

Reckless Drivers Beware! School Bus Cameras Coming to Westchester County with a \$250 Fine



In a proactive effort to combat reckless driving behavior around school buses, Westchester County has partnered with BusPatrol to launch a new school bus stop-arm photo enforcement program to reduce the number of illegal passings of motorists and protect students.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "New York State law is clear—motorists must stop at least 20 feet away from a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop-arm is deployed. This is a crucial measure to ensure the safety of our children. The technology, installation, and maintenance of these safety systems come at no cost to school districts or taxpayers, making it an essential and cost-effective way to protect our students."

The program is focused on student safety equity. Every bus in participating district fleets will be equipped with bus stop-arm cameras which utilize artificial intelligence to detect cars that illegally pass stopped school buses.

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State Senate Candidate Khris Kerr: Don't Don't Cancel Me, Let the People Decide

Why are Newspapers Being Stolen in Westchester for Election 24?



By Dan Murphy

"I want the voters to know that I am running against Andrea Stewart-Cousins and that they have a choice. Don't cancel me, let the people decide."

State Senate candidate Khris Kerr

Some of the candidates running for office in Westchester this year have noticed that bundles of newspapers are disappearing. Last week, a woman was caught taking all of the few hundred copies of the Westchester Examiner.

When confronted, the woman said she was taking them back to her office. When told the police would be called, she put the papers back into the box and left. The following day, the same box of papers in White Plains was empty.

The papers had ads for republican candidates running in Westchester, including Congressman Mike Lawler, State Senate candidate Khris Kerr and Assembly candidate Alessandro Crocco.

Why the papers were stolen remains a mystery. Kerr, who is running for State Senate in the 35th District against Democratic Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, says that it is an attempt to keep her campaign quiet and out of the public eye.

"I want the voters to know that I am running against Andrea Stewart-Cousins."

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Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Can Republicans Win in Westchester With Prop One and Trump on the Ballot?



State Senate candidate Gina Arena casting her ballot

By Dan Murphy

The question that Westchester voters will answer on Nov. 5 is what issues they prioritize, and are they better off than they were two or four years ago?

2024 is a Presidential year, and turnout is usually higher than in off-year elections. Early voting numbers so far indicate that more Westchester voters are casting ballots.

In 2020, President Biden defeated former President Trump by a 68%-32% advantage. A 36-point margin makes it very difficult for down-ballot Republicans to win their elections for State Senate and Assembly.

Most believe that Trump will do better in Westchester this year. But how much better? And will Vice-President Harris get fewer votes in Westchester than Biden did?

Two other factors will impact Westchester voters next week. Proposition One is on the ballot for a yes or no vote. We detail the arguments for and against Prop One inside.

If democrats statewide vote for Harris as they did for Biden in 2020 (62%-Biden-38% Trump), will they also vote yes for Prop One? Or has the outcry to Save Women's Sports become so loud that some NY Dems, and independent voters may vote for Harris but vote No on Prop One?

The race for Congress in NY-17, here in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, and Dutchess counties, will be watched across the country on election night, between Con-

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A Strange and Quiet Race for Westchester DA

Susan Cacace vs. John Sarcone

Recent Home Thefts Raised as Issue



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New York Child Missing for Four Months



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is seeking the public's assistance in locating missing 15-year-old, Allison Brooks. Allison went missing from Pleasantville, New York on June 29th, 2024. Authorities believe that she may have traveled to the Brooklyn, New York area. Allison is described as 5'3", weighs 158 lbs., and has brown eyes with brown hair. If you have any information about Allison or her disappearance, please contact NCMEC at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Mount Pleasant Police Department (New York) at 1-914-769-1941. NCIC# M797954354

Proud Boy from White Plains Found Guilty of Jan. 6 Crimes

Local Rotary Volunteers Raise Funds for Purple Pinkie Donut Day to End Polio Now



FBI DOJ Photo of Joseph Pepe

On Oct. 23, a New York man was found guilty today of felony and misdemeanor charges related to his conduct during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election.

William Joseph Pepe, 35, of Beacon, New York, was found guilty of a felony charge of tampering with records, documents, or objects, obstructing, impeding, or interfering with law enforcement during a civil disorder and misdemeanor charges of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, and tampering with records, documents, or other objects.

Pepe was convicted following a bench trial before U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Judge Kelly will sentence Pepe on March 11, 2025.

According to evidence presented during the trial, on the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, Pepe met a group of approximately one hundred Proud Boys members in Washington, D.C., near the Washington Monument at approximately 10:00 a.m. Shortly after, the group marched away from the rally that was taking place near the monument and toward the U.S. Capitol building. Pepe and the group arrived at the Peace Circle, at the edge of the restricted portion of Capitol grounds, at approximately 12:50 p.m.

There, members of the crowd violently disassembled and trampled the metal bike rack barriers blocking further entry into Capitol grounds. The crowd, with Pepe at the front, charged over the fallen bike rack barriers and advanced toward the West Plaza of the Capitol. As they advanced, Pepe and the crowd encountered another set of metal bike rack barriers at the West Plaza, behind

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Oct. 24 is World Polio Day and volunteers from Rotary District 7230 raised funds to eradicate polio by distributing delicious donuts with purple icing. Thanks to the Rotary District and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, funds raised by donut sales will be matched up to 7.5 times!

Michele Thomas, Executive Vice President of Home Care at The Osborn in Rye and Chair of Rotary District 7230 Polio Plus Committee, spearheaded the fundraiser. Along with other volunteers, she was at the Dunkin' in Port Chester early this morning to package up the special donuts. On behalf of Osborn Home Care, Michele distributed the donuts to the Rye Police Station, The Enclave, The Pavilion, and the Rye Presbyterian. They were also delivered to other police stations and firehouses as well as food pantries.

Dunkin' generously donated 100 dozen donuts to our district, and a small committee set out to "sell" them for \$25 per dozen. In just 12 hours, all were sold out! The \$2,500 raised from the donut sales will be matched up to 7.5 times, amounting to \$18,750.

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Working Families Party's Visit to Anthony Frascone's Home Backfires

"He Seems Like A Normal Guy"



Anthony Frascone, speaking with members of the NYWFP outside of his home. Photo from WFP video

By Dan Murphy

"My Platform is Jesus Christ"

Correction: In a prior story on the race for Congress in NY-17 and WFP Candidate Anthony Frascone, we incorrectly posted a photo of a person who is not the same Anthony Frascone running for Congress. We removed the photo and did not include it in our print edition once we were contacted by A. Frascone, and we apologize for this error.

On Oct. 21, the New York Working Families Party paid a visit to Rockland County home of Anthony Frascone, the WFP candidate for Congress in NY-17, in one of the most watched and contested congressional races in the country, between Congressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones.

Frascone collected signatures and appeared on the WFP ballot for a June primary against Mondaire Jones. Frascone beat Jones in the primary, 287-197.

When they knocked on his door, Anthony Frascone opened and conversed with the leaders of the NYWFP. While Frascone's answers were not satisfactory to the NYWFP, we found him to be a normal suburban voter and candidate.

He was friendly and shook all of their hands and was smiling to the camera-person, who was recording the entire incident. Frascone, could have declined to be interviewed or filmed and could have simply closed the door. But he engaged politely in a brief political conversation.

Specifically, here is the Q&A between Frascone and the members of the NYWFP.

Q-Hello, I wanted to learn more about your platform.

A-My platform is Jesus Christ. I want to serve the people in holiness truth, and honesty because, in this world, everybody needs help, including me.

Q-Honesty-WOW

A-We are in a fallen and broken world. And we need the presence of God

Q-We heard that you used to be a registered Republican, and then you switched to the Working Families Party. So tell us, what about the Working Families Party values that attracted you, and what do you want to do to win this election?

A-My election is based on serving each other.

Q-How come we haven't found any information on you online? People want to know that you're on the ballot line.

A-The finance is very hard to do all of that. I'm not raising money; I'm doing everything myself.

Q-Do you support taxing the rich? That is one issue that we really care about.

A-I support that everyone should pay their fair share, no matter what level you are on. God has given everyone the ability.

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Election Day is Here-I'll Break My Rule!

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Friends,

By the time this newspaper comes out next week, The United States of America will have a new President. My conversations around town have indicated a large groundswell of support for one candidate. I hear that candidates name every time I step into my Barber Shop, Rob's Empire Barbershop and Studio on Yonkers Avenue down from Raceway Diner.

I usually don't share who I am voting for President with my readers. I want you to review the candidates, their positions on issues of importance to you, speeches they have made and anything else to help you make up your mind. It's important that we have intelligent people voting on Election Day who understand the issues that affect this country. If you read this column, I know you fit the bill.

In my column of September 26 I indicated to you who the candidates were and how unhappy I was with the selection of both of the major parties. I indicated how important it is that you vote as people have died protecting our precious right to vote.

Up until press time for this column, I was still unsure who to vote for President and if I would share it with my readers. Like many of you I am not thrilled by either candidate, and feel both political parties can do better. There has to be someone out there with a spark of energy who could do a good job turning this nation around and unifying its people.

So as I stated here in September, my vote was one for a candidate to lose as opposed to win. And over the weekend one candidate lost my vote because of the stupidity that came from the candidates campaign and the candidate himself. Stupidity that affected good, hardworking people I know. So here we go.

If I wanted a candidate who could turn the economy around, lower gas prices, keep our people safe and lower the cost of food, I would probably vote for Donald Trump. He is a very smart man who surrounds himself with bright people, for the most part yes men and women. He reminds me of when Alexander Haig, then Secretary of State said, 'I'm in charge here' when President Reagan was shot. He runs the shop!

Remember friends the President is the man responsible for running our country and manages foreign relations with lands all over the world.

Simply put we need a man or woman who takes the job very seriously. I'm sorry to say that I don't think Donald Trump does. His words and language at so many events is not becoming of a President.

To have a comedian make the statement against Puerto Rico as occurred at the Trump rally on Sunday and not immediately condemn that person is disgraceful. I don't care if he didn't know the comedian or what he was going to say. I can't vote for someone who would hire a comedian that appeared at Madison Square Garden on Sunday and let that jokester embarrass himself, a former President of the United States.

