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Man Gets 14 Months for Throwing a Dog Out of Moving Car; Will 13 Time Shoplifter Go to Jail?

Hispanic Democrats of Westchester to Run Most Candidates in 2023, Including Dem. Primaries



By Dan Murphy

One story that received great interest from our readers was the sentencing of a Mount Vernon man for killing a 12-week old puppy in Yonkers. According to Westchester DA Mimi Rocah's office, "Thaddeus Jones, 34, a passenger in a car that was driven by his friend, grabbed the friend's 12-week-old Pitbull puppy named "Lady" and threw the puppy into oncoming traffic on Yonkers Avenue. The puppy was immediately struck by a car and killed. When questioned by police following the incident, the defendant yelled "F__k your dog," to his friend."

"Jones pled guilty last November to Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a felony, and was sentenced on Jan. 5 by Judge James McCarty to 14 months in jail.

DA Rocah said: "This defendant killed a puppy for no reason and will now face consequences behind bars. This kind of depraved conduct toward animals will not be tolerated in Westchester County. My Office will continue to direct resources to prosecute animal abuse and mistreatment and hold offenders accountable."

Jones could have received up to a 2-year maximum jail sentence. Rocah's office sought a sentence of 18 months. Two of our readers wanted Jones to receive the maximum sentence. "Since animal cruelty is a heinous crime and needs to be treated as such, It is good to hear that the despicable human who threw a puppy out of a moving car into traffic, killing the innocent pup, has been sentenced to 14 months behind bars - and I hope there is such a thing as "prison justice" and this scum gets a taste of his own medicine. However, the sentence must also include a life-long ban on this monster ever coming into contact with an animal again. Animal abusers are a danger to all," writes Christina DeRespiris, from New Rochelle.

M. Lebrya, from Cortlandt writes, "What's to say... when an act is so heinous as to be almost unbelievable. Such as a 34 year old grown man violently killing & cursing his victim in the vilest, ugliest words in front of the whole world to hear. His victim? A 3 month old female puppy. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that a 3 month old puppy could've possibly done to deserve this fate, ending her life before it's hardly begun. Or should being thrown out of a car window into traffic be anyone's life-ending fate? If any animal cruelty case deserved the two year allowable maximum jail sentence, it would seem to be this one. Yet the prosecuting Assistant District Attorney & Animal Cruelty Coordinator, MaryAnn Liebowitz & Judge James McCarthy apparently agreed on a lesser 14 month sentence 'for some reason.' Meanwhile County DA, Miriam Rocah, proudly announced the lesser jail sentence on Jan. 5, 2023. And then goes on to pontificate about how her office is holding animal abusers accountable, saying., "This kind of depraved conduct

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32 of Westchester's Best & Brightest Named Regeneron Science Scholars



By Dan Murphy

Westchester's academic excellence continues with the announcement that 32 high school seniors were named Regeneron Science Scholars. Among the 32 are 5 Byram Hills High School seniors pictured above. They are, from left in the front row Lindsay Miller and Remi Matza, and in the back row from left, Samantha Milewicz, Rohini Das and Samantha Schaevitz.

Regeneron named 300 high school scholars in their 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search, which recognizes independent scientific research. 32 Westchester students were named out of 300, an impressive total. Ossining HS had 6 winners, and Scarsdale and Byram Hills with 5 each.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search is regarded as the most important math and science competition. Congratulations to the following Westchester students, and their high schools:

Ariella Maia Blackman, 18, Harrison HS. Developing a Model in situ Resource Utilization System for Oxygen-Sustaining Life Support and Launch Cost Reduction for Mars.

Raka Bose, 17, Yorktown HS. Using Artificial Intelligence for ICU Patient Triage.
Katie Brandler, Age: 17, Pelham Memorial High School. The First Report of Marine Debris as a Dispersal Vector for Native and Introduced Species in the Temperate Northwest Atlantic Ocean

Rohini Elora Das, 17, Byram Hills HS. "Let's Sleep On It": Employing the Brain App To Measure the Impact of Sleep in Consolidating Prior Learning.

Lauren Davidson, 17, Harrison HS. The Effect of Copper Sulfate Concentration on Locomotor Ability and Lifespan of Alzheimer's Model *Drosophila melanogaster*.

Samara Davis, 17, Ossining HS. Developing Environmental DNA Metabarcoding for the Detection of Elusive Vernal Pool-Breeding Amphibians.

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Hispanic Democrats of Westchester co-chair Ximena Francella, left, announced she is challenging County Legislator Terry Clements, right, Chair, Westchester Black Dems. By Dan Murphy

The Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, at their annual Three Kings Celebration in White Plains, announced that in the 2023 elections they will be running "an unprecedented number" of democratic candidates for office in Westchester, including running democratic primaries against incumbents.

Perhaps the biggest primary challenge will come in New Rochelle, where County Legislator Terry Clements, who is chair of the Black Democrats of Westchester, will face a tough democratic primary from Ximena Francella, co-chair of the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, in the 11th District.

Also in New Rochelle, County Legislator Damon Maher will be challenged in a democratic primary by Manuel Casanova, in the 10th District.

"The Hispanic Democrats of Westchester is a 40-year old organization that has a long and distinguished history of educating voters, registering new voters, mentoring possible candidates, supporting democratic candidates and working for the democratic party. We have now reached the tipping point and are ready to present to the democratic party and the public our list of candidates for the 2023 political season, including county legislative candidates, town council candidates and mayoral candidates. We are full participants in the democratic process and are willing to fight for our seat at the table," stated Francella and Robin Bikkal, co-chairs of the Hispanic Democrats of Westchester.

We spoke to Bikkal, who has served as a leader in the Westchester Democratic Party for decades. "It's not easy for me to have our slate of candidates, but we have been loyal members of the democratic party for 40 years. We now have candidates who are qualified and ready to run, and I will not tell them not to run."

"New Rochelle in particular, is fertile ground for hispanic candidates coming forward to run for office and serve their community. Ximena (Francella) has been active in her community for years and we feel that the time is now to seek new and different representation on the county board of legislators," said Bikkal, who also

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Yorktown Par 3 Lawsuit Continues in 2023 "There is a Good Chance Course Never Opens"



who is caring for the greens at Valley Fields Par 3 for the past two months?

RC Development-"Yorktown is Behaving Totally Irresponsibly. Tom Diana Doesn't Get it."

By Dan Murphy

As former Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater was sworn into his new position as Assemblyman for the -94th District on Jan. 4, the legal dispute over the Par 3 Golf Course that was under renovation by RC Development until Slater shut down before leaving for Albany continues.

