch. Instead of showing any sign of genuine remorse, he and other high-ranking current and former members of his administration retaliated against and attacked those brave enough to speak out. This includes Assemblyman Ron Kim, Janice Dean, and Lindsey Boylan, who was the first woman to publicly accuse Gov. Cuomo of sexual harassment. Luckily all three of these people, along with many others, bravely stood their ground.

Finally, forced to face the reality that he cannot run out the clock or bully his way out of this, Gov. Cuomo knowing that impeachment was going to be inevitable, announced his intent to resign. This will allow our state to finally move forward, but it doesn't mean our work is done. His resignation does not equal full accountability, but it is an important and necessary step needed for our state to heal and move on.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee's impeachment investigation, which was announced five months ago, has already received significant time and resources from the state to investigate the myriad of corruption and sexual misconduct allegations against Gov. Cuomo. I will continue to fight for true accountability and for the full disclosure of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's complete findings and recommendations. New Yorkers deserve nothing less.

In two weeks, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul will become New York's 57th governor and the first female governor in our state's history. I remain willing and able to work with our soon to be governor in good faith, with the hope that together we can get New York back on track with better and brighter days ahead.

Assemblyman Byrne represents NY's 94th Assembly District, which includes portions of Putnam and Westchester counties. Byrne is the ranking minority member of the Assembly Committee on Health, serves as chair of the Assembly Minority Program Committee.

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lost in that mess. I remember it as if it was yesterday.

Why Andrew alienated so many people on his way out we will never know. Apparently some lawyer in state government is related to Gilbert and lobbied for his commutation. Yep, the old friends and family deal. But unlike the pardons we have seen from former President Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Donald Trump, this grant of clemency has upset a lot of people around the country.

Last week I heard that former Secretary of State, former Senator Hillary Clinton was considering a run for Governor to replace Cuomo. I, no pun intended chuckled when I heard Hillary's name. She and her husband will go around the world and make much more money than she will make as Governor giving speeches to groups rich enough to pay them.

Then to my surprise I opened the pages of this great newspaper last week and read that some unknown, former State Assemblyman (he resigned his seat in 1988 because he couldn't get the leadership post in Albany he wanted) who now considers himself a 'political consultant' opined that Yonkers Mayor Michael Spano was considering a run for Governor. Again, no pun intended I 'chuckled.'

New York Governors for the most part come from New City. They are usually lawyers or accountants or are members of some profession requiring a degree and licensure. They didn't just insult the person who everyone knew would take over for Cuomo after his misdeeds. They have broad name recognition statewide and a portfolio to present. Most importantly, they didn't lie to the members of their community and the press swearing that they did not believe in extending term limits for the office they held one week and changing their mind the next all for political expediency.

Then I thought about that little known State Assemblyman and Senator from Peekskill, former Peekskill Mayor, former candidate for President George Pataki and I thought you know what? Anything is possible. Pataki you may remember beat Andrew's father and became New York State Governor for three terms. Pataki was not well known but people were suffering from Mario Cuomo 'fatigue.' We wish Mike Spano well if he decides to run for Governor.

Last Governor from Yonkers? Malcolm Wilson, of blessed memory. Andrew's father spearheaded a campaign to rename the Tappan Zee bridge to honor Malcolm Wilson. When Andrew built a new bridge to carry traffic, in the middle of the night the Malcom Wilson Bridge became the Governor Mario Cuomo Bridge. Unethical. Against Andrew's fathers wishes.

Last Lieutenant Governor from Yonkers was Alfred Del Bello. Del Bello supported former Mayor Ed Koch in a primary against Andrew's father. Mario Cuomo won. Al DelBello won. Mario and Andrew gave DelBello no responsibilities. DelBello, who went on the make a lot of money after he left office representing developers before his untimely death quit the Lieutenant Governor position saying he had nothing to do.

So who knows what will happen. But me thinks there are a lot of Democrats with Statewide recognition who could easily beat Spano who is well known in Yonkers. But Yonkers, now the third largest city in New York State has changed a lot since Michael's beloved father Leonard was elected to the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, the predecessor to the County Legislature. The people who know the Spano name have moved and sadly many have gone to their reward. Time will tell.

I was told in Asbury Park over the weekend. Forgot how much I miss Walmart. I had to find a corded telephone for a family friend and lo and behold, Walmart had 2 pieces in stock. I bought them both. This is the kind of thing only Walmart Shoppers will be searching for.

I went to Walmart on Saturday morning. Most of the shelves were half empty. A Saturday, the busiest day for shopping and the shelves of Walmart are empty. What's going on? One worker blamed it on shipping delays caused by Covid. Another blamed it on ships being unable to get through the canal several months ago. Walmart has some savvy employees. I am tired like you for everything from the closure of a bathroom to empty store shelves being blamed on Covid. The lack of workers to work in stores like Walmart, restaurants and Supermarkets. Where did the shortage come from? I can't believe the extended unemployment benefits are preventing people from working. Something is going on in this world and no one seems to know what it is.

