

Local Dems Silent on Cuomo Run for NYC Mayor Progressives and Women's Groups Say #HellNoCuomo



former Governor and former Westchester resident Andrew Cuomo, campaigning for Mayor of New York City

By Dan Murphy

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo is riding high in the polls in his quest to return to political power in the Empire State, this time as Mayor of New York City. Cuomo has a 20-point lead on the current Mayor, Eric Adams, and several other announced Democrats.

But something strange or missing was in Cuomo's announcement last week. No prominent Democrats supported Cuomo, and no prominent Democrats opposed his return.

Cuomo was forced to resign as Governor four years ago due to a report from NYSAG Letitia James that Cuomo sexually harassed 11 different women and employees. In his recent 17-minute announcement for Mayor, Cuomo waited until the end to acknowledge his mistakes, saying, "Did I make mistakes, some painfully? Definitely, and I believe I learned from them and that I am a better person for it and I hope to show that every day."

Granted, Cuomo was never charged for the sexual harassment allegations made against him. But if he did nothing wrong, why did he resign?

Almost all prominent democrats who called for him to resign in 2021 are silent about his run for NYC Mayor. What gives?

When U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand was asked by a reporter in a video about Cuomo for Mayor, the pained expression on her face indicated the comments we received from several Westchester Democrats about Cuomo.

Gillibrand said, "It's up to New York voters; it's not up to me. He has a lot of talent as an executive, and he's been a very strong governor ... but he has admitted and said he's made mistakes ... serious mistakes."

State Senator Gustavo Rivera, one of the few elected democrats to come out against Cuomo, called out Gillibrand. "I'm sorry @SenGillibrand, but this

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Fareri Family Pledges \$5 Million for Construction of Westchester Medical Center's Critical Care Tower



John and Brenda Fareri, left, with WMCHHealth's new President and Chief Executive Officer, David Lubarsky, MD; Zubeen Shroff, Board Chair, Westchester County Health Care Corporation; and Michael D. Israel, former WMCHHealth President and Chief Executive Officer.

John and Brenda Fareri, whose support for the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth) has been instrumental in the growth of the Network, have pledged a \$5 million gift to support the construction of Westchester Medical Center's newest patient tower. In recognition of their support, the building (formerly referred to as the Critical Care Tower) will now be known as the Brenda Fareri Pavilion.

In a ceremony held this morning at Westchester Medical Center, John and Brenda Fareri were recognized for their generosity by Network leadership, including WMCHHealth's new President and Chief Executive Officer, David Lubarsky, MD; Zubeen Shroff, Board Chair, Westchester County Health Care Corporation; and Michael D. Israel, former WMCHHealth President and Chief

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Westchester Republicans Pick Christine Sculti to Run For County Executive in November Trump Names John Sarcone -US Attorney Northern NY



Christine Sculti



US Attorney nominee John Sarcone

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Harrison Teen Charged with Attempted Murder for Throwing Man off Subway Platform

Employee Steals \$64K in Gift Cards, Arrested



Crimestoppers photo of Andrew Pashinin

By Dan Murphy

A Harrison teen ager is now facing 25 years in prison for attempted murder after he pushed his victim off of a subway platform in Brooklyn.

The incident occurred last year, on Dec. 7, at 1135 AM, at the Atlantic Avenue-Barclays station in Brooklyn. Andrew Pashinin, 19, of Harrison, got into an argument with a 33 year old man on the subway platform. When Pashinin pulled out a knife, the other man backed off.

Pashinin then started recording the other man with his phone. Shortly after, Pashinin is now charged with pushing the victim onto the subway tracks of the D Train. Pashinin fled the scene, but the victim was able to pull himself onto the platform seconds before a subway car entered the station, and was not

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Saint Patrick's Day Parades All Across Westchester



White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, with WP Mayoral candidate Justin Brach and members of the WP St. Patrick's Day Committee--See Story on Page 10

Bird Flu Detected at South Salem Animal Shelter No Public Health Threat Identified No Human Cases Reported in New York State



The Westchester County Department of Health has learned that multiple birds at an animal facility in South Salem have tested positive for bird flu, and about 60 birds died or were euthanized. The facility, Animal Nation, is a Farm Animal Rescue & Sanctuary located in South Salem. The facility has been closed to the public since the fall, and there is no risk of public exposure. However, staff and volunteers are being notified, and the Westchester County Health Department is actively reaching out to them to monitor for any symptoms of bird flu.

Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "The best way we can all be protected is to avoid contact with any sick or dying animals. While there is no risk to the public at this time, it's important that we all remain vigilant. The Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and supporting those who may have been exposed."

If a dead bird is found on a property, it should be disposed of in accordance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) guidance. Proper precautions include wearing disposable gloves, a mask and eye protection. Avoid direct contact with the animal and its fluids, keep children and pets away, use a shovel, and wash hands and clothing immediately after with soap and hot water. Carcasses should be triple-bagged in garbage or contractor bags and placed in an outdoor trash can.

Amler also advised residents to keep their children and pets away from sick or dead birds and not to directly touch any sick or dying animal.

In cases where multiple dead birds are observed in a single location, it is recommended to report the incident to the DEC. More information about wildlife health is available at the NYSDEC Wildlife Health webpage.

On Feb. 7, the Town of Mount Pleasant received confirmation that the Canada geese found dead Sunday at a pond in a local park tested positive for Avian Flu. The State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC) found two separate strains of the disease commonly known as Bird Flu.

Avian Avian Influenza Resources:
Centers for Disease Control
New York State Department of Health
USDA
American Veterinary Medical Association

Westchester Jewish Democrats Approved as an Affiliate Organization of Westchester Democrats, 76%-24% vote at County Convention Who Voted No and Why?



Congressman Richie Torres was the guest speaker of the Westchester Jewish Democrats at the Scarsdale Women's Club

By Dan Murphy

On Feb. 18 the Westchester County Democratic Committee held their county convention, and voted overwhelmingly to add the Westchester Jewish Democrats to the roster of affinity groups with a voice and vote in the WCDC's executive committee. Westchester Jewish Democrats join Black Democrats of Westchester, Hispanic Democrats of Westchester, Women Democrats of Westchester, Westchester Young Democrats, Westchester Asian American Democrats and Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats.

Westchester County Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger said, "Hearing every voice, reaching out to every community, welcoming, not fearing, our diversity: these are core values of Democrats, and having Westchester Jewish Democrats in our executive discussions will help us put those values into practice."

The vote to approve the WJD as an affiliate organization of the County Democrats was 76%-25%.

Some took exception as to why 24% of Westchester Democratic leaders at the convention voted no. One Westchester Democrat posted, "I was shocked last night at the Westchester County Democratic Party Convention to see that a large contingent of my fellow Democrats took issue with the Westchester Jewish Democrats being included as an affiliate organization to the Democratic Party."

"When the Westchester Asian Democrats became an affiliate, no one asked what they thought about China and their repressive regime. When the Westchester Hispanic Democrats became an affiliate, no one asked them how they felt about Cuban or Venezuelan dictators."

"If you don't think Anti-Semitism is alive and well, even here, you are wrong."

"Thankfully, the Democratic party voted 76% to 24% to accept the WJD. It is sad that almost 1/4 of my fellow Democrats did not support us. This foolishness – this insistence on absolute and total purity – this chest beating virtue signaling – my fellow Democrats, is why we lost the last election and will keep losing elections for years to come. It must stop. Smarten up!"

At their first public meeting since being recognized by the Westchester Democratic County Committee, Congressman Ritchie Torres spoke to the Westchester Jewish Democrats and allies about supporting Israel and fighting anti-semitism- two sides on which he has shown great moral clarity.

Rep. Torres is rumored to be interested in running for Governor in 2026.

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“Justice Has No Expiration Date” Two Fugitives Returned to Westchester

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Justice has no expiration date. The defendant’s horrendous conduct, as alleged in the indictment, is no less shocking nearly two decades later. I am grateful to our law enforcement partners in Mexico and the U.S. who brought Mr. Herrera to answer for these charges. This multi-jurisdictional effort exemplifies my commitment to working with any and all agency partners in furtherance of community safety.

– District Attorney Susan Cacace



Mexican National Extradited to NY and Arraigned on 2008 Indictment Charging Rape and Sexual Assault

On Feb. 25, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Mexican national, who has been a fugitive from justice since his 2008 indictment on rape and sexual assault charges, was apprehended by the Mexican authorities, extradited to Westchester County and arraigned in County Court Monday afternoon.

Galo Herrera, 52, was arraigned before County Court Judge Sheralyn Pulver and remanded to the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction pending further proceedings. He pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

DA Cacace said: “Justice has no expiration date. The defendant’s horrendous conduct, as alleged in the indictment, is no less shocking nearly two decades later. I am grateful to our law enforcement partners in Mexico and the U.S. who brought Mr. Herrera to answer for these charges. This multi-jurisdictional effort exemplifies my commitment to working with any and all agency partners in furtherance of community safety.”