The new Yorktown Supervisor is Tom Diana, but according to RC Development President Larry Nussbaum, "Tom Diana doesn't get it, and Yorktown is behaving totally irresponsibly."

Federal Judge Vincent Briccetti ruled on Jan. 3, 100% in RC's favor, moving the entire case filed July 20 in NYS Court now back in its entirety in NYS Supreme Court, but with additional claims stemming from the removal of RC and Nussbaum from the golf course and additional claims and accusations that the Town of Yorktown purposely delayed the completion and eventually opening of the golf course for Yorktown residents and golfers everywhere to enjoy.

The suit claims that many of the "claims of purposeful delays for RC's professional contractors." Came from the Yorktown Building Department, and Building Commissioner John Landi, at the order of then Supervisor Matt Slater.

The complaint filed in July of last year against The Town of Yorktown, Slater, Landi and Town councilman Sergio Esposito, states that Slater and the Town Board, "engaged in a coordinated and unjustified effort to derail the golf course development project with the intention of handing it over to one of his political cronies to burnish his own political standing."

One meeting of interest to the court will be a Town Board meeting on July 5, 2022, when according to the lawsuit, "Slater set forth a series of unfounded complaints about the golf course development project, mostly centered on the length of time he perceived the development to be taking, several times stating his view that it "had gone on too long" and expressing similar statements.

Earlier this month, the Town released a statement claiming that "the court had rejected RC's claims," and "We look forward to the federal court rejecting the rest of RC's claims."

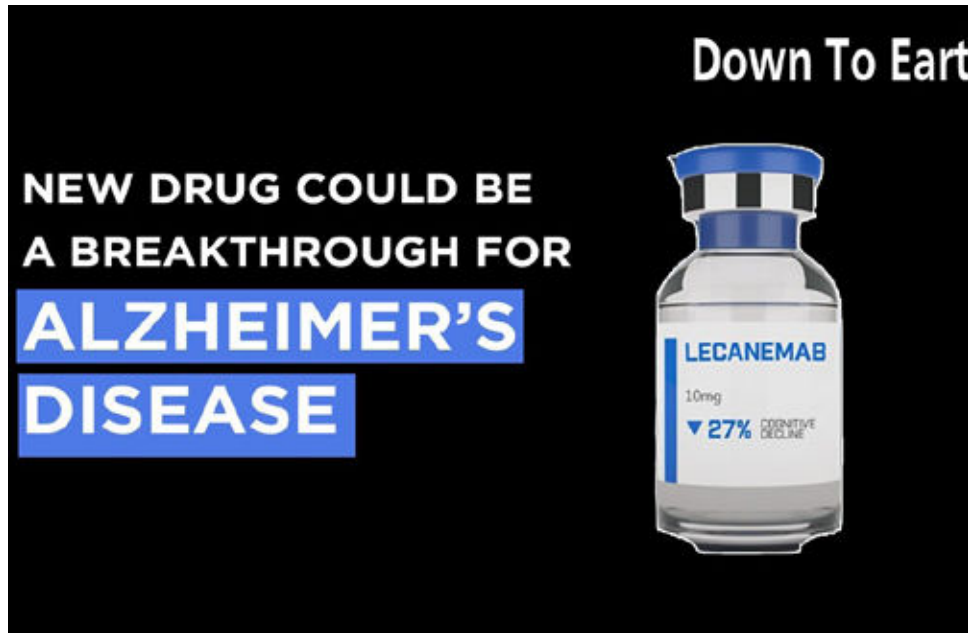
Nussbaum and his attorney William Hurst called the statement "incomplete

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Latimer Gives COVID Update: 9 Deaths in Westchester Last Week

FDA Approves Lecanemab as Treatment for Early-Stage Alzheimer's Disease

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Active Cases | 10,238 | 36,345 | 3,028 |
| Hospitalized | 489 | 627 | 263 |
| Infection Rate | | 21.4 | 10.9 |
| Fatalities | 38 | 47 | 9 |
| Percentage Fatalities | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.9 |



On Jan. 6, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted accelerated approval to lecanemab (Eisai/Biogen) for the treatment of early Alzheimer's with confirmation of elevated amyloid. This is the second approved drug that changes the course of Alzheimer's by slowing its progression at the early stages of the disease.

Alzheimer's — a progressive, degenerative and fatal brain disease — is the most common cause of dementia.

"The Alzheimer's Association welcomes and celebrates this action by the FDA. We now have a second approved treatment that changes the course of Alzheimer's disease in a meaningful way for people in the early stages of the disease," said Alzheimer's Association president and CEO Joanne Pike, Dr.P.H. "By slowing progression of the disease when taken in the early stages of Alzheimer's, individuals will have more time to participate in daily life and live independently. This could mean more months of recognizing their spouse, children and grandchildren. This could also mean more time for a person to drive safely, accurately and promptly take care of family finances and participate fully in hobbies and interests."

"While this news is exciting, without insurance and Medicare coverage of this class of treatments, access will be limited to only those who can afford to pay out-of-pocket," Pike said. "The Alzheimer's Association has submitted a formal request asking CMS to remove the requirement that Medicare beneficiaries be enrolled in a clinical trial in order to receive coverage of FDA-approved Alzheimer's treatments."

"Americans living with Alzheimer's disease are entitled to FDA-approved therapies, just as are people with conditions like cancer, heart disease and HIV/AIDS. And, they deserve the opportunity to assess if an FDA-approved treatment is right for them."

The Alzheimer's Association, chief science officer Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., also welcomed the approval. "This second accelerated approval of an Alzheimer's treatment is a milestone achievement. The Alzheimer's Association remains committed to advancing a diverse portfolio of potential treatment avenues, and exploring methods for combining approaches for future combination therapies."

"The progress we've seen in not only this class of treatments, but also in the diversification of treatment types and targets over the past few years, is exciting and provides real hope to those impacted by this devastating disease," Carrillo said. To learn more, visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900. To learn more about programs & services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonval

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivered in his weekly address, an update on the number of COVID cases to residents of the county. Latimer, as he has done for the past three years, calmly presented the data and the facts, which showed the following:

9 COVID Deaths in Westchester last week. In comparison, Westchester had 47 deaths for same period in 2022 and 38 deaths in 2021. 3,028 active cases, compared to 36,345 in 2022 and 10,238 in 2021. 263 Hospitalizations in 2023, compared to 627 in 2022 and 489 in 2021.

Latimer's message was that while COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths are rising they are no where near the numbers of 2022 and 2021. Vaccinations began in 2021.

Hospital beds filled with COVID cases are also down compared to 2022 and 2021. April 2020-1,194 residents--2,7000 hospital beds total. -44% at one time occupied from COVID. Only 9.7% of total capacity of hospital beds are filled with COVID cases now.