So I am in Walmart. My sister had asked me to pick up a bottle of old fashioned liquid Wite Out, the liquid you use to cover mistakes. I went to pay the 99 cents for the Wite Out. It came up 'restricted item.' I thought because the price was good they were restricting quantities.

No, it's a restricted item because kids are buying the product to sniff it and get high. What's going on in this world. What's next? Enjoy the waning days of summer!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisonyorkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericynokers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

New Rochelle Investment Advisor Charged With Stealing \$700K from Religious Members

On August 9, 2021, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged Westchester County, New York-based investment adviser Evarist C. Amah with engaging in a years-long scheme to defraud fellow members of his religion, the Grail Movement.

The SEC's complaint alleges that, from April 2016 to July 2019, Amah raised approximately \$700,000 from his advisory clients using materially false and misleading statements about his investment performance, telling them that he had generated modest returns on their investments when, in reality, he had already lost virtually all of their money. According to the complaint, Amah also fabricated at least two performance statements to perpetuate his fraudulent scheme and conceal his misconduct. Amah also allegedly violated the fiduciary duties he owed to his individual clients by favoring another client, a fund, over them, using the individual clients' assets to pay expenses owed by the fund.

The SEC's complaint, filed in federal district court in New York, charges Amah with violating the antifraud provisions of Sections 206(1), (2), and (4) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 206(4)-8 thereunder, Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder, as well as with aiding and abetting his investment advisory firm's violation of Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The SEC is seeking civil penalties, disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, and permanent injunctions.

The investigation was conducted by Eric Berelovich and Timothy Work and supervised by George Bagnall and Jennifer Leete. The litigation will be led by Stephan Schlegelmilch.

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'sea') who inspired the name. The original name of the span crossing the Hudson River between Westchester and Rockland counties must return. We have over 157,000 signatures, and our numbers are still growing."

Now that the call has return to change the name back to the TZ again, the website and the idea, is gaining momentum again. But if all of us in Westchester, and Rockland, still call it the Tappan Zee Bridge, why spend the \$200,000 that it will take to change the name back? Can't we just move on?

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reckless drivers and seek justice for victims and families who suffer this terrible heartache."

On December 23, 2020, at approximately 9:07 p.m., Cope drove northbound in the southbound lane on Route 9 in Peekskill when he crashed head-on into the car driven by Ossining resident Shina McClam. Cope had a blood alcohol content above the legal limit at the time of the collision.

McClam, 32, died at the scene. McClam's six-year-old daughter and 18-year-old niece, who were passengers in the car, suffered non-life threatening injuries from the crash and were transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. Both spent one-week in the hospital.

New York State Police arrested Cope the night of the crash and conducted the subsequent investigation.

The case is before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court and is being prosecuted by Major Case Bureau Deputy Chief Jonathan Strongin and Assistant District Attorney Marissa Morra-Wynn.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help pay for expenses and a college fund for 6 year old Kennedy, who lost her mom, and Shina's 18 year old niece Indya. More than \$40,000 has been raised so far.

Visit the link below to make a contribution:
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Drunk drivers have been killing innocent people for generations. What can be done to stop it? Email your suggestions to dmurphy@risingmedia-group.com

Notice of Formation of Sol Hairstylist, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 06/25/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 92 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Bronx Man Pleads Guilty to Violent Pelham Manor Home Invasion

A Bronx man who held a family at gun point while attempting to burglarize their Pelham Manor home in 2019 pled guilty to Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree on Tuesday, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced.

Rick Scocozza pled guilty on August 10 to Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony. Scocozza, a persistent violent felony offender, faces a sentence ranging from a minimum of 12 years to life to a maximum of 25 years to life in state prison.

On August 22, 2019, Scocozza entered a family's Jackson Avenue home in Pelham Manor through the garage and held two members of the household at gun point while demanding they give him money. When Scocozza ordered the victims to take him to a different area of the home to obtain more items, a third member of the household attacked the defendant, causing Scocozza to drop the gun.

One victim picked up the gun, ran out of the house, threw it into a nearby bush and called the police as Scocozza was held down. Pelham Manor Police arrested Scocozza and recovered the gun, which they discovered was a BB gun.

Police also recovered a backpack, which Scocozza wore during the incident, filled with duct tape, zip ties, and a pillowcase. Scocozza, who was also wearing camouflaged face paint, had parked his car near the house where police found his face paint inside, along with a receipt for it.

"Being threatened in one's own home with a gun is traumatizing. Rick Scocozza caused this family pain and torment when he entered their home that night," DA Rocah said. "I commend these victims for their bravery in such a frightening situation and I applaud the work of the Pelham Manor Police Department for acting quickly to get and keep this dangerous person off the street."