In 2008, Herrera was indicted on one count of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, a class A-II felony, two counts of Rape in the First Degree, a class B felony, and three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

Between December 2006 and January 2007, the defendant is alleged to have forcibly raped a young girl who was under the age of 13 years old. Herrera fled the jurisdiction before he could be apprehended on these charges.

The case is being investigated by the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Westchester DA’s Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Westchester County Department of Labs and Research and the New York State Police Crime Lab were utilized in the course of the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gудis and Christine Hatfield, Chief of the Child and Elder Abuse Bureau.

SECOND WANTED SUSPECT IN A WEEK EXTRADITED TO WESTCHESTER FROM FOREIGN SHORES

On two days this past week, Westchester County Police Warrant-Fugitive Unit detectives were waiting at JFK to “welcome” two international fugitives back to the USA. These international extraditions do not occur often.

Both suspects are accused of committing serious crimes in Westchester before fleeing to avoid arrest.

WCPD coordinated extradition efforts with the U.S. Marshals and FBI agents who brought these suspects back to the United States. Upon arrival at JFK, the suspects were turned over to the Warrant squad detectives, who transported them to headquarters for booking and then lodged them at the Westchester County Jail.

In the most recent arrival, a man indicted on Robbery, Burglary, Grand Larceny and other charges was returned to the United States from Colombia on Thursday. Juan Cuartos Bustos, 25, was wanted since 2023, fleeing prior to the unsealing of an indictment against him. He is suspected of being a member of

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George (in) Washington and Me



By Eric Wolf schoen

George

I was up at 5 in the morning earlier this week, couldn’t fall back asleep and thought, ‘Who would be up so early today?’ Then I remembered my Congressman George Latimer was always up early when he was County Executive. Could he remain on the same schedule? Yes friends he is!

Unlike his predecessor, George is not blabbing his mouth off 24-7-365 about issues he knows nothing about. I see George in a similar vein as Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, Dick Ottinger and the many others who came before him. Concentration on constituent services with a sharp eye on the goings around the world. George is not joining crazy coalitions.

With his predecessor gone, the National nightmare he represented is over. Hey, let’s wish the man all the best in his future endeavors!

So I asked George how he likes his new job. His eloquent response:

“My nine weeks in Washington has been a combination of awe and awful. The awe is to see the historic nature of The Capitol and Congress; the great people that served there and shaped American history. A place of a Lincoln and an FDR. It is amazing.

“The awful is the chaos created by Trump and Musk who want to wreck the system as it is without knowing how or what would replace it - and in the meantime, being cold and heartless to the people that have been hurt and in some cases ruined by their careless actions. There’s a way to reform, to reduce costs and root out true corruption, but this ain’t it. This is revenge. Pure and simple”

What more can I say? As someone who heard from a friend who got one of those stupid 5 accomplishment letters only to be told by his boss not to complete it, Washington is in a state of chaos. Just like he brought calm to a Congressional district previously occupied by giants, let’s hope he can Make America Grown Up again with people who are respected for their service, not treated like children

Me

Many of you know I have been going through hell heath wise lately. I am on the mend, but it’s a long way to Tiparary! I need your prayers!

My saga began December 17. I have had scoliosis since my uncle , Dr. Augustus Wolf discovered it as a child. No surgery, but always watching it. At 64 I got Parkinson’s which complicates the scenario. Started walking with a walker.

Orthopedist and Neurologist wanted surgery immediately. Successful surgery with lots of complications. Fever. Infection. Pain. To make things worse, surgery was in NJ far away from Yonkers. My doc does surgery there. No Chanukah, Christmas or New Year’s Celebrations.

8 weeks later, my incision opens. Rush back to NJ hospital. After 3 operations back at New Jersey hospital (I wouldn’t bring my dog there to have his nails clipped.

Finally at united Hebrew for rehab in NEW Rochelle. Wonderful place!

All I can do is pray!

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Jenkins, Latimer, Lalwer & Westchester Fight to Keep White Plains Social Security Office Open

New Rochelle Man Charged with Multiple Child Sexual Abuse Crimes

Following the closure of the Social Security Office in White Plains, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and U.S. Congressman George Latimer stepped in to ensure continued access to vital services. In a proactive move, they offered County-owned space to the federal government to serve as a new Social Security Office, preserving local access for residents. Jenkins said: "Our priority is ensuring that Westchester County maintains access to essential services. We are committed to supporting seniors, individuals with disabilities and many others by finding solutions that keep Social Security resources available in White Plains. I'm grateful to Congressman Latimer for collaborating with me and Westchester County to turn this request and proposed solution into a reality." Latimer said: "The expected closure of the Social Security Administration's White Plains hearing office will mean seniors and people with disabilities will have to drive long distances – as far away as New Haven and Albany – at greater expense, to fight for their rights. But that does not have to happen. I am glad to work with my friend and former colleague County Executive Ken Jenkins to offer County space to keep these important services in White Plains. I will work with officials at all levels of government to try to make this a reality." County officials are now working with federal representatives to explore potential locations and expedite the process of establishing a new office.

"I have expressed my outrage at the looming closure of the Social Security Administration's hearing office in White Plains directly to both the Biden and Trump administrations," said U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler, a Hudson Valley Republican. "I'll keep working in a bipartisan way to prevent it from happening. While this move may have begun in December of 2024, it should not be seen through — too many folks in the Hudson Valley would be negatively impacted."

They shouldn't have to go to the South Bronx or Albany to get service," Lawler said. "We will do everything we can to open in another location."

The final decision to close the White Plains office was made in December of 2024, in the last month of President Biden's administration.

The Trump administration would have to make a decision to keep open the Westchester office or open one in the Westchester, Putnam and Rockland County areas. Or they can led the decision stand.



Jonson Temaj

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced on Feb. 24 that new child sexual abuse charges have been filed against the New Rochelle man arrested earlier this month in connection with the dumping of a 15-year-old boy's corpse, later identified by the family as Jonson Temaj.

Hugo Horacio Perez-Gabriel, 32, of New Rochelle, was arraigned this morning on a felony complaint charging him with two counts each of Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, a class C felony, Disseminating Indecent Material to Minors in the First Degree, a class D felony, and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony. Judge Tamika Coverdale, sitting as a New Rochelle City Court judge, remanded Perez-Gabriel to the custody of the Westchester County Department of Correction.

DA Cacace said: "The allegations in this complaint are extremely disturbing. The fact that this same defendant was previously charged in connection with the dumping of a 15-year-old boy's corpse makes this case all the more horrific. My office is working around the clock to find out what happened to this boy, and I am committed to delivering justice to his family." As alleged in a felony complaint, Perez-Gabriel used WhatsApp to request sexual material from an underage New Rochelle resident in early February. The minor sent Perez-Gabriel two videos engaging in a sexual performance, according to the complaint.

On Feb. 7, 2025, Perez-Gabriel was charged with one count of Concealment of a Human Corpse, a class E felony, in connection with the dumping of a 15-year-old boy's body in New Rochelle. The deceased 15-year-old is the same victim who allegedly communicated with Perez-Gabriel on WhatsApp. The circumstances surrounding his death remain under investigation. A 16-year-old New Rochelle resident was also charged in connection with that incident.

The investigation is being conducted by the New Rochelle Police Department and the Westchester DA's Office.

The case related to allegations of child sexual abuse material is being prosecuted by Laura Forbes, Chief of the Child Sex Abuse Material Bureau.

Editor's Note: CBS New York reported Jonson Temaj was sexually abused by Perez-Gabriel before his body was dumped in the street. "The Westchester County District Attorney's Office confirmed the videos were sent by the boy who was found dead." writes CBS.

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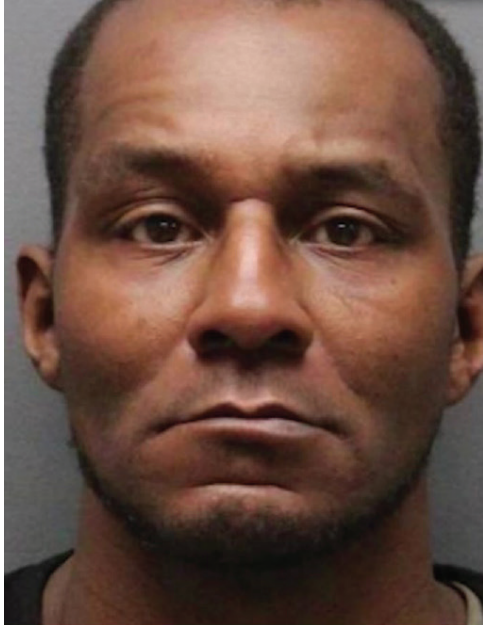
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Mount Vernon Man Charged in Bee Line Bus Shooting



Levar Dimmie

An argument between two passengers on a Bee Line Bus in Westchester got out of control on March 3, resulting in one man pulling out a gun and shooting the other. The bus had stopped at Yonkers Avenue and Vernon Avenue in Yonkers, when Levar Dimmie, 48, of Mt. Vernon, and Daniel Pena, 36, got off the bus to continue their argument.

