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Westchester's Claire Weinstein, Team USA's Youngest Olympian



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Westchester's Katie Douglass Scores Bronze Medal in Paris Olympics, With More Chances



Pelham native Kate Douglass won a silver in the women's 4 x 100m freestyle relay in Paris. on July 28. And on July 31, Douglass advanced into the 200 breaststroke finals with the best time of 2:19.74. The 200m breaststroke finals will take place on Aug. 1. Douglass will also compete on Aug. 2 in the 200 Individual medley, IM. and if she qualifies, into the finals. Douglass won a bronze medal in the Tokyo olympics in 2020. Go Katie!

Op-Ed: Mike Lawler is Not Anti-Labor I'm With Union Labor and I'm for Trump



By Frank Spotorno

I just read an opinion piece in Westchester Rising by Yorktown democrat Mark Lieberman titled, *Lawler is Anti-Labor*, where he said Congressman Mike Lawler was anti-union and anti-labor. And he tied Lawler to former President Donald Trump. I don't live in Lawler's district, but if I did I would vote for him. And I'm

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ATV Driver Who Almost Killed a Yorktown Man Gets 6 Months Shock Incarceration



Ed Moffett in the hospital after ATV attack, left, Facebook photo of Kyle Frankild, right

By Dan Murphy

21-year-old Kyle Frankild, who drove an ATV into 64-year-old Ed Moffett at Hunterbrook field in Yorktown last year, pled guilty on July 17 to second degree assault and was sentenced to six months shock incarceration and probation by State Supreme Court Judge Larry Schwartz.

Emergency personnel who arrived on the scene said that Moffett was 10 minutes away from dying, and suffered serious injuries, including a broken leg, broken ribs and head & brain injuries that he is still recuperating from today.

Frankild was facing 5 years in prison and was charged with 1st Degree Felony Assault, 3rd Degree Criminal Mischief, Leaving the scene of a serious injury accident and 4th degree possession of stolen property. The ATV that Frankild was driving was stolen.

What was the reason that Frankild and others on ATV attacked Moffett? *Mof-*

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Yorktown Board Need to Award Garbage Contract to "Lowest Qualified Bidder"



By Dan Murphy

It has been one year since 10,000 Yorktown homeowners had to go through a summer of garbage hell after the Town Board awarded a garbage contract to a company that couldn't handle the job.

Since fixing their error, over the past 9 months, CRP Sanitation has been collecting residents garbage and has done a good job. One resident on Yorktown Garbage Talk on Facebook "last year at this time we were struggling with garbage and recycling not getting picked up. We now have consistent pickups, I appreciate CRP."

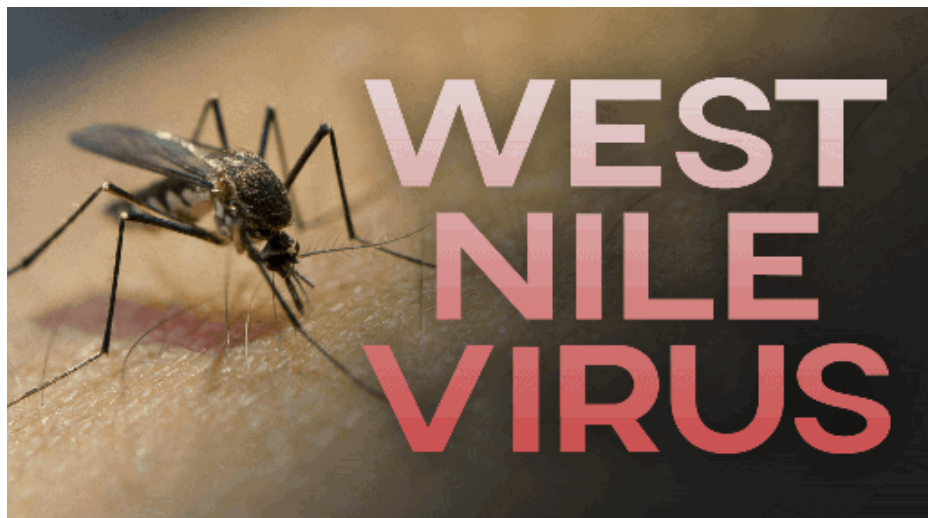
CRP was appointed by the Town to an emergency contact, at a cost of \$4.4 Million, that ends at the end of August. Over this summer, the Town went out to bid on a new Garbage contract, for five years.

CRP came in at \$3.95 Million. Mahopac scrap came in at \$3.75 Million, and AAA Carting came in with the low bid of \$3.45 Million. Instead of saving the taxpayers \$500,000 per year, for a five year contract, the Town decided to go out to bid a second time. Two of the same bids came in; CRP and AAA at the same costs.

So the Town Board has any easy decision to make, right? According to NYS law, they are required to award the bid to AAA, who is the "lowest, responsible bidder." But for some reason, it appears that the Town Board is dragging their feet to do so.

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Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus Found in Rye, Croton, Mount Vernon, White Plains & Yonkers



County Health Department Reminds Residents to Remove Standing Water and Use Repellents

The Westchester County Health Department announced that this season's first batches of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in Westchester were found in Croton, Mount Vernon, Rye, White Plains and Yonkers. The Health Department will inspect areas surrounding the positive mosquito batches and if needed, treat any nearby catch basins that hold standing water to protect against further mosquito breeding nearby.

These are the first positives out of 45 batches of mosquitos collected by the County Health Department from eight locations throughout Westchester that were tested for West Nile Virus by the New York State Department of Health.

Commissioner of Health Sherlita Amler, MD said: "As you spend more time outdoors, protect yourself and your family by using repellents, especially from dawn to dusk, when many mosquitoes are active. Apply sunscreen first, and repellent second."

The Health Department reminds residents about mosquito safety through news releases, social media and our website, where a report on mosquito control and surveillance can be found on the West Nile Virus page.

Throughout the season, the Department also traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses.

Symptoms of West Nile include fever, headache, body aches and joint pain, but can be more serious for people 60 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions.

Tips to Avoid West Nile:

- Avoid the outdoors in the late afternoon and early evening when mosquitoes are active and feeding. When outdoors use insect repellents and follow the label instructions.
- Adults can use insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET on infants over two months of age by applying the product to their own hands and then rubbing it onto their children, avoiding their children's hands, eyes and mouth.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks when outdoors, especially in areas where mosquitoes are active and feeding.
- Check around your property for anything that can hold water, and pour it out or put it away. Mosquitos don't travel far from a water source.
- Check and remove standing water from children's toys and play houses left outside.
- Remove discarded tires.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors.
- Turn over plastic wading pools, buckets and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- Continue to chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas and hot tubs until properly winterized or drained for the season. Also, if not chlorinated, drain any water that collects on their covers.

Westchester County to Give Free Back to School Vaccines in Yonkers and White Plains



The Westchester County Department of Health will book appointments now for its free back-to-school vaccine clinics to assure children have the vaccines they need to attend school this fall.

New this year, the County Health Department will bring vaccines to two Yonkers schools – the Yonkers Montessori Academy and the Enrico Fermi School – where any Yonkers student who is eligible for the state's Vaccines for Children (VFC) program can receive free immunizations. Appointments are required; for scheduling, call 914-995-5800.

The County Health Department's nurses will visit the Montessori Academy on Thursday, August 8, where they will provide Tdap, Meningitis and Hepatitis B vaccines. On Friday, September 13, County Health Department nurses will give vaccines at the Enrico Fermi School.

The County Health Department is also expanding its vaccine appointments for all VFC eligible Westchester County students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as follows:

- Mondays in the White Plains clinic;
- Fridays in the Yonkers clinic; and
- Thursdays, starting August 29, in the Yonkers clinic.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Yonkers schools have done a lot to encourage families to vaccinate their children, so we are pleased to support Yonkers parents by bringing free, convenient vaccines to their schools. Now is the right time for all parents to schedule vaccine visits for their children. If your child is eligible for Child Health Plus, Medicaid or has no insurance, we can help. You can also call your child's healthcare provider."

Children attending day care and Pre-K through 12th grade in New York State must receive all required doses of vaccines on the recommended schedule to attend or remain in school. Visit School Immunization Requirements to learn what vaccines your child needs.

The Westchester County Health Department Health Navigators can help families and individuals sign up for the health insurance they need. Those without a regular doctor can learn where to go for ongoing primary care. For more information, call (914) 995-6350.

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NYC DEP Breaks Ground on \$1.9 Billion Water Tunnel in Westchester County

New tunnel will run approximately 500 feet below ground and improve flexibility between vital water-supply facilities that serve more than 9 million people in New York City and Westchester County;

Project is among more than \$3 billion in DEP capital commitments throughout Westchester County alone that will improve nation's largest municipal water supply system

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today broke ground on the \$1.9 billion Kensico to Eastview tunneling and facilities upgrade project in the Westchester County town of Mt. Pleasant that will improve the operational flexibility of the drinking water supply for more than 9 million people in the City and throughout southern Westchester County. The project will be New York City's largest water-supply tunneling effort in Westchester County since the 1940s, and its construction will create hundreds of jobs for local laborers.