"More Westchester residents are vaccinated 85% estimated. We made no vaccination mandate in Westchester. This was the residents of Westchester making an educated decision to get vaccinated," said Latimer. 85% vaccination rate has gotten us a lower number of cases and a lower number of hospitalizations and deaths," said Latimer. "COVID is going to be with us, it will not be eradicated. We have not reached anything like the point of going back to 2022 and 2021 numbers. This is not the centralizing force of our society. we have tried to strike that balance in Westchester County."

A total of 2,943 Westchester residents have died since the pandemic began in 2020.

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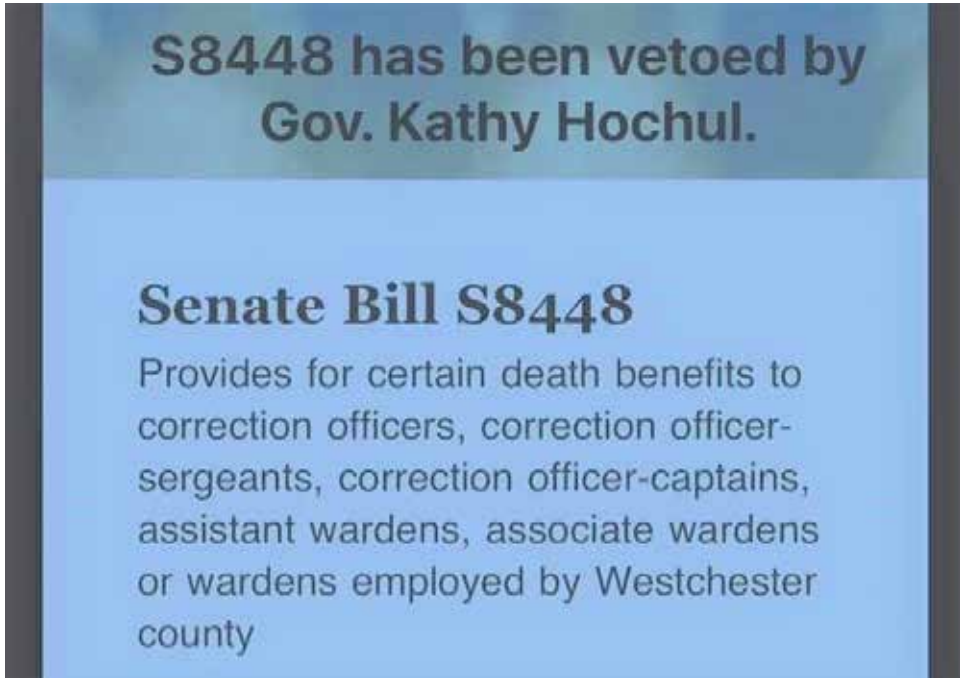
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Westchester Corrections Officers “Disappointed” at Gov. Hochul’s Veto of “Death Gamble Bill”

Have They Finished the Vote for Speaker?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Editor’s Note: Neil Pellone, President Westchester County Correction Officers Benevolent Association, wrote this letter to Governor Kathy Hochul:

As President of the Westchester County Correction Officers Benevolent Association, I write to share my disappointment in your recent veto of S8448/A9670, the “Death Gamble Bill” applicable to all uniformed staff at Westchester County Jail. This crucial legislation would have extended lump sum death benefits to the beneficiaries of Correction Officers who work past retirement eligibility but die before taking retirement. In 2021 you signed similar legislation for Nassau County Corrections. I am dismayed that you have decided to deny the same benefit to Westchester County Correction Officers, many of whom are your constituents and helped you handily win re-election this year.

According to your Veto Memorandum, the bill was rejected because it “did not include a funding source” or a plan to cover costs in the current or future years. You also indicated the bill would impose significant financial burdens on the State. I was stunned to hear this because it is simply untrue. Whether through inadvertence or otherwise, it seems you have overlooked the fact that a fiscal plan was attached to the Death Gamble Bill. Furthermore, earlier this year on May 23, 2022, the Westchester County Board of Legislators and County Executive George Latimer signed Resolution No. 94-2022 which supported the funding for this legislation by Westchester County. With this “home rule” in place, there would be no additional cost to NYS taxpayers on the State level.

With one stroke of your pen you followed in your predecessor’s footsteps in showing a lack of understanding of my members and the critical challenges facing Corrections today. There is currently a statewide recruitment drought in jails and prisons. To combat this, the New York State Sheriffs’ Association recently went so far as to announce that they will allow certain counties to hire correction officers without requiring them to pass a state civil service exam. While Westchester County is not part of this group, it too needs the ability to retain a strong workforce to ensure jail and public safety. Incentives like the Death Gamble Bill encourage experienced officers to continue working with the knowledge that their families have financial security. Without a stable, reliable jail workforce, taxpayers will ultimately pay a much larger burden when facilities like Westchester DOC are forced to take extraordinary staffing measures.

Lastly, the women and men of my membership put their lives and safety on the line in the name of public safety every day. Their dedication and sacrifices are invaluable especially during times of crisis like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Your veto and mistaken understanding of the Death Gamble Bill sends a message that the sacrifices my members make to keep our communities safe is not valued.

If this is not the message you want to convey, I implore you to correct your misunderstanding about the Death Gamble Bill and show my members the support they deserve by signing it into law during the next session.

Sincerely, Neil Pellone, Westchester COBA President

Democracy was in action last weekend in Washington, D.C. Screw the people. Screw the Congressmen and their families. They came to see their loved ones sworn in. Normally a 2-3 hour event. But some Republicans were not happy with candidate Kevin McCarty, so 15, yes 15 votes were taken before he won the Speakership.

First time this happened in 500 years. And here, we thought Republicans were going to come in with a bang. Deal with all the issues Democrats didn’t like. My guess is the Republicans wanted to fill hotels which normally would have been empty. It’s good for the economy..

Yes, if your family doesn’t have babies and young children in school and elderly relatives in town for this special Occasion, But this is something they will witness once in a lifetime. Instead of witnessing the swearing in, they stayed in a hotel room for 4 days waiting for McCarthy to gather the necessary votes. They had to be at the Speaker’s beck and call.

Moral of the story ? Mr. McCarthy, count your votes before you drag families with children to our Nation’s Capitol. The Democrats just sat back and enjoyed the Republican chaos. The kids missed school and the the representatives have elderly relatives who may have difficulty traveling.

And what does the vote say? If it was one vote or two, no big deal. But 15 votes. Means for the next two years we will have ‘trouble in River City’ aKa Washington.