Trump's attempt to blame the Jews if he doesn't get elected shows me the man is not of sound mind and body. His health records need to be immediately released prior to Election Day. Just the way I feel about Joe Biden. Biden is not of sound mind and body, and I am glad leaders in the Democratic Party got him off the ballot.

So look who we are stuck with. Kamala Harris. The lady is given the task of dealing with the border and did nothing. She made no important decisions during her tenure as Vice President. You can't stand back and say, 'Wow, Kamala

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Former Gov. Pataki Endorses Crocco for Assembly

40 Year Fugitive Arrested in Florida, Brought Back to Westchester

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for
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

FORMER NEW YORK GOVERNOR GEORGE E. PATAKI ENDORSES ALESSANDRO CROCCO FOR 92ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Former New York Governor, George E. Pataki this week endorsed Hartsdale resident Alessandro Crocco for New York State Assembly in the 92nd District. Pataki, whose strong, measured leadership shepherded New Yorkers and the nation in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, is the last Republican governor in New York.

In endorsing Crocco, Governor Pataki said, "I am honored to endorse Alessandro Crocco. The state is in the midst of a crisis caused by Albany's leadership. To fix this, we need leaders with new ideas and fresh perspectives. Alessandro is exactly that type of leader. As an immigrant and small business owner, he knows how to deliver on time and under budget and will break the Democrats' supermajority, which will allow us to fix New York."

Thanking Governor Pataki Crocco said, "I am both humbled and energized by the news of Governor Pataki's endorsement. This affirmation of my candidacy should resonate across all party lines just as the governor's effective leadership supported all New Yorkers as an assemblyman, state senator and ultimately the last great governor of New York."

Alessandro Crocco believes in a streamlined, efficient government and stands in direct opposition to the radical policies and legislation passed and supported by Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky and her mates in the democrat supermajority that dominates the legislature and has infected every statewide office and regulatory body in New York.

Crocco has based his platform on repealing cashless bail laws, ending sanctuary state policies, safeguarding parental control over their children's well-being and keeping the Town of Greenburgh united, and not allowing biological males on scholastic girls' sports teams or in female safe spaces. Visit crocco4ny.com.

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World Polio Day, which is on October 24th every year, is also known as "Purple Pinkie Day" since kids being immunized have their pinkies marked with purple ink that lasts for 30 days, to ensure they are not vaccinated more than once. This is why the Purple Pinkie Donut—a delicious glazed donut stick, with a dab of purple icing—was created.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease.



Noel Hernandez, 40 years ago and today

From the WCPD / Warrant-Fugitive Unit
He should have stayed in the old country.

A convicted robber who fled to his native Nicaragua more than four decades ago has been brought back to Westchester to face the prison sentence he ran from in 1982. He had been a fugitive from justice until his arrest in Florida earlier this year.

Noel Hernandez, now age 64, was charged by the Yonkers Police Department in January 1981 with Robbery 1st Degree. He was convicted at trial but fled prior to his sentencing in June 1982. He was sentenced in absentia to 6.5 to 20 years in state prison.

Initial investigation determined that he most likely returned to Nicaragua. A Bail Jumping indictment was filed by the Westchester County District's Attorney Office. The case was never closed but went cold.

On Feb. 20 of this year, the Warrant-Fugitive was contacted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to confirm that our warrant for Hernandez was still active. That agency had determined that Hernandez re-entered the United States in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 8, 2022. He listed his residence as Nicaragua and his intended destination as Miami. He was initially detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection but then released, apparently due to overcrowding in the federal Bureau of Prisons holding facility.

After follow up investigation by WFU detectives and federal authorities, including the US Marshals Service, a possible address for Hernandez was developed in the Miami area. A request for arrest was forward to the US Marshals Task Force in Miami. On July 9, 2024, members of the US Marshals Task Force in Florida arrested Hernandez at the address.

Hernandez declined to sign a waiver of extradition and a Governor's warrant application was prepared by the WC DA's Office. Following court proceedings in Florida, Hernandez was ordered to be returned to Westchester. He was picked up on Friday by members of the WCPD Warrant Fugitive Unit, flown back to Westchester, and lodged at the County Jail.

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-Thomas Jefferson

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Former Deputy County Executive DeLuca Gets Probation for Hit and Run that Injured Woman



Neil DeLuca

Former Deputy County Executive Neil DeLuca, 75, recently pled guilty in Valto a hit-and-run incident on Bradhurst Avenue last year that left a 66-year-old woman critically injured

DeLuca received no jail time as part of his plea, but will pay restitution to the victim and received one year probation.

The incident occurred in the Town of Mount Pleasant on October 21, where DeLuca is accused of hitting the woman at 7:45 pm on Bradhurst Avenue. Another motorist witnessed the accident and called the police.

An investigation by Mount Pleasant police found a piece of the car that struck the woman. Further investigation identified the vehicle involved and DeLuca was found to be an owner of the vehicle. Police interviewed DeLuca and he was placed under arrest.

DeLuca was arraigned in Mount Pleasant Town Court on October 22 and charged with a felony charge of leaving the scene of a serious injury motor vehicle accident and with unlicensed operation.

The woman was taken to Westchester Medical Center with serious injuries. "As chief of the department, I could not be more proud of all involved personnel to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion culminating in the arrest of this offender," said Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim."

Prior to serving as Deputy County Executive under County Executive Andrew O'Rourke from 1991-1996, DeLuca, 74, served as Yonkers City Manager from 1988 to 199. He is President of the DeLuca Group, a real estate development consulting firm.

Police didn't get to interview DeLuca for 24 hours, preventing DeLuca from being examined for intoxication. He was also charged with driving without a license.

Criminal defense attorneys that we spoke to said that probation is not an unusual sentence because of the difficulty prosecutors would have proving that DeLuca knew that he ran over the woman.

A Strange, Quiet Race for Westchester District Attorney

By Dan Murphy

The race for Westchester District Attorney in 2024 has been the most quiet race for DA that this reporter has covered. Jeanine Pirro, Janet DiFiore Anthony Scarpino and Mimi Rocah, all ran spirited primary and general election campaigns.

This year's race for DA may have been decided in the results of the democratic primary in June, between Susan Cacace and William Wagstaff. In a hard fought primary, Cacace defeated Wagstaff and is on the ballot Nov 5 on both the democratic and conservative party lines.

The republican candidate for Westchester DA is John Sarcone. Cacace refused a LWV debate with Sarcone because her campaign believed that Sarcone was not running an active campaign, had not raised any funds and has had no social media presence.

In a press release, the LWV-Westchester wrote, "The League of Women Voters of Westchester announces that it will not be holding Candidate Forums for the Westchester District Attorney race.

"With respect to the race for Westchester County DA, Republican candidate John Sarcone had accepted the invitation for the proposed October 24, 2024 forum at the White Plains Public Library. However, Democratic candidate Susan Cacace declined to participate.

"A candidates' meeting with only one candidate present is an "empty chair" meeting, and is not permitted under LWVW rules and its policy of nonpartisanship. LWVW regrets that these important proposed educational events for voters had to be cancelled.

"This is a lost opportunity for the public to hear directly from candidates in person and to address their own questions to them," stated Westchester County League President Kathy Meany. "We strive to run forums in a respectful, non-partisan environment that encourages civil discourse and allows candidates to communicate with the people they are seeking to represent. It is a disappointment that there will be no such in-person opportunity for voters residing in Westchester [for purposes of the U.S. CD 17 and Westchester County DA races."

Cacace's campaign, through a spokesperson, explained that "Susan has always made herself accessible to people all across Westchester and will continue reaching out to voters to discuss her vision for the office and her plans to keep Westchester safe," adding that "Her opponent, on the other hand, has no credible campaign to speak of. He has failed to raise any money, has not produced a website, has no social media presence, and zero visibility. The voters deserve better."

Sarcone has tried to use creative methods to make news in his race for DA.

On Oct. 14, at the Homefield Association Candidate's Night in Yonkers, Sarcone was speaking on the disastrous effects of so-called "bail reform" and pointed out that the architect of bail reform, Stewart-Cousins, was in the room.

Stewart-Cousins stood up and disputed Sarcone's comments. At the end of her comments, she said, let's continue the debate.

Sarcone accepted what he viewed as a debate challenge from Stewart-Cousins. "I accept Senator Stewart-Cousins' debate challenge. I will debate anyone anywhere at any time on the revolving door of crime that New York State Democrats have created. New York is becoming too expensive and too dangerous for New Yorkers and voters in Westchester deserve to hear from someone... anyone... in the Democrat party about how they are going to make Westchester more safe. Candidates like my Democrat opponent who refuse to participate and refuse to debate are a threat to democracy," said Sarcone.

Last week, Sarcone highlighted recent incidents of crime in Larchmont and Pelham Manor. "John Sarcone blasted his opponent, Susan Cacace and her Democrat allies like the architect of the disastrous bail reform laws, Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for allowing dangerous criminals to terrorize yet another Westchester community, this time the affluent Village of Larchmont.

John Sarcone said, "New York Democrats' radical agenda continues to terrorize Westchester residents. Democrats are nowhere to be found, while the consequences of their radical agenda literally terrorize Westchester residents. I am urging Westchester voters to vote like their lives depend on it, because they do."

Sarcone referenced a Village of Larchmont Facebook page posted about criminals breaking and entering people's homes in search of keys to steal people's cars right from their garages, and a post from the Village of Pelham Manor police department to be on high alert after an uptick in break-ins, including one that occurred while an entire family slept upstairs.

We endorsed Cacace during her democratic primary race against William Wagstaff. We are not endorsing candidates in the general election. But we are disappointed that Cacace did not engage with Sarcone in a series of debates. Even though she may be well ahead and may very well become the next DA, the people of Westchester deserved to hear more about her plans

But we also take umbrage with Sarcone's pursuit of Stewart-Cousins. If he wanted to debate Stewart-Cousins, he could have run for that office.

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did this or that!'

Kamala has what Trump needs. People that keep her away from the public and scrutinize every word that comes from her mouth. And silence her. If you were to ask 10 Random people why they support Kamala, probably the only reason is she is not Donald Trump. We don't know where she is coming from and her plans for this country. And the election is 5 days away.

