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## Westchester Named 4th Safest County in America



### These Are the 25 Safest Counties in America

1. Nassau County, New York
2. Alexandria, Virginia
3. Rockland County, New York
4. Westchester County, New York

By Dan Murphy

Congressman Mondaire Jones tweeted the following on Election Day, “You’d never know it from the campaigns Republicans are running in the Hudson Valley, but Rockland and Westchester are the third and fourth safest counties in America. And Putnam isn’t far behind.”

The report that Jones referenced was from US News from June of this year. This was the first time that this reporter had heard about it. But all of us in Westchester have heard about the crime and violence that we see on social media and on TV over the past year.

So what is the disconnect between the two? Westchester County Executive George Latimer explained what his administration has done over the past five years at a recent news conference. “Is there a fear of crime? Sure there is a fear of crime. but is that fear warranted, based on things that are actually happening, or things that you hear about in other places?”

Here in Westchester County, over an extended period of time, we’ve had an effective way to fight crime, to keep crime low, and that continues to this day. We have increased our funding for three county departments that provide for protection, the County Police Department (public safety), Department of Corrections, and Department of Probation.

“We have increased resources over the last number of years. Defund the police is a bogus argument. The County Police was funded at \$40 Million in 2018 when we first came in. Now they are funded at \$59 Million.

“When you put more cops out on the street, you increase the safety. We also have a strong use of technology to help police with real time crimes. We have top notch professionals working to keep us safe, and we have a low incidence of crime in general. And its lower now than it was five years ago-we are confident

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## St. John’s Riverside Hospital Holds Webinar for Breast Cancer Awareness Month



By Dan Murphy

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, St. John’s Riverside Hospital continued its informative webinar series on October 19 with a ‘Conversation with Breast Specialists’ Maureen McEvoy, MD & Laura Graafland, Clinical NP. The two shared their experiences and knowledge about education and treatment options for women and men with breast cancer with moderator Denise Mananas, Vice President for External Affairs at St. John’s Riverside Hospital.

“One in eight women will get breast cancer. We are so fortunate to have the technology to screen for a very common disease. If it is caught early, the prognosis is very good,” said Dr. McEvoy.

When should someone start screening for breast cancer?

“It is recommended to start screening mammograms at the age of 40. For those patients who are at risk, they can start earlier,” said Dr. McEvoy, who explained that a screening mammogram is taken on patients with no apparent symptoms and who are coming in for their annual exam. A diagnostic mammogram is used to examine further patients who may have had a finding on a screening mammogram.

The biggest takeaway from this webinar was that women over the age of 40 should get their annual screening mammogram. “We have the ability to screen every year with a mammogram. It’s pretty quick, and it’s easy to arrange by putting it on your calendar and making it on a date that you can remember,” said Dr. McEvoy.

How do you know if you are at high risk for breast cancer?

“It’s important to know your family history. If you have a first-degree relative, your mother, sister, or even a brother, with a personal history of breast cancer, that is significant and puts you in a high-risk category. You can determine this by having a conversation with your family,” said Dr. McEvoy, who added that some ethnic backgrounds (Ashkenazi Jewish heritage) can be high risk for breast cancer, as are patients who have had a previous biopsy that showed an abnormality. “

Should Patients Consider Genetic Testing?

“If you think you are high risk, or considered high risk, then it is a good idea to

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## Red “Ripple” Hits Westchester: Lawler Wins for Congress, But Dems Harckham and Hochul Win



State Senator Pete Harckham, left, and Congressman-elect Mike Lawler, right  
By Dan Murphy

The expected Red Wave of Republican election victories on Nov. 8 did not sweep across the country or Westchester County. The only republican victories in Westchester were in Congress, where republican Mike Lawler defeated Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, and Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater won his race for Assembly in the 94th District, defeating democrat Kathleen Valetta.

Westchester democrats pulled out two narrow victories on election night which that ended the red wave. State Senator Peter Harckham defeated republican Gina Arena in the 40th District, and in Yonkers, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh defeated republican Yonkers Councilman Mike Breen.

“I truly appreciate all of the support I have received during this campaign and thank all of the voters in Senate District 40 for participating in this important election,” said Sen. Harckham. “The confidence and trust that residents have placed in me once again will continue to guide my intentions. These are challenging times, though, and I look forward to being engaged in the hard work necessary to ensure a better future for all.” Harckham got 53% to just under 47% for Arena, who lives in Somers.

Assemblyman Mike Lawler became Congressman-elect Mike Lawler after Congressman Maloney conceded on Nov. 8. Lawler defeated Maloney by a 53%-47% margin.

Lawler campaign manager Bill O’Reilly tweeted, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney just called to graciously concede to @lawler4ny.”

“I don’t like to lose, but my opponent won this race. He won if fair and square. That means something. The right thing to do is say the other guy won and wish him well.”

This reporter lives in both the state senate district of Harckham and the congressional district of Congressman-elect Lawler. The amount of spending in both races was staggering.