The centerpiece of the project—known as the Kensico-Eastview Connection (KEC)—will be a 2-mile-long tunnel between Kensico Reservoir and the Catskill-Delaware Ultraviolet Light Disinfection Facility (CDUV) in Eastview. The new tunnel will provide an additional conveyance between these vital components of the water supply system, giving DEP the ability to take other facilities out of service for periodic maintenance and inspection.

“Creating additional redundancy in our vital water supply system is an essential investment for the long-term resilience of the remarkable feat of engineering that provides more than 9 million New Yorkers with a reliable supply of pristine tap water,” DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala said. “This project will help us fulfill our commitment to providing consistent and reliable delivery of the highest-quality water to New York City and the growing population centers in Westchester County.”

The first phase of construction includes site preparation at the DEP campus adjacent to Kensico Reservoir, followed by the digging of two large shafts, 400-500 feet deep, the tunneling between the two shafts, and the addition of several new facilities and upgrades at the Kensico campus. All phases of the project are expected to span a ten-year period with the new tunnel coming fully online by 2035.

Kensico Reservoir is located north of White Plains and is a vital component of New York City's Catskill-Delaware Water Supply System. The reservoir stores approximately 30 billion gallons of water at full capacity. DEP draws about 1 billion gallons of drinking water from Kensico Reservoir each day to meet the demand of 8.6 million residents in the five boroughs of New York City and approximately 500,000 residents of Westchester County whose communities are connected to the City's system. As it moves towards the City, drinking water that leaves Kensico Reservoir is also treated at CDUV.

The KEC tunnel will stretch the approximately 2 miles from Kensico Reservoir to CDUV in Eastview, the largest such facility in the world. The finished tunnel will be 27 feet in diameter and run 400-500 feet below ground with a capacity to carry as much as 2.6 billion gallons of water each day. The design accounts for future growth in the City and Westchester County, the potential addition of treatment facilities, and the need to periodically take other infrastructure out of service for maintenance or inspection.

The project also includes new facilities and site work at both Kensico Reservoir and CDUV. A century-old intake chamber at Kensico Reservoir will be upgraded and enlarged to draw water into the new tunnel, the reservoir's shoreline around that intake chamber will be improved to prevent sediment from escaping into the new tunnel, and the Kensico campus will receive utility, grading and drainage upgrades. In addition, a new screen chamber to remove debris from the water will be constructed just north of DEP's main campus at the reservoir, near Columbus Avenue in Valhalla, and the chemical addition systems at Kensico Reservoir will be upgraded to ensure for the continued proper treatment of drinking water.

DEP will also build a connection chamber at CDUV in Eastview to receive water from the new tunnel. Work at this site will also include several projects related to drainage, stormwater and utility improvements.

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So You Need a Psychiatrist?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



One of the hardest medical professions to find a doctor to treat you, a family member or a friend is Psychiatry. In our region there simply are not enough psychiatrists to treat those in need. Want to find a psychiatrist who accepts your insurance? Forget about it.

The insurance companies pay so little for psychiatric visits that most psychiatrists require patients to pay out of pocket for services. At \$200 or more per visit which is usually twice a month, you are talking over \$5000 a year. If you have insurance most companies will reimburse a fraction of that amount.

So when a friend told me about a new office providing psychiatric assistance, medication management as well as other related services, I wanted to bring it to your attention. Opening just last month at 45 Ludlow Street in Yonkers (the old office building for doctors who practiced at the Professional Hospital next door) is Cordial Psychiatry, cordialpsychiatry.com on the internet, telephone number 914-570-9000 or 19146037067.

Most importantly, they can get those in need of services in right away and accept most insurance plans so depending on your plan you will only have to pay copay insurance as required under your plan. This is a lot better than laying out \$5000+ dollars and waiting for reimbursement.

Among the conditions Cordial Psychiatry treats are Depression, Anxiety disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, Social Anxiety Disorder and many others.

At Cordial Psychiatry, they believe in a collaborative approach to medication therapy. Professionals work closely with patients to conduct a comprehensive assessment to understand the patients symptoms and diagnose any underlying mental health conditions.

They provide education about the patients diagnosis and the medications prescribed, including potential side effects and benefits. Medications are monitored for progress closely, adjusting medications as needed to ensure optimal effectiveness and minimal side effects.

All along the way, ongoing support and guidance is provided throughout the treatment journey, addressing any concerns or questions patients may have.

All services are under the supervision of a licensed Psychiatrist. They employ psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners for evaluation and treatment using medications if needed. Psychologists and licensed therapists provide various therapy and counseling options to support the mental health journey. From cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) to mindfulness-based therapies, they provide evidence-based interventions to help the patient develop coping skills and achieve lasting change.

Cordial Psychiatry believes that lifestyle plays a crucial role in mental well-being. Care management services include guidance on nutrition, exercise, sleep hygiene, and stress management techniques to support overall health and vitality.

They believe in a collaborative approach to care management. They work closely with other healthcare providers, including therapists, primary care physicians, and specialists, to ensure seamless coordination of the patient's care.

We all lead busy schedules and to meet the needs, where appropriate of those who can't get into the office, Cordial offers telepsychiatry services. You can now receive expert care management from the comfort of your own home through

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NYS Senator Shelley Mayer Awards \$125K in Grants to Support WJCS Family Programs



Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) announced that New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer has selected WJCS as a recipient of two grants that will provide critically-needed support to its group homes and its Parent-Child+ program.

WJCS operates 12 community residences in Westchester County for adults with developmental disabilities. The Local Community Assistance Program (LoCAP) Grant in the amount of \$100,000 will be used to renovate the kitchen at WJCS's Bryant House group home and the bathroom at WJCS's Cannon House group home. Members of WJCS group homes partake in a wide variety of social, recreational, and cultural activities, in addition to attending day programs in the Westchester community, to help them achieve their highest potential.

"We are proud to provide a supportive atmosphere through 24-hour, hands-on care at our group homes, offered by trained quality staff," said WJCS CEO Seth

Diamond. "Our group homes need to be maintained and renovated, just like all homes do. We thank Senator Mayer for this generous funding which is vitally important in the upkeep of our community residences and ensuring that members of our homes are safe and comfortable."

A grant of \$25,000 will fund WJCS's ParentChild+ Home Visiting Program, a national early childhood, evidence-informed program that provides home visits to parents and their children, ranging in age from 16 months to 4 years old. Over the course of two years, an Early Learning Specialist visits each family twice per week and brings books, in English and in Spanish, and toys as gifts. They engage in reading and fun activities to stimulate parent-child interaction and promote the development of verbal, cognitive, and social-emotional skills critical for children's long-term success.

"The program's goal is to ensure that children in under-resourced families start school prepared to succeed," said Diamond. "We thank Senator Mayer for her longstanding support for WJCS Parent-Child Programs and grateful for her strong advocacy in Albany for all our county's children."

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am proud to secure \$125,000 in state funding for Westchester Jewish Community Services to assist them with their group homes and ParentChild+ Program. The group homes provide members of the community with developmental disabilities with the critical service and support they need to live to their fullest potential. Their excellent ParentChild+ Program, which I have been fortunate to see first-hand, meets our neighbors in their homes to help children and their families build their skills so they are ready to succeed when they enter school. I thank Seth Diamond, Chief Executive Officer of WJCS, and his team for their ongoing commitment to our community."

Recall of Deli Meats Linked to Listeria Expanded

Boar's Head and Old Country Virginia Ham, Salami and Bologna added to Recall

The U.S Department of Agriculture has expanded its recall of deli meats linked to a multi-state Listeria outbreak. An additional 71 varieties of Virginia ham, salami and bologna that were produced in a Virginia plant and sold under the Boar's Head and Old Country brands have been added, in addition to the original Boar's Head liverwurst that tested positive for the listeriosis bacteria.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD said: "We want people to be aware of this recall of deli meat, and the potential risk of a Listeria infection. If you have these products in your refrigerator at home discard of them immediately, or return them to the store where the food was purchased. Check the Health Department's website for proper cleaning protocols to sanitize your refrigerator and prevent the contamination of other foods. If you have consumed these products and are exhibiting symptoms, contact your health care provider immediately."

For a full list of the contaminated products and more detailed cleaning instructions, visit the Health Department's website.