Most Americans will be voting their pocketbook or wallet next Tuesday. Those folks will probably go with Trump. Kamala may have been an excellent District Attorney, but she's not yet ready for prime time being number 1 on the national stage. She needs to surround herself with intelligent advisors and not Democratic hacks.

When I go to sleep at night I don't want a comedian in charge. I want a person who can make sound decisions pushing any buttons. It's ok if that person has intelligent people advising her. Kamala wouldn't be the first President who didn't call the shots in the White House.

To my friends from Puerto Rico, a place I have visited often, I apologize to you for the Trump mess. He does not represent the American people. To the guys in the Barbershop and Studio, the only way this country will be great is if you participate in the election process by voting or running for office.

No matter who the candidate of your choice for president is, mark the ballot with a black marker, and before you put it in the machine say a prayer for our country. God Bless America!

Briefs:

I lost a long time friend and Yonkers City Hall lost a dedicated, hard worker with the death of Lucia Trovato. If you got a proclamation from Mayors Spencer, Amicone or Spano, the words on that proclamation were probably written by Lucia. Lucia started her career in public service working with Congressman Bruce Caputo. She will be sorely missed, by those at City Hall and by the thousands of people she helped working 1 weekend day at the Yonkers Public Library! And by this writer!

This week we Trick or Treat for Halloween. The days are gone when children carried bags for their candy and little orange boxes to collect money for UNICEF, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Please go to unicefusa.org and show your support for children around the world with whatever you can afford to give.

A beautiful Simchat Torah, ("Rejoicing of the Torah"), Jewish religious observance held on the last day of Sukkot ("Festival of Booths"), when the yearly cycle of Torah reading is completed and the next cycle is begun was held last week at Chabad of Yonkers. Kudos to Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz and the 'Dancing Doctor' the brilliant neurologist Dr. David Dickoff for a wonderful evening!

Yonkers bridge where Sgt. Frank Gualdino died in a terrible crash named in his memory this week. A fitting tribute to one of Yonkers finest. He is sorely missed by his family and colleagues who came to the dedication.

WELCOME BACK DELITE BAKERY ON YONKERS AVENUE. As a Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El once said, you know you are someone when you get a DeLight napoleon cake for your birthday!

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Proposition One-Arguments for and Against

Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Proposition 1 -
to be Considered by Voters on November Ballot

This year's November ballot will include a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution, named the Equal Rights Amendment, which, if approved, would amend the Constitution to protect against unequal treatment on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed, religion, or sex including sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, reproductive healthcare and autonomy. The Equal Rights Amendment would enshrine the right to abortion in the State Constitution. If the amendment is not approved, the state constitution will be left as it currently is.

The Equal Rights Amendment passed both houses of the New York State Legislature in two consecutive sessions, as required by law. The measure now goes before voters for their consideration.

The New York State Constitution currently only provides protections against discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, and religion. This amendment would extend that protection to include age, gender, disability status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy outcomes, among others.

Prop 1 has been endorsed by the New York City Bar Association and the New York Civil Liberties Union. For more information, please visit your local Board of Elections.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I encourage all New Yorkers to make their voice heard on this matter by flipping their ballot over and voting on this constitutional amendment."

From the NYC Bar Association

New Yorkers currently have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the New York Constitution: Proposal 1, the Equal Rights Amendment (aka Prop 1).

Prop 1 will be listed on the back of the ballot, so voters need to flip over their ballots to vote on Prop 1.

WHAT PROP 1 WILL DO

WILL establish constitutional protections against discrimination based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex—including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy. These protections would be in addition to the current explicit protections against racial and religious discrimination under the State Constitution. When a right is established in the Constitution, it is protected from future legislation that might put it at risk.

WILL protect abortion rights and access to reproductive healthcare, including birth control and IVF, by preventing future State laws banning abortion and/or punishing or prosecuting pregnancy outcomes like miscarriages. Prop 1, which received first passage by the State Legislature in the immediate aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade, does not use the term "abortion" specifically, but this protection is unequivocally covered by the language of the amendment.

WILL protect LGBTQ+ New Yorkers by preventing future State laws from rolling back current LGBTQ+ rights to equal treatment.

WILL protect older, disabled, pregnant and LGBTQ+ New Yorkers from government discrimination in hiring, pay, and promotion.

WILL ensure that older and disabled New Yorkers have the access they need to vote and to use public spaces and facilities.

WILL prevent discrimination against all individuals and clarify that the amendment cannot be used as a basis for attacking programs that are battling discrimination.

WHAT PROP 1 WILL NOT DO

WILL NOT impact parental rights. Prop 1 does not address parental rights, which are governed by other developed areas of State and federal law. Prop 1 does not change existing law with respect to parental consent, or parents' ability to be involved in decision-making about healthcare or medical procedures for their minor children, including gender-affirming care.

WILL NOT change current law with respect to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. Prop 1 does not change existing law and has no explicit provision relating to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 is consistent with Title IX, the controlling federal law that has already been interpreted by federal courts to require young people to play on sports teams that match their gender identity and expression.

WILL NOT impact or change the qualifications for voting. A separate part of the State Constitution governs qualifications for voting based on citizenship status. Prop 1 does not enfranchise any new classes of voters.

WILL NOT change current federal and state law with respect to undocumented immigrants including current law related to taxpayer benefits and the ability of a locality to address matters related to undocumented migrants in their community. It is already unlawful in New York to discriminate against a person based on "national origin" under State Human Rights Law and Civil Rights Law. It is also unlawful to discriminate against a person based on "national origin" under federal law. Prop 1 does not change this at the State or federal level.

NOTE: New York would not break new ground by including "national origin" as part of the equal protection clause in its constitution. Other states that already have "national origin" in the equal protection clauses of their respective constitutions include Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Texas and Virginia.

The NY Daily News, Albany Times Union, Buffalo News, and Syracuse Post-Standard Have Called for a Yes Vote on Prop One.

UNITED NATIONS ISSUES REPORT ON
GROWING 'VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN' IN
GIRLS AND WOMENS' SPORTS

890 Medals Captured by Biologically-Male Athletes

The United Nations has issued a blistering report calling the growing movement of biological males competing in Girls and Women's Sports "Violence Against Women." This comes as New Yorkers prepare to vote on the Prop 1 ballot amendment that could grant biological males a Constitutional right to compete on girls and women's sports teams across New York State, the nonpartisan Coalition to Protect Kids-NY, an official New York State ballot issue committee opposing Prop 1, today said.

The report was issued by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Reem Alsalem. The groundbreaking study was just presented to the United Nations General Assembly.

"This U.N. report shines the brightest spotlight on political leaders and members of the news media who have been gaslighting the public about the very real threat to Girls and Women's sports in New York and beyond," said Coalition to Protect Kids - NY spokeswoman Ayesha Kruetz. "Girls and women aren't just losing spots on teams, medals, and scholarships, many are being injured on the field of play by naturally larger, stronger, and faster biological males. If Prop 1 passes, and New Yorkers should pray it doesn't, Girls-only high school and college sports will cease to exist in the State of New York."

According to the U.N. report, more than "600 female athletes in more than 400 competitions have lost more than 890 medals in 29 different sports to biological males as of March 2024.

NOTE: PolitiFact has confirmed that Proposal 1 could mandate New York schools to allow boys and biological males on girls' sports teams throughout the state. Voters will decide on Proposal 1 in the upcoming November 5th election.

"It's time for the gaslighting to end, and for the facts about Prop 1 to be put on the table for all New Yorkers to see and hear," said Coalition to Protect Kids-NY spokesperson Ayesha Kruetz. "With one week to go before Election Day, it is imperative that New Yorkers learn what this Constitutional amendment could do to children, parents, Girls Sports, senior citizens, and religious institutions. New Yorkers for Equal Rights has been hiding out for months. We challenge them to explain themselves before the election."

Newsday has called for a No Vote on Prop One, writing

On all ballots this year is the proposed Equal Rights Amendment called Proposition One. It's being marketed as urgently needed to further protect the state's already expansive access to abortion after the Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade and ruled abortion laws were to be determined by each state. But the word "abortion" is nowhere to be found in its text.

Opponents of the measure are equally overwrought but correct about some of its potential excesses. The amendment would not overrule any existing laws or create any new rights in the state. But it would start in motion a legal process to give the courts much more power to determine these outcomes and to resolve cultural and political fights that currently cannot get majority support in the State Legislature. It is part and parcel of a parallel effort by legislative leaders to reshape New York's top court by stacking it with extremely liberal and activist judges who likely will provide favorable rulings on the litigation that's sure to follow.

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Westchester County Probation Keeps Sex Offenders Off the Streets for Halloween

For the 18th year, Offenders will attend Anti-Sexual Abuse Victim Impact Program

When it comes time for trick-or-treaters to knock on doors this Halloween, local sex offenders will once again be attending an anti-sexual abuse victim impact program designed to keep sex offenders off the streets. The annual program is run by the Westchester County Department of Probation.

Over 100 registered and non-registered sex offenders on probation in Westchester County are required to attend an educational program at the Westchester County Courthouse on Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. This program is designed to educate offenders and raise awareness about the impact of their actions.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Our top priority in Westchester County will always be our children, and we are doing everything we can to ensure they are safe when they go trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Parents should remind their kids to travel in groups and come home at a reasonable hour, but they shouldn't have to worry about the potential dangers of sex offenders. This program guarantees that all local sex offenders will be accounted for in Westchester County."

The offenders will hear compelling accounts of devastation perpetrated on children and adult victims, and gain insight into how those acts can reverberate through a victim's life. Former President and Media Coordinator of MaleSurvivor.org Curtis St. John will share his personal story and experiences regarding the impact of abuse, and his journey to recovery. Through the office of WestCOP/Victims Assistance Services, Karen D. Carroll, RN/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, will share her personal experience as a survivor of marital rape.

