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## “Stewart-Cousins (Not Hochul), Leading New York Democratic Party Right Now”



State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

By Dan Murphy

NY Governor Kathy Hochul’s pick for Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals, Hector LaSalle, appears to be halted after the Democratic controlled State Senate Judicial committee rejected moving the nomination to the full senate for a vote last week.

LaSalle was viewed by a majority of state senate democrats as too conservative and pro-life, and the decision not to allow an up or down full senate vote for LaSalle, came from State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, from Westchester, and her caucus.

The debate over LaSalle continues, with Hochul and LaSalle’s supporters claiming that the entire senate needs to vote on his confirmation, and that the Governor might sue to get that full senate vote. But those sour grapes shown by Hochul and Co., resulted in Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins releasing a statement, which read,

“This ongoing attack makes it clear that there are those that don’t accept the Senate’s role in this process, and will not be happy unless we simply act as a rubber stamp. This is a dangerous infringement of the separation of powers. More and more people are waking up to the importance and impacts of the courts based on the events of the past year. This senate takes our role seriously and we will continue to represent the best interests of the people. Justice LaSalle was rejected based on his record and after 5 hours of testimony.”

That comment was viewed across New York political circles with joy or concern. Her supporters included progressive democrat Tom Watson who tweeted our headline, “Stewart-Cousins is leading New York’s Democratic Party right now”

The Upstater Tweeted, “I don’t think is NY politics folks talk enough about how great Andrea Stewart-Cousins is, and how much of a legacy she is going to leave as Senate leader.”

Former Governor George Pataki was not a fan of the power move. “This is a very big deal. It’s a question of who we have running the state – the governor or radical leftists in the legislature.”

Stewart-Cousins took questions from the media about the decision not to allow LaSalle’s confirmation a full senate vote. “We had the hearing we said we would always provide. The committee has spoken. The nomination was lost and I’m hoping we can move forward. It’s clear that this nominee was rejected and that’s it. We have to find a nominee that will be supported by the majority of the Senate and then get on with that.”

The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal said that progressives democrats who now control both the senate and assembly, should not accept judicial nominations from anyone who is also running on the Conservative party line. LaSalle had run for Judge before on the democratic, re-

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## More Support for Quast from Residents, As Question Remains-Who \$\$ Fake News Survey?



L-R-Town Clerk Diana Quast, Steve Shaw, Jann Mirchandani, Tom Marron

By Dan Murphy

As Tom Diana took the oath as the next Town Supervisor in Yorktown, residents of the town offered their support for Town Clerk Diana Quast. Quast, the only elected democrat, was publicly criticized with accusations of mishandling the meeting minutes of the town board. That accusation has been proven false, as Quast calmly tried to explain to the republican members of the town board last month.

Yorktown resident Dan Strauss, commented at the Jan. 17th Town Board meeting. “You expect respect from the people of Yorktown, but do you give us respect? Look at me, Mr. Lachertman, when I am talking to you. A naysayer is a person who criticizes, objects to or opposes something. Three months ago, you (Lachertman) said about people who opposed a new hotel in town, “if you don’t like it you can leave.” That is not respectful.

The reason that I have not been here for a year is that I didn’t want to be in the same room with people who don’t give respect to others. But you went after the Town Clerk in the December meeting for 30 minutes. That was something that I have not seen in my lifetime. She (Quast) is a decent person,” said Strauss

Yorktown residents are also abuzz trying to determine who paid for a ‘survey’ by text and phone to democrats and independents asking loaded questions about Quast, in an attempt to try to create support for Jenna Lennox-Belcastro for Town Clerk.

Lennox-Belcastro is the former secretary to Assemblyman Matt Slater. Some see a simple explanation in who would pay for a survey to promote Lennox-Belcastro

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## Westchester County BOL Drafts Law to Prevent A George Santos From Holding Office

Rep. Lawler Calls for Rep. Santos to Resign



Congressman George Santos

By Dan Murphy

The Westchester County Board of Legislators is considering passing a law to prevent, or make it more difficult, for a candidate like Congressman George Santos from holding elective office in this county. Rep. Santos has embarrassed himself and the country with his lies, and in his defiance in refusing to resign, even as most republicans in Washington and in New York want him out.

“Your Committee has considered “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapters 107 and 110 of the Laws of Westchester County to Require Truthful Disclosure by Candidates for Elective Office,” reads the introduction and explanation of the proposed law.

“following recent high profile misrepresentations of personal experience and qualifications among those seeking higher office, additional measures are necessary in order to ensure that members of the public can be confident that their elected officials have the experience that they profess to have obtained. Thus, the proposed Local Law would require candidates for County Legislator and County Executive to complete a Candidate Disclosure Form that provides biographical information, including the candidate’s educational, military, and employment histories. The Candidate Disclosure Form will also require the candidate to certify that the information contained in the form is true and correct. This form shall be open for public inspection,” states the explanation of the proposed law.