Governor Kathy Hochul was elected to her first four-year term on Nov. 8 after defeating Congressman Lee Zeldin, 52%-48%. NY Attorney General Tish James got 53% and defeated Michael Henry with 45%. Comptroller Tom DiNapoli 55%-

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## Slater Threatens Lawsuit to “Chill Free Speech” Over Par 3 Golf Course Coverage

“This is Now a First Amendment Case that will gain national attention,” --Larry Nussbaum, RC Development



drone photo of Valley Fields Golf Course nearing completion

By Dan Murphy

For the past month, Westchester Rising and Yonkerstimes.com have reported on a disagreement over the redevelopment of a Par 3 Golf course in the Town of Yorktown, next to the JV Mall. Last week, another newspaper in Northern Westchester ran the same ad on this topic that appeared in our Westchester Rising last week. That same ad also appears this week on page 4, and was paid for by Larry Nussbaum, President of RC Development, who in the ad reiterates RC’s claim to have the sole contractual right to redevelop and finish the work to open the 9-hole course for next Spring, 2023.

That ad resulted in an exchange of emails between the other newspaper, attorneys for Slater, and attorneys for RC over whether the ad was defamatory or libelous in any way towards Slater. Read the ad on page 4 and make your own decision.

We do not wish to engage either the publisher of the other newspaper, or Slater’s attorney. Instead, we print the response letter of William Hurst, attorney for RC Development. Hurst called the threats of legal action “an attempt to Chill Free Speech.”

“Your correspondence belies a fundamental lack of knowledge or understanding of the substantial, and in this case dispositive, protections afforded to the press and public (including RC and Mr. Nussbaum) under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, Article I. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully but emphatically reject wholesale your client’s invitation to “cease and desist” from publishing newsworthy information and/or protected opinions on matters of public interest and concern in the greater Yorktown community.

“I expect that you are aware of RC’s status as the current concessionaire pursuant to that certain Concession Agreement by and between RC and the Town of Yorktown originally dated September 19, 2014, and amended on May 28, 2018,

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## Webinar to Feature Panel Discussion on The Value of Storytelling for Dementia Caregivers



*L-R-Alzheimer's Association staff member Eileen Hendriksen; Marion Morris; Lisa Miller of Temple Sinai; Marianne Sciucco, local author and founder of AlzAuthors; Debbie Ackerman, Caregiver Support Group Facilitator; Alzheimer's Association staff member Donna Davies.*

AlzAuthors co-founder Marianne Sciucco says her connection to Alzheimer's disease began in the late 1980s when her aunt was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"We were very close; she was my mother's older sister by 15 years," Sciucco said. "We spent holidays and weekends with her. She was a caring, loving person, and an active part of our lives growing up. I was in my 20s when she was diagnosed and she went into long-term care."

She said the disease was particularly hard to deal with as her aunt progressed to the late stages and no longer recognized her loved ones.

"She didn't know anyone anymore. She went all the way to the late stages of it. She didn't get any relief from any co-morbidity, and then the family got dragged through it as well," she said.

Later, Sciucco encountered people living with dementia while working as a nurse in long-term care as a case manager – and eventually a particular couple inspired her to write.

"I went to nursing school and worked in long-term care as an aide and discovered dementia care in the facility. I actually enjoyed that. So, when I became a nurse, I worked in the hospital as a case manager — you always have dementia patients when you're in a hospital. One day, this couple inspired me to write my first novel. I was just captivated by the wife in particular. She needed to go for further nursing care in a facility, and her son asked me to make sure they didn't leave the hospital without him. I started thinking,

'What would happen if they did, and the son wasn't there, and the husband took the wife, and they disappeared.' It is a novel, a love story. It's a little book, but it went a long way. I ended up founding this organization."

AlzAuthors was created in 2015 by Sciucco with fellow authors Jean Lee and Vicki Tapia. "We had been in correspondence with each other. I just thought, I wonder if I can get together with other authors of Alz books. We got together a one-

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## What's Up With Powerball?



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

We woke up on Tuesday morning knowing two things. It was midterm Election Day in our country, and that we would learn what the POWERBALL winning numbers were. Election Day it was, but where were the winning Powerball numbers for a jackpot that that as far as we knew hit \$1.9 billion dollars sold?

A security glitch was what we were told was the reason for no Powerball winning number announcement the night before. Security glitch? We have been playing the lottery for many years and never heard of security glitches before. What could it mean? Was one of the states involved in a nefarious act? Was the system overwhelmed as there has not been a winner in many months? Was some shenanigans going on here?

We have spent the last 6,8 months hearing from the candidates for Governor about the problems in our state. Not a peep from Governor Hochul nor her opponent, Lee Zeldin questioning the lack of results. I would say more people were interested in the Powerball results than the issues the candidates were raising as we waited, not patiently to hear about our fortune.