George Santos

We had Richard Blumenthal lie about his military background on the way to Congress from Connecticut (He was Attorney General before Congress). He’s still in office. Bruce Caputo who represented Yonkers lied about his military service and he was forced to resign from Congress. Double standard. And now we have George Santos from Long Island who lied just about everything.

I’ll tell you about some of Santos lies shortly. How do these men and woman get elected to office. Doesn’t their opponent check them out. Years ago it was a hard thing thing to check someone’s background, but with the internet and computers it’s a piece of cake today. And people react violently and want the liar out of office

Santos lies: said he went to Horace Mann School and they have no record of his attendance and neither does Baruch College where he claimed to have gotten a degree. Goldman Sachs and Citigroup where he claimed to have worked and neither has any record of him.

He claimed to own 13 properties which he does not. He said he was Jewish and admitted he was Catholic. He said he was Jewish and when the Post questioned him said he was Catholic. Are your nauseous at this guys lies yet?

He does win the prize for most lies by a Congressman elect. So how do we get this criminal out of office. Both the Speaker and the leader of the minority Democrats should be calling for his resignation. He should not be assigned an office in the Capitol nor district and they should take away his budget. Let him work in the hallway. Residents of his district should continue their boycotts ferociously.

George Santos is in the swamp. Isn’t that the kind of elected officials they want to get rid of! And now we hear he is wanted in Brazil. Oy!

My Congressman, Jamaal Bowman

So Jamaal Bowman, Congressman for the North Bronx and Southern WESTCHESTER including Yonkers got re-elected by a large margin. This despite our newspaper and me personally going after him for his position on the issues, particularly his no vote on the the Infrastructure Bill. Time for a truce.

I hope to have him on my radio show and discuss with him some of my concerns about some of the positions he has taken. I want to encourage him to visit events in his district more and improve constituent services more including to Yonkers residents.

To the winner goes the spoils. If you can’t beat him join him the old expression goes. I wish Congressman Jamaal Bowman good luck and many victories as he goes on to a second term,

Barbara Walters

I remember sitting in the living room as a child watching the Today Show with Hugh Downes and Barbara Walter’s at the anchor table. We lost a premier journalist with the death of Barbara Walters this week.

Barbara was cut and dry. She didn’t in her early years wear flashy clothes. She was sitting next to Hugh Downes, not America’s flashiest anchor nor dresser. They presented the news cut and dry by today’s standards.

The best salute to Barbara was a few years ago when on her baby, The View they brought out all of the women whose careers she influenced. There must have been 50 top female journalists. She was someone special, and influenced so many female journalists on television today.

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Yonkers Police Warn of Key Fob Hacking Scheme



Yonkers Police warn of car key fob hacking scheme.

Keyless entry systems, which allow drivers to unlock and start their vehicles without a physical key, have become a common feature in many new cars and can also be added as an upgrade. While this technology is convenient for drivers, it has also made it easier for thieves to steal vehicles. Using advanced hacking techniques, thieves can gain access to a car's computer system and drive the vehicle away without ever having to possess the owner's key fob. As a result, it is important for car owners to take precautions to protect their vehicles from theft.

In order to keep your key fobs from getting hacked, keep them away from parts of the house that are within a close range of your car, such as near your front door or garage. For more information on how to prevent key fob hacks, read this article.

What is signal boosting?

Unlike signal boosting important information on social media, the "boost" in this context means stealing a signal. Hackers can use a device that tricks the car and your key fob into thinking they're within proximity of each other, then emit the fob's unlock signal without touching any buttons on the fob or car.

Signal boosting is normally used to unlock a car, but a similar tactic can turn on vehicles with keyless ignitions, too. There are also other remote key fob hacks, such as rolljamming, that record and spoof your key fob's unlock signal, though they're much harder to pull off. But all that someone needs to perform a signal boost is about \$20 of equipment.

How to stop thieves from signal boosting your car fob

So how do you prevent a signal boost attack? It's not like you can activate two-factor sign-ins or install anti-malware on your key fob. The solution is actually pretty simple: blocking signals from reaching your key fob.

There are several ways to do this, but a Faraday bag is the most reliable. These bags create an electro-magnetic barrier that stops any signals from getting in or out of the bag, just like the "Faraday cages" the bags are named after.

You can buy inexpensive Faraday bags, boxes, and wallets online. Just put your keys (or other wireless devices you want to sequester) in the bag while you're home, especially at night.

If you don't have a Faraday bag, putting your keys in a thick metal object—like a refrigerator or a safe, for instance—would be better than leaving them out in the open, but we can't promise it will block a hacker's signal boosting as effectively as a Faraday bag. At the very least, keep your keys at the other end of your house while you're at home. The further away your keys are from your car, and the more walls and other obstacles there are between them, the harder it will be for the signals to reach.

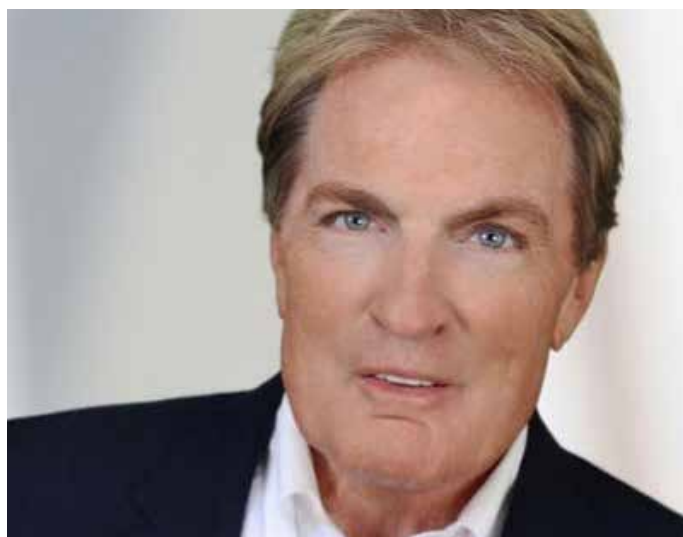
Couple a Faraday bag with other anti-theft measures like a steering wheel claw and security cameras, and the chances of someone breaking in and potentially stealing your car become much lower. Oh, and don't keep spare keys, fobs, garage door remotes, or other valuables in your car. That way, if someone still manages to get in (windows are breakable, after all), they won't find much to steal.

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highlighted Peekskill City Councilman Ramon Fernandez, who will be running for Peekskill Mayor, Jonathan Campozano, who will be running for Greenburgh Town Board, and Yadira Ramos-Herbert, who will be running for New Rochelle Mayor.

"And we have other interested candidates who are not ready to announce yet. 2023 will be a big year in Westchester politics," said Bikkal.

