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# **Rocah Does NOT Charge Trump in Briarcliff Manor Golf Club Tax Probe**



Former President Donald Trump hosted Congresswoman Elise Stefanik at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor last year

By Dan Murphy

On June 14, Business Insider reported that Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah's office has closed its investigation against former President Donald Trump without filing an criminal charges. The investigation focused on whether members of the Trump Organization falsified documents to obtain lower property tax rates for its Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor.

Business Insider reported that "Elliott Jacobson, a special prosecutor hired by Rocah, departed the office in late 2022," and found "that the evidence collected in the investigation couldn't support criminal charges."

"The Westchester County District Attorney's Office conducted an investigation regarding certain properties owned by Donald J. Trump and/or the Trump Organization located in Westchester County, New York," an office spokesperson said in a statement. Our investigation is now closed. We approached this investigation as we do all of our investigations, objectively, and independent of politics, party affiliation and personal or political beliefs," said a spokesperson for the Westchester DA's office.

The former President hailed the decision, posting on Truth Social, "AFTER GOING THROUGH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION FOR TWO YEARS BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, IT WAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THE CASE HAS BEEN DROPPED, AND NO CHARGES WILL BE FILED,"

"THIS WAS THE HONORABLE THING TO DO IN THAT I DID NOTH-ING WRONG, BUT WHERE AND WHEN DO I GET MY REPUTATION BACK? WHEN WILL THE OTHER FAKE CASES AGAINST ME BE DROPPED? ELECTION INTERFERENCE!!!

The case began after the Town of Ossining, which is the tax collection government agency for the Village of Briarcliff, got into a dispute with the Trump Organization over the true value of Trump National. In 2021, Rocah's office subpoenaed financial records of the golf club.

Other investigations and criminal probes against Trump may have added to Rocah closing her investigation. NYS Attorney General Letitia James filed a massive lawsuit against the Trump Organization, and personally against the former

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# "Senior Member" of DA Rocah's Staff Knew **About Anand Singh Sex Allegations in Dec. 2022**



"This office learned that a senior member of the WCDAO was, in fact, given notice of the allegations against Singh on several occassions by Westchester County Government members and staff, the earliest of which occured in December 2022,"

June 5 letter from Amy Finz, Chief Assistant District Attorney to Frederick Sullivan, Asst. Chief Westchester County Attorney

Who is This Employee?

Why hasn't this employee submitted their resignation to DA Rocah?

By Dan Murphy

A letter obtained by Yonkerstimes.com shows that a "Senior Member" of Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah's staff, "was given notice of the allegations against (Anand) Singh on several occasions by Westchester County government members and staff, the earliest which occurred in December 2022."

Anand Singh was an employee of the Westchester County Board of Legislators when he was caught in an internet sting where he was recorded trying to have sex with a 14-year old girl. After several hours of graphic texting, phone calls and photo sharing, Singh drove three hours to New Jersey to meet the young girl, who was actually a decoy, working for OBL Global. The video was livestreamed in December of 2022, but didn't reemerge until April 2023. https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=LE2F2vHXZ4c

Singh was kept on until April; he was arrested by the FBI in May. Now comes word that someone in Rocah's office had knowledge of Singh but did nothing about it. First reported in the Yonkers Ledger https://www.theyonkersledger.com/ news/westchester-da-mimi-rocah-investigating-legislators-over-child-sex-predator-scandal/3226/, and in a letter later obtained by Yonkerstimes.com, Chief ADA Amy Finz writes to Frederick Sullivan at the Westchester County Law Department that Rocah's office," has referred the matter to another prosecutor's office, that will conduct an independent investigation."

In April, Rocah announced an investigation into the actions of the Westchester County Board of Legislators concerning Anand Singh, and demanded the preservation of all "data, information and communications."

Holtec Accused of "Strong Arming" Unions to Help Their Plan for Hudson River Waste Dump





above: Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg with opponents of Holtec's dumping plan outside her Ossining office

left: Holtec employees and union members at decommissioning meet-

By Dan Murphy

Efforts to keep Holtec, the Corporation that is charged with decommissioning Indian Point Power Plant, from dumping one million gallons of nuclear waste in the Hudson River, continue, with a bill to prohibit radiological discharges into the Hudson River expected to be passed in the Assembly this week, and to land on the desk of Governor Kathy Hochul this month.

But Holtec is now on the offensive, pushing back on the narrative that they should not be allowed to dump in the Hudson River, which took Pete Seeger and Robert Kennedy Jr., and many other environmental advocates, decades to clean. Members of several unions packed a recent decommissioning meeting in Buchanan and held protests outside of the office of Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, the sponsor of the bill.

But other residents who live near the closed power plant don't see the connection between forcing Holtec not to dump, but instead to store the waste to reduce the toxicity as recommended by Riverkeeper, and union jobs.

"I care deeply about all of my constituents, including our local workforce. I have been hearing concerns from three labor unions who are fearful of possible layoffs during the decommissioning of Indian Point. Because I am very concerned about local jobs, I asked multiple questions about the labor implications of different radioactive waste management options during last night's Decommissioning Oversight Board meeting. I heard repeatedly that there is plenty of work to be done at various points during the decommissioning process. If this is the case, why are workers being told that their jobs are at stake if A7208 passes? This appears to be an attempt to enlist labor in an effort to stifle public discussion of our options," said Assemblywoman Levenberg.