Yes, we eagerly waited to hear that someone in Westchester, in my case particularly Yonkers had won the almost 2 billion dollar Powerball lottery. Could it be me? Could it be my neighbor. Could it be my sister or another relative or friend? We waited with baited breath, at least to hear that one of our electeds who called for investigating the color of their opponents shoe polish would get to the bottom of this scandal.

So many lottery games had gone off without a hitch. What could be going on here. Granted the lottery Prize was among the biggest with probably the largest number of people playing. It had been a while since I saw lines of people at the lottery counter snatching up their tickets for \$2 each to get their dream winnings.

It took over 9 hours to get the Security glitch fixed. At 9:38 a.m. the results came out and since we didn't know when the security glitch would be fixed there was no time when we knew the drawing would be on television. Why we couldn't see the drawing until after it occurred I don't know.

If I was an elected official I would be calling for an investigation of what is going on here. Then Various Tweets with different dollar amounts for the winning lottery came out. Again, someone is playing games with us.

There should be many investigations as to what occurred here. And no matter how small or large the glitch someone should be called on the carpet.

We didn't always believe the lottery money went to education but we always believed in the integrity of the system. Do we need to worry now? I hope you won but if you didn't I hope it's me.

Remember, the big games go off as follows: Powerball Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Mega Millions Tuesday and Friday, New York Lotto Wednesday and Saturday and Cash for life Daily. For \$14 a week you can have the chance to become a millionaire everyday of the week.

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## Slater Threatens Lawsuit that would Chill Free Speech, continued from pg 1-

and again on or about June 4, 2022. The purpose of that agreement, again, as I expect you know, was to establish a public-private partnership in the development and operation of a Town-owned golf facility. Pursuant to the Concession Agreement's First Amendment, the term of the agreement extends until August 31, 2028, with an option, exercisable by either party, to extend the term for another decade.

"Further, RC is the plaintiff advancing a ten-count complaint alleging various breaches of the Concession Agreement by the Town, and asserting various constitutional violations against, inter alia, Slater in his official and individual capacities, including based on the unlawful RFP mentioned.

"It appears from the November 3, 2022, correspondence that your client is threatening some kind of defamation lawsuit, allegedly arising from the publication of my clients' editorial statement concerning RC's contractual business relationship with the Town, including the Town's rather obnoxious issuance of an RFP to replace RC as concessionaire before expiration of the Concession Agreement's term.

"Under these circumstances, Slater is obviously a public official, and is obviously complaining about a publication on matters of public interest and concern, i.e., the development of a public golf facility and the Town's involvement therein, including its breaches and allegedly unconstitutional conduct undertaken by Slater himself, exactly as RC alleges in its filed complaint against him.

"To state that the lawsuit threatened in the November 3, 2022, correspondence would qualify as a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, a/k/a, a "SLAPP suit," is again merely to state the obvious. Should your client wish to undertake such a lawsuit, mine would be pleased to seek relief, including (at a minimum) an award of attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to New York's newly enhanced Anti-SLAPP laws.

"The Threatened Lawsuit Intended to Chill Free Speech On Matters of Public Interest and Concern Qualifies as a Prohibited SLAPP Suit. In 2020, the New York Legislature amended New York's anti-SLAPP statute to "broaden the scope of the law and afford greater protections to citizens" and to mandate, rather than merely permit, the recovery of costs and attorneys' fees upon demonstration "that the action involving public petition and participation was commenced or continued without a substantial basis in fact and law and could not be

supported by a substantial argument for extension, modification or reversal of existing law. "Civil Rights Law § 70-a[1][a].

"The elements of a cause of action [to recover] for defamation are a false statement, published without privilege or authorization to a third party...and was made with knowledge of its falsity or with reckless disregard of whether it was false.

In other words, Slater would need to overcome the nearly insurmountable burden of proving not only that the published statement was factual, false, and defamatory, but also that it was published with actual malice. Actual malice means that the statement was made knowing its falsity or with reckless disregard for the truth.

"But before your client's ostensible defamation claim fails under the actual malice standard, it would be defeated by Slater's inability to identify any false and defamatory statement of fact in the subject publication.

"First, "[T]ruth is an absolute defense to an action based on defamation." Heins v. Board of Trustees of Inc. Vil. of Greenport, 237 A.D.2d 570, 571 (2d Dept. 1997); Goldberg v. Levine, 97 A.D.3d 725, 726 (2d Dept. 2012). Therefore, to satisfy the falsity element of a defamation claim, Slater must allege that the complained of statement is "substantially false." Indeed, "[I]f an allegedly defamatory statement is 'substantially true,' a claim of libel is 'legally insufficient and ... should [be] dismissed.'" Biro v. Condé Nast, 883 F. Supp. 2d 441, 458 (S.D.N.Y. 2012)

"As mentioned above, RC's statements relative to the Concession Agreement's termination date, of which Slater complains (rather remarkably), are both privileged under the substantial truth doctrine and non-defamatory. As we sit here today, the Concession Agreement is the midst of the initial term, extending until August 31, 2028. My client holds an option to extend that agreement for another ten years, or until August 31, 2038.