“Your Committee believes that these legal changes will not place an onerous burden on candidates, and that these changes will allow the public to hold more

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## Nine Westchester School Districts Placed on Turning Point USA’s “Most Radical” for Teaching DEI



By Dan Murphy

The debate and discussion over the teaching of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, DEI, in Westchester public schools has returned. Last year a Somers High school teacher was suspended, for having her students read the book Me and White Supremacy, by Layla Saad, and have her students explore their own white privilege and fragility.

The 10th grade English teacher, Allison Ferrier, was briefly suspended for using an unauthorized book in class. But after a few days, Ferrier was brought back after Somers Superintendent Raymond Blanche said that the book was not banned to be used in the classroom. A school board meeting during Ferrier’s suspension had parents and students coming out in support of her return.

Now the national Conservative group Turning Point USA has created a School Board Watchlist of districts that are “teaching racialization in the classroom.” On their list are nine Westchester school districts, including Somers, and Croton, Irvington, Mamaroneck, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains, Yonkers, and Yorktown.

Turning Point explains that the “School Board Watchlist (SBWL) is America’s only national grassroots initiative dedicated to protecting our children by exposing radical and false ideologies endorsed by school boards and pushed in the classroom. SBWL finds and exposes school board leadership that supports anti-American, racial, hateful, immoral, and racist teachings in their districts, such as Critical Race Theory, the 1619 Project, sexual/gender ideology, and more. SBWL also provides information on how parents and students can get involved in their local school board and put an end to the racialization of the classroom. It’s time for millions of Americans to stand up and take back our schools, demanding an end to the radical indoctrination of our children in the classroom.”

Turning Points website /www.schoolboardwatchlist.org, lists each of the nine Westchester school boards, and the reason for being on their list.

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District (UFSD) came under fire after a controversial sex ed lesson was taught at the high school. The district said it developed “a discussion about consent, (where) students are asked to anonymously

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## Five Males Attempt to Enter Eastchester High School Thwarted



**Denied by EPD SRO—Depart in White SUV**

**The Eastchester Police Department issued the following statement:** Our department is aware of an incident that took place (Jan. 20) at Eastchester H.S. Our school resource officer assigned to the H.S. was on-scene and security protocols that were put in place prevented any unauthorized access into the building. Our Detective and Youth Division is investigating the incident and we ask that anyone who may have information on who the individuals involved were to please contact our department at 914-961-3464.

Please see the statement below from the Eastchester School district Superintendent.

**Dear Members of the Eastchester Community,**

Earlier today, five unidentified males attempted to gain access to Eastchester High School but were denied entry by a security guard at the school's single point of entry. The security guard asked the males to produce their school-issued identification and when they could not, the males left campus on foot before departing in a white SUV, eventually heading north on Rte. 22.

The Eastchester Union Free School District's contracted security company, Altaris, notified other school districts in the area about the incident so that they might be prepared for a similar attempt on their campuses.

We are happy to report that the security measures in place denied these individuals entrance to our buildings and ensured the safety of our students, faculty and staff. We are thankful for the efforts of our security personnel, including our School Resource Officers, in keeping our district safe.

The matter has been referred to the Eastchester Police Department, which is currently reviewing photographic and video footage of the incident in an attempt to identify the vehicle and its occupants.

Sincerely, Ronald D. Valenti, Ph.D, Superintendent of Schools

## DMV ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW WHITE PLAINS OFFICE



**Office Opening at The Source at White Plains, pictured above**

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced it will open its new office in White Plains on Monday, January 23. Located at the Source at White Plains at 1 Maple Avenue, the site replaces the former White Plains Mall location which closed last March, and the temporary Tarrytown office, which closed this Friday to prepare for the move.

"We are very excited to open this new, more modern office to serve our customers in White Plains and throughout Westchester County," said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. "Our biggest focus with every office relocation or remodel is to improve the experience for those we serve. This office provides easy access, ample parking, and a convenient location for the residents in this area."

Providing exceptional customer service in both its physical offices and online is a top priority of the DMV and has become the focus of the agency's new way of doing business. The DMV's new vision is to shatter perceptions of the of DMV by providing simplified, effective, and responsive services. The DMV is taking a customer-first approach to its transformation effort by expanding online services, implementing enhanced customer service initiatives in its offices, streamlining transactions, optimizing its brick-and-mortar footprint to make the customer flow as efficient as possible, and exploring new ways for customers to communicate with the agency.

The DMV has launch new digital services including an online pre-screen process for customers applying for a REAL ID or Enhanced ID. The DMV also launched a transparency portal to inform New Yorkers about important deadlines and changes that impact them, connect them to data and other valuable information, and allow customers to provide feedback about new projects the DMV is considering. For more information about the DMV, visit [dmv.ny.gov](http://dmv.ny.gov) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## January is Almost Over?