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# Yorktown Police Find Stolen Minivan with Missing Specialized Wheelchair for Young Girl



Yorktown Police Officers with Found Minivan and wheelchair

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Firefighter Bob Finnegan lives in the Shrub Oak section of the Town of Yorktown. When he came out to start his day, he found that his 2017 Toyota Sienna had been stolen out of his driveway. In the car was a specialized wheelchair for his 10-year old daughter, Mia.

After a tremendous outpouring of support and donations to the family, Yorktown Police answered the prayers of the Finnegan's, finding the car and the wheelchair.

The Yorktown Police reports, "A few nights ago, we had a few people we refer to as P.O.S. (Persons Or Suspects......although, it could be open to interpretation) rummaging through unlocked vehicles in the dead of night, when they hit the jackpot and located the van depicted in our photo. Unfortunately, and hey, it happens when you have a fob, you forget and leave the fob inside, which does not allow you to lock your vehicle. We may be suspect shamers, but we never victim shame here at YPD. Well, our P.O.S.' decided they'd steal

# Jacqueline Bisset Brings New Film to Picture House Bronxville June 25

Will Appear for a Conversation Following Screening of Loren & Rose



Jacqueline Bisset, in the fim Loren & Rose

The Picture House Regional Film Center (www.thepicturehouse.org) announced today a one-afternoon-only screening of the film Loren & Rose, followed by a Q&A with iconic actress Jacqueline Bisset. On Sunday, June 25, audiences will have the rare opportunity to be in conversation with one of the most successful and in-demand actresses of her generation.

British actress Jacqueline Bisset's long and successful career began in the 1960s and took off with films like Bullitt (1968), Airport (1970), Murder on the Orient Express (1974), The Deep (1977), and The Greek Tycoon (1978). Films like François Truffaut's Day for Night (1973), George Cukor's Rich and Famous (1981), and John Huston's Under the Volcano (1983) revealed her talent for intelligent, complex performances. Bisset has remained active and in demand, playing a wide range of parts from stalwart mothers to seductive socialites. What has remained constant throughout her four-decade career is her cool elegance, which has preserved her iconic status as one of the screen's great international beauties. She is a multiple time Golden Globe nominee and a César Award nominee.

In Loren & Rose, Bisset plays Rose, a legendary actress trying to revive her career. Loren, played by newcomer Kelly Blatz, is a promising filmmaker. Over the course of their many encounters, a deep friendship evolves as their love of art, understanding of grief, and faith in life's potential guide them through personal and creative transformations. Bisset and Blatz star with a chemistry that is at once authentic and intoxicating.

Clayton Bushong, Acting Executive Director and Director of Programming at The Picture House said "This is a truly singular and exciting chance to hear from an actress who has been part of some of the best films ever made and worked with some of the all-time great filmmakers. And at 78-years-old, Jacqueline Bisset is still turning in tour-de-force performances, like the extraordinary one she gives in Loren & Rose. TPH is greatly looking forward to sharing this special afternoon with our film-loving audience."

Loren & Rose screens on Sunday, June 25 at 1:00 pm at The Picture House Bronxville.

To purchase tickets or receive or more information about The Picture House, please visit www.thepicturehouse.org, call (914) 738-3161, or email info@ thepicturehouse.org.

# **Westchester County Pools to Open June 23**



Willson's Wave Pool in Mount Vernon

Ride the waves into summer as Willson's Wave Pool in Mount Vernon opens Friday, June 23, along with the remainder of County-owned pools, Saxon Woods in White Plains, and Sprain Ridge and The Brook at Tibbetts, both in Yonkers!

Last summer, Willson's Wave Pool wasn't able to open due to repairs, which were ongoing throughout the summer and year, however, the spray deck, aqua playground and the slides remained open.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "The opening of this pool brings joy and relief to our community, providing a much-needed respite for children and families during the summer. After last summer, ensuring its successful repairs were done correctly was crucial, as this site offers a safe and enjoyable space where children can swim and play and families and residents can gather - fostering a sense of community and well-being."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Kathy O'Connor said, "I'm excited to welcome residents back to Willson's Waves this summer and I congratulate the staff for an exemplary job on getting the pool and facility ready for the season!

The \$3.3 million project to get the pool ready for the 2023 season consisted of several new elements including pool slab, pool plaster finish, pool grating at the zero entry, pool tile, return and drain piping system, and a new underdrain system was installed to control groundwater. Other improvements include the upgrade of the Spray Deck Feature "dancing waters" and the Ultraviolet Disinfection System. The wave pool has a graduated depth from zero inches to six feet and offers waves up to three feet for six-minute intervals.

All four County-owned pools will be open daily through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; last entry is 6 p.m. Proof of Westchester County residency required; admission fees apply. Parking fees apply at The Brook at Tibbetts in Yonkers.

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# Former Corrections Officer Indicted for Cold Case 97' Yonkers Murder of Nusinaida Ramos





Photo: Yonkers Police Det. Martinez taking Rafael Ramos into custody for the 1997 murder of his ex-wife, Nusinaida Ramos, left

Westchester DA Rocah Announces grand jury indicts Ramos's ex-husband for strangulation murder

On June 15, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Sleepy Hollow man was indicted for the 1997 beating and strangulation death of his 34-year-old ex-wife, Nusinaida Ramos. Both cases—after lengthy investigations by the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office—are the latest homicides charged by the Cold Case Bureau, which the District Attorney established upon taking office in 2021.