There were 33 people who were hospitalized in connection with the Listeria outbreak across 13 states. There have been two deaths; one in Illinois and one in New Jersey. Listeria infection can affect anyone who eats contaminated food, causing mild intestinal illness. It is especially harmful for those who are pregnant, age 65 or older, or who have a weakened immune system due to certain medical conditions or treatments. Listeria can cause pregnancy loss, premature birth or a life-threatening infection in a newborn and can be deadly for seniors and those with weakened immunity.

Anyone who ate food linked to this outbreak and who has a fever and other symptoms of listeriosis, such as fatigue and muscle aches, should contact a healthcare provider. Most medical experts say that anyone who may have eaten contaminated food but does not feel sick does not need tests or treatment. Talk with a healthcare provider if you have questions about what to do.

An estimated 1,600 people get Listeria food poisoning each year and about 260 die, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Listeria infections typically cause fever, muscle aches and tiredness and may cause stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions. Symptoms can occur quickly or to up to 10 weeks after eating contaminated food.

\$1.6 Billion Water line in Westchester, continued from pg 3

Kensico Reservoir was built in 1915 as part of New York City's Catskill Water Supply System. Kensico was later modified in the 1940s to also receive water from the City's Delaware Water Supply System, also in the Catskills. Those two systems—collectively referred to as the Catskill-Delaware System—comprise the largest unfiltered water supply in the United States.

Also this year, DEP is expecting to break ground on more than \$1 billion in facility and infrastructure additions and improvements at Hillview Reservoir in the City of Yonkers, which is the last stop for water from the Catskill reservoirs before it enters the water tunnels that feed the five boroughs.

The KEC Project is required by, and must be constructed in accordance with, the terms of the Hillview Consent Decree and Judgment entered by the United States District Court of the Eastern District of New York on May 15, 2019, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act is available online.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$29 billion in investments over the next 10 years. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep.

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Letters to the Editor:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – WESTCHESTER RISING

Vice President Kamala Harris will be a formidable candidate in the November 2024 Presidential election.

July 28, 2024
To the Editor:

I read with great interest Eric Wolf Schoen's column ("So Where Do We Go From Here?") in the July 26, 2024 edition of Westchester Rising. While I agree with him that President Joe Biden is to be congratulated on his recent decision to withdraw as the presumptive Democratic Party Presidential nominee and his long record of public service to the nation, I believe he is shortchanging Vice President Kamala D. Harris' credentials to serve as the Democratic Party's Presidential nominee and potential POTUS (for the record, I actively supported Governor Nikki Haley's candidacy in this year's GOP primaries).

Ms. Harris, a graduate of Howard University and the University of California, Hastings College of Law, began her public service career in 1990 – over 30 years ago, primarily as a prosecutor ("smart on crime") in California's criminal justice system. Prior to her election as District Attorney of San Francisco, Harris ran that city's Family and Children's Services Division representing child abuse and neglect cases.

In 2010, she was elected California Attorney General where she oversaw the nation's largest state justice department. Some of her notable accomplishments included winning multi-billion dollar settlements on behalf of homeowners, students and veterans. As a U.S. Senator from 2017-21, she championed legislation to fight hunger, improve maternal health care, expand opportunities for small business capital investment, and revitalize American infrastructure.

The Vice Presidency is an awkward office with little power; most incumbent VP's have not been seen in their best light. If she has been seen by the public as invisible during her tenure (with the exception of her chairing the immigration task force), it was because she was required to spend much time breaking tie votes in the U.S. Senate when critical components of the Biden legislative agenda were being debated in that chamber.

Given President Biden's late decision to withdraw as a candidate, I do not see how the logistics of a "super primary" – which have been advocated by some -- could have been conducted on such short notice. That decision is properly to be made by the elected convention delegates.

Given recent polling since President Biden's withdrawal, I believe that we will see a very close election in both the Electoral College and the popular vote. I agree with Mr. Schoen that not all Republicans will support the Trump-Vance ticket; indeed, a number of prominent Republicans and Republican organizations such as the Lincoln Project have already endorsed Ms. Harris' candidacy, and more will do so.

If significant numbers of Republicans and independent voters view this election as a choice between democracy and autocracy -- as I do -- then Ms. Harris may very well be on her way to the White House. Time will tell.

Stephen R. Rolandi
Larchmont, NY

Mr. Rolandi, a lifelong centrist Republican, served in executive positions in the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations, as well as for the State of New York. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Pace University and City University of New York and active with the Principles First, Republicans for the Rule of Law and Our Republican Legacy organizations

Letter to the Editor:

Eric Schoen's column (July 26th) woefully misrepresented easily obtained facts and ignores truth.

First, "all of the delegates" are NOT yet "lined up", as claimed. The August convention's delegates will choose the candidate. Second, Vice-President Harris was given the task to "secure our nation's borders" but she cannot unilaterally impose an executive order, as did President Biden in early June 2024, when he suspended the entry of most migrants crossing the southern border, disqualifying those who enter the U.S. illegally from asylum. Mr. Schoen ignores or does not understand that Harris, as Vice-President, does not have that same executive power. But she said that she too will support this when elected.

President Biden did this in February, when Republicans scuttled a bipartisan border security bill with nearly every Republican voting to filibuster it as Donald Trump wields border chaos as a centerpiece of his campaign against President Joe Biden.

Republicans prefer chaos to results.

Biden restored the United States as the anchor of the free world while leading the successful effort to help Ukraine defend itself against Russian aggression, and restored NATO, defeating Trump's efforts to demolish the most successful alliance in 75 years, and prevented Putin's illegal aggression from swallowing Ukraine.

Schoen's claim that "not much" is known about Kamala Harris is due to his lack of research or willful ignorance. Harris served as California's attorney general (2011-17) before being elected to the Senate in 2017.

California is the 5th largest economy in the world for the seventh consecutive year, with a nominal GDP of nearly \$3.9 trillion in 2023 and a growth rate of 6.1%

Her responsibility included pushing for Congress to pass the John R Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would've extended the protections of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and required federal approval for some local election law changes.

Mr. Schoen claims that "Trump will be very hard to beat." All that is needed is to ignore and turn blind eyes to the massive and impressive results since President Biden and Vice-President Harris's election: the lowest unemployment rate, 3.5% in 50 years; nearly 11 million new jobs created since 2021, with 750,000 new manufacturing jobs; helped reduce gas prices down by \$1.60 from their summer 2022 peak; lowered Costs of Families' Everyday Expenses; More People Are Working Than At Any Point in American History; more items are produced in America;

Actually, the opposite: Trump is incredibly EASY to beat, unless you ignore his more than 30,000 constant lies, Trump's threatening vengeance and embrace of white and Christian supremacists, his constant demeaning and verbal abuse of everyone else who is not a Trump lackey.

Trump is still facing multiple criminal and civil investigations. Several former longtime allies have also deserted the former president, including former Gov. Chris Christie, who described Trump as a "serial loser," as well as evangelical Christian leaders and Mike Pence, his former vice president.

Robert Kalfus, Yonkers

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Notice of formation of Lee & Mazie's LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 04/02/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : Lee & Mazie's LLC 1 Sherwood Terrace Apt 5D Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of KW Services NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/30/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 875 King Street Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF COMPLETION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE 143 WOODWORTH AVENUE SITE REDEVELOPMENT**

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Yonkers, as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has determined that the proposed development of 143-151 Woodworth Avenue (Section:2, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 7, 11, 39 and 41) in the City of Yonkers as proposed by TCP Realty, L.L.C., may have a potential significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") that is adequate for public comment has been prepared. The DEIS is available on-line at <https://www.yonkersny.gov/1126/New-Environmental-Review> and at City of Yonkers Department of Housing and Building, 5th floor, 87 Nepperhan Avenue AND Yonkers Dept of Planning and Development, 3rd floor, Room 320, 87 Nepperhan Ave, Yonkers, NY 10701. A public hearing on the DEIS will be held on September 3, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Yonkers City Hall, Council Chambers, 4th floor, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. All of those interested will be given an opportunity to be heard with a time limit of three (3) minutes per speaker. The ZBA will accept written comments on the on the DEIS until 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2024. Written comment can be submitted by mail to 87 Nepperhan Ave., 5th Floor Yonkers, NY 10701 or by email at ZBAPublic@YonkersNY.gov.