Program Director of Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) Crime Victims Advocacy Support Services Program (CVASSP) Josefa Romero, and Kristian Garcia from WestCOP/Victims Assistance Services will conduct educational sessions for Spanish-speaking sex offenders. Licia Sandberg, an attorney and the founder and Senior Director of the Westchester Medical Center's SAAVE program, will offer a victim's perspective, drawing from her personal experiences and her legal work as an advocate. Susan Carroll, an attorney and Director of Training and Outreach at the PACE Women's Justice Center, will raise awareness by discussing the legal and trauma-related impacts on survivors and the long-term "costs" to individuals and society.

While the program is in progress, Westchester County probation officers will be out in the community actively tracking down offenders who fail to attend the event. To ensure community safety, offenders will not be allowed to use public transportation after the event. Probation officers will provide transportation home for any offender who needs it.

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New Yorkers Against Gun Violence Endorses Harkham for Re-Election

State Senator Pete Harkham, running for re-election to the New York State Senate, announced today that New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, a nonprofit organization that has advocated for the safety of residents statewide for more than 25 years, has endorsed his campaign.

"I am honored that New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, in acknowledging my long-standing commitment to passing common-sense gun safety laws here in the state, is backing my return to the State Senate," said Harkham. "The national scourge of mass shootings requires that we do everything we can to protect our resident, whether it be ensuring that Red Flag Laws are in place, extended background checks are made and ghost guns are taken off our streets. I will continue to fight gun violence and work to pass laws to ensure the safety of our communities."

Since taking office in 2019, Harkham has been a leader in the State Senate in advancing common-sense gun safety laws. Three years ago, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law critical, life-saving legislation sponsored by Senator Pete Harkham and Assemblymember Amy Paulin that requires mental health facilities to provide information about New York's Red Flag Law (which removes guns from people a judge deems to be a threat to themselves or others) and obtaining extreme risk protection orders for patients upon their discharge or conditional release.

Other gun safety laws Harkham has passed include requiring safe storage of firearms and raising the age for the purchase of long guns. In the FY2024-2024 State Budget, Harkham voted to deliver \$347 million to evidence-based gun violence prevention programs statewide.

Rebecca Fischer, executive director New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, said, "In the State Senate, Pete Harkham worked with Assemblymember Amy Paulin to strengthen New York's Red Flag Law, also known as the extreme risk protection order law, to help prevent mass shootings, domestic incidents and suicides among other tragedies. New Yorkers Against Gun Violence is proud to endorse Senator Harkham who has always stood for common-sense safeguards to save lives."

The endorsement of Harkham by New Yorker Against Gun Violence was part of a new round of endorsements for candidates running for the State Senate, Assembly and Congress in the 2024 election cycle. The endorsed candidates represent four regions across the state: Long Island, New York City, the Hudson Valley and Upstate New York.

Established in 1993 by a group of mothers in Brooklyn after a senseless shooting death of a teacher in Prospect Park, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence is committed to supporting and partnering with lawmakers who understand the complex causes of the gun violence crisis and who champion effective, trauma-informed solutions to ending the cycle of violence and shootings.

Its endorsement process includes a questionnaire requesting the candidates' position on various state and federal government legislation that addresses school safety and training protocols, funding of anti-gun groups, and monitoring of firearm transactions. Besides the New York state and federal races, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence has also endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris and Tim Walz for the presidency to ensure the fight against gun violence continues to have the support of the White House.

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Why I'm Running for New York State Senate

The question I get asked most often, as I campaign for New York State Senate in the 35th District, is, "Why are you putting yourself through all the trouble and grief that running for public office brings?" The answer is simple: as a proud American and native New Yorker, I want to rescue our beloved state from the tyranny of the incumbent's supermajority before it's too late.

Where Did the Love Go?

Our slogan used to be "I Love New York." Now, it's not hard to see where the love went. Good people and essential businesses are leaving New York in droves. We lead the country in out-migration! They have had enough. Clearly, those people know they deserve better, and I hope they find it—although some decent pizza, I don't know. However, along with many like-minded folks I've met, I've decided to stay and fight.

Albany's Corruption

It is very clear that Albany is rotten to the core. Their tax-and-spend antics, criminal-friendly policies, and five billion dollars of sanctuary laws (\$5,000,000,000 where, like the progressives, that's a lot of zeros) at taxpayer expense are just a few examples of how our state house has been corrupted by Albany's all-powerful woke "I've-been-broke" supermajority.

We are all familiar with the saying, "a fish rots from the head down." I could not let Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins go unchallenged. She isn't just a state senator; she's the head of the Democrat majority—the top Democrat in the state behind Governor Hochul. The people don't just deserve a choice in senator; they deserve an alternative to the fat cat monopoly that is now "in with the bricks." Letting the leader run unopposed was not acceptable.

Real Change is a Must

Real change is a must, and it must happen now! Out-of-control crime, high inflation, high energy costs, sanctuary policies, and cashless bill laws have wreaked havoc in our communities, taken a chunk of our treasure, and diminished everyone's quality of life. We need to make positive changes. Once elected, I will:

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- Implement of base-first policies
- Fully fund our schools
- Establish a parents' bill of rights
- Work with anyone, regardless of party, to reduce taxes and energy costs
- Support our police
- Ask for the immediate removal of district attorneys who favor criminals and do not follow the law

These are the issues that keep us regular citizens up at night. Please realize that your vote will make a difference. One thing for sure, I truly care. With your help, we will restore New York so that each of us can once again proudly say, "I Love New York!" That is why I'm asking for your vote.



I love my friends and neighbors -even those I have yet to meet! I believe we must all stand up for our sisters and brothers in need, especially disabled individuals, seniors, veterans and vulnerable families. A volunteer since my youth, I recently devoted much time to volunteering for the Community Emergency Response Team and Westchester Emergency Volunteer Reserves, to help community members during times of disaster and emergencies.

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Working to create better-paying jobs

Nader knows working men and women are the backbone of our economy. He supported Carlos' Law to crack down on employers who oversee unsafe construction sites. Nader also joined picket lines to rally for safe staffing for nurses, supported a \$3,000 bonus for frontline health care workers during the pandemic and secured hourly raises for home care workers.

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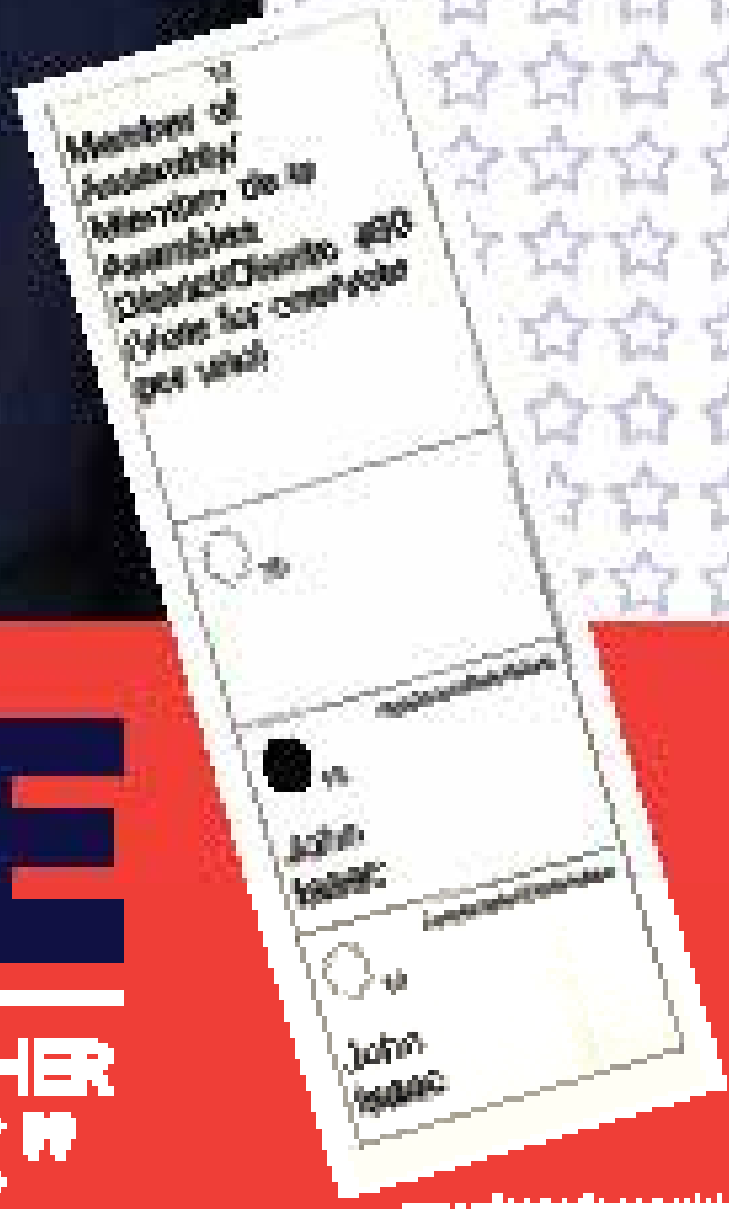
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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

FRIDAY NOV. 1

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Unveiling of USS Westchester Memorial, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/unveiling-of-uss-westchester-memorial/>

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Fireside Nature Storytime, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Cozy up around our outdoor fire to enjoy some children's stories. Meet at the nature center.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This is a great way for anyone interested in birdwatching to learn some basics. Bring binoculars and your love of birds! Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Here Comes Trouble! A Look at the Effects of Climate Change on Horticulture, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A horticulturist and plant health care expert discusses the changes and the effects on growing plants. Free. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/herecomestrouble/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2/2024-11-02/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Old Time Music Jam, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or listen; enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: Dec. 7.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050. Westchester Fall Home Show, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.. \$10 general admission, \$8 senior, 12 and under free. Also: Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Get details <https://countycenter.biz/event/westchester-fall-home-show-3/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Coexisting with Coyotes, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Join us for an indoor presentation about the eastern coyotes that call Westchester home. We will look into their behaviors, environmental role, and what to do if you encounter one of these interesting and important keystone species.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Hit the Road, Jack (-o-Lantern), 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Stop by the farm and learn how to dispose of your Halloween and fall pumpkins sustainably. Get some ideas on how to cook leftover pumpkin, repurpose Jack-o-lanterns or compost gourds effectively. Free. Make a reservation <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hit-the-road-jack-o-lantern-tickets-1039095351167?aff=oddtcreator>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. In Search of Clay, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.. We'll harvest natural clay from habitats within the Sanctuary. You can create items of your choice (pots, animals, etc.) and take them home.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Camouflaging Creatures! Live Animal Program, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Now you see me, now you don't! You'll have to look closely to find these hidden animals. Discover why, where and how animals camouflage. Play our camouflage challenge game. Meet live animals from around the world.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Volunteer Event: Winter Garden Prep & Planting, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Help us close our garden for the season and prepare for winter. You will assist in planting winter crops such as flowering bulbs, garlic and cover crops, ensuring our garden is ready to thrive in the coming months.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.. A gentle discovery of the amazing benefits of a yoga practice. \$25 through \$180. Also: Nov. 10, 17, 24. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2024-11-03/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17. Get details <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/farmers-market-information.html>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. History Hike, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Learn about the lake's rich history by going on a 2-mile trek. Hiking shoes recommended.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-11-03/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Shrubs with Four-Season Interest, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join a walking tour to explore shrubs that provide interest throughout the year. Meet at the green entrance gate off of the upper-level parking lot. Free. Registration isn't necessary. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/shrubs-with-four-season-interest/>

Croton Point Park Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290. Archaeology Speaks, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy programs and discussions about new discoveries and ancient history, presented by the Lower Hudson Chapter of New York State Archaeological Society. Free. For more information, call (914) 862-5297.