"Second, according to longstanding constitutional principles, "[i]t is a settled rule that expressions of an opinion 'false or not, libelous or not, are constitutionally protected and may not be the subject of private damage actions.'" Steinhilber v. Alphonse, 68 N.Y.2d 283, 286 (1986) (quoting Rinaldi v. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, Inc., 42 N.Y.2d 369, 380 (1997)).

"Under both the federal and New York Constitutions, only statements that are demonstrably false are actionable. Referring to the recently undertaken RFP replacement process as a "sham" is not only substantially true (as RC's lawsuit plainly alleges), but falls squarely and comfortably within the protections afforded by the First Amendment. In identifying the range of such protected opinion, the United States Supreme Court has reaffirmed on numerous occasions, that mere "rhetorical hyperbole" cannot "reasonably [be] interpreted as stating actual facts about an individual" and is therefore not actionable defamation. Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co., 497 U.S. 1, 20 (1990).

The New York Court of Appeals has similarly recognized, as discussed above, that loose, figurative, or hyperbolic language is seldom deemed actionable. In fact, New York courts (among others) have held far worse statements nonactionable.

See, e.g., Levin v. McPhee, 917 F.Supp. 189, 236 (2d Cir. 1997) (implication in book that plaintiff "may have murdered" a person was protected expression of opinion based on speculation) (emphasis supplied); Renner v. Donsbach, 749 F.Supp. 987, 995 (W.D. Mo. 1990) (statement that plaintiff was "no better than a murderer" was nonactionable rhetorical hyperbole) (emphasis supplied); Brown v. Hearst Corp., 862 F.Supp. 622, 628-29 (D. Mass. 1994) (insinuations in television program that plaintiff "murdered his wife" were nonactionable opinion) (emphasis supplied), aff'd, 54 F.3d 21 (1995); National Rifle Assoc. v. Dayton Newspapers, Inc., 555 F.Supp. 1299, 1305, 1309 (S.D. Ohio 1983) (statement in newspaper editorial that the National Rifle Association "happily encourages" "murders and robberies" was nonactionable opinion and "caustic bombast traditionally used in editorial writing to stimulate public reaction") (emphasis supplied); Mildon v. Rutherford, Case No. ESX-L-4238-01, slip op. at 19 (N.J. Superior Ct., Essex Co., March 22, 2002) (held, statements calling plaintiff-police officer a "murderer" and characterizing shooting incident as "another police murder" "are precisely the types of comments that must be protected by the First Amendment in order for us to have the free expression of opinion that is guaranteed by the Constitution") (emphasis supplied).

Based on the undeviating authority presented above, any rhetorical language in the complained of statement plainly amounts to constitutionally protected opinion. Indeed, the foregoing, while not an exhaustive recitation of prevailing First Amendment law, certainly shows that the law offers no protection whatsoever to thin-skinned and/or overly sensitive public officials caterwauling over citizen critiques of their public performance.

Not only that, but New York's robust Anti-SLAPP laws now provide the press and the public with a robust weapon in the fight against attempts to suppress free speech on matters of public interest and concern.

As an elected official with apparently higher political aspirations, your client should know better than to come forward with this kind of ham-handed missive. If your client cannot handle legitimate criticism here, one can reasonably wonder how he would perform in a statewide office. Unfortunately for your client, New York is not Florida. Free speech and criticism of public officials are still broadly protected against retaliation here," writes Hurst.

**Editor's Note: This newspaper agrees with the law cited by Hurst, and, as a result, re-prints the following advertisement below, paid for by Mr. Nussbaum, who added, This is Now a First Amendment Case that will gain national attention."**

# "Ya Got Trouble" in Yorktown, NY, and you spell it with an "S"

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFP) TO THE YORKTOWN, NY, PARKS COMMISSION FOR OPERATING THE PAR 3 GOLF COURSE**



Please be advised that:

- 1. RC Recreation Development LLC (RC) is the concessionaire for the Par 3 Golf Course under contract until, at a minimum, August 31, 2028.**
- 2. RC has substantially invested substantial time, effort, and money into preparing the Golf Course and new Club House.**
- 3. RC has commenced a lawsuit seeking significant money damages against Yorktown and is asserting various civil rights violations based on Yorktown's various breaches of the concession agreement and other unlawful conduct relative thereto.**
- 4. Yorktown has issued this sham RFP prematurely and in a clear effort to bully and retaliate against or scare RC away from its claims against Yorktown. This is a typical Matt Slater strategy.**
- 5. To the extent that this RFP goes forward, RC will not hesitate to look closely at issues of unlawful collusion and tortuous interference with the contract as they might pertain to any RFP Respondent engaging with Yorktown in this regard.**





## The Future of WP Galleria Mall to Focus on Residential Development-Amenity Based Retail



Pacific Retail Capital Partners (PRCP) and Aareal Bank, owner of The Galleria at White Plains, took a major step in securing the future success of downtown White Plains, New York, today forming a new joint venture partnership with two of the most prominent players in the White Plains and NYC Metro real estate market: SL Green Realty Corp. and the Cappelli Organization.