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Dated: July 19, 2024

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF KD CONSULTANTS GROUP LLC AS AN AUTHORIZED FOREIGN LLC. APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FILED WITH THE SSNY 07/16/24. OFFICE LOCATION - WESTCHESTER COUNTY. PRINCIPAL BUSINESS LOCATION: 208 BENNET RD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728. THE SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS TO DOROTHY G. VASTOLA, 208 BENNET RD., FREEHOLD, NJ 07728. THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WERE FILED ON 07/13/2021 WITH THE NJ SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPT OF TREASURY, PO BOX 002, TRENTON, NJ 08625 FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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Fugitive Accused of Defrauding Yonkers Immigrant Community Arrested in Washington State



Juan Cedillo, age 63

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- 2001 - Missouri - Tampering
- 2000 - Missouri - Check Fraud
- 1999 - Missouri - Check Fraud
- 1999 - Missouri - Check Fraud
- 1998 - Missouri - Check Fraud
- 1994 - Kansas - Check Fraud
- 1979 - Texas - Check Fraud
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- 1972 - Missouri - Larceny

Currently wanted in Georgia for a 2012 Traffic Offense

Brought back to Westchester by WCPD Warrant-Fugitive Unit detectives

A man accused in 2019 of scamming members of the Hispanic community through an immigration fraud scheme was returned to Westchester from Washington State last night by detectives from the Westchester County Police Warrant-Fugitive Unit.

Juan Cedillo, 69, was arrested on July 8 by the Thurston County Sheriff’s Department and the U.S. Marshals Regional Task Force in Olympia, Washington. After Cedillo waived extradition, WFU detectives flew to the west coast to take custody of him and return him to Westchester.

Cedillo was brought to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla last night. He is scheduled to appear today in Westchester County Court in White Plains.

Cedillo was arrested following a lengthy investigation by the Yonkers Police Department in 2019 and accused of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from members of the Hispanic community. YPD detectives said Cedillo bilked his victims by claiming he could help them obtain so-called U visas and other documents that could pave the way to legal immigration status and citizenship.

In November 2019, the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office announced that a grand jury had returned an 87-count indictment against Cedillo. He was arraigned and sent to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail. After his release in 2020, he made several virtual court appearances from Washington state but failed to appear in person when later directed to do so by the court.

An arrest warrant for Cedillo was issued at that time. WCPD detectives lodged the arrest warrant with law enforcement in Washington state and other locations, including Kansas, where Cedillo had been known to operate his immigration assistance fraud scheme.

The Westchester County Police Warrant-Fugitive Unit is tasked with locating and apprehending persons wanted on warrants issued by Westchester County Supreme Court, Westchester County Court and Westchester County Family Court. It also handles extraditions when a defendant is apprehended in another state and is wanted by Westchester County or any of its municipalities.

In 2023, the Unit made 236 arrests of suspects wanted on warrants, including for Murder 2nd Degree, Attempted Murder, Assault 1st Degree and various sex crimes, robbery and weapons charges. The Unit executed warrants in throughout the metropolitan area, and detectives also traveled to multiple states across the nation to return suspects to Westchester to face justice.

Matt Evans Announces 2025 Candidacy for Mayor of Elmsford



Fourth-Generation Resident and Village Trustee Pledges to Unite the Community and Embrace Progress

Matt Evans, a fourth-generation Elmsfordian and current Village Trustee, has officially announced his Democratic candidacy for Mayor of the Village of Elmsford in 2025. With a vision for uniting the community and embracing progress, Evans aims to lead Elmsford into a new era of opportunity and growth.

“Elmsford’s diversity isn’t simply our strength—it’s our superpower,” said Matt Evans, candidate for Mayor of Elmsford. “My vision is to harness this unique energy to create a village where innovation meets tradition, where every resident, from our longest-standing families to our newest neighbors, has a voice in shaping our future. Together, we’ll build an Elmsford that doesn’t just grow, but thrives.”

As Mayor, Evans pledges to bring ethical, transparent, and forward-thinking leadership to the village. His platform focuses on initiatives that will allow all residents to prosper, fostering a community that everyone can be proud to call home.

“The Elmsford I know is a powerhouse of potential,” Evans stated. “As Mayor, I’ll bring the dynamic, transparent leadership our village deserves, transforming challenges into opportunities. This isn’t only about the next four years—it’s about laying the foundation for generations to come.”

Evans brings a wealth of experience to his mayoral bid, and has served for more than a decade in various public service roles. He was elected to the Elmsford Board of Education for three terms, most notably serving as Board President, and was instrumental in increasing the graduation rate at Alexander Hamilton High School during his tenure. As a Village Trustee, he has authored resolutions and village laws on critical issues ranging from climate change and sustainability practices to transparency in government. Evans successfully advocated for funding of body cameras for law enforcement, and is currently spearheading initiatives to establish a full recreation department and the development of a comprehensive plan to guide the village’s future decision making. Evans’ deep roots in Elmsford, combined with his diverse professional background, position him as a leader who understands the needs of the village and has the skills to drive positive change.

“I’m inviting the community to be a part of Elmsford’s transformation,” Evans said. “Their voices, dreams, and concerns are the blueprint for our future. Together, we’ll create a place to live that exceeds expectations, becoming a model for what a small village can achieve when united by a bold vision and unwavering commitment.”

The Democratic caucus will be held in January 2025 and the mayoral election will be held on March 18, 2025. For more information about Matt Evans, his mayoral campaign, visit MattForElmsford.com. Matt Evans served for three terms on the Elmsford Board of Education, rising to both Vice President and President. As a current Village Trustee, Evans has been appointed to the Westchester County Youth Advisory Board.

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Westchester County Clerk Swears in New Americans in Joyous Ceremony



From Left: Hon. Amy Puerto J.S.C, Mary Ann Havasquez-Salvatore, Westchester County Clerk Timothy C. Idoni

For hundreds of years, Westchester County has been the first place international immigrants have chosen to reside when coming to the United States. The diversity and opportunities, and places of employment often provided by our communities have made it the destination of choice when looking for a better life. The tradition of later becoming a proud American citizen would often follow.

That proud tradition occurred again on July 19th, when 97 more citizens were sworn in at Westchester’s monthly naturalization service at the County’s Richard J. Daronco Courthouse in White Plains. The service was officiated by Supreme Court Justice Amy Puerto. Westchester County Clerk Timothy C. Idoni performed the swearing in-Oath of Allegiance, the last requirement after years of study to earn one’s citizenship status. County Clerk Idoni has the distinct honor of swearing in almost 700 new citizens this year alone and has cumulatively sworn in over 44,000 naturalized citizens during his time in office.

Following the administration of the Oath, newly naturalized citizens are assisted by his dedicated staff in obtaining their first United States passport, making a second significant milestone in their pursuit of the American dream. In addition, staff from the County Board of Elections are onsite to assist in voter registration, promoting new citizen’s participation in our democratic process.

Commenting on his role in these solemn ceremonies, Clerk Idoni said, “Organizing and participating in these naturalization ceremonies are one of the highlights of my career. Witnessing the joy and fulfillment on the faces of those

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Happy Birthday Rabbi Mendy!



(L-R) Rabbi Israel Hurwitz celebrates the 41st birthday of his son Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz, with their oldest son Haim Hurwitz. Photo (c) Robert Kalfus

By Robert Kalfus

Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz celebrates his July birthday, and for the past decade, has invited the community to enjoy a lavish BBQ at the synagogue at which Yonkers residents, synagogue members, elected officials and those running for office attended, meeting and greeting, and pressing the flesh.

Rabbi Hurwitz literally served the community and celebrated his 41st Birthday with a Grand BBQ celebration, delivering an extensive menu of kosher hot dogs and hamburgers in buns, grilled chicken, French fries, relish, potato chips, potato salad and homemade cole slaw, watermelon, cotton candy, a bottle of cold water, and birthday cake for dessert, to the more than 100 people who joined the birthday celebration for three hours on Sunday, July 28th.

Rabbi Hurwitz and synagogue members sweated over a hot grill cooking the fresh and tasty meals on a day which thankfully was not of the hottest days of this summer, and enlisted the assistance of his wife, Rebbetzin Chanie, his son Haim, and their four daughters, all who helped prepare and serve. Rabbi Mendy’s father, Rabbi Israel Hurwitz, joined his brothers, his nieces and grandchildren.

Noting his latest birthday, Rabbi Hurwitz said “As you age and get older, you need to continue your education and acquire knowledge and wisdom. You also

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Goons4Good Comedy Night Raises \$1,600 for CSA Soup Kitchen



L-R-Goons4Good, co-founders Rev. Morris Mayer and Dave Chametzky, joined by Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell, senior pastor of Village of Lutheran Church

Goons4Good is thrilled to announce the resounding success of its recent Comedy Night, held on June 26 at Village Lutheran Church, which brought together 102 attendees for an evening of laughter and community spirit. The event, featuring a stellar lineup of comedic talent, raised \$1,600. These funds were donated to the Community Services Associates (CSA) Soup Kitchen in Mount Vernon, NY on July 17.

The Comedy Night showcased a remarkable array of comedians and delicious food. There was even a 50/50 Raffle, "We were so thankful that the winner donated her half of the raffle back to event." The proceeds from this event will significantly support CSA Soup Kitchen's mission to provide nutritious meals to individuals in need, fostering a sense of community and ensuring that no one goes to bed hungry.