The case is before Judge Barry Warhit in Westchester County Court and is being prosecuted by Major Case Bureau Deputy Chief Jonathan Strongin. Scocozza is scheduled to be sentenced on January 11, 2022

Notice of formation of iFantasy, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/8/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Capital Efficient Strategies LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on May 10, 2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 128 Fuller Road Briarcliff Manor NY 10510. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation of Pumpkin Vine Publishing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Pumpkin Vine Publishing LLC, 22 Boulder Trail, Bronxville, New York 10708. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE SCHOOL TAXES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED THE WARRANT TO COLLECT THE SCHOOL TAXES FOR 2021-2022 FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022 EASTCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT MY OFFICE

Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, N.Y.
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TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2021. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2022.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx, UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadiant/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

**Rates of Penalties
SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY
TAX LAW PENALTY SCHEDULE**

	First Half Due Sept 1st	Second Half Due Jan 1st
During SEPTEMBER (Taxes payable without penalty on or before September 30, 2020)	NONE	-
During OCTOBER	2 Percent	-
During NOVEMBER	5 Percent	-
During DECEMBER and JANUARY	7 Percent	-
During FEBRUARY and MARCH	10 Percent	10 Percent
During APRIL	12 Percent	12 Percent
During MAY	13 Percent	13 Percent
During JUNE	14 Percent	14 Percent

July 1st-2022, Delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk's Office. In addition, 1% per month thereafter until completion of IN-REM foreclosure.

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Governor next year, and we want to be ready for whatever happens. The mayor of the 3rd largest City in NY doesn't want to wait to see if Kathy Hochul is a viable candidate for Governor," said an insider to Mayor Spano.

Most New York Democrats are waiting to see if NY Attorney General Letitia James runs for Governor. "The AG will have to decide if she wants to give up her position as Attorney General to run. That is a big decision for her to make, but she also has to find out if the other progressive-left members of the democratic party will step aside for her, or whether there will be three or more progressive democrats running for Governor. If there are multiple progressive candidates, then they could split the vote and a moderate democrat from the suburbs, it could be Mayor Spano, it could be (Westchester County Executive) George Latimer, it could be Suffolk County Executive Bellone, could win."

"Mayor Spano could be a commonsense candidate who represents the progressiveness of the democratic party without embracing some of the far-left wing craziness. He is from a suburban county who has served in the Assembly. He knows how state government and local government works. He has been elected three times in the 3rd largest City in New York state and he is wildly popular in Yonkers and in Westchester, and there are issues about crime and bail reform that he wants to talk about. He wants to make sure that his voice, and that part of the democratic party, are heard."

Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier had positive thoughts about both Governor Hochul and Mayor Spano. "Kathy Hochul is a strong and capable woman who will do a great job and will have an edge for re-election. It's time for a woman to be Governor in New York."

"Mayor Spano has served for 9 years in Yonkers. He has the qualifications and the record of an economic boom in the city, two major movie studios coming into Yonkers, more affordable housing built and improvements in the schools. All of that makes him a viable candidate statewide."

Two other Westchester democrats mentioned by the media as possible candidates for Governor are State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and former Secretary of State and NY US Senator Hillary Clinton.

Sen. Biaggi, who worked in Gov. Cuomo's office, has not ruled out a run for Governor or other statewide office in interviews with CNBC.

Hillary Clinton was mentioned as a possible consensus candidate for Governor by Jerry Kramer, a lobbyist, and former 13-term Democratic Long Island assemblyman, on the PIX11 Morning News on August 5.

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lose the Queens portion of her district, but would keep the Bronx and NY-14 would run into Southern Westchester, and include the City of New Rochelle, and the Town of Eastchester.

“Tbh, (to be honest) the only way a Dem gerrymander of Upstate NY would work would be for #NY14 AOC, #NY16 Bowman and #NY17 Jones to absorb heavily GOP parts of Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess counties (while still keeping overwhelmingly safe Dem seats). We’ll see,” tweeted Wasserman.

The republican majority Town of Eastchester would now be represented by AOC, and create an interesting dynamic between one of the more outspoken progressive democrats in the county representing a Town led by Eastchester Supervisor Anthony Colavita, one of the longest serving republicans in Westchester.

Bronxville would also be represented by AOC, as would New Rochelle. Both of those communities have democratic leadership.

AOC’s possible representation of Westchester is also interesting because she graduated from a Westchester High School. Sandy Cortez, as she was known when she attended Yorktown High School and graduated in 2007. AOC has refused to acknowledge this fact, which we have written about in the past, and have suggested a narrative for her to talk about it.

“I went to a high school in the suburbs that every American child should have the right to attend. That is what I’m fighting for in Congress, educational equality, which we clearly don’t have. My family saved enough money to buy a small home in northern Westchester. This is the story of hard work and living the American Dream. I am so happy that they sacrificed for me but far too many young Americans and people of color have substandard schools and get a substandard education.” This is what AOC should have said.

Perhaps now that AOC could be representing Westchester in January of 2023 if she is re-elected, she could embrace the education she received at Yorktown High School, and perhaps pay a visit. She would be welcomed with open arms!



SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 62314/2019

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

YVONNE TEDESCO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; JOHN CICORIA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the

Plaintiff’s Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$645,000.00 and interest, recorded on May 13, 2010, at Instrument number 501303147, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York, covering premises known as 28 GARIBALDI PLACE PORT CHESTER, NY 10573.

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.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

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