DA Rocah said: "Today we have delivered some measure of closure to the families who have lived with these unsolved cases for a combined 36 years. The sentence and indictment in these cases show what can be accomplished with the resources and commitment of our dedicated Cold Case Bureau. Thanks to the tenacious work by our attorneys, investigators, and our vital police partners, we are securing justice for victims."

Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said: "I applaud the extraordinary efforts of our Yonkers Police Cold Case Detectives and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Bureau in pursuing justice for the Ramos family. Words cannot assuage the grief of losing a loved one to violence, so we hope these efforts bring some degree of closure to those who knew Nusinaida."

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted Rafael Ramos, 54, for Murder in the Second Degree, for the alleged beating and strangulation death of his ex-wife Nusinaida Ramos. The defendant was arraigned before Judge Fufidio in Westchester County Court on June 14, 2023, and remanded.

On the afternoon of March 9, 1997, the defendant, a former Corrections Officer at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, allegedly used a T-shirt to strangle his ex-wife to death after beating her until she bled in her Colins Street apartment in Yonkers. The next day, Yonkers police conducted a welfare check at the behest of the victim's family and found her dead on her living room floor.

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# **Goodbye Sweet Aunt Shirley**



By Eric W. Schoen

There is always someone special in every family that holds the family together in good times and bad times. This week we Lost my Aunt Shirley who I was very fond of at the ripe young age of 96. She died of natural causes.

Until her death she served as the matriarch of our family. Dad had 3 brothers, each with a wife and two children. Dad and his brothers all died young, and in Shirley's case her husband passed at a very young age. Shirley's boys were in high school when her husband, my uncle Harry passed. She kept the family together in time of sorrow.

I always enjoyed visiting Aunt Shirley in her Bronx apartment house. She would always offer me food like a good Jewish aunt never allowing me to say no. We would always have an enjoyable day when we spent it with Shirley and the boys

When her husband was alive, Shirley and Harry always had a habit of calling to talk to my parents when we were on our way out, particularly when we were heading to Temple on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. My dad would take the time however brief to talk to his brother, and make plans to continue the conversation later.

Shirley was the major provider for her family after her husband's early death. She went above and beyond with her sons. When one took seriously ill she stayed with him at his Lincoln Center apartment 24 hour a day, 7 days a week. As Shirley got older, the son reciprocated by providing 24 hour care to his mother. You don't see that in many families.

Goodbye sweet Aunt Shirley. Always a smile and a warm welcome. You will be missed.

#### Primary Day is Tuesday June 27

Journal News featuring extensive articles on how Mayor Spano raised over a half a Million dollars for his reelection bid. Much of the money was raised by companies with business before the city. To the winners go the spoils. You can have your say by voting in the Primary with early voting this weekend.

People moan and groan about candidates with large war chests or who get large amounts of money in particular from those who do business with the city. You don't like it? Make sure you vote on Primary Day.

Voting costs nothing, is easy to do and allows everyone to have their say in what is going on in the city. Don't forget and if you do, don't complain!

#### The Titanic

People pay a lot of money for excursions to see the remnants of the Titanic. This week one of the vessels operated by a private company has gone missing. The vessels are put together with flimsy materials.

We pray for the missing and hope that if people have extra bucks they spend it in better ways!

### Swimming

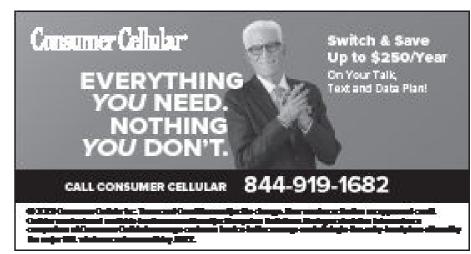
Make sure you swim in an area clearly marked where lifeguards are on duty. We have already had tragic accidents this year. And if you haven't learned to do so yet, learn to swim. The county offers courses at its various pools. That's how I learned to swim. Teacher Marge Bruno taught many people in Yonkers including this swimmer. She had a firm but gentle hand teaching the youngest to the oldest how to swim during the summer at Tibbetts.

And if you don't know how to swim, stay in shallow water and make sure you swim with a buddy!

# White House 'pull your shirt down' Ceremony

Shame on the person who during an LGBT ceremony took her shirt off. It took a long time to get LGBT people to be respected to be able to celebrate on the White House lawn. This 'Tik Tok' game player just spoils it for the majority who know how to behave. Fortunately her White House visit permit was taken away! Permanentally

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# 2023 Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade Scholarship Honorees



2023 Scholarship Winners Mercy Aguilar, Lizzie Astorina and Sean Condon with Parade Grand Marshals Kate Bialo, Jim Killoran , Joe Durney, and Chance Mullen

The Soundshore St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is pleased to announce that our 2023 Scholarship winners are:

Irish Heritage Scholarship Winners:

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Astorina is a senior at Mamaroneck High School with a 97% GPA. Aside from being heavily involved in many extracurricular activities, athletics, volunteering & community service, Lizzie has been a competitive Irish step dancer for over 10 years. She has competed regionally, nationally and internationally. Lizzie will be attending Georgetown University in the fall where she will be majoring in Data Science/Mathematics & Statistics.

Sean Condon is a senior at Pelham Memorial High School with a 99% GPA. Sean has been very involved with his high school as part of the student government, both the football & lacrosse teams and the Boy Scouts. In addition to being involved with his high school activities, he volunteers for many local organizations. Sean has connected with his Irish culture & tradition by playing in a developing band. A recent highlight of his bagpipe career was marching down 5th Avenue in the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day parade. Sean will be majoring in Business at West Point in the fall.