Proud Boy Arrested, continued from pg 2-

which was a line of police officers. Behind the officers was a waist-high black metal fence. Pepe dragged away a segment of the metal bike rack barriers, as did other rioters.

The police line then reformed behind the black metal fence. As Pepe and rioters approached the black metal fence, Pepe looked directly into a nearby camera and yelled, "Let's go! This is what we came for, yeah!" Officers began to deploy pepper spray and other crowd control measures to get the crowd to disperse. Pepe was pepper sprayed, and he posted a selfie-style video in which he declared, "Yo, the cops pepper sprayed me and Hooks. Me and Hooks got f—ing maced. Storming that Capitol, baby!"

At 2:16 p.m., Pepe entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Door. During his time in the Capitol, he recorded a video and sent to fellow Proud Boys where Pepe stated, "We did it." Pepe was inside the building for approximately 38 minutes, exiting at 2:54 p.m. through a broken window beside the Senate Wing Door.

The FBI arrested Pepe on Jan. 12 2021, in White Plains, New York.

This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

This case is being investigated by the FBI's New York and Washington Field Offices. Pepe was identified as BOLO (Be on the Lookout) # 4 on the FBI's seeking information images. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 45 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,532 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 571 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement, a felony. The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or visit tips.fbi.gov.

Election Races to watch, continued from pg 1-

gressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones.

The presidential race will also impact this contest. In 2020, Biden won this congressional district by 10 points. Lawler was elected two years ago by less than one point. If Harris wins in NY-17, can Lawler also win?

And which narrative will win the day? Residents in the district have been bombarded in this district with way too many TV ads and mailings, with the republican spin that Jones is tied at the hip to AOC and that Jones said he would defund the police four years ago. Or the democratic spin about Lawler's pro-life views on abortion?

The latest Emerson Poll has Lawler with 49%-Jones at 44%, and a third candidate Anthony Frascone at 1%, with 7% still undecided.

Some Westchester Races for State Senate and Assembly to Watch:

I-State Senate-District-40-Democrat-Sen. Pete Harckham vs Republican Gina Arena. If Republicans were to win one local race on Nov. 5, most politicos predict a win for Gina Arena. This is a rematch between the two, with Harckham winning by 53%-47% two years ago. This year, Arena and many local republican candidates for senate and assembly have matching funds due to a recently passed law that most New Yorkers don't know about.

Arena hopes to ride the wave to Save Women's Sports and opposition to Proposition One. There is also opposition in this senate district to a massive Lithium Battery farm proposed on the Westchester-Putnam border. Arena has the support of opponents to the battery farm.

Another issue that Arena has highlighted concerned Carmel School Board member Jim Wise. Wise has frequently used the phrase, From the River to the Sea, at School Board meetings.

"From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" is an antisemitic slogan commonly featured in anti-Israel campaigns and chanted at demonstrations. Usage of this phrase has the effect of making members of the Jewish and pro-Israel community feel unsafe and ostracized," writes the Anti-Defamation League.

Harckham honored Wise for his efforts on LGBTQ issues, but once Wise's comments were made public, Harckham was called on to disavow Wise's comments, but didn't do enough, in our view, to repudiate antisemitic speech.

Another race to watch is in Yonkers, where Assemblyman Nader Sayegh faces a tough challenge from Republican John Isaac in the 90th district. Two years ago, Sayegh won reelection by a narrow 52%-48% margin.

Two years later, are there enough dissatisfied Yonkers voters to tip the balance to Sayegh? Or, in a Presidential year, will Sayegh ride the coattails of Harris as Yonkers democrats vote straight D down the ticket?

Two Westchester Democrats are not expected to have a close election. Democrat County Executive George Latimer is running for Congress in NY-16, Westchester's other congressional district. He is running against Dr. Miriam Levitt-Fliesser. Fliesser lost two years ago to Jamaal Bowman by a 64%-36% margin.

And State Senator Shelley Mayer is being challenged by Democrat Tricia Lindsay.

The campaign of Alessandro Crocco, running for Assembly in the 92nd District against Democrat Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky, is an example of the efforts of Westchester Republicans to run active races in almost all of the senate and assembly contests in Westchester this year.

Crocco is running on many of the campaign themes of his fellow republican candidates, including opposition to Proposition One, and crime and bail reform.

But in the 92nd District, which includes Greenburgh, another issue may play a role in the outcome. Some residents in the community of Edgemont in the Town of Greenburgh, are attempting to secede from the Town.

Residents in Edgemont make up the most affluent portions of Greenburgh, and many have raised their opposition to the plan, and the financial impacts that it would have on the Town of Greenburgh budget.

Crocco said, "I rise in opposition to the secession of Edgemont—something that is only possible thanks to a series of legislation conceived and passed by our current representative in Albany—because it is not in the best interest of the majority of families in Greenburgh, and it is not morally the right thing to do."

Crocco has actively campaigned across the district. He has an active social media and is an articulate candidate.

The overwhelming registration edge for democrats make this race difficult for Crocco to win, but how will voters, not only in Greenburgh, but across Westchester, cast their votes on Nov. 5?

There are also five seats up on the NYS Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester.

Brett Boge, Judge Colleen Duffy, Judge Mary Ann Scattaretico-Naber, Kyle McGovern, and Rachel Tanguay are the democratic and conservative candidates.

Mark Starkman, Karen Ostberg, Edward Mevec, Thomas Humbach and Leslie Kahn, are the republicans.

Regardless of the outcome, I would encourage all to wait for all of the votes to be counted and respect the decision of the voters.

The Westchester League of Women Voters gives all residents the chance to view their ballot in their community. Visit <https://lwv.org/2024/08/voter-information-for-2024-general-election/> to view your ballot.

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The Electoral College Protects Democracy

OP-ED by Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

One of the least understood aspects of our presidential election system is the Electoral College. It is singularly important because the President is the only public official elected by the entire nation.

From the Founding era till now, American states have been diverse, with different climates, geographic features, industries and cultures, ranging from cities to farmland to frontier settlements. The needs of people living in a city differ from those living on a rural farm or ranch or small town.

It is neither fair nor just nor freedom-promoting for a few large population cities to rule over people in rural areas whose needs are different, overwhelming them by the sheer number of ballots they can produce. For example, those who live in a large city might not need a car because they could get where they need to go by walking, bus or train. But in rural or suburban areas, people must have a car to get to work, school, grocery shopping, or medical appointments. The price of gas and the tax rate affects both, but has a disproportionately negative effect on one group. The Electoral College pushes a potential President to meet with and understand the needs of diverse groups, not just stack up votes in large cities and ignore those who grow our food and produce the resources everyone needs. Allowing a few large cities to control who becomes President, as relying on popular vote would, skews his perspective and is grossly unjust, effectively disfranchising everyone else.

The Electoral College Forces Candidates to be More Moderate

“Objections to the Electoral College ...are virtually all rooted in the assumption that unfettered “democracy” is the only ideal which should characterize all major governing principles. The founders believed in consent of the governed. But they were also aware that unfettered democracy was and is a substantial, potentially lethal threat to freedom and individual liberty...in order to protect against majoritarian abuses...[which] might bring to power a popular demagogue [who] might be able to manipulate the opinions and attitudes in major population centers so that those centers swamp the more diversified interests of the country at large....The founders were well aware of such risk and designed an ingenious system to protect the individual citizen from the potential crushing power of an oppressive national government. They crafted a combination of democracy, direct government, and republic, representative government.” (The Electoral College: Critical to Our Republic, Josiah Peterson.)

All our citizens, rural or urban are important, disfranchising some by focusing only on large cities is not only unjust, but damages everyone by enabling unbalanced policies that reflect only the interests of large population centers. This would be akin to taxing the tips of service workers but not the bonuses of CEOs and financial traders. When bad economic policies raise the cost of food, it hurts the ordinary worker but not government officials who make far more and vote themselves massive raises and expense payments. If gas is high and the roads are a mess, those who pay for their own cars and gas suffer but for pols who voted themselves free cars and gas at the taxpayers’ expense, it doesn’t hurt at all. And when it doesn’t hurt at all, they have no incentive to change their actions.

Thomas Jefferson noted in his First Inaugural Address: “...[F]or that will (of the majority) to be rightful, it must be reasonable, that that minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate which would be oppression.” To be reasonable and just, a majority and a President must take into account others’ needs and interest. Pure majorities can be, and often are, tyrannical, and must be checked and balanced. (Venezuela provides an overwhelming example of the devastating impact that a powerful, popularly elected, centralized government can create.)