The Galleria, which opened in 1980, consists of approximately ten acres located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone in the heart of Downtown White Plains next to a major mass transit hub of Metro-North. The area is enjoying a renaissance, which over the last decade has seen a near complete transformation. High-rise residential towers have already drawn thousands of new residents to this rapidly evolving area. The 870,000-square-foot mall has become a focal point in completing the reimagining of downtown.

“This is one of the most exciting mixed-use development sites in the New York Metro Area,” said Steve Plenge, Chief Executive Officer of PRCP. “We have worked over the past few years to acquire the Macy’s fee interest at the site, along with the leasehold interest of the former Sears. Working with our new partners, we will reimagine the site as a vibrant mixed-use project that will be centered on residential development and amenity-based retail.

With a proven track-record of evolving and repositioning properties and a keen focus on unlocking the value and enhancing the quality of its growing portfolio, PRCP, together with its new partners, is dedicated to creating a unique and strategic vision through master planning efforts and cutting-edge design for the Galleria at White Plains to transform it for the next generation.

The two new partners bring extensive local multi-family and office experience to the partnership. SL Green is the largest owner of office real estate in New York City and one of the largest in Westchester County. The Cappelli Organization has been the catalyst for the rebirth of the White Plains downtown and involved with numerous residential, office and retail development projects in greater Westchester County.

“We are extremely pleased for the opportunity to join with SL Green, Aareal Bank Group and Pacific Retail Capital Partners in the redevelopment of The Galleria site,” said Louis R. Cappelli, Chief Executive Officer of the Cappelli Organization. “The reimagining of this property is integral to the dramatic transformation of downtown White Plains that is well underway. We are fortunate to be able to play a role in recreating the property with mixed uses which will link the city’s transit center with the Mamaroneck Avenue corridor.

“The Galleria redevelopment comes as our company, is beginning the redevelopment of the former White Plains Mall property into Hamilton Green, also a mixed-use project. Together, the two major projects will effectively complete the transformation of the downtown that began as an Urban Renewal project more than 50 years ago.”

Company founder and CEO Louis Cappelli is responsible for envisioning and constructing City Center 20 years ago, the residential and retail complex which triggered the redevelopment movement that continues today. He followed this with the 46-story Ritz-Carlton towers that remade the city’s skyline. The Cappelli Organization is redeveloping a former shopping plaza where they plan to develop Hamilton Green, an approved \$600 million mixed-use complex featuring four residential towers. The site is the last large redevelopment site in the Hamilton Avenue-Main Street corridor that ties the city’s Metro-North station and transportation hub with the existing Galleria at White Plains in the heart of the downtown.

“The Galleria at White Plains is an important property in Westchester County and the region. With our experienced real estate partners, the new masterplan and design will build upon the remarkable renaissance under way in Downtown White Plains,” said Plenge. “The existing Galleria White Plains has been a community staple for many years. We anticipate closing a portion of the mall in early 2023 to evolve the asset and rebalance the mix of uses through a transformative development to meet the needs of the next generation.” Plenge added.

To learn more visit [www.pacificretail.com](http://www.pacificretail.com) or follow on social @PacificRetail and visit [www.cappelliorg.com](http://www.cappelliorg.com).

## 54 Westchester Restaurants Participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, November 7-20



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, left, and Hudson Valley Restaurant Week organizers at Zwilling Cooking studios in Pleasantville

Attention all foodies! It’s time to make your reservations for Fall 2022 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week. From Yonkers to Yorktown, 54 Westchester restaurants from all over the County are participating in this bi-annual celebration of the local culinary scene.

A record 150+ restaurants, spanning seven counties across the Hudson Valley are participating in this annual celebration. For two tasty weeks, from November 7-20 the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with delicious, creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients.

Prix-fixe dinners will be offered at \$44.95 or \$39.95; lunches will be available for \$29.95 or \$24.95.

Menus and pricing for participating restaurants can be found at [valleytable.com/hvrw](http://valleytable.com/hvrw).

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42% for Paul Rodriguez.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman handily defeated his republican challenger Dr. Miriam Flisser 58%-36%, in the 16th District, which includes all of lower Westchester.

Westchester State Senator and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, 60%, defeated Kris Kerr, 36%, and State Senator Shelley Mayer defeated Frank Murtha 54%-41%. All other democrats, including first time Assembly candidates MaryJane Shimsky, 60%, and Dana Levenberg, 59%, were easily elected.

In the race for State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District, unofficial results have all 7 democratic candidates elected on Nov. 8. They are David Zuckerman, Anne Mnihan, Elena Goldberg Velazquez, David Squirrell, Sherri Eisenpress, Keri Fiore, and Amy Puerto.