Goons4Good is committed to spreading joy and making a tangible difference in the lives of others. The presentation of the check to CSA Soup Kitchen was scheduled for July 17th during VLC's monthly trip. Each month members of Village Lutheran Church & The Chapel School, sign up to cook meals for over 80 people. These meals are then delivered to the soup kitchen for distribution.

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The World's Largest Rubber Duck is Swimming Back to Playland'



The 15.5-ton Mama Duck and her baby duckling are returning to the iconic amusement park to join in all the summer fun – from outdoor concerts to firework shows, historic ferry tours and more.

After making a huge splash in Westchester County last year, The World's Largest Rubber Duck is set to make its grand return to Playland from Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18. The 61-foot-high Mama Duck and her 10-foot-high baby duckling, Timmy, will come ashore at Playland's Beach to add to the family fun as visitors gather for the final weeks of summer vacation. Drawing thousands of visitors in 2023, the gargantuan attraction will captivate adults and children alike. The six-story high spectacle will bring excitement and wonder to the waterfront park, as well as a one-of-a-kind photo opportunity.

Mama Duck continues to spread joy around the globe from California to Canada and beyond, attracting audiences of all ages to marvel at her enor

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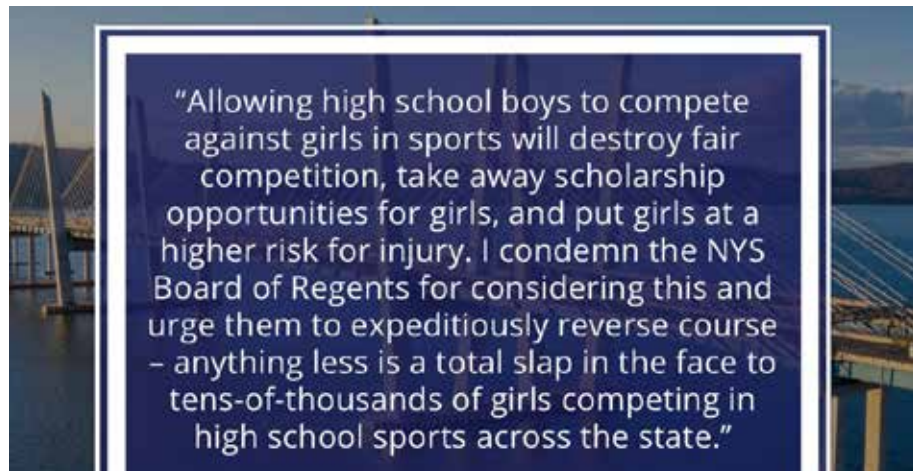
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Lawler and Slater Oppose NY State Plan to Allow Boys to Compete in Girls Only Sports



Congressman Mike Lawler released the following statement after news broke that the New York State Board of Regents is considering a sweeping change to allow boys to compete in girls-only sports and compete for spots on their teams. This would severely impact competition, potentially harm scholarship opportunities, and create an uneven, unfair, and potentially unsafe playing field for tens-of-thousands of female high school athletes. "I am deeply disturbed by recent reports that indicate the New York State Board of Regents is considering a move that would effectively eliminate girls-only sports as we know it," said Congressman Lawler (NY-17). "As a girl dad, I can definitively say this is the last thing that New York State should be doing. It's absurd." "Allowing high school boys to compete against girls in sports will destroy fair competition, take away scholarship opportunities for girls, and put girls at a higher risk for injury," concluded Congressman Lawler (NY-17). "I condemn the NYS Board of Regents for considering this and urge them to expeditiously reverse course - anything less is a total slap in the face to tens-of-thousands of girls competing in high school sports across the state." Assemblyman Matt Slater (R,C-Yorktown) has expressed strong opposition to a proposed policy under consideration that would create a mechanism allowing boys to participate in girls' sports. Slater argues that this proposal threatens to undermine years of effort at the federal, state, and local levels aimed at providing equitable opportunities for female athletes. "The proposed policy would prevent female athletes from pursuing scholastic athletics on a fair and level playing field," said Slater. "This one-size-fits-all approach by the state government represents a severe overreach and strips local school districts of their ability to manage these matters." The New York State Athletic Administrators Association and school district superintendents across the Hudson Valley have also expressed opposition to this proposal. Local districts and their administrators have been handling these situations on a case-by-case basis, ensuring that every student has a fair opportunity to compete while maintaining safety and fairness in sports. Slater emphasized the importance of local control in these matters, stating, "Our local districts have been effectively managing these issues, ensuring fairness and safety for all students. The proposed state policy would undermine these efforts and ignore the unique needs of our communities."

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Weekend Events at Westchester County Parks

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Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958

Naturalist's Choice Hike, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join a Westchester County Parks naturalist for a leisurely stroll through the forests and meadows of Merestead. Participants will learn about nature while enjoying the beautiful scenery. Meet at the carriage house.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Tastings in the Field, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Journey with us in our field to note the similarities and differences within the family, genus and species of one of our crops through taste. Also: Aug. 17.

Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tastings-in-the-field-tickets-934701345887>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-08-03/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Patterns In Nature Exhibition, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720

Family Fun Day & Sand Art Competition, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The festivities include music, games and more for the whole family. Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting. Rain date: August 4.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Jam is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Come to play or to just listen and enjoy the community music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: Sept. 7.

Get details <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/08/03/1722702600/old-time-music-jam/472028>

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Get details <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/08/04/1722781800/farmers-market/479750>

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Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-08-04/>

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Summer Garden Highlights, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Tour Lasdon with one of the gardeners to see what's flowering this time of year. Meet at the kiosk entrance. Free. No registration is necessary. Rain or shine. Also: Aug. 18.

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Heritage of India Festival, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Yonkers Man Charged With Distribution Of Protonitazene -Synthetic Opioid More Potent Than Fentanyl

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and Frank A. Tarentino III, the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), announced today the unsealing of a Complaint charging MIGUEL DE JESUS REYES MEDINA a/k/a "Azua," and ERIK ALBERTO LOPEZ VALDEZ with conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and distribution of protonitazene, a novel synthetic opioid that is up to three times more potent than fentanyl. REYES MEDINA and LOPEZ VALDEZ were arrested today. LOPEZ VALDEZ will be presented later today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert W. Lehrburger, and REYES MEDINA will be presented before Judge Lehrburger tomorrow, July 19, 2024.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As alleged, Miguel de Jesus Reyes Medina and Erik Alberto Lopez Valdez engaged in a scheme to sell dangerous narcotics to New Yorkers, including a novel, and potentially lethal, synthetic opioid. As part of that scheme, the defendants sold protonitazene, which, as alleged, is as much as three times more deadly than fentanyl. This prosecution underscores my Office's unwavering commitment to protecting our communities from the deadly opioid crisis, including from emergent synthetic opioids that pose even greater threats than fentanyl. We will not allow drug dealers to hide behind novel changes to the chemical structure of drugs to avoid prosecution."

DEA Special Agent in Charge Frank A. Tarentino III said: "Today's arrests show the commitment the DEA and our law enforcement partners have in targeting those poisoning our communities. As alleged, these individuals are not only responsible for the distribution of the lethal drug fentanyl, but the distribution of protonitazene, a novel synthetic opioid that is up to three times more potent than fentanyl. It is safe to say that the removal of these individuals, and the distribution of these illicit drugs from our streets, saved another family from having to bury their loved one. The DEA and members of our NYDETF remain committed to doing everything we can to bring those responsible to justice."

As alleged in the Complaint:[1]

In or about April 2024, REYES MEDINA agreed to sell fentanyl to a confidential source (the "Source") working with law enforcement. REYES MEDINA negotiated the price and quantity of fentanyl to be provided, requesting \$2,000 for 74 grams of fentanyl. On or about April 10, 2024, REYES MEDINA met with the Source and provided a 74-gram package of narcotics. During the meeting, REYES MEDINA emphasized that the narcotics were high quality and strong. Then, on or about April 16, 2024, REYES MEDINA arranged to have LOPEZ VALDEZ deliver a further 420-gram package of narcotics to the Source for the price of \$12,250, which LOPEZ VALDEZ did. Following the arrest of REYES MEDINA and LOPEZ VALDEZ, laboratory testing determined that the packages of narcotics provided to the Source by REYES MEDINA and LOPEZ VALDEZ consisted of nearly 500 grams of protonitazene, a synthetic opioid that is up to three times more potent than fentanyl.

REYES MEDINA, 49, of Yonkers, New York, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison, and two counts of distribution of protonitazene, each of which carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

LOPEZ VALDEZ, 38, of Camden, New Jersey, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison, and one count of distribution of protonitazene, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

The minimum and maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendants will be determined by a judge.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding work of the DEA, the New York City Police Department, and the New York State Police in connection with this investigation.