Marshal Mohr Scholarship Winner

Mercy Aguilar is a senior at Rye Neck High School and will graduate in June with a GPA of 95. Mercy immigrated to the United States halfway through her high school career from Guatemala. As one of her counselor's commented, she is one of the hardest working students in the room, with discipline, a great work ethic and determination. Mercy will be attending Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry in the fall and will be studying Biochemistry.

The parade committee and past Parade Grand Marshals Kate Bialo, Jim Killoran and Joe Durney, and 2024 Grand Marshal, Chance Mullen officially presented these deserving students with their scholarships at Sedona Taphouse in Mamaroneck, NY. Over \$50,000 in scholarships has been awarded in a tradition that began with the first Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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"Our aim has always been two things", said Parade President Joe Mauro, "To organize a great parade event for the Sound Shore community and provide for scholarships for deserving students. We're grateful for the opportunity to make a small difference in these admirable young people's live

For mre information, please visit www.soundshoreparade.com.

#### Dear Editor,

As someone who follows local and national news reports, I must tell you I am worried about the recent extreme heat and wildfires raging across the country. I feel for people who lose their lives and livelihoods to extreme weather, and it's only a matter of time until it directly hits me and my community.

Seeing headlines in news outlets covering these climate disasters made me realize that most news stories show no connection between them and the main cause: fossil fuels. This is dangerous, because many people will continue to refuse to see that longer, hotter, and deadlier summers are caused and perpetuated by the fossil fuel industry.

The science is clear – the longer we allow fossil fuel companies to dig and burn, the worse the impacts of the climate crisis will be. But the fossil fuel industry continues to ignore these alerts and undermine our chances for a safer future. We all know this is causing the climate crisis, and yet they keep burning and profiting, with zero accountability.

Climate impacts - like the recent wildfires - disproportionately affect people and communities who are already marginalized. People who did the least to cause the climate crisis suffer the worst from its impacts – they lose livelihoods, hope, and worse: their lives – while oil companies continue to hit record profits. This is wrong on so many levels.

Media have an important role to play - and a moral obligation to tell the whole truth. It's time to make one thing about extreme weather very clear: it's not a "crisis" that just happens to us - it's a crime, and the fossil fuel industry is to blame. Media has an important job to do to turn the tide of public opinion, and help the world avoid the worst of the climate impacts.

Please tell the REAL story about the climate crisis. Sincerely, Gregory Spock, New Rochelle

# Registration is Now Open for Westchester County Parks Second Pickleball Tournament

Pickleball is back by popular demand! Registration is now open for the West-chester County Parks Pickleball Tournament to be held on Saturday, July 29, at 9 a.m. at Tibbets Brook Park in Yonkers.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Catch the craze! Pickleball is becoming America's fastest growing sport, and we are proud to offer tournament play to Westchester County residents. So grab your paddle and come join us at the new pickleball courts at Tibbetts Brook Park.

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "Following the tremendous success of our first pickleball tournament held earlier this month, we are thrilled to offer a second competition to Westchester residents."

The mixed doubles tournament is open to men and women, levels 2.5 to 3.0 and 3.5 to 4.0 (no beginners please). Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The fee is \$30 per team, with a maximum of 12 teams. Deadline for registra-

is located at 355 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704.

tion is Friday, July 14.
Visit Westchester County Parks for more information, or to register, call (914) 231-4645 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Tibbetts Brook Park

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# Touring the Tudors: A Bus Tour of Homes in New Rochelle



Sunday, July 23 | 1:00 p.m. | \$75 per person (\$49 student rate)

Join us on our bus tour Sunday, July 23, led by Barbara Davis, New Rochelle city historian and co-director of Westchester Historical Society. Immerse yourself in some history and culture as we step back to 1920s New Rochelle, a period of intense growth and optimism for the city. Particularly popular in Westchester at the time was the Tudor Revival style, and hundreds of homes in the city were built following this trend, including the "Stockbroker Tudors," built by wealthy Wall Streeters.

Loosely based on a variety of early English building traditions, ranging from simple folk cottages to early Renaissance palaces, our tour will feature over twenty of these evocative homes, discussing their architecture and histories from the comfort of our charter bus. You will also get the unique opportunity to tour several interiors!

The tour is approximately four hours, stay for a light reception! Departure/end location is at Thomas Paine Cottage Museum, 20 Sicard Avenue, New Rochelle.

Space is limited – go to history.org to book your ticket today!

# Larchmont Village Board of Trustees and the Juneteenth Holiday

Op-Ed by Clifford Jackson

This is my first piece for the Soundview Rising in 5 years. I thought I was retired if you will from my 23 years of contributions to this publication and others here in Westchester and Rockland County's. Then I had a conversation with two people who work for the village of Larchmont about the village board of Larchmont and the Juneteenth holiday and I feel compel to come out of my " retirement". These workers said that a village of Larchmont trustee member was not looking to celebrate or acknowledge the Juneteenth Holiday. The workers of color were seeking to not only pay homage appropriately to the holiday but were looking for the day off with pay like millions of others around the country would be experiencing. The workers relayed to me that the Town of Mamaroneck, which the village of Larchmont is under, was honoring the holiday. The trustee said to one of the workers to exchange the day off for another holiday and the trustee said there will be a trustee meeting on June 19th.