Dimmie pulled out his gun and fired a single shot, hitting Pena in his arm. Dimmie then ran off, but was apprehended by Yonkers police shortly thereafter on Bronx River Road. Police found a handgun on Dimmie and he was arrested for first degree assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

"I commend the swift and professional actions of our patrol officers in apprehending this suspect and securing the scene. The collaborative efforts of our patrol officers, detectives, and Crime Scene Unit were crucial in this investigation. We will continue to work tirelessly to hold those who commit acts of violence accountable," says Yonkers Police Commissioner Chris Sapienza.

Residents and witnesses on Yonkers Avenue, saw Pena bleeding and calling out "I just got shot."

Others were concerned, but not surprised that Dimmie had a gun.

Yonkers Charter School Honors Former Governor Pataki and Founders at Annual Gala



Former NY Governor George Pataki

The Foundation in Support of Educational Excellence (FSEE) will honor former New York Governor George E. Pataki alongside the school's visionary founders, Eduardo LaGuerre and Sobeida Cruz, at its May 1 gala.

This year's event will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE), a K-12 public charter school that opened its doors in 2005 in a defunct supermarket on Warburton Avenue.

Governor Pataki's leadership was instrumental in the establishment of charter schools in New York. In 1998, he successfully championed the state's first charter school law, which created more educational choices for families.

"Governor Pataki's foresight and determination fundamentally reshaped New York's education landscape by making charter schools a reality," said Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson, Co-Chair of FSEE. "His efforts provided thousands of children with access to high-quality education, including the students of CSEE. We are also thrilled to recognize Eduardo LaGuerre and Sobeida Cruz, who faced immense challenges in founding and growing CSEE. Their unwavering commitment has transformed the lives of countless students and families."

LaGuerre, Founder and Chair of the Board of Trustees of CSEE, played a pivotal role in securing funding and overseeing the development of the school's first facility. He formerly collaborated with the New York City Board of Education on the Charter High School for Sports Management. Cruz, a dedicated board member, has a distinguished career in public service, including leadership roles with the New York Power Authority and the South Bronx Community Planning Board.

Since last year's gala, CSEE has continued to achieve remarkable milestones. The school opened a state-of-the-art fitness center; celebrated a state championship victory by the girls' volleyball team; began rehearsals for its spring production, *Seussical the Musical*, set for May 16 & 17; and welcomed the NBA and the Hospital for Special Surgery, which filmed a national high school sports training safety video featuring CSEE student-athletes.

The May 1 gala starts at 6 p.m. at Kanopi in White Plains. The evening will feature an exquisite dining experience crafted by acclaimed Chef Anthony Goncalves at Kanopi, offering guests a memorable culinary experience while supporting FSEE's mission to enrich student opportunities at CSEE.

For sponsorship opportunities and ticket information, please visit the CSEE's website or email scruz@cseeschool.org.

Disbarred Real Estate Attorney Brian Schmidt

Charged with Grand Larceny

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a former Westchester-based real estate attorney was taken into custody and charged with one count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree in connection with an alleged theft of client funds.

DA Cacace said: "Members of the bar are entrusted with a great deal of responsibility on behalf of the people they represent. Brian Schmidt is accused of abusing that trust to enrich himself at the expense of his client. My office stands ready to assist the victim in this case and will work toward obtaining restitution for her and anyone else harmed by his conduct."

As alleged in the felony complaint, Brian Schmidt, 49, of Warwick, N.Y., represented a home seller at a real estate closing between August and November of 2022 and unlawfully retained over \$50,000 of the proceeds from the sale.

He surrendered to law enforcement and was arraigned Tuesday night before Judge Gary Raniolo of the Yorktown Justice Court. Schmidt pleaded not guilty and was released. In June 2024, Schmidt was disbarred from the practice of law in connection with this incident and other alleged acts of misconduct. Attached is the decision from the Appellate Division, Second Department, ordering Schmidt's disbarment.

The case was investigated by the Westchester DA's Criminal Investigators Squad and the Economic Crimes and Public Integrity Bureaus. The case is being prosecuted by Emily Rowe-Smith of the Economic Crimes Bureau.

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484 SAW MILL LLC - Notice of formation of 484 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office: 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530 Westchester County. SSNY designated Ciaran Rogers as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. 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: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York has postponed the Public Hearing previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following ordinance:

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 60-2024
A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION

OF THE FOLLOWING LEASEHOLD INTEREST AT 76 FERNBROOK STREET REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERFRONT PARK AT FERNBROOK STREET

This Public Hearing will be rescheduled for a later date and corresponding notices will be published in this periodical.

Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.
VINCENT SPANO
City Clerk

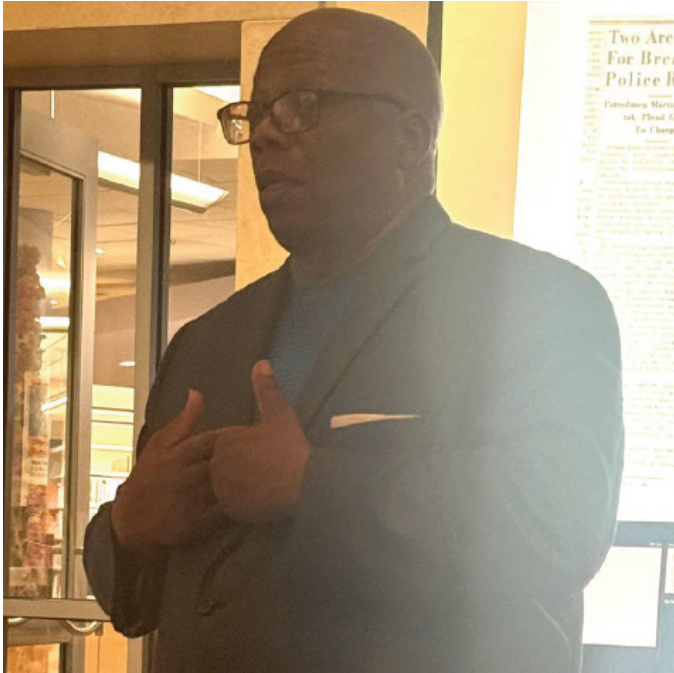
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following ordinance to inform the public and review the public purpose, pursuant to Eminent Domain Procedure Law, of the proposed acquisition of the leasehold held by All County Bus ,LLC, located at 76 Fernbrook Street, also known as a portion of Section 1, Block 615, Lot 1 designated on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, for the development of a waterfront park, to wit:

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 60-2024
A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACQUISITION OF THE FOLLOWING LEASEHOLD INTEREST AT 76 FERNBROOK STREET REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERFRONT PARK AT FERNBROOK STREET

All persons having an interest in the leasehold, which acquisition is required for the development of the waterfront park, are invited to attend the hearing to give oral or written statements concerning the proposed acquisition,
Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.
VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk, February 27, 2025

Detective Ken Davis Unveils the Hidden History of the Yonkers Police Department



Ken Davis, left

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

On Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, a captivating historical presentation took place at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, where Yonkers native and seasoned police detective Ken Davis shared an insightful exploration of African Americans' legacy in the Yonkers Police Department. The event, well-received by a crowd of nearly two dozen attendees, took a deep dive into the milestones and remarkable figures that shaped the department's history.

Davis, known for his eloquent storytelling and dedication to preserving history, took the audience on a journey through the early days of African American police officers in Yonkers. He introduced the first three Black officers, referred to as "Negro officers" at the time, who blazed trails in a challenging era. These pioneering men—Thomas Brooks, James Martin, and Stewart Freeman—were the foundation upon which future officers would build.

Thomas Brooks, the very first Black officer in Yonkers, is the brother of Frank Brooks. This is the Brooks family of Brooks Funeral Home on Warburton Avenue, a family deeply ingrained in Yonkers' history. Davis also highlighted the contributions of later officers like Lieutenant Lorenzo Paul, whose name resonated with many in the audience, and Victor Mendez, whose legacy remains vital to the community.

The presentation transcended the Yonkers Police Department's boundaries and ventured into broader themes of New York and Black American history. For example, the audience learned the fascinating tidbit that the Messiah Baptist Church of Yonkers once stood on Irving Place before moving to Warburton Avenue, providing a historical context many attendees were unaware of. Additionally, it was revealed that Stewart Freeman, the third Black officer to join the department, once walked patrols along School Street, further deepening the personal connection between the history of the department and the Yonkers community.