Without the Electoral College, Many People’s Votes would Not Count

A presidential election must be more than a popularity contest that enables mob tyranny. The Electoral College is a built-in self-check so that low population but important states that produce our food and resources for products also get to choose. People in rural areas are more independent and individualistic than people in cities. In many aspects of life, such as growing their own food and being able to fix things—even roads and fences, they are less dependent than city dwellers, who rarely have the skills or the equipment to take care of things they depend on someone else to do. These practical experiences build differences in perspective on how government should function; the Electoral College forces presidential candidates to hear both perspectives and figure out how not to burden one group at the expense of the other. Without it, the voices of people in rural areas and smaller states would be overwhelmed by mere numbers and their essential perspective ignored.

Rural people understand more about the essential processes of life: working for months to prepare ground, plant, nurture, water and protect before even seeing a sprout. Those who only see the fruits of months of labor packaged, wrapped and ready to cook and eat do not understand how regulations and forcing unreliable energy sources (which take up farmland with massive arrays) lower production and strips the profit from small farms, often destroying them.

New York used to be much more agricultural, one of the largest dairy and peach states; well into the 20th century there were potato farms on Long Island. Now, one party dominance with no built-in feature to counterbalance has overdeveloped what was farm land on Long Island, separated city residents from those diverse communities, and made those products come from farther away. State policies dominated by New York City thinking damaged rural areas. Because of the tax system, rural New York was diminishing in population even before crime-facilitating bail and sanctuary city policies pushed hundreds of thousands out of lower New York—reducing our congressional delegation and thereby Electoral College votes.

America is a diverse country; we must keep the Electoral College because it results in better polices for all of us. And it is time to develop more checks and balances in the New York State legislature. A one party system is always tyrannical.

For Further Reading: The Electoral College: Critical to Our Republic - Josiah Peterson;

Enlightened Democracy: The Case for the Electoral College - Tara Ross

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – WESTCHESTER RISING

*The Case for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in this Year’s Presidential Election
October 30, 2024*

To the Editor:

“Sometimes party loyalty demands too much”

John F. Kennedy

“Facts are stubborn things”

Ronald Reagan

Our nation will make what is probably the most consequential election choice since 1860 and 1932 this fall. Like many Americans, I did not get my first choice for the 2024 general election (I actively supported this past spring the candidacy of Ambassador/former Governor Nikki Haley for the Republican Party presidential nomination).

Indeed, however, a choice must be made and the quotations attributed to our 35th and 40th Presidents should serve as a guide in making that choice. For me, it is a vote for Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz on the Democratic Party ticket:

- Kamala Harris has the resume for the nation’s highest office. She has demonstrated experience and a solid record of public service at every level of local, state and Federal government. As a prosecutor in California, she won battles against transnational criminals, for-profit colleges, home foreclosures and corporate polluters. She has more national experience as a Senator and Vice President than did Presidents Clinton, George W. Bush, Obama and Trump when they were elected;

- Vice President Harris is a consensus-oriented pragmatist. While it is true that she had a very liberal voting record as the Senator from California, she learned to broaden her appeal to the center of American politics during her tenure as Vice President and now as a Presidential candidate. Her commitment to include prominent Republicans in her cabinet is evidence of that appeal;

- Vice President Harris would be a far better fiscal and economic steward than her Republican opponent. While she needs to give her proposals greater specificity, most economists and fiscal analysts believe her policies would achieve lower rates of inflation and interest rates as well as provide a better return on public investment. The same cannot be said for the Trump-Vance team.

Lastly, and the most compelling reason for me – and countless numbers of prominent Republicans – is that Vice President Harris stands for the rule of law and our Constitution. Many Republicans and independent voters view this election as a choice between democracy and autocracy. Kamala Harris warrants election as our next President.

Stephen R. Rolandi

Larchmont, NY

(Mr. Rolandi, a lifelong Republican, served in executive positions in the Koch, Giuliani, Bloomberg and Paterson administrations. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Pace University and City University of New York and active with Principles First and Republicans for Harris).

Vote Like Your Future Depends On It—Because It Does

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

As a 29-year-old millennial, I often hear the argument that voting doesn’t matter. I found myself in a heated debate with someone around my age who dismissed the importance of casting a ballot. It got me thinking about the countless sacrifices made by those who came before us—especially my ancestors who labored on the Mexico Plantation in South Carolina and toiled on farms in Greenwich, Connecticut. For them, the ability to vote was a distant dream.

To honor their legacy and keep them proud, I am committed to voting. It’s not just a right; it’s my duty—just like paying taxes and serving on a jury. This is more than a civic responsibility; it’s about participating in the decisions that shape our communities and our country.

Consider this: in the upcoming 2024 elections, approximately 41 million members of Generation Z will be eligible to vote, according to research from Tufts University’s CIRCLE. This statistic is not just a number; it represents the collective power we hold as young voters. If we mobilize and show up at the polls, we can influence the future in ways that matter to us—whether it’s climate change, education, or social justice.

The stakes have never been higher. As millennials and Gen Zers, we face unique challenges that require our voices to be heard. We must challenge the narrative that our votes don’t count. Each election brings an opportunity to advocate for the issues we care about deeply. It’s our chance to make a difference, to shape policies that will impact our lives and those of future generations.

Voting is serious business, and it’s time we treat it like that. We owe it to ourselves and to those who fought for the rights we enjoy today. So, let’s stop acting dumb and step up. We are the future, and it’s our responsibility to seize our right to vote.

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County Residents Can Safely Dispose of Household Chemicals, Electronics, and More on Saturday, November 2, and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) event on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Playland Park in Rye and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westchester Community College campus, 75 Grasslands Rd., Lot 11, in Valhalla. The upcoming events in Rye and Valhalla will be the final HRD events of 2024, allowing residents across the County to conveniently and safely dispose of their household wastes.

In addition to properly labeled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the HRD Events. Residents should place items in their trunk or backseat and remain in their vehicles while staff unload vehicles in the drop-off area.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labeled household chemicals, such as:
 - o Household cleaning products
 - o Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, not motor oil)
 - o Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
 - o Metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
 - o Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
 - o Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- Batteries – only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell
- Textiles- footwear, clothing, linens, leather, and handbags
- Latex and oil-based Paint, wood stains
- Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs, Fire extinguishers
- BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.)
- Mercury-containing devices (thermometers and thermostats)
- Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription
- Personal documents for shredding limit (4) fi boxes per household
- Tires (with or without rims) up to four per household

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call the Recycling Helpline: (914) 813-5425. To avoid waiting in line, you can dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf> or call (914) 813-5425.

Khris Kerr, continued from pg 1-

Most people don't know who I am or that she has an opponent.

"I put ads in the paper to help inform the voters that I am running and that they have a choice. When the newspapers disappear, it cancels my campaign. Let the people decide.

Khris Kerr ran against Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins in 2022, and said she decided to run again because she and other New Yorkers are fed up with the way New York and our Country are being run.

"New York's slogan used to be 'I Love New York,' but with the increase in crime, defunding police, inflation, illegal migrants, utility costs, and failed bail reform, all under Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins' watch, all you hear now is 'I'm Leaving New York.' We need to make a change now.

Khris Kerr was a lifelong Democrat. "I walked away from the Party when the Party left me." By trade, Kerr is an electrical engineer who successfully designed and implemented the first E-ZPass system worldwide at 7 bridges and 2 tunnels for the MTA. Her professional experience also includes being a public school STEM teacher, a criminal justice college professor, working for the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, and the Yonkers Office of Emergency Management.

"My parents are Army Veterans, who were willing to give their lives for this country. I want to fight to save new Yorkers from what our state and country have become.

"Some people might be afraid to publicly get involved in my campaign, but nobody knows how you vote in the end. I ask you to vote for your future. I am a common sense, law and order candidate who will fight to fix the mess in Albany!

"My opponent has been in office for 17 years. What will change if she is elected again? She can't defend her record. But they should not have control over who reads the newspapers. The democrats have absolute power in New York. If they are doing such a good job, why try to cancel me and take the papers away?

Kerr moved to Elmsford after living in Yonkers.

"I'm proud to support Khris Kerr in her race for State Senate against Andrea Stewart-Cousins. It was Stewart-Cousins who ushered in cashless bail, imposed billions in new taxes on New Yorkers, and sent billions of our taxpayer dollars to NYC to fund free healthcare, education, food, clothing, and housing for illegal immigrants. Enough is enough - we must elect commonsense Republicans up and down the ballot to get our state back on track." - Congressman Mike Lawler

Editor's Note: We are disappointed at the woman who was caught stealing newspaper in White Plains. While the papers were not ours, we understand and appreciate how difficult it is to get out the news for readers, and how financially difficult that can be today. We also hear the concerns from both sides about how our media today isn't informing the public. We hear about Fake News. Here we have an example of someone stealing the news from the people-literally. Shame on you.

Joe Cotter, Major Developer in Yonkers and Westchester, Dies Unexpectedly at 66



Mayor Mike Spano with Joe Cotter

"With great sadness, we share with you that Joseph Cotter passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Friday October 25, 2024 at home in his beloved New York City. Joe, at 66, accomplished so much, developing visionary projects in places and communities that he believed in. Joe was very proud of his family, a great friend who meant much to so many, effortlessly connecting on a personal level. Most importantly, we will honor him by continuing to develop our existing projects and those in our pipeline to create transformative projects," said Lynne Ward, Co-Founder in National Resources.

Joe was President of National Resources, the New York metro real estate development and investment firm that focuses on the redevelopment of urban and industrial sites. The company is built on a foundation of acquiring key properties and using existing infrastructure, then adding the dimension of sustainability.

Under Joe's visionary leadership, National Resources has redeveloped over \$2 billion of projects with some of the world's largest capital partners, creating thousands of jobs in the Tri-State Area. Innovation was central to National Resources' unprecedented success, developing leading edge real estate that transforms people, communities, and environments. Working with towns and banks over the long-term, Joe and Lynne built a business employing almost 100 people.

Long before major real estate developers discovered the Yonkers waterfront, Joe was a true pioneer, transforming the former Otis Elevator industrial complex in Yonkers into i.Park Hudson, a thriving workplace that includes the new Lionsgate Studios TV and film production complex. Working with their partners at Great Point Studios, the \$500 million Lionsgate project has changed the face of film and television production in Westchester and New York State, with over 16 soundstages and the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, a public high school for Grades 6 through 12, on the former Leake & Watts property.