In speaking to these individuals they confirmed what they had relayed to me that this trustee had no concern for this federalized holiday, and that like what I have seen living in Larchmont for 33 years that racism is alive and thriving in Larchmont. I told the two workers, one who was familiar with my contributions to this publication over the years, that I would contact the Village board of trustees to inquire why the town of Mamaroneck was honoring this holiday and the village of Larchmont was not

I contacted the village Clerk, I believe the gentleman's name was Brian and I inquired as far as why the village of Larchmont was not honoring the holiday, and confirmed with him that the trustee's were having their meeting on June 19th. So he he gave me an e-mail address to send my concerns to at the village of Larchmont and that he would forward the e-mail to the board of trustee's. In my e-mail I mentioned the main reason for it as well as what the holiday was, and that the holiday symbolized that much of the wealth and way of life of white America was based upon, as Abraham Lincoln said in his second inaugural address a month and a half before his assassination," the wealth of this country is based upon the 246 years of unrequitted sweat and toil and free slave labor of the African slave".

As of the writing of this letter , which is june 19th, I have not received a response , and this letter was sent and its receipt confirmed by the village clerk a week ago ,and that he submitted it to the board of trustees. I had asked, not that I should have had to ask, for a response to my e-mail. The revelations over the last few years and the George Floyd protest about America's brutally racist criminal history, or the so-called 'WOKE" Movement, should have made a response to my e-mail a little more important than just ignoring it. They have confirmed Larchmont's racist history that I have seen with the Larchmont PBA , certainly some of the officers, and the "Karen' syndrome that I have personally confronted many times during my 33 years here. As well as the 'ole boy " network that exists in the hiring practices of the village of Larchmont, that one of the people that I spoke to referred to, and in thousands of other 'lily white" hamlets and villages around the country.

Clifford Jackson, Larchmont



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# White Plains Youth Hear About Jackie Robinson



This month the White Plains Salvation Army Afterschool Program held a special event which featured a talk by the Jackie Robinson Project (JRP) about how the famed Brooklyn Dodger helped integrate pro baseball and continued the fight for Civil Rights after his sports career.

JRP Co-Directors Richard and Barry Zamoff shared Robinson's historic story with the youngsters who are in third to fifth grades. White Plains Corps Salvation Army Major Jen Alarcon extended the invitation to JRP so the children could learn more about this key American Hero.

Barry Zamoff commented, "I enjoyed meeting the kids and was pleased they knew another great humanitarian like Clemente." During the question and answer session after the talk, one child asked if Jackie ever played baseball with the legendary Pittsburgh Pirate Roberto Clemente.

The two Zamoff brothers grew up in the Bronx and were avid Dodger fans. The duo made many trips to Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. As twelve year olds, they were guests on the Dodger sponsored "Happy Felton Knothole Gang Show" and actually met Jackie Robinson.

Founded in 1996, thru a grant by the District of Columbia government, the Jackie Robinson Project highlights Robinson's activities as an informal Civil Rights leader. In 2008, the Project began going outside of DC to address schools and community groups. To date JRP has reached nearly 20,000 persons in 13 States and Japan.

# Statement from Rye Democrats and Rye Republicans: Rye City Mayor & 3 Council Members Must Withdraw Lawsuit or Resign

The Rye City Democratic and Republican Committees, jointly and emphatically condemn the actions of Mayor Josh Cohn and Councilpersons Carolina Johnson, Ben Stacks, and Julie Souza in their decision to file a lawsuit against the City of Rye!s Board of Ethics ("BOE"). We stand united in calling upon the four Councilpersons to withdraw their lawsuit or resign their positions and pursue their legal efforts as unconflicted private citizens.

Cohn, Johnson, Stacks, and Souza are suing the BOE to force them to withdraw ethics advice that was provided not to them, but to Councilpersons Lori Fontanes, Bill Henderson, and Josh Nathan. The three Councilpersons requested the advice in light of the Emergency Special Meeting of the Rye City Council called by Johnson, Stacks, and Souza for the purpose of passing a tree moratorium law. Concerned that such meeting could present the appearance of impropriety—given that it was called to prevent trees from being cut down on a lot abutting the Mayor's property—Councilpersons Fontanes, Henderson, and

Nathan asked the BOE for personal ethics advice. As part of such advice the BOE expressed its view that the actions in calling for and holding an emergency meeting under these circumstances violated Section 15-10(B) of the Rye City Code of Ethics.

This lawsuit has nothing to do with trees. It is about the proper process of governing. At a time when our neighboring communities face tough economic challenges in housing and providing for an influx of new arrivals, and Rye families are grappling with inflation, flooding and overdevelopment, the Mayor of the City of Rye and his council allies show a complete lack of self-awareness.

Their actions place our city in the farcical position of suing itself and potentially incurring significant legal fees representing both sides. Every dollar spent on this needless lawsuit detracts from funds that could be used to support and care for com-

Make no mistake: This frivolous, self-serving lawsuit will impose a needless

financial burden on Rye taxpayers.

The BOE consists of five members: Rye's City Manager, Greg Usry, City Attorney Kristen Wilson, BOE Chairperson and past City Councilperson Beth Griffin Mathews, past Mayor Ted Dunn, and highly respected attorney Ted Stein.

The two City professionals along with members of their staff will now be forced to spend months gathering information and preparing depositions. City productivity and morale, at a time when they are working to manage a plethora of capital projects, will plummet.

The three BOE volunteers, all highly respected and long-term residents of our community, will have to divert attention from their personal lives and endure the added stress of responding to a lawsuit. This sends a powerful and negative message to the very talented and committed members of our community we want to attract to our city volunteer committees-- "don!t bother".