US Senator Charles Schumer also defeated Yonkers republican Joe Pinion, 56%-42%.

### Westchester is Safe, continued from pg 1-

that we are on the right path. For you this means that when you want to go out to dinner, that you are safe in that environment,” said Latimer.

Westchester democrats point to this issue, crime and bail reform, as one that did not help republicans in Westchester county as much as expected.

Westchester republicans agree that westchester is safe, but added, “What if we can’t go to New York City with the family anymore? What we are watching is not happening here, but it is happening nearby.”

Another republican said, “Ask yourself— are you better off today than you were six months ago? A year ago? Two years ago?”

1 gallon of milk—October 2020: \$3.89-November 2022: \$4.59  
1 package 4 sticks, store-brand butter—December 2020: \$2.79-November: \$4.59”

Another Westchester republican said, “Lawler’s victory is enough of a Red Wave for me. I think his victory will help republicans retake the House, and that puts an end to democrats total control of Washington.”

Another Westchester Democrat adds, “Two years ago, we removed Trump from The White House. No more tax cuts, and the reason for inflation is the War in Ukraine and the lack of Russian oil in the market. Latimer is correct, we are safe in Westchester and I did not see the crime statistics until Congressman Jones posted that story.”

Finally, a moderate republican turned democrat said, “The best that we can hope for is divided government. President Biden won’t get what he wants and republicans in Congress won’t get what they want. Unfortunately, in this crazy political time, that is the best we can ask for.”

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Sarah Lawrence gets all the tax breaks because it is in Yonkers and gets funding from the Yonkers Industrial Development agency for such things as the beautiful aquatics center and other projects.

They wouldn't refer to a Presidential visit to Scarsdale as in WESTCHESTER County, New York. So why refer to a visit by the Commander in Chief as WESTCHESTER County versus Yonkers. I'm proud to live in Yonkers and proud Sarah Lawrence, one of the most respected colleges in the country graces our city.

Briefs: Good to see Amazon going into the old Whitestone Multiplex. The building is an eyesore and has sat empty too long!

Holiday movies are starting earlier and earlier on television just as we finish Halloween. Is that a sign the stuff they show on television just isn't up to snuff with the grand ole holiday fair,.

Marathon Sunday is always a day when I remember so many things. In 1978 dad died. 2 days later I voted for the first time. My sister started her long 27 year career teaching and directing religious school at Temple Emanu-El in Yonkers. One of the last bazaars we had at the Temple was 1978. Fond memories. All on Marathon Sunday.

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistoisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoisonkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.**

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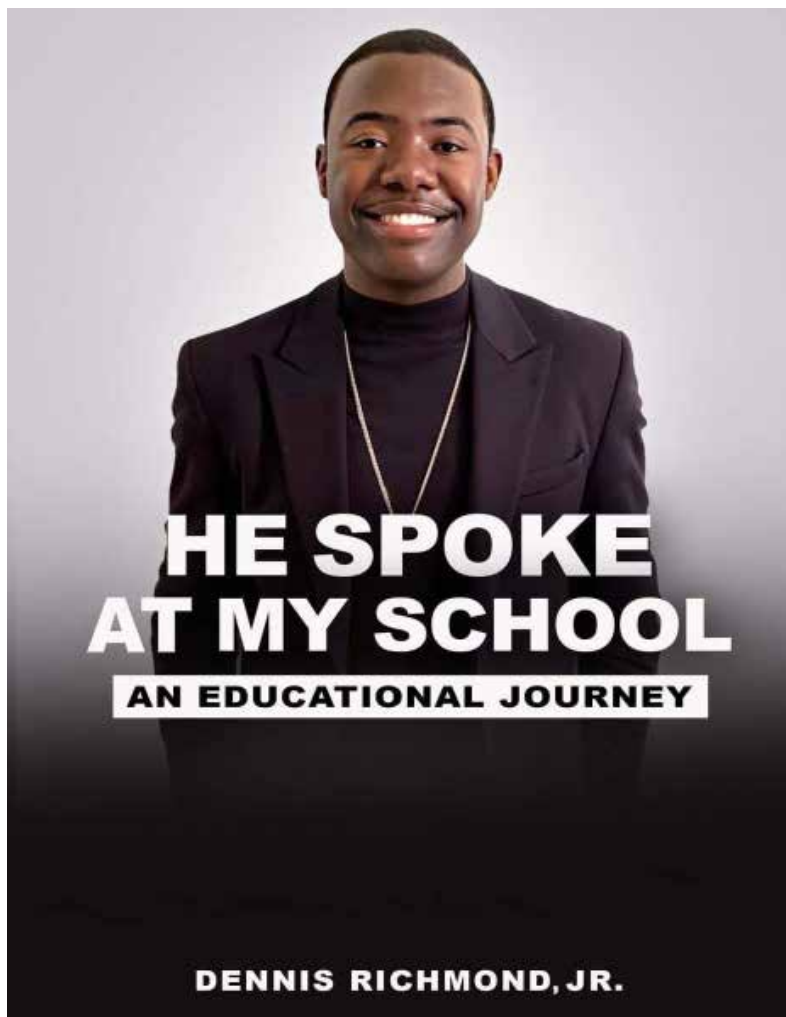
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## Dennis Richmond Jr.'s Fox Appearance Increases Book Sales