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do not lessen your activities, but you instead increase all the good that you can do and accomplish, and you never stop helping others. Chabad of Yonkers has programs for religious instruction, spirituality, outreach, education, and we seek the health and well-being of the entire Yonkers community.”

In addition to Rabbi Hurwitz’ regular free Wednesday night Torah discussion and learning class on ZOOM, the synagogue is adding additional activities and classes on ZOOM. Please contact the Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center for info on upcoming activities, religious services and dinners, Hebrew school and Bar Mitzvah preparation, Shabbat morning and the upcoming High

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who have worked so tirelessly for this moment reinforces the profound privilege of serving our community.”

Westchester County’s newest citizens truly bring home the ageless saying of America as the land of opportunity. The journey from hopeful immigrants to naturalized citizens is a testament to inclusivity that define the American experience.

Goons for Good, continued from pg 9-

“We are immensely grateful to everyone who attended and supported our Comedy Night,” said Dave Chametzky, co-founder of Goons4Good. “The success of this event is a testament to the power of community and the impact that laughter can have when it’s combined with a commitment to helping those in need.”

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For more information about Goons4Good and future events, visit Goons4Good’s website or follow us on social media.

Goons4Good, a division of Healthspan US, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing lives and fostering societal well-being. Founded by Dave Chametzky and Rev. Morris Mayer, the organization operates from its headquarters at 707 Fenimore Rd, Mamaroneck, NY. Goons4Good believes in the potential of every individual and champions causes ranging from financial relief and tailored support to scholarships and professional mentoring.

**Westchester’s Claire Weinstein,
Team USA’s Youngest Olympian**

One of the great stories of the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, is the youngest member of the US Olympic team, 17-year-old Claire Weinstein, who grew up in Westchester and White Plains.

Claire began swimming at the age of 3 and began swimming competitively at the age of 6. She is the daughter of Rodney and Diane Weinstein and has three younger sisters and one brother.

Her family attended Reform synagogue of Congregation Kol Ami in White Plains, and Claire went to Highlands Middle School in White Plains. For her mitzvah project, Claire volunteered as a coach at Westchester Aquatic swim club. Claire believes that everyone should learn to swim and have the opportunity to swim competitively if they want to.

A donation was made to the Christopher Dewey Memorial Swim Foundation that helps low income swimmers pay for the cost of training and travel for competitions.

Claire moved to Las Vegas as a teenager to train at the Sandpipers of Nevada swimming club. And at the age of 13, she qualified for the 2020 US Olympic trials, but did not make the team.

In 2022, Claire was a member of Team USA’s 4 x 200 women’s relay team that won the gold medal at the World Aquatics Championships.

So far, at the summer Olympics in Paris, Claire made the finals of the 200m freestyle and finished 8th. After we go to press, Claire will compete in the 4x200m freestyle relay with Katie Ledecky, who began swimming in the Olympics at age 15, in 2012.

In qualifying for the US team, became the youngest US swimmer to qualify for an Olympic Games since 2008.

Weinstein began her competitive swim career on the Lake Isle team in Eastchester and set several records at the Westchester Swim Conference. She also swam on the White Plains Varsity Swim team while in middle school.

“I’m always learning and figuring out ways to be better. I know every obstacle will only make me better,” said Weinstein, who will be attending UC Berkley in the fall. She enjoys shopping, going to the cinema and spending time with friends...like every other American teenager.

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mous size and shape.

“We are thrilled to feature the Big Duck for our 2nd Annual Duck Days of Summer at Rye Beach. Mama Duck brings her oversized love and joy around the world, and we are excited to have her swim up the Long Island Sound to Playland. All weekend, we will feature fun games, give-a-ways, photo ops, fireworks, and live music,” said Evonne Keeler, Chief Executive Officer of Playland.

In addition to welcoming The World’s Largest Duck, Playland is hosting a range of summer activities for the whole family to enjoy. Guests can venture to see the daring dragon... the iconic Dragon Coaster which just celebrated its 95th birthday, outdoor summer concerts presented by The Capitol Theatre, firework displays on Friday and Saturday evenings, dozens of fun rides and games, a historic ferry tour led by Historian Barbara Davis showcasing the cultural legacy of the Westchester waterfront and so much more.

Playland’s Duck Days of Summer weekend schedule includes:

Friday, August 16, 2024


- 9:00 pm: Fantastic Fireworks Display

Saturday, August 17, 2024

- 1:15 pm: Boarding for historic ferry tour #1
- 3:15 pm: Boarding for historic ferry tour #2
- 7:00 pm: Capitol Theatre Concert – Damn the Torpedoes | A Tribute to Tom Petty
- 9:00 pm: Fantastic Fireworks Display

Sunday, August 18, 2024


- 2:00 pm: Capitol Theatre Concert – The Rock and Roll Playhouse | The music of Blink-182 & more for kid.



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To the Editor:

Many of us are beyond discouraged and appalled to learn that "pig races" are still alive and well at the Ulster-family-Fair, where children will see intelligent animals forcibly and unnaturally made to run, for the amusement of the young and naïve adults who don't know any better. Racing, whether of dogs, horses, pigs, or any other animal, offers nothing that is entertaining or educational; rather it is a shameful and pitiful example of how we continue to exploit animals, who are conscious, sentient beings forced to serve and perform for us, just as we have done with animals in circuses and going way back to the time of gladiators. Thankfully, much of this has slowly begun to be swept into the dustbin of history, as our own society and species evolves. However, sadly and shamefully, the organizers of Ulster Fair continue to lag far behind. It's long past time to eliminate such animal abuse from the arena of entertainment.

Zelda Penzel, President, P.E.A.C.E.
People for the End of Animal Cruelty and Exploitation
New York, NY

Dear The Yonkers Times,

I'm a person of faith who feels called to care for people and steward the earth. I am writing to urge you to cover the significant differences in climate policy between the 2024 Democratic and Republican party platforms. Having informed voters is crucial for a healthy democracy, and as a leading news source, you have the power to share this critical information.

The 2024 Republican Party Platform notably lacks any mention of climate change. Instead, it promotes increased production of oil, gas, and coal with the emphatic line, "We will DRILL, BABY, DRILL."

In contrast, the draft 2024 Democratic Party Platform outlines a robust climate strategy, including scaling up solar, wind, and geothermal projects via the Inflation Reduction Act and investing in clean energy R&D. President Biden has and will further expand the clean energy workforce, triple the American Climate Corps by the decade's end, and ensure clean energy jobs are accessible to marginalized communities.

Reporting on these stark differences will help voters make informed decisions about the future of our nation's climate policy.

Thank you for considering this important topic.

Sincerely,
Judith Zingher, Elmsford

ATV Shock Probation, continued from pg 1-

fet had approached them at Hunterbrook Field as they were driving and tearing up the ball field and told them to stop. They surrounded him, they started doing circles around him with all the four wheelers, and then as they had him trapped, one of them came along and ran him straight over.

Moffet said that he is ok with the plea agreement.

Shock incarceration in New York State has been called a boot camp for those seeking an alternative to longer prison terms. NY Shock Incarceration allows individuals who will become eligible for release on parole or a conditional release within three years to participate in a rigorous six-month program and qualify for release at the successful completion of the program.

The program includes a military schedule, with rise and shine at 6am and activities throughout the day until 9pm. Persons in the program will participate in a rigorous set of physical activities and must respond to commands of their program leaders.

Counseling for substance abuse is also included, and education is offered to improve life and job skills.

More than 10 other ATV drivers were involved in this incident, but it is unknown whether any others were charged.

DA Mimi Rocah's office responded to our email with

The defendant, Kyle Franklid, is scheduled to be sentenced in front of Judge Larry Schwartz on Oct. 16, 2024.

The promised sentence is six months of shock probation, \$5,000 restitution & an order of protection.

Shock probation entails short-term incarceration at the discretion of a judge. N.Y. Penal Law § 60.01

In anycase where the court imposes a sentence of imprisonment not in excess of sixty days, for a misdemeanor or not in excess of six months for a felony or in the case of a sentence of intermittent imprisonment not in excess of four months, it may also impose a sentence of probation or conditional discharge provided that the term of probation or conditional discharge together with the term of imprisonment shall not exceed the term of probation or conditional discharge authorized by article sixty-five of this chapter. The sentence of imprisonment shall be a condition of and run concurrently with the sentence of probation or conditional discharge.

“Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.”

-Thomas Jefferson

Letter to the Editor: My mother came from a place you never heard of until July 13: Butler, Pennsylvania

Unlike many Californians, whose families often moved from somewhere 'back East' like Ohio or Nebraska, most blue-collar New Yorkers in the 1960s were not the products of domestic migration: Grandparents landed at Ellis Island, found their way to Brooklyn, The Bronx, or Queens, settled, married, raised families, and died.