Finally, how will the four current Council members, who were elected to represent the voters, effectively manage their lawsuit against the city they lead? The range of conflicts they face is mind boggling. One thing is certain, the interests of Rye voters will come last. The filing of the Article 78 lawsuit against the BOE by Mayor Cohn and Councilpersons Johnson, Stacks and Souza is an attack against who we are as Rye neighbors, friends and residents—individuals who love this city and express their appreciation through voluntary service. Therefore, the Rye City Democratic and Republican parties stand together and call upon the four Councilpersons to withdraw their lawsuit or resign their positions to pursue this lawsuit as unconflicted citizens.

# Assembly Member Paulin's 'Deepfake' **Legislation Passes Legislature** Would Make Dissemination of Deepfake Images a Crime



Assembly member Amy Paulin

Assemblymember Amy Paulin's (D-Scarsdale) legislation (A.3596A/ S.1042A) to protect residents from the harm of "deepfake" images disseminated in online communities has passed in the New York State Legislature. Her legislation makes their nonconsensual use a criminal offense, and now awaits the signature of Governor Hochul to become law.

"Deepfakes" are fake or altered images or videos created through the use of artificial intelligence. Many of these images and videos map a face onto a pornographic image or video. Some create a pornographic image or video out of a still photograph. These pornographic images and films are then posted online without the consent of those in them – often with devastating consequences to those portrayed in the images.

Following passage of the bill, Assemblymember Paulin said, "Regardless of the motivation for creating and distributing deepfakes - whether it was to humiliate, coerce, control or distress an individual - under this legislation the perpetrator will be prosecuted under the NYS Penal Code and if convicted spend up to a year in jail. Deepfakes can have a lifelong impact on someone because it's on the web, and doesn't come off easily. That's why we needed to update the law to make their online dissemination a criminal offense."

According to recent cybersecurity data, deepfakes are growing exponentially - doubling every six months. Deepfakes also disproportionally victimize women. Of those currently circulating online, research shows that over 90 percent depict non-consensual porn featuring women.

There is also significant evidence that intimate image abuse harms women more and in different ways than it harms men. Researchers have found that the mental health impacts on women are akin to those suffered by victims of sexual assault. These effects include anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and worsening physical health and financial harm either through time off work or through withdrawing from online spaces. In some cases, there have been reports of attempted suicide and self-harm.

When women's images are posted onto pornography sites, they are humiliated, shamed and often receive demeaning and frightening messages from men who have viewed their images. Women have also reported feeling unsafe and constantly on alert while in public or around men they don't know and trust. The threat of violence is exacerbated when personal information about the victim is shared alongside the image.

This type of intimate image abuse has also been used as a mechanism for "shutting women up." Some women may shut down their blogs, avoid websites they formerly frequented, take down social networking profiles, refrain from engaging in online political commentary, and choose not to maintain potentially lucrative or personally rewarding online presences.

'The sharing of and threats to share these images can be used in abusive relationships as a mechanism of coercion and control," said Assemblymember Paulin. "Women in abusive relationships often already find it extremely challenging to leave or go to the police for a myriad of reasons. It is clear that intimate image abuse makes leaving abusive relationships and reporting the perpetrator harder still. This legislation is a first step to prevent the proliferation of deepfakes, amending the Penal Code so that they can be prosecuted as the serious offenses they are."



Cold Case Murder, continued from pg 3-

Yonkers police arrested the defendant on June 14, 2023, at his residence in Sleepy Hollow. The case is before Judge Fufidio in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Cold Case Bureau Chief Daniel Flecha of the Trials and Investigations Division. Criminal Investigator James Menton assisted with the investigation. The charges against the defended dant are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Rocah also announced that Wanda Veguilla was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the 2012 Murder of Pamela Graddick. That case was also solved by the Cold Case Bureau in 2021. The Yonkers Police Tweeted, "Thank you to Yonkers PD Cold Case Detectives John "Lumpy" Geiss (ret.) and Vionett Martinez for their pursuit of justice for the families of Pamela Graddick and Nusinaida Ramos."





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Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. 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, 50 Hawthorne Ave C3-1, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act

Notice of formation of Peek Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/8/2023. 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, 43 Nob Ct, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Motives Thru Fabric LLC. Filed with Angel Luis Morales III. Office: Westchester County. Angel Luis Morales III designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Angel Luis Morales III Shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 35 Montague Street, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Kate Kloset LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/21/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 27 Brook Street, Croton on Hudson, New York, 10520. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of AADNYS TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/2023. 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, 6 Lewiston Ct, Briarcliff Manor NY, 10510. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of FITT 4 LIFE PRO GYM LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 03/29/2023. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 444 South Fulton Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

- Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Limekiller, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
- Notice of formation of Intwinely, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2005 Palmer Avenue, Suite 1064, Larchmont NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 83 feet on a 109-foot building at the approx. vicinity of 139 Valentine Lane, Yonkers, Westchester County, NY 10705. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Conchita Jones, c.jones@trileaf.com, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 400, Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067, 678-653-8673 ext. 659.

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

### Briefs:

Can you believe the person who slashed a dog in the face. How pathetic can someone be!

Social media has had a negative impact on kids. It is important that parents watch their children's social media excursions and not have other kids use the device to belittle each other.

Transit knife arrests are up 60% in New York City. Wonder why people and businesses are leaving the city? And why people are afraid to take public transit!

Hunter Biden has taken a plea deal with prosecutors. Yes, if Donald had returned the documents in his possession he might have gotten a plea deal too with-

I'm still waiting to hear all these tapes the Trump side and Biden side claim to have of each other. Release the dam tapes already, or for heavens sake stop talking about them.