**By Eric Wolf Schoen**

It is so hard to believe that the month of January is almost over and February will soon be upon is. So, Where is the snow, ice, sleet, etc.? There are many who will blame this on global warming, but I will not blame it on anything. Anyone who grew up in this region is well aware of the 'feet' of snow we use to get, forcing us to stay in the house for days on end eating homemade cake (the house smelled so good !) and big bowls of soup.

The pandemic has forced so many families to get computers that distant learning is a reality, not a dream. Turn on the computer and you have practically everything you need. So you say why do we need classroom teachers. Simply, without them and without group learning students would not interact with each other and socialization would not take place. It is so crucial to all parts of learning and we should never forget it. Let's hope those who fund our schools understand this unlike an elected official who once said to me, 'Why do we need libraries when so many books are on CD?' This same official could not understand why our libraries needed a magazine budget because they too are electronically available.

There is nothing like picking up a hard or soft cover books and flipping the pages. Let's hope our society doesn't get away from this for a long time!

### The Washington Documents

If we keep a \$100,000 piece of jewelry in the vault but want to take it out for a special occasion, we take it out and put it in a place we will never forget. After the occasion is over we take it out and return it to where we got it from.

The places are so finite. I can't image keeping a \$100,000 piece of jewelry in room the size of a mud room with no security. Just like at home, the document is stored in a small appropriate place.

So President Biden and Former President Trump have documents of top security stored in their respective homes since in Biden was Vice President and Trump has documents from over 4 years in Mar Lago. The document are just being found in searches of the homes of the two men. Most of the document are stored in the Library of Congress. Like a regular library, no one checks to see what books are checked out? If we didn't have a document system like a regular library, no one would ever check the whereabouts of these documents supposedly crucial to our nation's security? I'm sorry friends, I just don't get it.

And who else knows what is out there? And how long these documents have been known to be under no securitY? Should we been examining the homes of all our Presidents and Vice Presidents and Government Officials and have them look for missing documents. Should. We bring in an inventory company to take a non-partial examination of what exists and what is missing?This mess is beyond ridiculous.

Should there be a 'give back' where the families going back to George Washington can return classified documents without a penalty. Should there be fines based on how long a document is in circulation. Why just penalize George Washington's family without the Lincoln and Eisenhower's. This could go on for ages. Penalize the Library of Congress employees and their families who allowed the materials to go into circulation and never checked? Maybe we could solve our nations financial problems. Crazy!

### Truck on the Hutchinson River Parkway

2023. There my friend is stuck in traffic on the Hutchinson River Parkway. A truck hit the overpass knocking off its roof. Road closed. Cars waiting for hours. Maybe it's time that the people revolt.

There has got to be a solution. We've tried bars, stripes, signs, signals with and without noise and many other solutions. Nothing will work until we put up a barricade window high that hits the truck when it comes too close to it. Watch how quickly the truck backs up when they come close to a metal sign attached to a barricade that says no entrance or no entrada.

Everyone of these trucks costs time for removal, to fix the bridge that it hit as well as time for the motorists stuck in traffic. I don't care what the State Department of Transportation says against this. Do we ever see boats hitting bridges on our nation's roadways?

### Yonkers Redistricting

'To the Winner goes the Spoils!' Yonkers in the process of less then 5 days Redistricting city political districts to better align them with population shifts. And the Republicans are all in a huff as it dilutes their power. Haven't we gone through this game before!

When the Republicans were in power they did the same thing. So you expect the Democrats to do it different. Robocalls went out over the weekend telling about the process but not explaining what was going. It's simple. Even out the districts. With more Democrats it means more Democrat control districts county-wide. There is no law that you have to carve out a district to meet the needs of a political party. I'll say: To the Winner goes the spoils.

It will be interesting to see what happens. This is not easy business and requires distinct knowledge of the process. And remember, Republicans make up a small % of Yonkers population. The City Council has 5-2 Democrats to Republicans. It will be interesting to see what comes out in the end!

### THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE SANTOS

Don't complain that Congressman George Santos got appointed to committees that are meaningless in Congress. Complain that he got elected to Congress, lying to his constituents. Complain that he doesn't know his name. Complain he doesn't know where he lives. Or family history.

How sick could a man be to raise funds for an Ill dog and never turn the funds over to his keeper? Sadly just like we have sick people shooting up stores in California, we have disturbed people lying to to get elected. And dumb people who never checked out the disturbed person running for office.

One thing is very important. Congressman do a lot of constituent service for those in their district. It is important that the work of his predecessor be continued on. People are waiting for Government monies for help from their last Resource, the Congressional office, and wait for benefits they deserve. There needs to be staff under the direction of the Congress who make sure, 'We, the People' are not forgotten.