My mother was different. Her father followed a trail to mills, mines, and factories in small towns in Pennsylvania where you could make real money if you worked hard, even if you didn't speak English good, and weren't afraid of jobs that were always dirty, often dangerous, and occasionally deadly.

In grandpa's case, it was to a place called Butler, Pennsylvania, where mom lived the first eleven years of her life until 1932 when the steel mills and the factories closed down and her parents decided to try their luck in New York, selling their house for \$500 and moving with six children to a tenement on the Lower East Side.

Mom recounted Butler lovingly, recalling growing up in a house with flowers, vegetables, and chickens in the backyard. She said the streets were steep, the houses were small, the families were large, almost everybody was of eastern European...Ukrainian, Czech, Polish, something called 'Rusyn'...descent, everybody went to a church on Sunday and even if you were poor, always dressed nicely when you did.

And there was never any crime.

When my sons were old enough to appreciate their heritage, my wife and I drove to Pittsburgh, went with them to a Pirates game or two, rode on one of the two inclines that climb Mt. Washington, took the Gateway Clipper under so many bridges, offered my boys a dollar if they could spell Monongohela, then drove up 40 miles to the place where grandma was born. We were like James Earl Jones portraying Alex Haley going up the river Gambia in the second installment of 'Roots'.

The people in Butler were blonder, taller, and thinner than back in the predominantly Italian and Jewish neighborhoods where I (Astoria) and my children (Mamaroneck) grew up and my wife noticed, when we stopped in a McDonald's for lunch that many of the older, probably retired men there were coughing loudly and often: perhaps the result of working for decades in mills and factories without environmental protections.

Seeing Butler reminded me of scenes in the movie The Deer Hunter, for which a guy whose family owned a bakery in Astoria I used to go to...Walken's...won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

God, the world is small.

Butler was less than 400 miles away, in the same country, but it was another world.

Early in life I learned that when New Yorkers asked 'where your family was from', they meant what country did they immigrate from. I dutifully responded, but often added that my mom was born and raised in a place you never heard of: Butler, Pennsylvania.

And nobody ever had.

And if I had thought of it, I would have presumed I was the only guy growing up in Queens County in the 1960s who would ever have a connection to Butler, Pennsylvania.

And I was.

Until now.

Jim Vespe, Mamaroneck

Point Of View/Letter To The Editor Historic Ruling For People With Disabilities

By: Regina Martinez-Estela

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made disability rights history, releasing a highly-anticipated final rule implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which will prove to be a powerful tool in fighting discrimination based on disability in healthcare and human services. It is significant news, especially after more than 40 years of advocacy by the disability community to secure greater protections.

Ensuring that people with disabilities will be treated equally as members of the community, Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs receiving federal financial assistance.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights, the new rule, titled "Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in HHS Programs or Activities," advances equity and bolsters protections for people with disabilities under Section 504.

The final rule covers protections for key provisions, including discrimination in medical treatment, community integration, accessibility of medical equipment, web, mobile app, and kiosk accessibility and value assessment methods. The rule strengthens anti-discrimination and civil rights protections, and ensures equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

The work that Independence Care System (ICS) is doing to improve access to primary and specialty care for people with disabilities will be greatly advanced because of this new rule. This will support ICS in continuing its work with our partners at New York City Health and Hospitals (H+H), the largest community hospital system in the country, and helping to advance health equity and improve health disparities for people with disabilities.

This is a win for the disability community, and for civil rights in America.

The author is President and CEO of Independence Care System (ICS), the first and only Health Home program in New York providing care coordination and services to support the health, mobility, independence and equity of people with physical disabilities.

Temporary Marker Placement Ceremony to Honor John Edward Bruce at Oakland Cemetery

**In Honor of John Edward Bruce
Temporary Marker Placement
Ceremony**

We're coming together to celebrate the legacy of John Edward Bruce, who was a remarkable figure in Black American history and a devoted member of Prince Hall Masonry. Despite his significant contributions, Bruce's gravesite has been unmarked for too long. This event will mark the 100th memorial of his death. In addition to the Placement of a temporary marker, as we work towards funding a permanent headstone.

This special event is sponsored by RISEUP and James H. Farrell Lodge #34. We are delighted to have some wonderful speakers, including Robert Baskerville PH.D., and CEO of RISEUP; Mary Hoar from the Yonkers Historical Society; and Ken Davis of the Yonkers Historical Society, And Past Master Of James H. Farrell Lodge#34. We're also inviting The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Of the State Of New York.

We'd love for you to join us in commemorating John Edward Bruce's incredible legacy and contributions. Your presence will help us honor his memory and support our ongoing efforts to provide him with a fitting headstone.

Date: August 11th, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Oakland Cemetery, Yonkers, NY

Michael Whitney Worshipful Master
 M.W. Darren M. Morton ED.D. Grand Master

RISEUP

RISEUP and the brothers of James H. Farrell Masonic Lodge #34 are proud to announce a special ceremony to place a temporary marker at the unmarked gravesite of John Edward Bruce, also known as "Grit." This significant event will take place on August 11th, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers, NY.

John Edward Bruce was a distinguished journalist, historian, writer, orator, civil rights activist, and Pan-African Nationalist. Born into slavery in 1856, Bruce made monumental contributions to Black American history, Prince Hall Masonry, and society as a whole. Despite his impressive legacy, his gravesite has remained unmarked for a century. This temporary marker ceremony is a step towards honoring his memory with a permanent headstone.

The ceremony will feature esteemed guest speakers, including:

- Robert Baskerville, PhD, CEO of RISEUP
- Mary Hoar, Yonkers Historical Society
- Ken Davis, Yonkers Historical Society, Past Master James H. Farrell #34
- William Seraile, Educator, Author

Invitations have been extended to notable figures and organizations, including the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Yonkers Historical Society, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, NY State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Mayor Mike Spano, and local historians, educators, community-based organizations, and churches.

"We are honored to recognize the remarkable contributions of John Edward Bruce," said Harold Mckoy II, VP of Strategic Planning & Relations at RISEUP. "This temporary marker ceremony is a testament to his enduring legacy and a step towards ensuring he receives the recognition he deserves."

The temporary marker will be in place for up to six months, allowing time to raise the necessary funds for a permanent headstone. The fundraising goal is \$6,000, with consultations from Minozzi and Sons.

The public and press are invited to attend this meaningful event to pay tribute to a true pioneer and advocate for equality. Join us in celebrating the life and legacy of John Edward Bruce and supporting the efforts to provide him with a fitting memorial.

Oakland Cemetery is located at

TEMPORARY TSA PRECHECK® APPLICATION "POP-UP" SET TO RETURN TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY AIRPORT AUGUST 5 TO 9

County Executive George Latimer announced that residents of Westchester County and surrounding areas will be able to enroll in the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) TSA PreCheck® program at Westchester County Airport from August 5 to 9, where Idemia will host a temporary "pop-up" enrollment center event.

Latimer said: "For the third time, we are excited to bring back this opportunity for local community members to enroll right here in our own centrally-located Westchester County Airport. We know this has been a widely popular pop-up opportunity in the past, and we are thankful to the TSA for their continued collaboration to offer this limited-time event once again."

TSA PreCheck is a valuable travel option that expedites a traveler's airport security checkpoint screening process. TSA PreCheck allows travelers to leave on their shoes, light outerwear and belt, keep their laptop in its case and their 3-1-1 compliant liquids/gels bag in a carry-on, in select TSA airport checkpoint screening lanes. More than 200 airports participate in TSA PreCheck nationwide and approximately 100 airlines participate in the program.

Travelers need only make an appointment online (appointments are being taken now) and complete their enrollment in-person or as a walk-in. Locate the Enrollment Center in the terminal's 3rd floor observation lounge. The center will be open from Monday, August 5 through Friday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to noon and afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

To participate in this enrollment opportunity, travelers should make an appointment online and pre-enroll online. It typically only takes 10 minutes to pre-enroll. After completing the pre-enrollment steps, applicants select the enrollment site for "White Plains, N.Y." and select "Pop-up: HPN." Applicants can select an appointment time using the drop down menu to choose a date and time. The drop-down menu will show the first available time available, but individuals can choose a different date and/or time using that drop-down menu.

Applicants must bring documentation proving identity and citizenship status. Visit the Universal Enroll website for a list of required documents to prove identity and citizenship.

The application fee is \$78 and is good for five years. It must be paid at the time of your appointment by credit card, money order, company check, or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Fingerprints and a photograph also are required during the in-person enrollment session.

After completing enrollment, successful applicants will receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN) via U.S. mail within about 10 days that is valid for five years. Many individuals are approved in just a few days after completing the in-person appointment, so applicants are encouraged to check your status online.

Visit-<https://www.tsa.gov/precheck> to make an appointment and more.

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Our events are admission free and open to the public. Please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, as we do not provide seating.