By the end of the evening, Davis had not only illuminated the rich history of the Yonkers Police Department but also enriched the understanding of broader African American history, fostering a sense of pride and appreciation among those present. His presentation was a powerful reminder of the often-overlooked contributions of Black Americans to the fabric of America. Especially in Yonkers.

Dennis Richmond Jr. is on Twitter @NewYorkStakz. He is a journalist focused on Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ Communities.

Congressman Latimer Statement on President Trump's Address to Congress



Rep. George Latimer

U.S. Representative George Latimer (NY-16) released the following statement after attending the Presidential Address to Congress tonight:

"President Trump, in his first major address of his second term, could have given a reason to all Americans to welcome his new term.

He could have described in detail how he planned to lower the cost of living for everyday Americans.

But rather, he defended his decision to levy tariffs that will raise everyday prices, and stifle economic growth. The stock market continued its slide, showing that Wall Street and Main Street reject tariffs. All economic indicators are now below what they were on Election Day in 2024.

He could have described how he would help secure a better life for seniors and veterans. But he did nothing to dispel plans for major cuts to the Social Security Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs, meaning deserving seniors and veterans will get fewer benefits than they have earned. There was no pushback against Elon Musk's 'Ponzi Scheme' slur against social security.

He could have described how America will take the lead in the Free World, defending democracy on every continent, as did Dwight Eisenhower, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush, as well as all Democratic Presidents. Instead, he punishes Canada, Mexico, insults Denmark, ignores Britain and France, and sacrifices Ukraine to appease Russia.

The massive, erratic cuts to government departments does not show a rational, business-like strategy. It shows an ideological desire to throw the baby out with the bath water, systemic cuts rather than well-planned, strategic cuts.

This is no way to run a government. I know. I ran one well for seven years. It appears this speech is a terrible roadmap for the next four years."

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The Westchester Chamber Music Society
to Host the Tesla Quartet March 16



— The world-renowned Tesla Quartet will take the stage for an afternoon of chamber music on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 4:00 pm, at Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester, 2125 Westchester Avenue, Rye, NY.

The Tesla Quartet will perform a program featuring works by Mozart, Bacewicz, and Dvořák, presenting a combination of classical compositions and contemporary pieces.

The concert will be followed by an interactive Q&A session with the musicians, providing the audience with the opportunity to engage with the performers and gain insight into their artistic process.

Tickets are available now, space is limited! For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.WestchesterChamberMusicSociety.com.

Szabo Chamber Music Society Presents
Gypsy Piano Trio Concert



On Sunday, March 30th at 2:30 pm, at Sacred Heart Church, 417 Broadway, Dobbs ferry NY, the newly formed non-profit Szabo Chamber Music Society will present an exciting concert of Gypsy Piano Trios featuring nationally known musicians, Cathy Yang, violin, Andy Kim, cello and Dr. Sandor Szabo, piano, pictured above.

The program will include famous piano trios inspired by gypsy music, including the exciting Gypsy Trio in G Major by Haydn, the rhapsodic Dumki Trio in E Minor by Dvorak, and a selection of invigorating Hungarian Dances by Brahms. Dr Szabo has decades experience directing leading music series throughout NJ and NY and has served as Music Director/Organist at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ and New Providence Presbyterian Church in New Providence, NJ. Dr. Szabo is currently the Music Director of the Oratorio Society of New Jersey, Music Director at Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, NJ and Music Director at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, Dobbs Ferry, NY. Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15 and Students \$5. SCMS is a 503(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions are fully tax-deductible.

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Women Judges Gather to Celebrate Female Leadership in the Judiciary



The World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCOG) in Scarsdale, NY hosted the Women in Justice Seminar & Forum for the UN International Day of Women Judges. This event was to celebrate and recognize the women in the New York State Unified Court System who have made great strides towards gender equality in the judicial system. It also helped raise awareness about the continued struggles women face in the judiciary.

Keynote speakers included Hon. Kathie Davidson, Dean of the New York State Judicial Institute, and Hon. Bianka Perez, President of the National Association for Women Judges. Opening the night's events, Hon. Kathie Davidson delivered a powerful keynote address about the profound changes women's roles have undergone. "You've heard about many women's leadership roles here this evening. Probably 10 or 15 years ago, these [roles] just didn't exist," Davidson explained. She continued to encourage discourse during Women's History Month. "We must continue these conversations. One of the most powerful things we judges have is the power to convene, the power to bring everyone around the table. That's not political, that's how we do our work."

In a follow-up keynote address, Hon. Bianka Perez spoke of the progress that has been made in gender equality within the judiciary. "There are more women judges in the Bronx than in any other counties in the state of New York," Perez said. Perez concluded with divine encouragement, saying, "If God saw fit to appoint Deborah as a judge in the Old Testament, by serving as judges today, we are continuing to fulfill God's will by having women judges like us on the bench. History is still being written. We must continue the challenges, support one another, and ensure that the path we have forged is strengthened for those who will follow us."

The evening proceeded with a forum discussion with Hon. Janet Malone, Hon. Marissa Soto, and Hon. Lisette Fernandez, led by moderator Victor Lozado. The women discussed their motivation toward the judiciary path, struggles navigating a male-dominated field, and how motherhood has shaped their judgments for the better. After the panel discussion, a seminar was conducted showcasing Biblical prophecies that highlight the rise of women to prominent positions as we see today. The event concluded with a three-course dinner to recognize the accomplishments of the attendees.

Other attendees included Westchester and Bronx Supreme Court justices, family court judges, court attorney referees, and lawyers, among others. This event supported the Sustainable Development Goals, including "Reduced Inequalities" and "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions." For more information about the World Mission Society Church of God, please visit newyorkwmscog.com.

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Saint Patrick's Day Parades All Across Westchester Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Champions Legislative

By Dan Murphy

Package to Cut Costs and Enhance Price Transparency

Saint Patrick's Day is on Monday, March 17, and all of the St. Patrick's Day Parade committees are preparing for their upcoming parade.

And Westchester has several St. Patrick's Day Parades to choose from, starting this weekend with the

White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at noon, Saturday, March 8.

Route: The parade begins at the intersection of Mamaroneck Avenue and Old Mamaroneck Road, continues down Mamaroneck Avenue to Main Street, where it makes a right turn and passes by City Hall. It ends after City Hall at EJ Conroy Drive.

Grand Marshal-NY Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade

In Mahopac, Parade starts at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9.

Route: The Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day starts at corner of the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department at 741 Route 6. The parade proceeds along Route 6.

Grand Marshal is Richard "Dick" Beyrer

Mount Kisco St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts on Sunday, March 9, at 2pm.

Route: Parade is on Main Street and South Moger Avenue.

The Mt. Kisco St Patrick's Day Parade Committee is honored to announce Howard "Rub" Kensing Jr. as the 2025 Grand Marshal of our 35th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Peekskill St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 15. Route: Parade starts at South Division/Crompond Road at Broad Street, goes north on South Division Street to Main Street, then east on Main to James Street, then south on James Street to Brown Street, and ends on Brown Street.

Grand Marshal is George Oros

Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 16.

Route: The 19th annual parade steps off at Immaculate Conception Church in Tuckahoe hamlet and goes to Main Street then north on White Plains Road to Lake Isle Park in Eastchester.

Grand Marshal is Roisin Wiley

Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Route: Parade begins on Main Street in Tarrytown, heads to Route 9 north and turns onto Beekman Avenue in Sleepy Hollow.

This year, the Parade posthumously honors the late Sister Susan Gardella as Grand Marshal. Sister Susan, who passed away in January of 2025, served as Executive Director and Co-Founder of the RHSM Life Center in Sleepy Hollow. The Life Center has been serving the needs of the community in Sleepy Hollow for more than 25 years. She will be missed.

Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at 1 p.m., March 22.

Route: The parade is on McLean Avenue, described as the "Emerald Mile."

Grand Marshal is Denis Mulcahy, the Founder of Project Children

Mamaroneck St. Patrick's Day Parade

Parade starts at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 29.

Route: Marchers and bands parade down Mamaroneck Avenue.

Grand Marshal is Matthew McCauley

Continuing their efforts to make life more affordable for New Yorkers, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and the State Senate championed a slate of five bills to protect consumers, tackle hidden fees, and target deceptive pricing practices for prescription drugs, energy bills, grocery shopping, and subscription services. These comprehensive measures will increase transparency and lower costs.