**Editorial note: thank spell check last week for turning RED into READ.**

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# Inform, Educate, Act: MHC- OCRA Students Aim to Combat Wage Theft

By Rina Beder

On January 9th, Lea Barry-Thouez, Jack Master and Benjamin Kulish, three Mamaroneck High School seniors in the Original Civic Research and Action (OCRA) program spoke with the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit about their continuing efforts to combat wage theft through increasing awareness and educating employers and workers. This was the third program sponsored by The Local Summit highlighting the work of MHS OCRA program students. Prior programs featuring OCRA students were “Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings”, and “Increasing Voter Participation in Local Elections.”

OCRA was founded over five years ago by MHS social studies teacher Joe Liberti and is a four year program that begins in freshman year. The program aims to instill “greater civic capacity and creative confidence,” said Liberti. Creative confidence allows students to come up with ideas to address an issue or problem that might not have just one clear answer. “It is an important life skill that students can take with them and build upon as they embark on the next chapter in their lives,” highlighted Liberti.

## Wage Theft

After conducting extensive research and meeting with the Community Resource Center (CRC) and numerous lawyers, including those with the Westchester County DA, the students focused on the issue of wage theft. Wage theft is the denial of wages including minimum wage and overtime pay and disproportionately affects undocumented workers.

Worker protection laws in NYS cover all workers, regardless of immigration status and violation of these laws result in substantial penalties for employers. Despite these protections, undocumented workers are reluctant to report wage theft due to fear of legal action or concern that they will never find work again, explained Ben Kulish. There are “over 2.1 million victims of wage theft in NYS alone,” stated Jack Master and “given the reluctance of undocumented workers to report wage theft or those wishing to remain anonymous, it is an underreported crime.” Ben went on to say that “while it is illegal to hire a worker with the knowledge that they are undocumented, under the Fair Labor Standards Act, once the work has been done, the employee must receive minimum wage regardless of documentation status.”

## Outreach and Awareness

During their research, the students identified lack of awareness of current rights and law as the biggest barrier to ensuring workers are protected. The “most effective way to have an impact is through educating the community and that comes through outreach,” said Lea Barry-Thouez.

In the spring of 2021, the students with the help of LMC-Media and the CRC, created a public service announcement to increase awareness of the law and resources in the County, including a multilingual hotline launched in 2021 by the Westchester County DA office. These efforts garnered local media attention and the PSA was also shared with the school District’s 13,000-member email list. The students also created the Ethical Business Initiative designed to “shine a positive light on local businesses on Mamaroneck Avenue complying with NYS Labor Laws.” Working with the CRC, students identified and visited responsible businesses who then received an “Ethical Business” sticker to display in their windows.

## Next Steps: February 4th Worker Forum

The students, in collaboration with the CRC, are organizing a Worker Forum on February 4 at 3:00 pm at the Mamaroneck Public Library to capitalize and build on the attention the project has earned. The forum is also being conducted in collaboration with the Westchester County DA, Westchester Human Rights Commission and a former US Department of Labor investigator. The program is for anyone who has been a victim of or susceptible to wage theft or wants to learn more about workers’ rights, “to make sure that you’re never in a position where you could be taken advantage of,” said Lea. In addition, Lea indicated “students will be distributing notebooks to workers to write down their hours, information they learned in the forum and to use in whatever working plans they have in the future.”

“Many workers, most especially undocumented workers, either do not know about or do not know how to access the many existing resources in the County and the State. And this lack of knowledge and awareness is why we thought we could come in and make a difference,” said Jack.

For resources and to learn more reach out to the Worker’s Center at the Community Resource Center. To report wage theft, call the Westchester District Attorney’s Office Labor Crimes Hotline at 914-994-8477.

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Local Summit’s next Zoom program, co-hosted with LMC Media, will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 8:00 am and will address “The Impact of Immigration/Refugees on Our Community.” Visit the Local Summit online: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

# State Police Need Help Finding Wallet Thieves



January 18, 2023, the New York State Police are seeking the public’s assistance identifying two subjects, pictured above, regarding a stolen wallet from Walmart on East Main Street in the Mohegan Lake area of Cortlandt.

The wallet contained financial cards, personal identification including a passport, and cash was stolen from a shopping cart in Walmart on December 18, 2022. The two pictured subjects were seen traveling in a grey or silver small SUV, possibly a Honda CRV, with an unknown registration.

Anyone with any possible information regarding the identification or location of the pictured subjects is asked to please contact the State Police in Cortlandt at (914) 769-2600, please refer to case # 11202980.

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publican and conservative party lines.

“That’s a decision to take a line from a party that is opposed to reproductive health, that is opposed to workers rights, that is opposed to LGBTQ marriage equality. I hope we have made it clear moving forward that we will not accept the nomination of judges who run on that line,” said Hoylman-Sigal, whose comment drew the wrath of NYS Conservative Party Chair Gerard Kassir, who said “the progressive Chairman of the State Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal of Manhattan, declared today that any judicial nominee in New York running on the Conservative Party line should be summarily rejected for consideration. In other words, Senator Hoylman-Sigal wants prospective judges pre-judged in this state to meet his own ideological bent. Maybe it’s time that the Conservative Party reconsider its cross endorsements of Democrats.”