Dennis Richmond Jr. a contributing journalist to both Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com and a community leader and advocate in Yonkers, recently appeared on One Nation with Brian Kilmeade on Saturday October 29. Richmond, a 27-year old historian, writer, educator, and speaker, spoke about Frederick Douglass, the idea of kneeling, and statues across the country. Toward the end of the interview, Richmond presented Kilmeade him a signed copy of my book, He Spoke at My School: An Educational Journey.

“Nothing could have prepared me for what would happen next,” said Richmond. “On Sunday, October 30th, my book sales increased rapidly. I sold five books. After those five books were sold, five turned into nine. After a while, I broke a dozen book sales. Once I knew it, I sold over two dozen books in less than 24 hours. I was speechless- and I’m never speechless. Media is powerful and social media is influential. For me, both equal book sales.”

Richmond continued, “It’s a good feeling to create something and know that people are buying it. I’m grateful to Brian Kilmeade, Taylor, who I email all the time and all the folks at FOX who made that experience possible for me. As of the end of October, He Spoke at My School: An Educational Journey falls in the top 10,000 books on Amazon. The Amazon book ratings are thanks to all the book sales. The book is in the top 500 Motivational Self-Help books. In less than 48 hours, dozens of books were sold.”

“I thank GOD, and I thank you all for your continued support. I’m humbled,” said Richmond, who lives in Yonkers. Follow him on Twitter @NewYorkStakz.

### AlzAuthors Webinar, continued from pg 2-

month awareness campaign, and it was a lot of fun. We discovered we liked each other. Eventually, we started a blog, and other authors came on.”

Now they have more than 300 hundred authors, a podcast and a bookstore that links to Amazon, which makes it easier for people to find books focused on their particular needs.

“The Custom Caregiver Collection is the latest project. We launched it a few months back. We have 18 out there in the world, and there are two more in the works. We donated one to the Alzheimer’s Association support group that meets at Temple Sinai in Middletown. I think it has 15 titles. They were selected according to the needs of that group. We work with the contacts at the groups to find out the needs, and we customize it to meet them. A lot of the books were about caring for your spouse. They wanted memoirs, rather than how-tos, and a few kids’ and teen books are in there. We have poetry books, art books, journaling books. Several fictional books as well. Sometimes that is an easier way to digest the information. People who are on that journey like the book and think it reflects their journey; while someone who doesn’t really know about

Alzheimer’s can learn about it by following the story. It’s not as up close and personal as something that really happened, but you know it could have happened.”

From 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, Sciucco and two other AlzAuthors writers from New York, Daniel Kenner and Kate Hanley, will take part in a virtual panel discussion following a presentation on Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia by Alzheimer’s Association Community Educator Josh Deschino.

“We’re going to talk about the value of storytelling in caregiving,” Sciucco said, adding, “In many ways, there is silence and stigma associated with a dementia diagnosis. Families may not even talk to each other about the realities of the experience. We find that when people are able to share their experiences — whether it’s in a support group or the community, with your coworkers, your neighbors or the people in your church — it makes it easier to deal with. Writing about it is very therapeutic, even if people don’t want to share it. A lot of the books were written from those writings, from people’s diaries and journals.”

She added that when people with the disease write about their experiences, it can also offer a valuable perspective. “We are very blessed when we can get insight from a person living with dementia. We have several books in our collection either by the person with the disease or written for that person by a professional author. They are amazing books that tell us so much that otherwise is lost. We feature a lot of them on our podcast so we can share their stories. It’s obviously people in the early to middle stages, who are able to articulate what it’s like to live in their head, and what it’s like to experience the losses associated with the disease.”

To learn more, visit AlzAuthors.com, where you can access links to their Amazon store, their Custom Caregiver Collections and more. Register online for the virtual panel discussion on Nov. 15, or call the Alzheimer’s Association at 800.272.3900.

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### Breast Cancer Awareness Webinar, continued from pg 1-

consider genetic testing. This would require a conversation with a breast specialist or genetic counselor to discuss the pros and cons. The test is simple and requires a small amount of blood or saliva. It examines 7 of 47 genes to look for genetic mutations common in breast cancer. Results come back in 2-4 weeks, and genetic testing is now covered by most, but not all, health insurance plans,” said Laura Graafland, NP

“If the genetic test shows a genetic mutation for BRCA 1 or 2, for example, that increases your risk significantly for breast cancer. We then discuss the next step, either clinical breast exam or adding ultrasound or MRI,” said Dr. McEvoy. “There are also surgical intervention options that, for some patients, may be their personal choice. That discussion about surgery is personal, and as surgeons, we are here to facilitate.”