I am impressed with Presidential candidate Tim Scott a conservative willing to work with the Democrats. Among all the White faces, it will be good to see a black face in the Republican debates.

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. Reach him at thistooisyonkers@aol.com.



THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

- 1. Bid 6992 Opening date: 07/14/2023: Purchase of one Recreation by Design, or Yonkers approved equal, mobile command trailer (NG).
- 2. Bid 7008 Opening date 07/07/2023: Twelve month contract, with the option to renew for twelve months, for the purchase of dog and cat food, cat litter and pads as needed for the Yonkers Animal Shelter (NG).
- 3. Bid 7009 Opening date 07/07/2023: Purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe SSV's, or Yonkers approved equal (MM).
- 4. Bid 7001 Opening date 07/14/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide road and highway improvements within Yonkers (2023–2024 Highway Improvement Contract) (KS).
- 5. Request for Quotation-479 Due date 07/07/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for three 12-month terms, to provide the services of a Water Systems Operator and Maintenance Specialist (the "Specialist") to provide on-call Construction Management & Construction Oversight Consulting Services. The Specialist will assist the Department of Public Works in overseeing the Construction Management of Water Bureau Capital Projects (NG).
- 6. Bid 6990 Opening date: 07/21/2023: Furnish and install emergency diesel engine at the Tuckahoe Road Low Service Pump Station located at 319 Tuckahoe Road (MM).
- 7. Bid 6994 Opening date 07/21/2023: Furnish and install an above ground/ underground refuse disposal system on a new City provided Freightliner truck (MM).

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President and his two children, Don Jr. and Eric.

James' suit claims that "Trump falsely inflated his net worth by billions of dollars to further enrich himself and cheat the system."

James' case claims that Trump increased the value of his properties to get bank loans, while the Briarcliff case claimed that Trump decreased the value of the Golf Club to lower his property tax bill.

When asked about the Trump case at a recent press conference highlighting cold cases that were solved, Rocah said, "Part of why I'm saying anything at all is that I think it's really important, more important than ever in our country, to make sure that people understand that we have independent prosecutors, we have a justice system that operates independent of politics. I can stand here and proudly say that I'm one of those prosecutors, and I look at every subject of any investigation, every organization that's a subject of an investigation, the same way."

#### Holtec, continued from pg 1-

"If they are confident that the science and evidence unequivocally supports the safety of discharging the water, they should want skeptical members of the public to be able to come in and hear it and be convinced. Public perception of a polluted, hazardous river will undermine our local economy in various ways, harming property values, business interests, and much more. More than 30 municipalities and thousands of my constituents have reached out to my office to oppose the plan to discharge nuclear waste into the Hudson."

Members of the Carpenters Union oppose the bill by Levenberg and State Senator Pete Harckham, claiming that it will effectively stop the decommissioning of Indian Point and kill their union jobs as a part of the cleanup.

"This bill may be well intentioned, but it would stop the decommissioning of Indian Point and lead to substantial long-term job losses in the Hudson Valley. The concerns raised by the bill's sponsors have been addressed, and the EPA has developed environmentally conscious procedures that our members are following closely. A handful of misguided activists from outside our community shouldn't be allowed to stop a worthy project that is providing critical blue collar jobs," said Bill Banfield, Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters.

However, finding the connection between stopping Holtec from dumping in the Hudson, to the union jobs for the cleanup on the power plant and surrounding property, is difficult to find. "This is nothing more than Holtec strongarming unions into stopping this bill from passing, and allowing them to dump this Nuclear Waste in the Hudson. This is how a child acts when they don't get what they want, and their refusal to consider other options is a sign of a corporation that doesn't care," said one Westchester environmental leader.

State Sen. Peter Harckham, a sponsor of the bill, called connecting union

State Sen. Peter Harckham, a sponsor of the bill, called connecting union jobs with toxic dumping a false choice."Protecting jobs versus protecting our environment and natural resources is a false choice. We need to work together to accomplish both. There are years' worth of work onsite at Indian Point, and workers should not be treated as hostages while we deal with the challenges of safe decommissioning."

Another point raised by opponents of the dumping is that if Holtec decides to store the wastewater on site, which would reduce the tritium's half-life (the radioactive isotope) by 50%, there would be hundreds of new union jobs required to build the waste facilities and the surrounding infrastructure.

Recent supporters of Holtec's plan to dump include John Ravitz, of the Business Council of Westchester, who penned an Op-Ed, (https://www.theexaminernews.com/holtecs-planned-release-of-indian-point-water-was-agreed-to-by-all-parties/?) and from Warren Smith, republican candidate for Cortlandt Town Supervisor.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer at his weekly briefing on June 15, said, "If Holtec asserts that there is no method by which the contaminated water can remain on site, they must explain why that is the case...The question that I have to ask is if this water is released in this quantity at this level of pollution, that there will be no harmful effects to this river over the next 50 years? I have no confidence, nor have I seen persuasive data that assures me otherwise.... If there is any miscalculation, we are the ones who will pay the price. I support calls for a moratorium to address these issues."

### Missing Wheelchair, continued from pg 1-

the van, which had a customized wheelchair inside, that was very much needed for a member of the victim household.