“Serious people understand that Mr. Hoylman-Sigal is not among them, but his position as Senate Judiciary Chairman is cause for genuine alarm. How is it possible that a man with such prejudices is in a position to so radically affect our judicial system and the lives of each and every New Yorker? Isn’t justice supposed to be blind?” said Kassir.

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer traveled to Albany last week to make sure her vote concerning Judge Hector LaSalle was heard. Mayer posted that although she tested positive for COVID, she wanted to make her voice heard as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the nomination of Judge Hector LaSalle to be Chief Justice of the NYS Court of Appeals.

Mayer explained her no vote, “On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee gave Justice Hector LaSalle a thoughtful, full, and fair hearing. The issues raised in the hearing were broad and expansive; and the questions posed by my colleagues and myself over the more than 4 hours of the hearing allowed the Justice to fully explain his judicial philosophy. (I could not be there in person in the Hearing Room due to Covid, but drove to Albany to “check in” personally that day in order to cast a vote after the Committee hearing.) PJ LaSalle is an accomplished Judge, and my vote is not a personal critique of him, but rather the application of what I believe is my Constitutional duty of “advise and consent.” As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I was able to vote on the nomination. The vote was 2 in favor of moving the nomination, 10 against, and 7 to move without recommendation. As a result, his nomination was defeated.

“After reading many of his decisions, as well as Law Review articles and speaking with legal experts, my opinion is that Justice LaSalle’s record shows a consistent pattern of very narrow interpretation of our laws and the Constitution. Whether on labor issues, constitutional issues involving juror selection, First Amendment issues regarding advertising, or a range of other matters, the Judges’ decisions default to a most limited interpretation of our laws and Constitution, even when another decision was legally justified. For me, given the fact our Court of Appeals has been a 4-3 conservative court over the past several years, taking fewer cases and yet poised to decide the critical issues before us, this default position is not what we need at this moment. In addition, the US Supreme Court has now removed some of our constitutional rights and taken us backwards. My belief is that at this moment in history, we need a Chief Judge who will ensure the highest Court’s decisions are based on a fair and broad interpretation of New York laws and the New York State Constitution, one that is consistent with legislative intent. The bills we have passed, expanding voting rights, environmental protections, civil rights, tenant rights and more all are subject to interpretation by the Court of Appeals. A limited and narrow interpretation would be inconsistent with what was intended when these laws were passed.

“While I have great respect for Justice LaSalle and for all he has accomplished in his career, for these reasons and others, I have voted “no” on this nomination. I look forward to considering a nomination from Governor Hochul that I, and my colleagues, can support and move forward to confirmation,” said Sen. Mayer.

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# Juveniles Throw Rocks from Sprain Parkway Overpass, Hit 16 Cars

## “Someone Could Have Easily Died”



On January 17, 2023, the New York State Police from the Hawthorne barracks identified three juveniles who committed Reckless Endangerment in the 1st degree, a class D felony, after receiving complaints of rocks being thrown at moving vehicles traveling on the Sprain Brook Parkway at Payne Street.

Sixteen complaints of damaged vehicles were received by the State Police beginning at around 8:55 p.m. on January 17, 2023. Damage from the rocks ranged from flat tires to smashed windshields. One of the cars hit is pictured above. One of the victims posted on social media, “Someone could have easily died.”

Investigators identified the juveniles on Wednesday the 18th and issued each a Family Court appearance ticket before releasing them to their parents.

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confidence in the skills and personal expertise which these candidates have worked to obtain throughout their career or life experiences.”

The proposed law, titled, “Require Truthful Disclosure by Candidates for Elective Office,” would require candidates for the Westchester County BOL and County Executive to submit detailed personal disclosure forms, about their professional career, education, military service, and more.

Those forms will be kept on file with the Westchester County Board of Ethics, and will also be filed with the Board of Elections along with a candidates campaign financial disclosure forms.

The County Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed law in the near future.

Westchester’s lone republican member of Congress, Rep. Mike Lawler, has called for Santos to resign earlier this month. It is clear that George Santo has lost the confidence and support of his party, his constituents, and his colleagues. With the extent and severity of the allegations against him, his inability to take full responsibility for his conduct, and the numerous investigations underway, I believe he is unable to fulfill his duties and should resign.”

Media reports prove that the NY Republican Party knew that Santos, who had run for Congress in 2020 and lost, was a troubling candidate before he won election last November. Andrew Guiliani and Curtis Sliwa were two prominent republicans asked to challenge Santos in a GOP primary in early 2022 in an attempt to get Santos off the Nov. ballot. Both refused to run.

The other reason that the Westchester draft legislation is timely is that George Santos could be Westchester’s member of Congress. Early last year, the proposed district in NY-3 included parts of Long Island and Westchester.