"At the State Senate, we are looking at every possible way to make New York more affordable for everyone. With this legislation, we are protecting the wallets of families and seniors across Westchester and New York State," said Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins. "Whether it's addressing the cost of prescription drugs and groceries, fighting to lower utility costs, or safeguarding against abusive practices that take advantage of hardworking New Yorkers, I will continue fighting for policies that make life more affordable, fair, and prosperous for all. I thank my Senate colleagues for their support for this package."

The package directly addresses financial burdens that impact families every day by:

Cracking down on prescription drug price manipulation, requiring drug manufacturers to report anti-competitive "pay-for-delay" agreements, which cost American consumers \$3.5 billion per year by keeping lower-cost generic drugs off the market for months.

Simplifying subscription cancellations by requiring mobile apps offering subscription services to provide an easy option to cancel directly within the app.

Increasing transparency in energy billing, mandating that Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) provide a clear, side-by-side price comparison between their rates and standard utility rates on customer bills.

Enhancing oversight of the prescription drug supply chain by requiring pharmacy service organizations and rebate aggregators to register and disclose financial information, ensuring fairer drug pricing.

Expanding access to fresh, local food for SNAP recipients, allowing low-income families to earn additional purchasing power when buying nutritious, locally grown produce.

Ensuring honest grocery pricing for online shoppers, requiring grocery stores and food retailers to disclose when online prices are higher than in-store prices.

These reforms will bring immediate financial relief and long-term protections for consumers, in keeping with Sen. Stewart-Cousins' longstanding commitment to affordability, transparency, and fairness for consumers in Westchester and all New York.

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Westchester Republicans Pick Christine Sculti to Run For County Executive in November

Trump Names John Sarcone -US Attorney Northern NY

By Dan Murphy

The Westchester Republican Party held its convention last week and nominated Christine Sculti for Westchester County Executive. Sculti will now run against Democrat County Executive Ken Jenkins on November 4.

Jenkins defeated Sculti in February in a special election to replace George Latimer, who was elected to Congress. This election on Nov. 4 will be for a four year term.

The Westchester GOP's Slate of candidates include:

Judy Jakab-Derocco from New Rochelle for Westchester County Clerk
Edward R. Mevec from Buchana, for Westchester County Surrogate Court Judge
Joseph I. Farca New Rochelle, for Westchester County Court Judge
Jeanmarie A. Marquardt from Cortlandt Manor, Westchester Family Court Judge
Kevin R. Byrnes, Jr., from Yorktown, for County BOL District 1
Braille A. Diaz, Mt. Kisco, County BOL District 2
County Legislator Margaret A. Cunzio BOL District 3
Kevin O'Keefe, Baldwin Place, County BOL District 4
Joseph R. Devita Port Chester, County BOL District 6
Khristen M. Kerr, County BOL, District 8
Laurie Abbate-Ryan Cortland Manor, County BOL District 9
Edwinna Herrera New Rochelle, County BOL District 11
Michael Pineda Yonkers, County BOL District 14
County Legislator James Nolan, District 15

"We have a terrific slate of candidates," said Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety. Christine is running again and we are going to fight tooth and nail in all of our elections. We are going to run on the issues that voters are concerned about. The democrats are trying to destroy the country, and locally there is a lot we can do and run on. \

"We have candidates for County Board of Legislators and County Executive. If we win both of those races, republicans in Westchester are ready. We're back," said Colety.

Colety pointed out that Sculti had three weeks to campaign for the special election last month, "I give her credit for running a good campaign and now with more time we can reach out to more people and work hard for all of our candidates. "We want voters in Westchester to take a closer look at Christine for November. And all of our candidates."

Several Westchester republicans we spoke to said that they had hoped that Assemblyman Matt Slater would run for County Executive. We hear that Westchester Democrats did a poll, with Jenkins handily defeating Slater for County Executive.

"I thought Matt was going to run for County Executive this year, not only to help the party, but to get his name recognition out there for the future," said one Yonkers Republican. "But I applaud Christine's decision to run. She's a fighter."

In another development for a Westchester Republican, John Sarcone was appointed by US Attorney General Pam Bondi to be the US Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

"Attorney General Pamela Bondi has appointed John A. Sarcone III as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York. Mr. Sarcone will start on March 17," read the release from the United States Department of Justice.

"As United States Attorney, Mr. Sarcone will serve as the Northern District of New York's chief federal law enforcement officer, supervising an office of 49 Assistant U.S. Attorneys, 4 Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys, 41 support staff members, and 9 contract support staff members. He will be responsible for prosecuting federal criminal offenses and representing the United States in civil litigation in the Northern District of New York and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

"Mr. Sarcone stated: "Coming from a humble, blue-collar background – growing up in Croton-on-Hudson, having the same teachers at Croton High School as my parents had, and with my grandmother and children also graduating from that school, and having worked full-time while going at night to the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University– I am deeply humbled and honored to have been named U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York.

"I shall carry out my duties faithfully and with steadfast dedication to our nation, community, and the citizens of the Northern District of New York.

"Thank you, Attorney General Bondi, for trusting me to carry out this important mission and most importantly thank you President Trump for once again having faith and confidence in me to do my part to accomplish one of your most important tasks – to restore public confidence and trust in our government and the Department of Justice."

"Mr. Sarcone, who will be based in Albany, has been a dedicated public servant and lawyer for many years. From 2018 to 2021, Mr. Sarcone served as Northeast and Caribbean Regional Administrator for the U.S. General Services Administration, overseeing a large team responsible for federal buildings and facilities, procurement, and IT initiatives, and working with dozens of federal agencies and courthouses, including in the Northern District of New York. Earlier in his career, he served as Town Attorney in Eastchester, New York, and General Counsel to the United Federation of Special Police Officers, Inc. and to the Association of Commuter Rail Employees.

Mr. Sarcone also founded and built a general practice law firm, providing advice to small businesses and family-owned corporations, handling large real estate transactions, and litigating and arbitrating in areas including business and construction disputes, insurance defense, and toxic torts.

Sarcone has run for Westchester District Attorney and State Supreme Court Judge. He was also interested in running for NY Attorney General two years ago.

But clearly, it was Sarcone's ties to President Trump, dating back to 2016. "John has been with Trump since 2016," said Colety. "He did a good job here in Westchester running for DA and now we have a Westchester republican serving as US Attorney. He put his heart and soul into Trump's campaign."

North Castle Republican Committee Announces Endorsements

North Castle Republican Committee Makes Endorsements

Leah Kasnia, the new Chair of the North Castle Republican Committee reached out to announce the party's recent slate of candidates.

The North Castle Republican Committee is proud to endorse Barbara DiGiacinto for North Castle Town Board, Mel Orellana for North Castle Town Board, Christine Sculti for Westchester County Executive, and Margaret Cunzio for Westchester County Legislator.

Barbara DiGiacinto, a retired English teacher of 35 years (Westlake High School) has served on the Town Board since 2014 and worked closely with prior Supervisor Schiliro to preserve over 130 acres of open space, pave all 96 miles of town roads, restore the town's AAA bond rating, increase the fund balance, and hold taxes flat. Prior to serving on the Town Board, she was treasurer of the North Castle Historical Society and was appointed by Supervisor Jack Lombardi as Chair of the North Castle Housing Board. DiGiacinto's family has lived in North Castle for over 100 years and has had many relatives serve the town. Her uncle, John Hergenhan was police chief and in total served 40 years on the police force, and her aunt, Mildred Wago, was Receiver of Taxes for 40 years as well. Joseph Wago, Jr., Barbara's father, was for decades an active volunteer serving the Armonk Fire Dept. and was also an active member of American Legion Post 1097 in Armonk. Joyce Hergenhan, Barbara's cousin, donated \$1,000,000 to convert the town's old firehouse into the Hergenhan Community Center.

A message from Mel Orellana –

I'm proud to call Armonk home. Since moving here in 2013, my wife—a lifelong resident—and I have been raising our three daughters in the same town that has given so much to our family and community.

I graduated from Cazenovia College with a degree in Business Administration, which has equipped.

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a South American Theft Group that targeted Asian American business owners through burglaries and home invasion robberies.

The charges against him were the result of a successful investigation by the Tarrytown Police Department, White Plains Police Department, Westchester County Police and other law enforcement partners. When a Westchester County Court warrant was issued for his arrest following indictment, the warrant was assigned to the Warrant-Fugitive Unit. Detectives determined Bustos had fled to Colombia.

Last week, a fugitive wanted on a 2008 sealed indictment charging him with Rape 1st Degree and Predatory Sexual Assault of a Child was also returned to the United States from Mexico. The Mount Vernon Police Department successfully investigated the initial complaint, leading to the indictment, and WFU also absorbed that case once a County Court warrant was issued for his arrest. The open warrant was investigated regularly over the years, but WFU detectives found no indication that Galo Herrera, 52, had ever returned to the U.S. and most likely was still in Mexico.

Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said, "We salute all the law enforcement agencies involved for their great work, from the departments that investigated these crimes initially, to the Mexican and Columbian police agencies that located them, to the federal agents that brought them back to this country. These suspects tried to elude justice by fleeing, but now they face prosecution by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office."

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

In 2024, the Unit made 231 arrests of suspects wanted on warrants, including for Attempted Murder, Assault 1st Degree and various sex crimes, robbery and weapons charges. The Unit executed warrants in virtually every municipality in Westchester, in every borough of New York City and throughout the metropolitan area. In addition, detectives also traveled to multiple states across the nation to return suspects to Westchester to face justice.



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Who Steals 151 Gift Cards Totalling \$64,000 From ShopRite?

By Dan Murphy

Some crimes in Westchester make you want to scratch your head and ask, did they really think they were going to get away with it?

The Croton on Hudson Police Department issued the following release on March 3. "The Croton on Hudson Police Department announced the arrest of Laura Picozzi, 33, of Fishkill.

"In January, the Croton on Hudson Police Department was notified by ShopRite that 151 Gift Cards totalling approximately \$64,1000 were stolen from the store, located at 460 South Riverside Avenue. The case was assigned to the detective division. ShopRite loss prevention officers were able to identify the suspect as Ms. Picozzi, a former ShopRite employee.

"On January 30, 2025, detectives responded to the home of Ms. Picozzi, where she was placed under arrest and transported to Police Headquarters. Ms. Picozzi was arraigned at the Village of Croton on Hudson Justice Court, and released on her own recognizance."

Picozzi was a former employee, so she was somehow able to activate the gift cards. Several questions on social media asked how she was able to do so.

Our question to Ms. Picozzi is how did you think you were going to get away with it? 151 missing gift cards probably triggered a warning to the managers and district managers at ShopRite.

Video at the store also helped point the finger at Picozzi. And many gift cards are now traceable, so whoever spending a stolen gift card might get busted.

We need to verify the specific charge but in New York State, Grand Larceny in the Second Degree is a felony, whereby the theft exceeds \$50,000 but is not more than \$1 million in value.

Because of the value, the case will end up in White Plains in County Court.

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seriously injured.

Through the NYPD-Crimestoppers program, digital posters of Pashinin from the subway platform were circulated, and eventually he was identified. After several weeks, the NYPD arrested Pashinin at his mother's home in Yonkers on Jan. 21. He is being held without bail and was brought to Brooklyn Supreme Court where Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez charged him with attempted murder on Feb. 25.

Pashinin, who is getting a psychiatric evaluation before returning to court next month, is also charged with First-degree attempted assault, First and second-degree reckless endangerment, menacing in the Third-degree, and fourth degree criminal possession of a weapon.

DA Gonzalez said, "This was a terrifying attack that is the nightmare of every New Yorker who uses the subway. Luckily, the victim was able to lift himself from the tracks moments before a subway train entered the station. We will now seek to hold this defendant accountable for his alleged, horrifying actions."

For several days, the smaller NYC Media focused on Pashinin, who relished in his temporary infamy, screaming at reporters during his per walk that "He pushed me and said mean things to me before I arrived at the station," and "He said he was going to beat my ass and that I was a little kid," according to Brooklyn paper and New York Metro.

But the NYPD and the Brooklyn DA believe that Pashinin was the aggressor.

Letter to the Editor:

SOCIAL SECURITY—Who is stealing our benefits?

According to a major governmental watchdog, Musk's DODGE team has uncovered the fact that over 25 MILLION People, ages 100 to 360 are Receiving Social Security benefits. !!!

A partial listing follows:

Age:110-119:\$3,627,007 total benefits paid out

"" 120-129: \$3,472,849 " " " "

"" 130-139: \$3,936,311 " " " "

"" 150-159: \$1,345,083 " " " "

"" 160-169: \$121,807 " " " "

Jumping further down the ladder;

Age: 240:\$249 -- 1 person

"" 360:369 -- 1 person

Sounds ridiculous, but numbers do not lie-but some S/S administrators

and others in the S/S administration are stealing our savings BIG TIME!

Joe Pettit
Yorktown HTS, NY
Source: Truth Staff

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567

Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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

Winter on the Farm, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Do you wonder what happens on the farm during the winter? Join us for a walk around the farm to learn about how we prepare for the winter, plan for the next season and operate in the cold! Recommended for ages 14 and up; \$5 suggested donation.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Maple Saturday, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

If you want to know how maple syrup is made from maple trees, join us for demonstrations, tastings, community tables and an optional \$5 pancake lunch! Indoor/outdoor event.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Habitats of Marshlands, 1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Take this walking tour of our habitats, including meadows, forests and salt-marshes. Learn what distinguishes each one, which animals and plants live there and the challenges these habitats face.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Bluebirds 101, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

With bluebird nesting season fast approaching, now is the perfect time for beginner birders to learn how to attract these songbirds to your neighborhood.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Living Reef: Natural and Living History Travelogue, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We will look at the parts that make up the sum of this exciting project. This includes a living shipwreck visit, geology exploration and a chronology demonstration. Meet at the visitor center.

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Maple Munchies, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Syrup isn't just for pancakes! Learn about all the ways to use maple syrup in the kitchen while cooking up a maple-themed culinary treat! \$22.50 per person, for adults and kids ages 6 and older.

Pre-register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maple-munchies-tickets-1119233961909?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Community Science Series: Bird Point Counts. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn how the Parks staff measures bird populations. A moderate hike; hiking shoes and binoculars are recommended.

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Pancake Breakfast, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us to celebrate the end of our sugaring season! Enjoy some pancakes and savor our housemade syrup! \$6.72 per person.

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Support Connection Announces Spirit Awards Brunch Honorees

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*Laura Murkowski, left
above, Debbie Scherrer*

Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides free and unlimited support services to those impacted by breast, ovarian, and other gynecological cancers, has announced the recipients of their 2025 Spirit Awards. The award presentation will take place during Support Connection's Spirit Awards Brunch on Sunday, March 30, at The Briarcliff Manor in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

The Awards are given each year to honor those who demonstrate dedication to the organization's mission by providing inspiration, time, talent, and other resources. This year's Spirit Award recipients are:

THE ANDREA KARL AMAZING GRACE AWARD: This award is presented in honor and memory of Andrea Karl, a Peer Counselor at Support Connection for 16 years. This award is presented to the person dealing with cancer who has faced challenges and through support, uncovered strength and hope along their cancer journey.

ANDREA DELLA MURA (RYE BROOK, NY): Andrea Della Mura's relationship with Support Connection spans back to the organization's founding. At only 24 years old, Andrea was diagnosed with breast cancer. Support Connection founder, Nancy Heller, invited Andrea to be a speaker at the organization's first awareness walk for breast and ovarian cancer. Not long after the Walk, Andrea became one of Support Connection's first support group facilitators providing a safe and welcoming environment for support group participants to share information, experiences, and support. The training that Andrea received as a support group facilitator has never left her. Andrea went on to survive breast cancer a second time at the age of 39. Andrea reflects on her journey with Support Connection: "Telling my story about being a young 24-year-old diagnosed with breast cancer has a profound impact on most people. Cancer has been a part of my life for over 30 years and so has Support Connection. This community of caring and loving individuals provided me with emotional and social support throughout my long journey and I am truly grateful!"

MARIA RUBINO JENNINGS SPIRIT OF CARING AWARD: Presented in honor and memory of Maria Rubino Jennings who helped create Support Connection's Peer Counseling program and other services. Like Maria, the recipients have made a positive difference in many lives through the power of caring.

SARA SOMERVILLE (OSSINING, NY): When Sara Somerville was first diagnosed with breast cancer twenty years ago the first call she made was to Support Connection. The breast cancer support group she joined, led by Maria Rubino Jennings, became a lifeline for her on her cancer journey. Sara found being a member of a Support Connection support group an invaluable experience and appreciated the opportunities the group gave her to connect with other women who knew what it was like to be going through cancer. In 2022, Sara made the decision to become a support group facilitator herself to be able to help other women along their cancer journey. Sara explains what being a facilitator means to her: "I've had the honor of co-facilitating workshops for Support Connection – an opportunity to give back, just a little bit, of what I gained from that group experience. To be honored with a Spirit of Caring Award in the name of Maria means the world to me. I feel like I'm sharing this honor with her. It's almost as if things have come round full circle."

THE DOLLY & MIKE ACOCELLA SPIRIT OF GIVING AWARD: This award is presented to those who are an inspiration to others and clearly demonstrate what it means to give of oneself. They are people who help Support Connection help others by giving wholeheartedly through volunteering and promoting our mission, as loyal volunteers Dolly and Mike always did.