Scott Shannon--Not Gone and Definitely Not Forgotten



By James Vespe, Mamaroneck

Westchester-resident Scott Shannon, the Vin Scully of disc jockeys, signed off his final morning show on WCBS-FM on Friday, December 16, after almost 40 years on New York area radio, and what a long and wondrous journey it has been.

For New Yorkers of a certain age, if Dan Ingram and Cousin Brucie provided the sound track of our teen-aged years, Scott Shannon was the voice we listened to when we graduated from pimple creams to pruning shears, got grown-up jobs, married, became parents and homeowners ourselves.

Scott Shannon was the guy down the block who was a little smarter than we were, although he would probably deny it, and didn't hesitate to wear his heart on his sleeve when he read or heard something that touched him. It was fitting that his final program was his annual fundraiser for Blythedale Children's Hospital, for which he has raised over four million dollars over several decades, an accomplishment that will surely be better noted at the Pearly Gates than introducing listeners to Charlene's "I've Never Been to Me."

Forty years ago I had the opportunity to speak with Scott Carpenter, the second American astronaut to orbit the earth, who was probably best known for his comment to John Glenn as Glenn was launched into orbit: "Godspeed, John Glenn"

I couldn't help but end that conversation with, "Godspeed, Scott Carpenter."

So if I ever run into Scott Shannon at one of the malls in White Plains, I'll probably say hello, and close our conversation with...

"Bye, bye buckaroo"

Free Bee-Line Bus for the Holiday's Program a Success

The benefit to the traveling public was approximately \$2.9 million

In November, Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced the return of fare-free Bee-Line buses just in time for the holidays. The program ran from November 19 through November 27, and again on December 7 through December 26.

Over the course of the program, more than 1.7 million passengers rode the fixed route bus system, generating a 10 percent increase in ridership on weekdays and Saturdays compared to average fall 2020 ridership. Weekdays and Saturday ridership during the fare-free period reached 95 percent of pre-pandemic ridership, while Sundays were closer to 90 percent.

The free fares were also valid on Bee-Line's ParaTransit system, a shared ride service for which reservations must be made in advance. Throughout the fare-free period, over 19,000 ParaTransit reservations were made.

The benefit to the traveling public was about \$2.8 million on the fixed route bus system and over \$95,000 on ParaTransit.

Latimer said: "My Administration is constantly looking for ways to save Westchester residents money – and when it came to fare-free buses – Westchester residents certainly took advantage. By both saving some extra cash around the holiday season and taking the environmentally friendly mass transit option to get where they needed to go, our state-of-the-art Bee-line bus system showed just how valuable it is for those who live, work or visit Westchester."

During the summer of 2022, the County offered its first free rides program and saw a dramatic increase in ridership. The system experienced a 37 percent increase in ridership during the three-month period of June, July and August, compared to the prior three-month period in March, April and May.

The Bee-Line is Westchester County's bus system, serving over 27 million passengers annually with convenient service connecting residents to jobs, recreation, shopping and other regional transportation services. It is the second largest transit bus fleet in New York State, operated by the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T).

Over 65 percent of all Westchester County residents are within walking distance of a Bee-Line bus route, making the bus both close and convenient. The system has over 3,300 bus stops and almost 60 routes. All Bee-Line buses are accessible, and designed with many accessibility features including "kneeling" buses, ramps and lifts.

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Thoughts on the Independence Party Name Ban

By Dan Murphy

Our newspapers, and website Yonkerstimes.com, have received several emails asking about recent developments with the independent -3rd party movement. As a former members of the SAM-NY Party, now a registered non-not affiliated to any party, here are my thoughts.

1-Banning the party name Independent-Independence Party in the State of NY

In my view this is a “nothing burger.” Governor Hochul, and the state legislature passed a law banning the use of the name independent or independence in any political party in the state. Supposed confusion from the voters, according to the law’s two sponsors.

“A party known for preying on independently-minded New York voters to inflate its rolls should have no place in our democratic system,” said state Sen. James Skoufis.

“Our number one priority when conducting elections should be to provide clear and accurate information to voters,” Dinowitz said. “For an organized political party to call themselves ‘Independence’ when in reality they are frequently working hand-in-hand with major political parties, I just think that’s not right. I’m glad we could take this step to ensure that voters who wish to register without party affiliation are actually doing so.”

I also learned that the names “American,” “United States,” “National,” “New York State,” and “Empire State” are also prohibited.

To me, the name of the political party does not matter. But it helps if you have a catchy name to attract interest. What is important is what the party stands for. And while it is true that for some time, the Independence Party of NY used to align itself with either the democrat or republican candidate running for office, the party was founded by Tom Golisano, who was a true Independent and ran for NY Governor three times, getting the most votes in 2022, with 14%.

What is really needed by our legislators and the Governor is to restore the capability for minor parties in New York State to get on the ballot and stay on the ballot.

Governor Andrew Cuomo, in 2018, got into a political war with the Working Families Party when they nominated Cynthia Nixon for Governor. While Cuomo won his reelection, he wanted the WFP gone, and attempted to do so by increasing the number of votes that minor parties had to get in presidential or gubernatorial elections to 130,000.

I was a member of the SAM Party of NY. SAM got more than 50,000 votes for its candidate for Governor in 2018, giving us automatic ballot status for the next four years. But Cuomo’s new requirement, which was stuffed into a budget bill in 2021 and passed by the state legislature. took our ballot line away from us, and from the Libertarian Party, Green Party and Independence Party.

The only two minor parties that remain in NY are the Conservative Party and the Working Families Party. Interesting that WFP remains, when they were the party that Cuomo wanted off the ballot.

And the reason that the C and WFP exist is that they endorse the D candidate for WFP, and the R candidate for the C. They endorsed Biden and Trump in 2020 and Zeldin and Hochul in 2022. Is that really an alternative choice.

The four minor parties that disappeared, SAM, Green, Libertarian and Ind, had half a million NY voters registered in their parties. Now all of those voters have no political party or went to the D, R, C or WFP.

It is also important to note that members of the Libertarian and Green parties attempted to get on the ballot for Governor last year, 2022. Larry Sharpe wanted to be the Lib. candidate for Gov., and Howie Hawkins wanted to be the Green candidate. Both were unable to get the required 40,000 valid signatures, (actually you need twice that to be safe).

Another minor party, Unite NY, also attempted to collect 40,000 but were unsuccessful. As did the Independence Party, who tried to collect for Lee Zeldin to be their candidate for Gov. You may have heard about what happened to them—they submitted copies of petitions and were tossed off the ballot.

Should it really be that difficult for minor parties to get on the ballot in NY, when it is so much easier in other states?