Our newspaper had endorsed Robert Zimmerman, who we found to be a moderate, credible candidate. The courts required that the district boundaries for NY-3 be redrawn, and the result was that it became a Queens and Long Island district.

Santos defeated Zimmerman in the general election. Our conversations with democrats close to the Zimmerman campaign claim that they had the disturbing information and false claims by Santos, but that no major media outlet decided to report on it.

### Letter to the Editor:

#### New York Senate must vote for Hector LaSalle Nomination as Chief Judge

Governor Hochul’s argument that the full N.Y. State Senate must vote on whether to confirm her pick for Chief Judge not a committee. Hector LaSalle should be supported as the Supreme Court held in King v. Cuomo that the rules of the legislature “may not substitute for or substantially alter, the plain and precise terms of the Constitution’s primary source of governing authority.” The court declared that it wasn’t “involving itself in the internal political affairs of the legislators rules, (but) reviewing, and enforcing a process regime set out in the constitution.” “The courts “should not hesitate to compel the senate to fulfill its duty under the constitution.” — and in doing so, “save the process for the sake of the constitutional rule of law.”

As a registered Democrat, and what I personally observe as an act of fascism; Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said on a podcast more than a week before the vote “I do not see this ending in the way that the governor wished it would.” Conceivably to guarantee that the votes lined up to please the left, Stewart-Cousins stacked the committee with three extra Democrat senators.(and just one Republican.)— with the three extra democrat’s ‘no votes’ - thus guaranteeing the Hector LaSalle nomination defeated. This nomination must be voted by the complete Senate, not a committee.

Anthony Futia  
North White Plains

#### Kathryn Murphy Named to SUNY Oneonta’s Fall 2022 Deans List

Kathryn Murphy, of Mahopac, NY, was one of more than 1250 SUNY Oneonta students who earned Dean’s list honors for the fall 2022 semester. Murphy, a senior, is studying Biology. To qualify for the Dean’s list, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

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generate words or phrases they have heard...some of which depict potentially unhealthy dynamics about sex.”

Residents in the Irvington Union Free School District were upset after a high school football team carried an allegedly politically motivated flag (Blue Lives Matter) onto the field before a September 10, 2022 game.

Mamaroneck Public Schools recently settled a lawsuit that accused the district of alleged racial discrimination against students. In 2020, The Loop reported, “A federal civil rights lawsuit [was] filed on behalf of a 15-year-old African-American teenager, and his 14-year-old-sister, against the Mamaroneck Union Free School District and Mamaroneck High School ‘for their indifference to years of racial harassment.’”

Somers Central School District (SCSD) banned the book “Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor” by Layla F. Saad from its curriculum after students and parents pushed back against racist language in the text.

Yorktown School District -Holly Davis — Chair of Moms for Liberty Westchester County — contacted Turning Point USA’s Schoolboard Watchlist to bring awareness to her organization’s battle against the ideologies of Daks Armstrong. “In 2020, Armstrong attended a BLM rally where he declared the responsibility to reform neighborhoods, communities and school districts “belongs to white people.”

Also for Yorktown, “Complaints about several books in the school libraries were brought to the Board of Education by parents in fall 2021. The Board of Education formed a Book Review Committee to investigate the complaints. There were 69 people who expressed interest in being on the committee and 8 were chosen using a random number generator...Superintendent Ron Hattar recently announced that 4 of the books in question had been reviewed and that they would remain in the school libraries. The four books in question were: Gender Queer, Lawn Boy, The Hate U Give, and Looking For Alaska.

Yonkers City School District is facing challenges in student safety but school policies don’t reflect an immediate resolution.

No information was provided on Turning Point’s website as to why the White Plains, Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle school districts were placed on the list.

On Jan. 17, Carmel resident Tatiana Ibrahim, who has been an outspoken critic of diversity education in her daughter’s Carmel High School and in Yorktown, posted, “TURNING POINT USA HAS A SCHOOL WATCHLIST .. LINK BELOW ... CRIMES OF ATROCITIES AGAINST OUR CHILDREN!!! If your school has committed any crime of indoctrination, sexual perversion or any unconstitutional act against your children and you as parents Contact them ... Yorktown School district in Yorktown NY Westchester County has made the list ... Time to expose everyone who has committed crimes against our children. Thank You to Yorktown Parents who made this happen!” Ibrahim has also recently appeared on the Greg Kelly show on WABC 770 AM and on Newsmax.