DEBBIE SCHERRER (YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY): Debbie Scherrer has been a dedicated Support Connection volunteer since 2017. After losing a dear friend to ovarian cancer, Debbie got involved with Support Connection to help the organization make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast, ovarian, and other gynecological cancers. Over the years Debbie has served on multiple fundraising event committees that have helped Support Connection in raising thousands of dollars to support their free programs and services. Debbie regularly volunteers at Support Connection's upscale resale shop Fantastic Finds in Chappaqua, accepting donations and taking extra care to help customers find exactly what they are looking for. Debbie shares the impact that volunteering for Support Connection has made on her life: "Volunteering for this wonderful organization has truly given me a rewarding experience. I am so grateful to the Support Connection staff for honoring me in this way and thankful for their help and support over the years."

THE JULIE HANEY SPIRIT OF HOPE AWARD: This award is presented in honor and memory of Julie Haney, who found the support she needed from our Peer Counselors. Julie exuded hope and was a bright light to all who knew her. This award is given to individuals who appreciate that, with support, they can face their challenges and move forward with hope in their heart.

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Executive Officer.

Currently under construction, the \$220 million, five-story Brenda Fareri Pavilion will span 162,000 square feet and house 128 private, state-of-the-art patient rooms—all equipped with the latest and most advanced medical technologies for intensive care. When complete, the Brenda Fareri Pavilion will facilitate the conversion of Westchester Medical Center's entire inpatient service to all-private rooms, enhancing patient privacy and comfort.

The Fareri family played a major role in the development of WMCHHealth's Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, named after their daughter Maria, who passed away at the age of 13, 30 years ago. Today, the hospital is an advanced care pediatrics center, treating thousands of critically ill and injured children annually.

"This dedication is a testament to the Fareri family's extraordinary generosity and the profound impact Brenda and the family have had on the well-being of our patients and the overall health of our entire community," said Dr. Lubarsky. "The Brenda Fareri Pavilion will not only advance our mission to provide world-class medical care but also stand as a lasting symbol of the Fareri family's unwavering commitment to healthcare excellence in our area. Their support ensures that countless individuals will receive the highest quality of care in a state-of-the-art facility."

"Today, as we gather to celebrate this next step—the expansion of critical care services—we see another opportunity to ensure that patients of all ages receive the very best medical care when they need it most. Just as Maria's legacy helped build a hospital that has cared for thousands of children, this new tower will elevate the care we provide for the most critically ill patients in our region," said John Fareri.

"Thanks to the Fareri family's visionary commitment to advanced pediatric care, WMCHHealth's Maria Fareri Children's Hospital has been delivering exceptional care for two decades. Now, everyone who steps into the Brenda Fareri Pavilion will witness the Fareri family's steadfast dedication to improving healthcare outcomes and enhancing patient experiences," said Shroff, who is also Trustee of the Westchester Medical Center Foundation. "Their enduring support continues to inspire us and propel our mission forward."

For more information about WMCHHealth, visit WMCHHealth.org.

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 and Proposals 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 Sealed Bids 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 No. IFB-7357A – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Plumbing contract for Water Mitigation of Fuel Tank Room and Other Improvements at Cesar Chavez School located at 20 Cedar Place, Yonkers, NY 10705 (FB).

2. Bid No. IFB-7347 – Opening date: 03/28/2025: Moving services from 160 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers NY to 60 Fullerton Avenue, Yonkers, NY (CA).

3. Bid No. RFB-7406 – Opening date: 03/28/2025: Purchase of Spacesaver, or Yonkers approved equal shelving system that includes dismantling old system and moving from 160 Saw Mill River Road to 60 Fullerton Avenue, and then reassembling old system and assembling new system (MM).

4. Bid No. RFB-7412 – Opening date: 03/21/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase EBAA Iron, Inc. series 1100 and 1000DEC Megalug, or Yonkers approved equals, mechanical joint restraint systems as needed, 18 items (AC).

5. Bid No. RFB-7413 – Opening date: 04/04/2025: Furnish and install Atlas Copco GA11 125T AP rotary screw air compressor, or Yonkers approved equal, in the mechanical room at the DPW Service Center, 1130 Nepperhan Avenue (AC).

6. Bid No. RFB-7414 – Opening date: 03/28/2025: Furnish and install two City provided compressors at the E. J. Murray Memorial Skating Center at 348 Tuckahoe Road (VB).

7. Bid No. RFB-7415 – Opening date: 03/28/2025: Furnish and install Shaw Hook Up carpet tile, or Yonkers approved equal, in Yonkers Fire Department Head Quarters, at 470 Nepperhan Avenue (FB).

8. Bid No. RFB-7416 – Opening date: 03/21/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs, as needed, for Cummins emergency back-up diesel engines throughout the Yonkers water distribution system (FB).

9. Bid No. RFB-7417 – Opening date: 03/21/2025: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to ten Motorola TT3901A, or Yonkers Approved equal, cameras and accessories. The initial purchase will be two units (KAS).

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

-Thomas Jefferson

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lack of courage ain't it. You were around when he was Governor and can attest to, not only, his brutish, abusive behavior, but how his actions actively hurt New Yorkers. New Yorkers deserve better, and you know that."

And, "@andrewcuomo was a horrendous, abusive Governor, and I'm proud to say I had a role in getting him to resign. New Yorkers do NOT need a narcissistic, petty man who tried to convince us his toxically abusive management style was "competence" while making PLENTY of decisions that actively hurt the city to this day."

Most Westchester Democrats we spoke to about Cuomo would only speak off the record. One elected Democrat said, "I think he will do well," but he offered no support or endorsement.

A Sound View Democrat told us, "I don't like him, but I think he will win. He's an asshole, and in New York City, you have to be tough to be a successful Mayor." Again, there was no support or enthusiasm for his campaign.

One Westchester Democrat agreed with us that there was a disconnect between Cuomo's run and the many NY Democrats who called for him to resign just a few years ago.

"Nobody will step forward to stand against Cuomo because there is no other viable option. All of the Democrats who are running can't be Cuomo. But there is one Democrat that many are waiting for. It's the other Adams, NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. If she announces, then you will see the democratic powerhouses come out for her. It's easier to support Adams than to oppose Cuomo.

Cuomo's accusers have also come out against his run for Mayor. "After spending years of talking about how Trump is so corrupt, so monstrous, so misogynistic, to have anyone in our party suggest that Andrew Cuomo has a role to play basically makes our leaders look like cynical do-nothings who have no morals," said Lindsey Boylan.

Former Westchester resident Charlotte Bennett recently dropped her lawsuit against Cuomo after Cuomo's attorney requested her gynecological records.

The harassment suits against Cuomo cost NY taxpayers \$28 million in legal fees, which we were forced to pay to defend Cuomo.

"Cuomo's TAXPAYER FUNDED lawyer, who is using YOUR MONEY to harass the victims of sexual harassment by demanding their private gynecological records. This is diabolical. They will never see heaven."

Posted @DreamNYC-Don't Rank Eric or Andrew for Mayor, one of several groups working against Cuomo's run for Mayor.

The New York Working Families Party also came out against Cuomo. "Just four years ago, everyone agreed: Cuomo was unfit to lead because of his abuses of power and serial sexual harassment. We refuse to return to the days when this was the norm."

Former candidate for Governor Cynthia Nixon posted, "Andrew Cuomo himself is a walking crisis. If you thought Adam's corruption made him vulnerable and beholden to Trump, you can't begin to imagine what Trump will have on Cuomo, who already had to resign once from office in disgrace."

"Leaders of an advocacy group for nursing home residents who blame ex-Gov. Andrew Cuomo, for the COVID-related deaths of thousands of relatives, urged New York City voters to reject his expected comeback bid for Mayor." Writes the NY Post.

NY Indivisible posted, "Andrew Cuomo is a serial sexual predator, nursing home resident killer, opportunist book deal scamming, corporate puppet, failed Governor who resigned in disgrace. He should not be on anyone's dance card for Mayor of NYC."

State Senator and NYC Mayoral candidate Jessica Ramos posted, "There has to be some misunderstanding. Andrew hasn't lived in NYC for nearly three decades. Shouldn't he be running for office in Westchester, where he lived after resigning in disgrace?"

Andrew Cuomo lived in Westchester over three decades. Cuomo and his three daughters lived in Bedford during his marriage to Kerry Kennedy.

After he resigned, Cuomo lived in New Castle with

One of the larger groups working against Cuomo is New Yorkers for Better Leadership, which sent out a memo shortly after his announcement.

Subject: What New Yorkers Need to Know About Andrew Cuomo

New Yorkers for Better Leadership is a coalition of concerned citizens dedicated to shedding light on Andrew Cuomo's record in office. While many New Yorkers know that Cuomo resigned to avoid impeachment over a sexual harassment scandal involving 13 women, many do not know that the former Governor lied about his Covid record, wrecked our subways, wasted our tax dollars on bad business deals, and increased homelessness on our streets. In short, Governor Cuomo is not just a bad man; he was a bad governor. New Yorkers deserve better leadership, not more of the incompetence and chaos that got us here."