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toward animals will not be tolerated in Westchester County.” & “My Office will continue to direct resources to prosecute animal abuse & mistreatment & hold offenders accountable.” However the focus is no longer on the victim at this point, or if the lesser than two year maximum sentence, lessens it’s deterrent effect for would be domestic animal killers. It took 9 months from the crime, to get the killer sentenced. It’s time to hope most of the sentence will be served before a parole date will be announced. RIP little ‘Lady.’

Some residents are wondering if another individual will serve jail time after being arrested. The Yonkers Police wrote on Jan. 6. “Remember him? Franklyn Rosario, 25-years-old and from the Bronx, was arrested yesterday for shoplifting from Marshall’s on Central Park Avenue – again. Only this time 1st Precinct Officers Joseph DiBenedetto and Keith Terraforte were on scene before he could leave the area...with help from Marshall’s loss prevention who followed and pointed him out. Franklyn was a real tough guy the other day when a couple of good Samaritans tried to stop him from shoplifting and he pushed past them; this time when approached by police, he tucked tail and tried to run, but didn’t get too far. Now he faces felony larceny charges including weapons and drug possession, obstruction, resisting arrest and more. We think it’s fair to say that society is fed up with blatant thieves like Franklyn, to the point that civilians are now taking action – which we advise against for your own personal safety. But to stop recidivist criminals like him – this is his 13th arrest – there must be consequences for bad behavior. And no, shoplifting is NOT a victimless crime: prices go up, quality-of-life goes down, criminal acts beget other criminal acts, businesses leave, etc. The Yonkers Police will always do our part to deliver perpetrators of crime into the legal system where they must be held accountable.

“Watch the video link <https://twitter.com/i/status/1611762377703260160>. The thief walked to the nearest bus station, when YPD arrived. He claimed that the bag full of stolen items “isn’t his,” and then attempts to flee before being placed under arrest.”

We agree with the YPD, that the community is getting fed up with shoplifters walking into stores and cleaning out the shelves. It means that there are fewer items for us to shop, and guess who has to pay for the shoplifting in the end? We-the consumers do-because the business just raises prices.

We will follow the progression of this case and report back.

Cuomo for President? Why Have 100,000 People Read This Story?

By Dan Murphy

In the course of my early morning digestion of media stories over the holidays, I read with interest an Op-Ed titled Andrew Cuomo Best Bet for Democrats in 2024. The curious headline made me read the piece, which was printed in an online website called Sedona.biz by Gerard C. Savage.

I found Mr. Savage’s argument thoughtful and interesting. With NY Governor Kathy Hochul in office for another four years, if Andrew Cuomo wanted to run again, what office would he run for? Crazy things have happened, and the democratic list of Presidential hopefuls who can win in 2024 is thin.

I reached out and asked for permission to reprint online at Yonkerstimes.com. And over the past two weeks, this Op-Ed has been our #1 read. So for many of our Westchester readers who are asking, are you crazy, for me to print this, that’s why—there is a lot of interest-even if they won’t admit they clicked on it read.

Mr. Savage writes, “Andrew Cuomo should run for President of the United States. Why you may ask? The answer is very obvious. He is simply the most intelligent of all the democratic candidates. He is the most powerful and concise speaker of all the candidates and has the personality to make Americans feel secure and safe.

But before I go on with this endorsement, let me get a few serious matters out of the way. Let us talk about his resignation which was rooted in allegations of sexual harassment promulgated by New York’s Attorney General Letitia James. First of all, and needless to say, New York politics is very dirty.

This is its reputation.

Putting conspiracy stories aside, the fact is no criminal charges were ever filed against Andrew Cuomo. Some of the allegations and source of allegations were very questionable. On the civil side, that is, with respect to claims of sexual harassment, Cuomo should take the position that Courts should resolve allegations because public discussion has been nothing short of a circus of hypocrisy led by people with very dirty hands throwing mud.

Everybody has a right to a dispassionate Judge and a trial based on facts.

Joe Biden and Bill Clinton make Cuomo look like a Church Deacon. In any event, Cuomo knows what to do to manage dirt and fair criticism. I believe he will be in good form to do what he has to do in a sea of piranhas.

Now let’s look at the democratic candidates. Joe Biden will not get the nomination. His cognitive abilities are impaired. It does not matter what he says. The country is literally falling apart. And by the time the Republicans parade documents, witnesses and other evidence regarding the Biden Family and “pay to play” allegations, the “Big Guy” will be lucky if he gets his pension ... not that he needs it. So, Joe Biden is out.

Kamala Harris? Kamala Harris will speak for herself and that will result in voters, once again, rejecting her.

Pete Buttigieg, for all his exposure to national publicity, is amazingly unremarkable, although he shines barely enough to make the Vice President list. He is from Indiana with 11 electoral college votes.

America is sick of the other candidates like Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and the others.

The only person who could give Cuomo a run for his money is Michelle Obama. But President Obama told Rolling Stone that the popular First Lady would never run for political office, but that was a question regarding the 2020 elections. Still, Illinois has 20 electoral college votes.

Imagine the presidential debates. No matter who is on stage Cuomo will undoubtedly emerge as the confident executive leader, the best orator, and the person with the best ideas.

It has been said that Cuomo is fiscally conservative but liberal on social issues. The national debt is now over \$31.3 trillion dollars. Many, if not most, economists state that inflation is directly caused by overspending, especially when government just keeps printing money to pay for programs, both good and bad. Cuomo has a great record of getting a budget under control.

If you are for gun control, Cuomo has passed extraordinary legislation in New York, resulting in his designation as an enemy of the gun and rifle lobby. He passed the Marriage Equality Act and codified Roe v. Wade in New York State.

Cuomo’s greatest support has been from the African-American community. He implemented an Executive Order establishing a Special Prosecutor to respond to rogue police officers and he has made college education accessible to the working poor and the dwindling middle class.

Cuomo made these and other historic achievements in spite of the fact that the Republicans controlled the New York Senate during most of his tenure.

The point is, Cuomo is the only candidate that was the executive in charge. And he was in charge of a state budget that was greater than many other countries in the world.

In sum and substance, the evidence is very clear. No other democratic candidate is ready for the job like Cuomo.

He has travelled the world and is exceptionally intelligent about foreign affairs. He is a natural commander in chief of the military and does not talk out of his ass like other candidates.

Today, the United States is sending billions of dollars every year to fuel the war between the Russians and the Ukrainians. This war must end. Millions of Ukrainians have lost their homes. Over half a million people have reportedly been killed in one year. Cities all over Ukraine have been burnt to the ground. It is a sinful and evil situation. The only people who profit are the arms dealers. The war must end. Cuomo is the right man to negotiate an end to the war.