Several community organizations in support of DEI, including Lakeland Rise, Somers Residents in Support of DEI and Yorktown for Justice, recently penned a letter to the media, portions of which are printed here. “Yes, the movement was accelerated following the murder of George Floyd. But DEI is absolutely about all students. The NY State Education Department’s Culturally Responsive-Sustaining (CR-S) framework specifically states that the work includes multiple expressions of diversity including race, social class, gender, language, sexual orientation, nationality, religion and ability. The slow crawl of DEI in K-12 education is the biggest barrier to building robust, all-inclusive programs in our schools. Many districts across the region remain at a standstill because of the immense disinformation campaign linking DEI to critical race theory, which has created fear and impeded progress. “In a cursory search, we found Ms. Ferrier’s statement about the lesson on Facebook. She asked her honor students to read two chapters as part of a larger lesson around the classic play, “A Raisin in the Sun.” Per Ms. Ferrier’s post, students were “given the option to reply to one of the journal prompts in their notebooks, if they chose to, knowing that those personal reflections would not be shared.” How is it possible that the students couldn’t disagree with the author in their own optional, personal and private reflections?” end of letter.

Two of Ms. Ferrier’s students shared the optional questions that she offered for their journal entries.

- 1-How does your white fragility show up during conversations about race? Do you fight, freeze, or flee?
  - 2-Describe your most visceral memory of experiencing white fragility. How old where you? Where were you? What was the conversation about? Why did it bring up white fragility in you?
  - 3-How do you feel when you hear the words white people? Does it make you feel uncomfortable?
  - 4-How has your white fragility prevented you, through fear and discomfort, from doing meaningful work around your own personal anti-racism to date?
- One parent said, “it made students feel bad about themselves.”

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**Support for Quast, Yorktown continued from pg 1-**

and discredit Quast. “Who would pay to promote Slater’s Secretary other than Slater? I always found them too chummy. The promotion of his Secretary does not pass the smell test. This has all the fingerprints of Slater and his stupidity-classic bully move,” posted by TurkeyMountainMan.

Some democrats who received the survey questioned if it had the opposite desired effect. Former Supervisor Susan Siegel called it a “politically motivated attack,” and “a phony issue.” Phil Corrao called it “an abuse of our public trust.”

Others questioned how the author of the survey, (still unknown but inquiring minds want to know and will find out), concocted the false evidence to attack Quast. The two questions in the survey, claiming that the Town Clerk has the power to approve or reject contracts with vendors, or that the Clerk has been negligent in her duties, were disproven and rejected by the residents, who saw through it and support Diana Quast, not because she is a democrat but because she is a good, honest, decent public servant.

It is this type of divisiveness from Republicans that Yorktown Democrats hope to capitalize on this fall. The Yorktown Democratic Committee (YDC) announced their nominations of Jann Mirchandani for Town Supervisor, Steve Shaw and Tom Marron for Town Council, and Diana Quast for re-election as Town Clerk.

YDC Co-Chair Marni Rabin-Marron said: “these accomplished candidates are all highly qualified and committed to making our town a wonderful place to live now and in the future. These strong candidates are dedicated to ensuring we have a local government that is responsive to the needs of all our neighbors.”

Jann Mirchandani and her husband moved to Yorktown nearly 20 years ago with their two children, both of whom are now Yorktown High School graduates. In addition to being a small business owner of over 20 years herself, Jann is a well-known and passionate advocate for small businesses and nonprofits in the community. Jann currently serves on the Executive Board of the Greater Hudson Valley Council Boy Scouts of America (BSA) as the Council Commissioner, the first female to hold this position.

Four years ago, Steve Shaw and his wife, Jennifer, moved to her hometown of Yorktown, where her family has lived for 45 years, to continue to raise their children, who are students at Yorktown High School and Strang Middle School. Steve’s career as a Project Manager and Corporate Trainer for the largest legal solutions firm in the world has brought him experience in collaboration, accountability, transparency, and compromise. Over the years he has been tasked with managing global projects for some of the largest law firms, acting as a subject matter expert in various areas, and developing and implementing internal certification programs.

Tom Marron is a 20-year resident of Yorktown. He and his wife Marni moved to Yorktown for its beauty and open spaces and are proud parents of a Yorktown High School student. Tom is an 18-year teacher at MLK Jr. High School in Greenburgh.

Town Clerk Diana Quast is seeking re-election to the position of Clerk for the Town of Yorktown. Having previously served as Deputy Town Clerk in the Town of Yorktown since 2003 and elected as Town Clerk in 2016, Quast has been helping others over the past 23 years of her public service career. As a 40-year plus resident of the Town and serving the people for 20 years, Quast is eager to show voters why she should be given the opportunity to continue to do so. With constant changes to law and procedures that make the Town Clerk’s office an important office for all residents, there are initiatives and programs begun during Quast’s tenure she is looking forward to continuing and expanding

YDC Co-Chair Mark A. Lieberman said: “The election of these candidates will mark a significant change of direction for our town’s government by electing people that bring a fresh perspective, new ideas, compassion, and the energy needed to meet the challenges we face in 2023 and beyond.”

Yorktown Republicans have yet to announce their slate of candidates, but most are expecting Diana to run for Supervisor, Ed Lachterman for Council, and Jenn Bel-Castro for Town Clerk.