The transformative impact of National Resources innovative projects is felt throughout the region, from Westchester and the entire Hudson Valley to Nassau, Fairfield, and Bergen Counties. National Resources has played a key role in the development of the Hudson River waterfront including the 24-acre Hudson Harbor community in Tarrytown, NY and the 26-acre Edgewater Harbor in Edgewater, NJ. In addition, National Resources is well-known for its signature i.Park campuses in Yonkers, NY; East Fishkill, NY; Ulster, NY; and Norwalk, CT

Joe's success has been recognized by many business and real estate publications as well as universities and business organizations. Last year, he was honored at the Business Council of Westchester's Annual Hall of Fame program receiving the prestigious Entrepreneurial Business Success Award while he and Lynne have received several awards from Urban Land Institute and NAIOP.

There will be a private family service held and details on a public memorial will be shared in the days ahead.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, "It was devastating to learn of the sudden passing of my friend Joe Cotter. Joe was a Yonkers native who gave his heart and soul to the City. As a developer, he saw Yonkers' potential, and he was involved in every step of our revitalization and our evolution into Hollywood on Hudson. His legacy will remain with our City for generations to come. We were blessed to have known him and been touched by his vision. My deepest condolences to his family."

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Yonkers Charter School's Flag Football Team Remains Undefeated



The Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE) hosted its Battle of the Hudson Homecoming on October 18, marking an exciting afternoon of athletics and school spirit.

The event's highlight was the CSEE Owls' flag football team's dominant performance, defeating the AECI 2 Charter School from the Bronx with an impressive 41-6 victory. As of October 23, the team had an undefeated record of 5-0.

With such a strong season, the Owls are hopeful for a spot in the City School Sports Association's championship, set to take place on November 15 at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx.

"The homecoming game attracted an amazing mix of families, students, neighbors and community leaders who celebrated the Owls' athletic and academic achievements," said CSEE athletic director Michael DeSimone. "It was so inspirational seeing the outpouring of support for our students, and the love our athletes felt was immensely motivating."

In addition to the flag football game, the homecoming featured a girls' volleyball match. Despite a valiant effort, the CSEE volleyball team fell to AECI 2, but their determination and sportsmanship were evident throughout the game.

The K-12 Charter School of Educational Excellence has 21 sports teams in its middle and high schools. Besides volleyball and flag football, the sports programs include soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading and track. Students can participate in several sports through the fall, winter and spring seasons.

The Charter School of Educational Excellence successfully propels student athletes into college, with several former students playing at the NCAA level.

Let Cuba Live, Legislators And Advocates Demand End To Embargo



On October 27th, legislators, community advocates and organizations held a rally at Grand Central Station in NYC calling for the U.S. to let Cuba live without the destructive embargo imposed by the U.S. Hundreds of advocates attended the event, organized by the Cuba Si coalition, in preparation of the annual United Nations vote, held October 29th and 30th, where each year the world overwhelmingly votes to end the blockade imposed by the US government on Cuba.

At the rally NY state Senator Jabari Brisport, emphasized that part of the U.S. policy has served as a way to strangle Cuba and prevent U.S. citizens from seeing the successes of the Cuban project, stating "The US is afraid of a government that actually fights for its people instead of billionaires and multi billionaires that run this country. I stand in solidarity with Cuba and will keep fighting with those who support Cuba."

This rally comes at a time when Cuba faces an increasingly difficult situation under the accumulated damage of the US embargo. Over the past few days there has been a disastrous nationwide power outage and a destructive hurricane. Community advocates and legislators came together to support the island nation and demand that the U.S. ceases its endless economic and political war on Cuba and removes obstacles to the delivery of direct assistance.

Gail Walker the executive director of IFCO Pastors for Peace, a faith based organization in the United States, described the harsh reality Cubans face due to the recent blackout and overall blockade, saying "Cuba is facing hell right now and we know what's behind that, the blockade, the policies, and an overall attempt to dismantle the nation."

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Q-Interrupting-But you are running on the Working Families Party line
A-If you ask a question you have to allow the person to answer. Everybody has the ability to pay their fair share, so we can help people who don't have it.

We have to come to this country legally, according to the Constitution, and that's all I'll say. I have to go.

Q-We want to have a real conversation with you. This is not a joke. This is a real election with real consequences for the country. You chose to launch a campaign for a party in the state of New York, presumably with the intention of representing the people of this district, but you have done absolutely nothing to make the case, to talk to people, to actually reach voters. And you know that the role that you are playing is to spoil the election in one of the tightest districts in the country. So, we want to understand what your intentions really are.

A-You are completely incorrect. My intention is to spread the love of God through the way the gospel teaches me and to show them how much I love each other. I won't speak anymore, you are being very forceful with me. No more questions, I support Jesus Christ.

Watch the entire video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MliTRGey_CE

After the home visit, the WFP issued a press release which included:
"The WFP line is how progressive New Yorkers vote their values—that's why our vote totals have exploded across the state since the rise of the MAGA threat, including in CD-17. Dirty tricks like the one pulled by Lawler and Frascione do deep harm to voters' trust in our democracy," said Ana Maria Archila Co-Director of New York Working Families Party. "That's why WFP is encouraging voters to vote up and down the Democratic line in this congressional district."

"Nobody knows who the candidate is who is on the Working Families Party line, and that is a cheap trick to confuse the voters. Anything that is being done to confuse voters or make it harder to actually vote your values and your beliefs is not pro-democracy. We need pro-democracy candidates and that's why we need Mondaire Jones to win CD-17," said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

"Anthony Frascione is a fake candidate who is NOT trying to win the seat he is on the ballot for. He has no campaign staff and no campaign volunteers. You will see not a single lawn sign for him in this district. He has not raised a cent for this campaign, and he has not spent a cent for this campaign. Because he does not want to win," said Jennifer Cabrera, NYWFP Westchester-Putnam Chapter Chair. "That is voter disenfranchisement. We will not stand for it. Voters deserve to know that the people on the ballot are all people who actually want to do the job of representing them. They deserve to know that the winners of elections have won honestly, not through deceit."

Last week, NYS Supreme Court Judge Janet Malone dismissed a lawsuit filed by several democrats and WFP voters in the district who sought to have Frascione removed from the ballot.

Mail in ballots have already been mailed to thousands of voters with Frascione's name on it. But the legal argument, that Frascione misdemeanor conviction, and the fact that he was a "subversive" candidate, did not win the day as Judge Malone rejected the suit and kept Frascione on the ballot.

A recent Emerson Poll has the race for Congress in NY-17 at 45% for Lawler, 44% for Jones, and 3% for Frascione.

Less than 1,900 voters in the district are registered WFP. In 2022, 8,300 votes were cast on the WFP line for Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who lost to Lawler by 1820 votes, out of 285,280 votes cast.

Our friends in the media, and political observers who watched the video, were favorable and sympathetic to Frascione. "He seems like a nice guy. They crashed his home, and he stood there and took their questions. They didn't like the answers, but isn't politics, especially today. Don't answer-but spin?"

Another said, "Anthony Frascione is a good person. And what you saw is genuine. He has a heart of gold."

Another one of the legal arguments in court was that Frascione should be removed from the ballot because he was a convicted felon. That is not true, he was convicted of a misdemeanor.

Frascone was also registered to the WFP for more than 10 years. He is entitled to collect signatures and run in a WFP primary.

Much of this is inside politics. How many people now know who Anthony Frascione is?

Frascone is polling at 3%. Included in that number are a few WFP members still pissed at Mondaire for supporting Latimer over Bowman. But that number is dwindling, as the WFP is doing a very good job of educating their voters not to vote for Frascione on their line, but to vote for Jones on the democratic line.

For those who will still vote for Frascione and the WFP on Nov. 5, he is an unknown and a protest vote against both parties. Can Frascione still get 5,000 votes on the WFP line on Nov. 5? And will the outcome be that close between Lawler and Jones that any votes for Frascione matter in the outcome?



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Former President Trump: Boogeyman for the Left or Biblical Golem of Antiquity?

No, Our Bedrock for 2024 and Beyond!

By *Stephen Mayo*

Everybody needs a Golem once in a while. Explanation: Jewish legend dating to 6th century Prague (present day Czech Republic) records a powerful being, an imitation of a man, even a monster of sorts created from matter, earth or soil. This mystical force, called a Golem, was conjured to battle threats, including pogroms and blood libels (false accusations of ritual murders and other crimes) to Jewish Europeans according to Rabbis at the time. People today will recall a version of this village horror tale in Frankenstein, a novel by early Victorian author Mary Shelley which helped usher in the genre of scientific and technological dystopian terror at the beginning of the modern industrial age.

If you follow the press coverage of the present presidential race, you might perceive the 45th President, Republican Donald J. Trump, as a boogeyman; you might construe him (mistakenly, I would argue) as a manifestation of the Frankenstein monster. As the mild-seeming, attractive and pleasantly tempered Democrat nominee Kamala Harris enjoys a fair “pass” by the established legacy media’s scandalmongers and slanderers, Trump has drawn all species of accusation, insult and name-calling (abetted, undoubtedly by his coarse manner, bombast, indelicacy of phrasing and rhetorical excess). This week we heard accusations of a truly poisonous nature of his alleged fascism and Nazism from former office-holders and military “brass,” DC insiders, and shop-worn political pundits (mostly Democrats, and disaffected GOP “hands,” “out-in-the-cold” policy bureaucrats and disgruntled former Trump allies and employees; now outlawry in their old circles!). These charges have been unreasonably, factually unfounded and to this student of history, thoroughly out of line.

For established, experienced Democrats to associate Trump with the disgraceful, 1930s-era pro-Hitler, German-American “bund” and liken him to Adolf Hitler, is beyond the pale.