America has no borders. Democratic mayors are demanding billions of dollars to provide housing, medical services, education and employment for millions of illegal aliens that Biden and Harris completely mishandled. The property tax payers will foot the bill. Cuomo can fix this problem and bring order to chaos.

Cuomo is conservative on violent crimes and liberal on non-violent crimes and adolescents. In New York, he supported drug courts and ensured that most teenagers charged with crimes preferably were sent to Family Court where they could get supervision tailored to their immaturity and inexperience.

Cuomo has a reputation for getting things done in New York. Sure, he is not perfect. But he is light years ahead of any other candidate. He has upgraded JFK Airport, LaGuardia Airport, Penn Train Station and the Javits Convention Center. He has built new bridges in Queens County and Westchester County. He has supported advancements in technology and worked to expand cell towers to the outer rural parts of New York State

I learned in High School that in the United States, you are innocent until proven guilty. Voters will embrace this basic American constitutional right before they listen to the mob that screams and yells and passes judgment without knowing all the facts. I think Cuomo should be extended this presumption, until proven guilty.

The original link to the Op-Ed in Sedona.biz, <https://sedona.biz/andrew-cuomo-best-bet-for-dems-in-next-presidential-election/>

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Free parking is available.

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Sussman vs. the Term limit abolitionists

So happy that Michael Sussman is representing those who want to keep term limits for Mayor and City Council offices. Let's just say Michael has a lot of experience in dealing with issues related to our fair city!

Masks

So everyone is masking up again. Far be it from me to tell you what to do. But I think I would not be suffering from the sniffles if I had worn a mask, particularly in public places with a lot of people.

Listen to Eric Schoen 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

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AriAnnah Goodwin, 17, Ossining HS. Forecasting Visual Aura Characteristics: Perceived Stress Does Not Predict Temporal Aura Features in Adolescents.

Carly Googel, 17, Horace Greeley HS. The Connection Between Stress and a Person's Ability To Understand Their Own Mind and the Minds of Others.

Sarah Delia Jennings, 17, Ossining HS. Project Title: Electron Transport Chain Acts as Potential Regulator of ER-Mitochondria Interactions.

Sameer Ullal Kini, 17, Scarsdale HS Associations Between Pathophysiological Traits and Symptom Development in V30M and V122I Transthyretin Amyloidosis. **Elvin Lo, 17, Horace Greeley HS.** Project Title: An Empirical Evaluation of Zeroth-Order Optimization Methods on AI-Driven Molecule Optimization.

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Joseph Miguel Robertazzi, 17, Ossining HS.. Project Title: Migration and Magnetism: A Longitudinal Analysis Identifying the Relationship Between the South Atlantic Anomaly and Shifts in Migratory Bird Populations.

Cami Sandell, Age: 18, John Jay-Cross River High School, Project Title: Can People Intentionally Wake Up From Sleep.

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Leah Sherbansky, 17, Pelham Memorial HS.. Exploring the Relationship of SSTR2 Immunohistochemical and Textural Features to Neuroendocrine Tumor Grade.

Bryan Shi, Age: 17, Scarsdale High School. Project Title: A Mutagenesis Study of the Parkinson's Protein α -Synuclein Reveals An Unexpected Link Between Membrane Association and Serine-129 Phosphorylation.

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BCW Celebrates Hollywood On Hudson With Tour of Lionsgate Studio

Workshop on African American Genealogical Research, Jan. 14 at New Rochelle Library



L-R-Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, BCW Chairman Jamie Schutzer, National Resources President Joe Cotter, BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi

More than 100 business leaders and BCW members attended a special reception at iPark in Yonkers on January 5th to get a behind-the-scenes peek at the Great Point Studios/Lionsgate facility that is transforming Yonkers into Hollywood on Hudson.

Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended the evening reception, where they described a city that is quickly becoming the East Coast equivalent of Burbank, California, a satellite community of Los Angeles where many media and entertainment companies operate production facilities.

Halmi, a Westchester County native, has repeatedly stated that he chose Yonkers to build three film and television production studio campuses because the city lies within a critical 25-mile radius from Manhattan. "We have everything on campus, from all the latest technology, lights, LED panels, flying cameras, anything anybody could need to make whatever they could dream of," said Halmi, adding that his facility will transform Yonkers. "We're building a business that will be here forever and people will move to be here. People will think that they're coming to Hollywood, but they're coming to Yonkers. It's going to be the same thing."

By the completion of construction in December 2023, the \$500 million Great Point Studios in Yonkers will be the largest media production facility in the Northeast, and it will consist of three locations. The location in downtown Yonkers on Wells Avenue will be the headquarters and primary production center. The South Campus at the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts property will house the largest LED screen stage in the United States. The North Campus on North Broadway will be leased by Mediapro, a European film and television production company that also occupies space at the Wells Avenue location.

"This is truly Hollywood on the Hudson and I'm very excited about that," said Mayor Spano. "We know it means jobs. We know that it means revenues for the city. We also know that it means people will have a new idea about Yonkers."

"We all know somebody who is going to be inspired by what happens here," said State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "We will compete with Hollywood with the talent and the vision, and with the cooperation of all the people here, we will become everything we all envision."

Last month, the Connecticut-based iPark, an entity of National Resources, closed on its \$52.6 million acquisition of the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts complex. Great Point Studios' South Campus will also house a new media high school for the Yonkers Public Schools. The new school will open unprecedented opportunities for Yonkers youth interested in media careers at a time of explosive content production due to online streaming.

"From the fiber optic network that Great Point Studios is creating to allow instant editing of footage on site as it is recorded, to the educational initiative that will allow Yonkers students to land six-figure media jobs upon graduation, this company is at the forefront of innovation," said BCW CEO Marsha Gordon.

DISCOVERING YOUR AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE BY BUILDING A FAMILY TREE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023
2:00 PM

Joyce Sharrock Cole, Ossining Village Historian and certified genealogical researcher, will share how she researched her own family lineage and discovered her ancestry. She will give tips on how you can do research for your own family tree. Join in person in the Ossie Davis Theater or virtually.

On Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 2:00 pm the New Rochelle Public Library in partnership with the Westchester County Historical Society will present "Discovering Your African American Heritage by Building a Family Tree" with Joyce Sharrock Cole, Ossining Village Historian and certified genealogical researcher.

Using her own journey of researching her family lineage, Joyce will demonstrate how she was able to discover her ancestors and piece together a largely unknown history. She will show how the claiming of surnames impacted Black people, and how other ethnic groups that immigrated changed their names to assimilate and escape prejudice. She will give tips on how to navigate this as you do your own family research. This workshop will focus on African American families, although the on-line and print resources are applicable for all genealogical searches.