Newly sworn in Councilmember Mary Capoccia will not run for election this fall.

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INDEX NO. 57364/2022  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1

Plaintiff,  
vs.

DAWN MCMAHON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; ANN MARIE DEMARTINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGINA GUALDINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

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

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703

Section: 3, Block: 033, Lot: 23

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To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

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THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$652,500.00 and interest, recorded on December 21, 2011, in Instrument Number 513193130, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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

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

Dated: January 18, 2023

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

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NYTOPSOLUTIONS LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 475 S. 4TH Avenue Mt. Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of Beagal, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/11/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 47 Washington Blvd Mt Vernon NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of 808 Commerce LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC at 808 Commerce Stret, Thornwood, NY 10594. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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HRHELP SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/2022. Office: Albany County. Republic Registered Agent LLC. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Registered Agent, at 600 Broadway, STE 200 Albany, NY 11207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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# Happy 107th Birthday Rosalie Cream!



Westchester County Executive George Latimer returned to his Mount Vernon hometown to celebrate and recognize the 107th birthday of Rosalie Cream, who is the eldest resident of Wartburg Nursing Home. Latimer, pictured 2nd right with other officials, said “I am moved to be able to join Mrs. Cream along with so many of her friends and family to personally extend birthday greetings on this 107th celebration of her life, spirit and remarkable journey that has led her here. From horse drawn sleighs, to 25 years of service to the New York Public Library, and decades of advocacy for not only women’s rights, but the rights of all people, Mrs. Cream is a living inspiration to us all.”

Born January 19, 1916, longevity runs in the family of Rosalie Cream with both her mother and brother having reached the age of 103. Rosalie Cream was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey and lived with her family on her grandparent’s dairy farm and then moved to Mountandale, New York where her grandmother and mother had a small Catskill hotel before moving one more time, this time to the Hunts Point Section of the Bronx with her mother and siblings where she met her future husband.

She was married to Alex Cream for sixty-four years and is the proud mother of Leslie (David), grandmother of Lauren (Rickey), Joshua (Angie) and Daniel and great-grandmother of Alexia, Benjamin and Sasha. Known as Roro, these three great-grandchildren are the love of her life.

Cream started reading at the age of four and has not stopped yet! In those early formative years, she would read the encyclopedia and dictionary just for fun. She was employed by the New York Public Library for 25 years and worked in the Parkchester Branch and the Fordham Road Branch Children’s Room, where she was often addressed as the “library lady” by the youth of the neighborhood.

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On Jan. 20, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that LAWRENCE RAY, a/k/a “Lawrence Grecco,” received a sentence of 60 years in prison for racketeering conspiracy, violent crime in aid of racketeering, extortion, sex trafficking, forced labor, tax evasion, and money laundering offenses. RAY was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lewis J. Liman after being convicted at trial in April 2022.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “Larry Ray is a monster. For years, he inflicted brutal and lifelong harm on innocent victims. Students who had their lives ahead of them. He groomed them and abused them into submission for his own gain. Through physical and psychological abuse, he took control over his victims’ minds and bodies and then extracted millions of dollars from them. The sentence imposed today will ensure that Ray will never harm victims again. I commend the brave victims who testified in Court in the face of incredible trauma. I also thank the career prosecutors in this Office and our law enforcement partners who made the just conviction and sentence in this case possible.”

According to the Indictment and the evidence at trial: From in or about 2010 through the present, LAWRENCE RAY subjected a group of college students and other victims he met after moving into his daughter’s dorm room at Sarah Lawrence College to sexual and psychological manipulation and physical abuse. RAY’s tactics included sleep deprivation, psychological and sexual humiliation, verbal abuse, threats of physical violence, physical violence, threats of criminal legal action, alienating the victims from their families, and exploiting the victims’ mental health vulnerabilities.

Through this manipulation and abuse, RAY extracted false confessions from the victims to causing purported damages to RAY and his family and associates and then extorted payment for those purported damages through several means. The victims made payments to RAY by draining their parents’ savings, opening credit lines, soliciting contributions from acquaintances, selling real estate ownership, and at RAY’s direction, performing unpaid labor for RAY and earning money through prostitution.

Through fear, violence, and coercion, RAY forced one female victim to engage in commercial sex acts to pay damages to RAY that she did not actually owe. Beginning when she was just a college student, RAY sexually groomed this victim and collected sexually explicit photographs and other personal information, which he then used to coerce her into continued commercial sex acts. RAY also used physical violence. On one occasion, RAY tied his victim to a chair, placed a plastic bag over her head, and nearly suffocated her. RAY collected millions of dollars in forced prostitution proceeds from this victim. At the sentencing, Judge Liman underscored “the resiliency of the human spirit and the courage of the victims.”

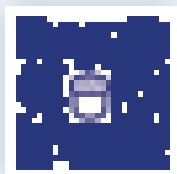
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