"Well, we're happy to report that eagle eyed Yorktown Police Department Detective Dan Curtis spotted the unoccupied van parked in a residential parking lot just over the town line on Lexington Ave last night. The good news......the customized wheelchair was still inside of the van! That's Detective Curtis on the left, being joined by Detective Sage (best hair @ YPD for the last 25 years), processing the van for physical evidence as we speak, so we can return the van to the rightful owner ASAP. As always, we're hoping to "scoop up" the P.O.S.' involved in the theft and we'll be working hard to make that happen Help us, help you, please try and remember to lock your unoccupied vehicles."

To help the Finnegans overcome this challenging time, a GoFundMe page was set up and raised more than \$7,500.

Bob Finnegan, Mia's dad and a Yonkers firefighter, said that won't happen again. "I accept full responsibility, you know, I grew up in a small town like this, so I got used to not having to lock doors and not having to lock cars," he said. "Obviously I have learned my lesson that times have changed."

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# Progressive Computing Celebrates 30 Years



L-R- Ugo Chiulli, Progressive Computing; George Latimer, Westchester County Executive; Robert Cioffi, Progressive Computing

Robert Cioffi and Ugo Chiulli were raised in Yonkers. They attended and graduated from both Gorton High School and Iona College, became friends, and eventually informal business associates at Iona College during the technology revolution in the 1980s. Today, Robert and Ugo are co-founders of Progressive Computing and celebrating the company's 30th anniversary.

Progressive Computing started in 1993 as Robert and Ugo developed software programs for local businesses with open-source DOS. At that time, much of the servicing was "break-fix"-. Progressive would receive a phone call when a partner needed something repaired. Eventually, Progressive Computing grew to provide a host of services as the technology of doing business became more complex and nuanced. Progressive was among the first to adopt a subscription-based service, offering numerous benefits like guaranteed response time, continued IT support and backup, strategic planning, consulting services, and cyber security protection.

Years ago, Mr. Cioffi (COO), Mr. Chiulli (CEO), and Robert Patterson, the company's Sales and Marketing Director, adopted a unique approach of forming and participating in several peer groups of technology-minded individuals from different industries and disciplines. They would meet quarterly to discuss their business, challenges, and opportunities in the IT industry and would discuss ways to address these issues.

This valuable peer group insight allowed Progressive Computing's leadership team to put best practice ideas into practice, keep on top of the ever-changing industry, anticipate new trends, and give advice and consultation to their growing portfolio of partners. Progressive Computing has expanded to over 70 clients with revenues exceeding \$5 million annually.

During the Covid outbreak, as many businesses were losing revenue and reducing their workforce, Progressive committed itself to keeping the company whole and riding out the pandemic. Progressive's leadership team stayed in touch with all of their partners, helping them through the difficult transition of managing the pandemic's effects on their business. Progressive Computing not only emerged stronger from the pandemic, but the Covid experience helped to make businesses more aware of the natural evolution to cloud-based serving, a strategy Progressive had advocated for years.

Progressive's core values are Respect, Commitment, Team, and Humble Confidence. The latter value is an attitude of quiet confidence that Progressive specialists have when consulting, or troubleshooting an issue, without overreaching or seeming to flaunt their expertise. Interestingly, Progressive has four employees who have been with the company for over 20 years; they embody these core attributes that the company's employees embrace today.

The hiring process at Progressive is rigorous; each new hire must pass the core values interview before moving on to the next level. Of course, any business fortunate enough to have its employees perform and live by their company's core values will be better suited to be successful, as Progressive Computing has been since 1993.

Progressive is keen on supporting community-based efforts. From working with The United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Arts Westchester and other nonprofits, having active membership in The Business Council of Westchester to holding high-tech classes at Rutgers, Progressive appreciates the community that has helped them thrive since the company started. We also help provide leadership at various nonprofits. Robert Cioffi is on the board of The Business Council of Westchester, Robert Patterson on the board of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, and Ugo Chiulli a board member of Community Resource Center.

The future for Progressive is promising, with the growth of cloud services, the importance of cyber security, and the likely prospect that the company considers the acquisition of entities that can help elevate the customer experience in the coming years; Progressive is well positioned for continued success and growth.

# Anand Singh, continued from pg 1-

Who the individual was in Rocah's office who had prior knowledge of Anand Singh's actions four months before his arrest in not yet known to the public. We also don't know who the independent prosecutor is investigating Singh.

Friends of the DA are telling us that "other members of the DA's staff had no knowledge that this individual knew about Anand in Dec. of 2022 until their own investigation uncovered proof. She (Rocah) isn't happy about any of this."

Here is where we differ with Rocah and her supporters. The letter is dated June 5. The Yonkers Ledger ran their story on June 6. There has been no public discussion or comment from her office, in an apparent attempt to keep this quiet. Full disclosure would have been the best decision, as soon as the letter was penned.

Why hasn't that individual submitted their resignation to Rocah? Will there now have to be an independent investigation into what this DA employee knew. Was this a violation of any Legal Codes of Conduct?

The fear of many in Westchester was that Anand Singh made contact with his sexual preference, an underage girl, before he was caught in December and arrested in April. The FBI continues to investigate Singh, and his devices, to answer that question.





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Editor's Note: We believe that a media campaign, aimed at informing the residents of the tri-state area about the plans by Holtec. Currently there is legislation before Governor Hochul to sign, but that may not be enough to protect the Hudson. We are also inquiring about a similar planned dump on Cape Cod. All that we are asking is for the people of New York to consider if Hotec's plan makes sense, or are there other options that make more sense. Anyone with interest in joining this effort can reach Santosh snandabalan@fwwatch.org, or dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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