A mastectomy is a surgery that completely removes the breast. Dr. McEvoy said that there are different types of mastectomies with or without reconstruction that breast cancer patients can consider. “There is a big trend towards no reconstruction, having the patient be flat or using a prosthetic bra. For those wanting reconstruction, we can hide the incision, and together with a plastic surgeon, we can work together to rebuild the breast by using a flap or an implant.”

NP Graafland also discussed a newer technology, 3D Mammograms. “This is a low-dose X-ray that provides additional pictures and a much clearer image by creating a 3-dimensional view of the breast. This is especially beneficial for patients with dense or fibrous breasts. Ultrasound is also used for these patients using a wand on the outside of the breast that produces soundwaves to capture a picture of the internal breast.”

“3D mammogram “is becoming the standard of care,” said Dr. McEvoy. St. John’s Riverside Hospital offers 3D Mammograms.

### What is the process when a patient is referred to you? Women like to have a plan.

“Each patient is unique, but for all patients, we work to provide a kind and warm environment with Dr. McEvoy and me working as a team. We ensure we have enough time to answer your questions and provide a personalized treatment plan. If surgery is required, we do set aside more time for the patient and the family to make sure they know what to expect,” said Graafland.

Dr. McEvoy added, “We know that some of our patients are devastated by the news and are looking for answers. We go through the diagnosis and treatment plan and have them leave with a sense of control again once they have a plan. We get patients to a point where they are ready for surgery and provide follow-up for up to five years. This is a long-term relationship.”

### Different Stages of Breast Cancer and Options

“Most women have the option of saving their breast and removing the tumor. If there is a large tumor, we can work with a plastic surgeon to perform a breast reduction, and rebuild the breast, and match it to the other side,” said Dr. McEvoy.

Breast cancer stage is usually expressed as a number on a scale of 0 through IV — with stage 0 describing non-invasive cancers that remain within their original location and stage IV describing invasive cancers that have spread outside the breast to other parts of the body. (Breastcancer.org.)

“Every stage of breast cancer is operable except stage four. Patients who have localized disease in the breast are surgical candidates. If breast cancer is caught early on from a mammogram, and it is located only in the breast, we can help prevent it from advancing elsewhere in the body,” said Dr. McEvoy.

### Breast Cancer and Pregnancy

“It really depends on the trimester of the pregnancy. If the pregnancy is in the third trimester, we can generally get the patients to term with the baby without delaying their treatment. We can also safely do the surgery to remove a tumor after the first trimester,” said Dr. McEvoy. “If needed, it is safe to give certain chemotherapy during the second trimester. There are many options that would involve coming up with a plan with your OBGYN.”

### Are there any New Research or Trials?

“We now can use the immunotherapy drug Keytruda to help patients with triple-negative breast cancer. It has been shown in trials to significantly improve patients that have most of their cancer gone and are less likely for breast cancer to come back. Another antibody FDA-approved treatment for triple-negative patients is Trodelvy, which is used as an IV with chemotherapy. It finds the cancer cells and injects directly into the cancer cell. There is an improved survival and cancer-free survival rate,” said Graafland.

“St. John’s Riverside Hospital is great at keeping up with newer technology, which helps patients have a more convenient process,” said Dr. McEvoy, who highlighted the use of Magseed with breast cancer patients.

“A Magseed is a very small chip that can be put in before surgery under mammogram so that patients don’t have to have another marking procedure done the day of surgery. It’s used to mark the location of suspicious breast tissue. I can detect where the seed is placed, and it guides me specifically to where the suspicious tissue is located, and I can take out less tissue.”

### Exercise, Don’t Smoke, and Don’t Drink too Much

When asked what health decisions all of us can take to reduce the risk of breast cancer, “we do know that keeping your weight under control and exercising and not smoking will decrease the risk of breast cancer. And no time is too late to start, and if you drink, do it in moderation because more than 2 glasses of wine will significantly increase the risk of breast cancer,” Graafland, who added that eating soy has not been conclusively found to increase the risk of breast cancer.

“Exercise for 30 minutes three times a week has decreased the risk of breast cancer,” said Dr. McEvoy.

Appointments can be made with Maureen McEvoy, MD & Laura Graafland, Clinical NP, at their Yonkers office, 1088 North Broadway, by calling 914-849-0100. Watch the Webinar at [https://youtu.be/k\\_hfa766-g](https://youtu.be/k_hfa766-g).

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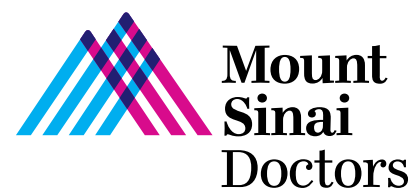
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