In an opinion piece for the NY Daily News, Michael Bocian writes, "Several recent polls show former Gov. Andrew Cuomo leading the 2025 race for New York Mayor. News reports have called Cuomo "an early front-runner" and said he would "handily win" in a race he has not yet entered. As a pollster who has worked on hundreds of races, I would offer a note of caution on the prognostications.

Our own poll of 800 likely New York City Democratic primary voters, conducted for United for a Brighter Tomorrow, an advocacy organization that works to educate Americans about the need for honest leadership, shows the following: New Yorkers have mixed feelings about Cuomo (45% favorable/47% unfavorable)... Cuomo's ratings are even worse among those who say they will definitely vote in the primary (43% favorable/50% unfavorable).

Cuomo is vulnerable, and his support erodes quickly when voters are reminded of his actions. After voters hear a series of negative messages about his record, Cuomo's favorability falls precipitously. He ends the survey at a stunning 66% unfavorable. Moreover, Cuomo's vote share drops from 31% initially to 18% after the messages.

The most troubling aspect for a potential Cuomo campaign is the fact that the largest drop-off in support comes from his base: Black and Latino working-class voters. After messaging, Cuomo's support among these voters drops by nearly 20 points... It is remarkable that a candidate as well-known as Cuomo loses support this quickly just by reminding voters about his record. New Yorkers are clearly unhappy and looking for a change. Cuomo's high name recognition boosts him in public polling at this stage, but his support is incredibly soft. This race is up for grabs," writes Bocian, a founding partner at GBAO, a Democratic polling firm whose client, United for a Brighter Tomorrow, is running anti-Cuomo ads

The NY Post blasted Cuomo on a recent front-page headline: "Behold! The Biggest Liar in New York wants to be Mayor."

"One of Cuomo's most memorable charades was when he pretended to be the Hero of Covid. He built paper mache mountains, pontificated about the science, then sent scores of elderly parents to die in nursing homes, where the virus ran wild.

"Sir! Don't be fooled! He will try to claim the federal government told him to do it. More of his lies! Congress actually suggested he be criminally charged. Yes, for perjury!

"Oh, he'll tell you that (the sexual harassment allegations) was all a witch hunt, suggesting that he's allowed to fondle women because he's Italian. But now that an eight-month investigation by the Assembly found "overwhelming evidence" he sexually harassed women. The Attorney General found the same.

"Who signed the justice "reforms" that means you can't lock up criminals? Who changed the discovery laws so more cases are thrown out? Who is the reason the clerk at Duane Reade needs to unlock the toothpaste for you?" writes the NY Post.

One Westchester Democrat we spoke to said that Cuomo was using his run for Mayor and apparent victory "to lay the groundwork for a run for President. He sees no other Democrat out there who can win against VP JD Vance in 2028."

I have always applauded Governor Cuomo's implementation of the Property Tax Cap in NY. It was his most outstanding achievement, but that was in 2011.

Other candidates running in the Democratic primary include Zellnor Myrie, city Comptroller Brad Lander, state Assembly Member Zohran Mamdani, ex-Assemblyman Michael Blake, former city Comptroller Scott Stringer, and financier Whitney Tilson.

IRS Tax Tips New Developments

Key Filing Updates and Deadlines

The deadline for submitting Form 1040 or 1040-SR for the 2024 tax year is Tuesday, April 15.

Changes to Tax Credits and Deductions

Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) The maximum ACTC amount has increased to \$1,700 per qualifying child.

Standard Deduction Adjustments- For tax year 2024, the standard deduction has increased to:

\$14,600 for single filers or married filing separately.

\$21,900 for heads of household.

\$29,200 for married couples filing jointly

Child Tax Credit (CTC)- The CTC remains at \$2,000 per qualifying child. The phase-out begins at \$200,000 adjusted gross income (AGI) for single filers and \$400,000 for joint filers. A qualifying child must be under age 17 at the end of 2024.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)- Taxpayers without a qualifying child must be at least 25 but under 65 years old at the end of 2024 to claim the EITC.

Adoption Credit- The maximum adoption credit is now \$16,810 per eligible child. The credit phases out for taxpayers with a modified AGI exceeding \$252,150 and is fully phased out at \$292,150.

Clean Vehicle Credit- Available for new and previously owned electric vehicles. Must be claimed using Form 8936, Clean Vehicle Credit.

IRA Contribution Limits Increased- The IRA contribution limit has increased to \$7,000 (\$8,000 for individuals aged 50 or older).

Visit IRS.gov for more information.

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LAURA MARKOWSKI (SOMERS, NY): Laura Markowski turned to Support Connection's counselors after being diagnosed with breast cancer when she felt that she needed guidance, understanding, and hope from people who had been in her shoes. Laura found that speaking with someone who could truly understand what she was going through helped her along her cancer journey. When presented with the opportunity to speak at a fundraising event to benefit Support Connection, Laura gave a powerful speech in which she shared her story and information about breast cancer and the role genetic testing can play in saving lives. Laura's inspiring speech raised awareness and helped raise thousands of dollars for Support Connection's counseling program. Laura describes how it feels to be honored with a Spirit of Hope Award: "Being honored with the Julie Haney Spirit of Hope Award is deeply meaningful to me. It reflects the resilience and hope I found through Support Connection and the incredible strength we can all draw from one another. I am profoundly grateful for this recognition and for the opportunity to be part of such a compassionate and empowering community."

THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD: This award is presented to individuals or organizations whose efforts and actions make a huge difference to Support Connection and the community.

MARIO MANCINI (SOMERS, NY): Mario Mancini has been one of Support Connection's greatest cheerleaders since he opened A&S Fine Foods Jefferson Valley in 1998. Mario has embraced Support Connection's mission and has gone above and beyond to spread the word and to donate. Mario always goes the extra mile to raise awareness by making his customers aware of Support Connection's services and inviting many community groups including Support Connection to table outside his store.

Mario shares what drives him to uplift Support Connection's mission: "Through the years many women in my family and others close to me have had breast cancer. This is one of the toughest things anyone can go through. I don't think there is anyone who doesn't know someone who has been touched by cancer. I am happy to show my support to those going through cancer and organizations offering support or working on finding a cure."

Proceeds from the Spirit Awards Brunch will help fund Support Connection's free and unlimited breast, ovarian, and gynecological cancer support services and programs. In addition to the award presentation, the event will include brunch, a mimosa bar, fundraising activities, and a performance by world renowned violinist Daisy Jopling.

Support Connection is grateful to their event sponsors New-York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, M&T Bank, Club Fit, The Foley Group, The Petroccione Family, TF Cornerstone, Northwell Health - Northern Westchester Hospital, Advanced Office Technology, and Unique Designs Corporate Gifting. To find out more about the Spirit Awards Brunch visit www.supportconnection.org/spirit-awards.

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Yorktown Groups Unite for Veterans



Yorktown Supervisor Ed Lachterman, left, greets members of the Yorktown American Legion Auxiliary and local girl scouts as they pack gift bags for veterans

Yorktown American Legion Auxiliary 1009, local Girl Scouts, and the Barbara Giordano Foundation joined forces on Sunday to support veterans. The groups' primary focus was addressing food insecurity among newly housed, formerly homeless veterans. They collected, packed, and delivered essential food items to My Brother Vinny, a local nonprofit. The gift bags, complete with heartfelt cards crafted by the Girl Scouts and Auxiliary members, will help struggling veterans regain stability.

"It's truly heartening to witness our young people actively engaging in acts of service like this. These gift-bag packing events are more than just simple gestures; they are vital in inculcating a deep sense of patriotism and civic responsibility," said Supervisor Ed Lachterman, who dropped by the event. "By learning to honor and support our veterans and active service members, these Girl Scouts are not only making a difference today, but they are also building the foundation for a more engaged and stable democracy tomorrow. This kind of community involvement is what strengthens the very fabric of our Town and our nation."

The collaboration extended to veterans nationwide. Attendees at the Sunday event created flag ornaments and personalized cards for women veterans participating in a Paralyzed Veterans of America program.

The volunteers also celebrated active service members by preparing 75 gift bags filled with Girl Scout nuts and candy for Coast Guard personnel. Yorktown resident and Sons of the American Legion member James Calbo collected the bags and personalized cards for delivery to his Coast Guard unit.

This successful event, featuring nine Girl Scouts from Troops 2861, 2781, and a Juliette Scout, alongside nine members of the fledgling ALA Unit 1009, and three members of ALA unit 1038, highlighted the power of community action.

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