Driven by her passion for genealogy and local research, Joyce is an advocate for all people to learn about their family and their community's past, as it fosters a better understanding of themselves and the community that has shaped them. Joyce earned a BS in Organizational Management from Mercy College and certification as a Genealogical Researcher from Boston University. She is a founding member and lead researcher of the Little Bertie County Genealogical Society, which facilitates the Ossining Public Library Genealogy Group, and is a trustee of the Westchester County Historical Society.

This 90-minute workshop will be presented in-person in the Ossie Davis Theater of the New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle and will also be available via Zoom. Registration for virtual attendance required at bit.ly/AfAmHeritage_01_23. Registration for in-person attendance requested at bit.ly/AfAmHertg_INPERSON_01_2023 or phone, 914-813-3706.

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Winged Foot Selected to Host 2028 US OPEN



The USGA announced that Winged Foot Golf Club (West Course), in Mamaroneck, has been selected as the host site for the 2028 U.S. Open Championship. "Winged Foot has provided the backdrop for some of the most dramatic moments in the history of our sport, with many of golf's legendary champions being crowned on the club's iconic West Course," said John Bodenhamer, USGA chief championships officer. "We strive to provide players with the greatest stages on which to compete for a national championship, and there are few stages as grand as Winged Foot."

Located in Westchester County, Winged Foot features two 18-hole golf courses – the West and the East – both of which were designed by A.W. Tillinghast and debuted in 1923. The championship will be contested on the West, which was renovated and restored by Gil Hanse in 2018.

"Today is an incredible moment for all of us here at Winged Foot," said Rob Williams, president of Winged Foot Golf Club. "Our club has a long history of hosting this nation's greatest men's and women's championships and we look forward to helping write another chapter in the story of our great sport in 2028."

The 128th U.S. Open will mark the seventh time the championship has been held at Winged Foot. It will also be the 14th USGA championship to be hosted by the club. During its 100-year history, the club has been the site of six U.S. Opens, and the 1997 PGA Championship.

In the first U.S. Open at Winged Foot in 1929, amateur Bob Jones won his third U.S. Open title by defeating Al Espinosa in a 36-hole playoff by a resounding 23 strokes. Thirty years later, Billy Casper claimed the first of his two U.S. Open titles in the first edition of the competition contested over four days. In 1974, Hale Irwin captured the first of his three U.S. Open victories with a 72-hole score of 7-over-par 287.

In 1984, Fuzzy Zoeller won his lone U.S. Open title by defeating Greg Norman in an 18-hole playoff. Geoff Ogilvy posted a dramatic one-stroke victory over Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie in 2006. In the most recent U.S. Open at Winged Foot in 2020, Bryson DeChambeau was the only player under par as he registered a six-stroke victory in the first U.S. Open contested in September in 107 years.

In 2028, Winged Foot will match Baltusrol Golf Club, in Springfield, N.J., as the second-most visited U.S. Open host site. Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club has hosted the championship nine times, with its 10th scheduled for 2025.

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and misleading."

The Judge's Order Reads:

The order from Judge Briccetti reads, ORDER TO REMAND: Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED: 1. The Seventh through Tenth Causes of Action are DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. 2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c)(3), since all claims over which it had original jurisdiction have been dismissed, the Court declines to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the remaining claims in this case, all of which are claims brought pursuant to state law. As a result, the case must be remanded to state court. 3. The pending motion to dismiss (Doc. #13) is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. 4. The case management conference scheduled for February 2, 2023, is CANCELLED. 5. The Clerk is instructed to terminate the motion. (Doc. #13). 6. The Clerk is further instructed to remand this case to Supreme Court, Westchester County. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Vincent L. Briccetti on 1/9/2023) (mml) Transmission to Docket Assistant Clerk for processing.

"Tom Diana doesn't get it, and this is the second time Tom Diana doesn't get it. The first time was when Diana claimed that he never met me in May 2022, when he was present representing the town board on that Sunday morning in May 2022 meeting, where Diana approved the 2nd Amendment. Diana needs to be reminded that Negotiations are between corporations, not individuals.

"Based on the RC legal positions of not breaching the concession agreements, affidavits of RC's contractors claim purposeful delays by the Yorktown Building department, the Questioning SWIS' rescinding of an electric approval certificate which the RC electric contractor's affidavit claims was outright incorrectly rescinded without an a reinspection, Slater/Yorktown trying to steal without compensation after the multi-million dollar investment RC made in this Public Private Partnership and attempting to replace RC at a time that the Yorktown concession agreement was fully in force, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THIS 3 PAR GOLF COURSE NEVER OPENS. The taxpayers of Yorktown should say, Thank you Matthew Slater," said Nussbaum.

In November, the Town Board voted to revoke the contract with RC. Subsequently, Nussbaum and other RC employees were removed from the property without a court order. Since then, the property has been padlocked, and the greens have NOT been winterized, putting in jeopardy the work that the RC staff has made. It is also unknown, who if anyone, in the Town is responsible for the maintaining the property until the suit is resolved.

In an email dated Nov. 15 to Yorktown Parks Superintendent James Martorano, Nussbaum and his attorney write, "This email confirms our earlier conversation today, that should the Yorktown Town Board makes the decision today, please provide the following information-1-who will winterize the golf course -2-who will winterize the club house -3-how will you provide security for the building, golf course and garage?"

"RC will add the illegal termination to our lawsuit against Yorktown and the 3 town officials individually. Yorktown has the responsibility to mitigate any damages to the property and the security of all the materials and equipment for the golf course and clubhouse. Please be aware of these responsibilities," writes Nussbaum.

One of RC's vendors, PCD Associates and design engineer Steven Costa, wrote to Landi on Jan. 5 asking that they be removed from the project, "Dear Mr. Landi, It has come to our attention that RC Recreation, LLC has been removed from the project @ 795 route 6, Yorktown Heights, N.Y., known as Valley Fields Golf Course. We are the design professionals of record for the club house building and bridges. Since we were retained by RC Recreation, and they are no longer the entity involved in completing our parts of the project, we respectfully ask to be removed, immediately as the design professional of record for any building items moving forward," writes Steven A Costa, consulting engineer.

Nussbaum says because "the architectural firm that has the approval for RC with the Yorktown Building Department has withdrawn his official stamped approval of the Club House Design, building plans and execution of the plans, either the replacement vendor or Yorktown now need to get a set of plans paid for and approved. This project is now moving backwards and that is why I believe there is a good chance this Par 3 Golf Course never opens."

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ANY COMPANY CONSIDERING REPLACING RC RECREATION DEVELOPMENT LLC AT THE YORKTOWN PAR 3

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