This program is one in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Funding for our classes and programs is received from Arts Westchester with support from Westchester County Government, the City of Yonkers, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our loyal arts patrons.

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DiNapoli: NY Clean Energy Fund Makes Progress on Solar Capacity, But Energy Efficiency Lags

New York's Clean Energy Fund (CEF), established in 2016 to help New York reach its clean energy goals, has made good progress on reaching its goals for distributed solar capacity and leveraged funds, but is behind in meeting its energy efficiency targets for 2025, according to a report from New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Since 2016, the CEF spent \$3.4 billion through 2023 and has achieved 45% of its total efficiency goals.

"The Clean Energy Fund has made good progress on reaching its solar energy goals, but crucial energy efficiency programs have underperformed," DiNapoli said. "It is important for the state's climate goals that these funds are used effectively to achieve the best outcome for New York's energy consumers."

The CEF, authorized by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to promote the use and development of clean energy resources, is administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create a more affordable and resilient energy system and attract private investment. The PSC provides funding for the CEF through surcharges on customers' utility bills. Ratepayers are expected to contribute nearly \$7.5 billion from 2016-2032.

CEF program areas that receive funding from ratepayers include:

Market Development which consists of initiatives focused on generating energy savings and other clean energy benefits.

NY-Sun which works to increase solar power capacity.

NY Green Bank which finances clean energy projects.

Innovation & Research which helps bring clean energy products to market.

Through 2023, NYSERDA has reported that its implementation of these programs has achieved 45% of its 2025 goal for total efficiency savings, 46% of its 2025 natural gas efficiency goals and 33% of electric efficiency goals. Distributed solar has achieved 89.1% of its goals and attracted \$20 billion in private investment.

Market Development Program (MDP)

The MDP has contributed over 80% of CEF's energy efficiency savings to date but has underspent on several initiatives to decarbonize multifamily housing for low-to moderate-income New Yorkers and lower energy consumption and energy bills. It has, however, exceeded its budget for work to promote the construction of efficient and affordable new homes.

Stepping up performance of programs to achieve electric efficiency and electrification of buildings is crucial to the state's clean energy goals. To reach reductions in building emissions, the PSC has said New York would have to retrofit 200,000 buildings a year, ten times the current rate of about 20,000 per year.

NY-Sun, NY Green Bank, and Innovation and Research Programs

The NY-Sun, NY Green Bank and Innovation & Research programs have made progress toward their energy savings goals. NYSERDA reported that if committed projects are counted, the NY-Sun program reaches 150% of its 2025 distributed solar goal.

The NY Green Bank, intended to accelerate deployment of clean energy by removing barriers in financing markets by partnering with private sector entities, has committed over \$2 billion in clean energy finance, with an annual investment target of \$225 million, attracting private capital investment of \$5.5 billion in clean energy projects in New York.

Outlook

DiNapoli's report recommends NYSERDA ramp up performance of programs to achieve electric efficiency and electrification of buildings and take steps to meet its goals for natural gas and other fuel savings. It also recommends the PSC and NYSERDA review the MDP's program initiatives to focus on investment in the areas that deliver the most successful results in advancing the state's clean energy goals.

Yorktown Trash Talk, continued from pg 1-

How come? The whispers around Town Hall is that most of the five republicans on the town board are still sore at AAA for suing the town after the town removed their contact to pick up garbage, and award the contract to Competitive Carting, who could not fulfill their part of the contract. One thousand Yorktown residents joined Yorktown Trash Talk and complained about their garbage not being picked up.

AAA sued because in their view and the view of a thousand Yorktown residents, the Town Board, in awarding the contract to Competitive, did not award it to the "lowest, responsible bidder."

If the Town Board wants to blame someone for AAA Carting suing the Town, they should blame themselves for making the ill advised decision to award the contract to Competitive. Don't blame AAA for your mistake.

AAA Carting had the garbage contract with Yorktown for five years, and has dozens of other contracts in Westchester and beyond.

Plus, they came in with the lowest bid. If the Town Board wants to save taxpayers a few bucks, and follow the law, they should award the contract to AAA at their next meeting this month.

The Town Board, under then Supervisor Matt Slater, claimed the reason they gave the contract to Competitive was to save taxpayer dollars. Now they have the same choice to make with AAA.

Joining the Town Board shortly will be democrat Susan Siegel, who won the special election for town board. Siegel is waiting for the Board of Elections to certify her victory, and then she will be seated and attend town board meetings.

Hopefully, this nonsense over garbage will be ending soon. No other community in Westchester county has had this type of problem, and incompetent government, in our view.

Most homeowners in Yorktown are paying \$20,000 and up in property taxes. They want their garbage and recycling removed in a timely and efficient manner.

AAA can provide that service, at the lowest price. End of story.

a supporter of Union Labor and a former member of the Carpenters Union, now retired. I guess Mr. Lieberman didn't hear Teamsters president Sean O'Brien make history Monday night, becoming the first head of the nation's largest labor union to speak at the Republican National Convention, offering to build bipartisan bridges to better help working people across the United States.

"The American people aren't stupid, they know the system is broken. We all know how Washington is run — working people have no chance of winning this fight. That's why I'm here today. Because I refuse to keep doing the same things my predecessors did. Today, the Teamsters are here to say we are not beholden to anyone or any party."

"Trump is not afraid of hearing from new, loud and often critical voices," and "in light of what happened to him Saturday, he is proven to be one tough S.O.B."

"No door or window should ever be permanently shut, We need to call the Chamber of Commerce and the business roundtables what they are, they are unions for big business. And here's another fact: Against gigantic multinational corporations, an individual worker has zero power, It's only when Americans band together in democratic unions that we win real improvements on wages, benefits and working conditions."

"We are not renters. We are not tenants. But the corporate elite treat us like squatters, and that is a crime.

"I see American workers being taken for granted, workers being sold out to big banks, big tech corporations, the elite."

"The Teamsters are doing something correct if the extremes in both parties think I shouldn't be on this stage,

"At the end of the day, the Teamsters are not interested if you have a "D," "R" or an "I" next to your name. We want to know one thing. What are you doing to help American workers?"

"The partisanship is not working. We need bipartisan support, we need bipartisan cooperation," said O'Brien, who reminded us that the Teamsters have endorsed Republican Presidents Richard Nixon and George HW Bush in the past.

O'Brien said he also wanted to speak at the democratic convention. Let's see if he gets invited.

After O'Brien's speech, Senator Josh Hawley wrote an OP-Ed, which included, "There was a time when Republicans knew that American strength depends squarely on American workers—and their way of life: family, neighborhood, church, union hall. Ronald Reagan knew it. Abraham Lincoln, a one-time rail splitter, understood it in his bones. And Theodore Roosevelt perhaps said it best when he exclaimed, 'I am for business. But I am for manhood first, and business as an adjunct to manhood.' Roosevelt's sentiment should be conservatives' mantra," said Hawley.

And if Mr. Lieberman wants to talk about Republicans being non-union, how about AOC's decision to cancel Amazon's plan to bring 25,000 jobs to NYC by building one of their largest factories. Those jobs would have been good paying jobs. That was the biggest mistake for New Yorkers and for labor in a generation.

I have been working for 30 years as the President of Bring Our Jobs Home. I have called for American corporations to bring back some of the millions of manufacturing jobs that have been lost to China and Mexico. President Trump also has been working on this issue.

The American worker has been sold out by our elected officials who bamboozled the American people with the bogus ideology that trade will be good for Americans. That is not trade, this is what you call unfettered trade, American corporations leaving our shores, throwing Americans in the unemployment and poverty lines while our manufacturing companies are making billions on slave wage labor, no payroll taxes, no insurances, no regulations, no benefits, no holidays, destroying our global Eco system by unregulated environmental regulations, dumping toxins into landfills, oceans, rivers, polluting our atmosphere, while our elected officials betrayed the American people. I'm for free trade, real trade, but not American corporations selling out our nation, moving overseas, leaving Americans on the chopping block, all in pursuit of the almighty dollar.

I also read that Congressman Lawler has been endorsed by several unions in our area, including Boilermakers Local 5, IBEW Local Union 363, Teamsters Local 456, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (NASRCC), Sheet Metal Workers (SMART) Local Union 38, Association of Flight Attendants (AFA), Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) New York, Laborers Local 754, Affiliated Police Associations (APA) of Westchester, NYS Supreme Court Officers Association, NYC Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA), Policemen's Benevolent Association of Westchester County, Inc., New York 10-13 Association, Superior Officers Association Retired (SOAR) NYPD, and the Westchester County Correction Officers Benevolent Association.

"If we are not free to negotiate our wages, we are not free to celebrate our triumphs"

American union members have been voting republican since Ronald Reagan and we will continue to take a look at both candidates and determine who will really help the average American worker.

Frank Spotorno ran for Congress in NY-14 in 2016. He can be reached at

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