No physical, documentary or textual basis has been offered for these gross lies. Nothing even ancient - perhaps from the former president’s even more undisciplined and silly time in prep school, college or graduate school - term papers, crib notes or third-party (and likely hearsay-based) reports of any late-night dormitory blather. Yet, the widely leftist, print news sources deliver the slander with no mild comment or even superficial examination. And never mind civically-virtuous suggestions of “bi-partisan” DC cooperation between right and left, while Harris’s supporters and media boosters never miss an opportunity for tendentious references to Trump’s MAGA fans and allegedly radically-rightist, populist political base. This, despite the fact that polling and research indicate that traditional Democratic sectors, including public servants, middling bureaucrats and, of course, increasing proportions of the African-American and American Spanish-surnamed communities generally, are embracing Trumpian values. The unfortunately shrinking population of workers in manufacturing and related trades must be accounted in Trump’s favor; especially since Globalism and free and unfair trade practices have worked their havoc on our once-glorious American Industrial Revolution legacy.

That this bare-knuckled, mildly (by any standard of analysis) conservative advocate has earned the enmity and distain of the American cultural, artistic and academic quarter is no surprise. Since my student experience four decades ago, the scholastic and campus left has never been charmed by Trump’s naked entrepreneurial zeal and brazen material display. It certainly will not welcome Trump’s rhetorical bluster delivered plainly and with a bedeviling simplicity that sometimes, unfortunately, suggests a lack of seriousness and deliberation. Too bad; since his practical, sensible and often-brilliantly imaginative choices for our national direction could be broadened to attract moderates, members of the “chattering classes” and other’s of a subtler disposition;

But with the media’s soft handling of the democrat standard-bearer, what is there to compare to? The 2024 campaign deserves a serious examination of immigration, the economy, the challenge of foreign totalitarian states and Islamist terrorism – but do not expect it from today’s cultural and intellectual media-sphere.

Now, back to our Golem. After contemplating the Democrats’ feverishly over-characterized nightmare boogeyman Trump, consider another view. He is an epochal power-force. Delivered for our benefit; the sum-force of our unique, world-liberating philosophical, economic and cultural evolution as a nation. Not likely to be repeated. With the world on the brink of Middle Eastern conflagration; traditional European states in disarray, without a hint of their future destinies apart from a survival dependent on the favor of one of the world’s few remaining superpowers. What choices remain to American voters?

The GOP pick is no gentleman and no charming, Western European dandy, bleeding-heart humanitarian or even a student of history; but he is no “Hun” or “Mongol” of antiquity the Dark Ages. He has proven survivalist instincts. Hewn from the native, naturalist and immigrant narrative of the nearly three American Centuries. He is an experienced operator, an old business-hand with a long record of success, failure and yes, recovery. He has dealt with Uber-avaricious competitors, all manner of underworld and under-handed capitalist and labor extremism. He has endured all kinds of politicians and bureaucrats; his former Democrat “playthings” and his present Republican buds! Since his first term as president he has survived foreign provocations, two assassinations plots, two groundless and witless impeachments and managed to not get his country into a single military conflict of any size. He has promised to not get stuck in a European ground war that does not have immediate importance to the United States; but has promised to help our selves and our best allies, among them the State of Israel, stamp out genocidal threats to their peoples’ existence and the peace of the Free World. I believe him!

He has promised to deter worldly organized and uncontrolled and un-organized threats (read: the recognized borders of our American Democratic Republic) to the United States’s independence and sovereignty from Asia, Eurasia, the Southern Hemisphere, and especially from Iranian Islamist irredentism.

The Golem was crude with no speech or personality according to the Kabbalistic texts I’ve scanned, This is the near-universal portrayal of candidate Trump today too. Just like these biblical characters; devoted and single-purposed to their own survival and that of their creators and sponsors. Similarly, Trump’s allegiance to the Constitution and our sovereign nation and government (to which he has previously signed an oath of office!) is logical, self-preservationist and obvious. This deeply flawed, often jester-like figure; an American mediocrity, just what our founder-doctors enabled within our federalist design. No perfect choice to be sure; but what other American figure is more prepared to confront our multiple international competitors and collaborators, antagonists and allies, enemies and dependencies? One tough schm**k to be sure. But whom else are we to call to handle the even greater schm**s in today’s World.

The sources inform us: the Golem of Antiquity was made from a base, earthly substance. Former developer Trump’s background in development may be especially relevant for the 47th presidency. His composition may be said to be greater than soil or clay; this property buyer, excavator, contractor, pourer of concrete, erector of steel, glass, stone and mortar; this employer of men and women on for the 47th presidency Former President Trump is made from sterner stuff; New York City bedrock.

school bus cameras, continued from pg 1-

In a proactive effort to combat reckless driving behavior around school buses, Westchester County has partnered with BusPatrol to launch a new school bus stop-arm photo enforcement program to reduce the number of illegal passings of motorists and protect students.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “New York State law is clear—motorists must stop at least 20 feet away from a school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop-arm is deployed. This is a crucial measure to ensure the safety of our children. The technology, installation, and maintenance of these safety systems come at no cost to school districts or taxpayers, making it an essential and cost-effective way to protect our students.”

The program is focused on student safety equity. Every bus in participating district fleets will be equipped with bus stop-arm cameras which utilize artificial intelligence to detect cars that illegally pass stopped school buses.

The following Westchester County School Districts are participating in the program:

- Lakeland Central School District
- Mamaroneck Schools
- Ossining Union Free School District
- Eastchester Union Free School District
- Tarrytown Union Free School District
- Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District
- Katonah-Lewisboro School District
- Greenburgh Central School District
- Hendrick Hudson Central School District
- Croton Harmon Schools
- Harrison Central School District

For the first 30 days, only warning violations with no monetary penalty will be mailed to vehicle owners whose cars are observed illegally passing a stopped school bus. The warning period will run from October 15 until November 18, when ticketing will begin.

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Each year, thousands of children are put in danger due to reckless and illegal driving behavior around school buses, which can lead to tragic and fatal consequences. We must take this issue seriously to protect the safety of our children.”

Senator Pete Hareckham said: “The increasing number of illegal passings of stopped school buses by vehicles necessitates more comprehensive enforcement measures, like those being implemented by County Executive Latimer here in Westchester. The safety of our students deserves both our utmost precaution and vigilant prosecution, which utilization of new technology that identifies offending motorists will help us accomplish.”

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg said: “Permitting stop-arm cameras for school buses was an important priority for us in the State Legislature. Kudos to Westchester County for their implementation of this critical safety program. I am so pleased that four school districts in Assembly District 95 have already signed on, and encourage all districts to get on board as soon as they can. This program will save lives while making all drivers more mindful of their behavior on the road.”

Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators Vedat Gashi said: “As a father of two young kids, nothing is more important to me than the safety of school children in Westchester County. This initiative will go a long way toward ensuring the safety of our students. Thank you County Executive George Latimer and my colleagues at the Board of Legislators for prioritizing and addressing this important issue.”

Legislator Emiljana Ulaj said: “The law says motorists must make a full stop while students are getting on or off of a school bus. Yet, we have all seen the reckless driving happening in these situations. You look around and so many drivers are on their phones, distracted, not paying attention—this is a recipe for tragedy. The new School Bus Safety Program spearheaded by Westchester County is a sensible step forward to curb illegal behavior and protect vulnerable children. I thank County Executive George Latimer for his leadership to ensure our students are safe on their way to and from school.”

Ossining Town Supervisor Liz Feldman said: “I am thrilled to have this added safety measure put in place for our students and residents. The installation of cameras outside of the busses is a critical step toward ensuring the well-being of our community and reinforcing safe driving practices around our school buses.”

Ossining Union Free School District Interim Superintendent of Schools Mary Fox-Alter said: “Our partnership with Westchester County underscores our shared commitment to student safety. By implementing this advanced camera technology on our school buses, we are not only protecting our students but also holding motorists accountable. This initiative represents a vital step toward creating a safer community for everyone.

Ossining Union Free School District Supervisor of Transportation James Minihan said: “This technology is a game-changer for bus safety, ensuring that drivers who pass stopped school buses are automatically identified and fined. The ultimate goal is to create a safer environment for our students as they travel to and from school.”

New York State law states that the penalty for breaking the law as captured by the school bus stop-arm camera is assigned to the vehicle owner, and it comes with a minimum civil penalty of \$250. Driver’s license points or insurance rates cannot be affected through the stop-arm camera civil enforcement. Every incident is reviewed by law enforcement before a violation notice is issued to the offender.

BusPatrol CEO Karoon Monfared said: “We’re proud to partner with Westchester County to tackle reckless motorist behavior around school buses. This partnership is a win-win for student safety and is proven to significantly reduce the rate of violations, with our longest-running program, Suffolk County, reporting a 40% reduction in violations since the start of the program.”

“The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known.”
— Pete Seeger

Westchester Parks Foundation Hosts FUJIFILM Volunteer Day at Cranberry Lake Preserve

Picture House of Bronxville Hosts PARTY on KRAFT 24!



Kenya Nakashima, president, FUJIFILM Holdings America Corp., presents a donation of \$7500 to WPF

Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) hosted employees of FUJIFILM Holdings America Corporation and FUJIFILM North America Corporation for a planting and beautification day at Cranberry Lake Preserve in North White Plains this month. Together, 21 volunteers performed maintenance on 18 trees including those planted last year by Fujifilm, cleared 75 square feet of invasives, saved four trees from vines, and planted 42 native perennials for the new educational pollinator garden. At the event, Kenya Nakashima, president, FUJIFILM Holdings America Corporation, presented the WPF with a \$7,500 donation on behalf of the company and its employees to help in the organization’s mission to advocate for and invest in the preservation, conservation, use, and enjoyment of the Westchester County Parks system. Fujifilm has supported the WPF for 23 years. “Events like this are a perfect way for Fujifilm to show our commitment to the communities where we operate – here in New York and around the world,” said Mr. Nakashima, “It’s just one of the many ways we embody our Group Purpose of “Giving our world more smiles.”

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PARTY on KRAFT ’24 is officially in the books, and what a perfect night it was! A standing room only crowd came together on Saturday night for a fun-filled evening of film, food trucks, and live music, all in support of The Picture House.

“PARTY on KRAFT ’24 was an incredible night, highlighting the growing and vibrant support from our community, local leaders and businesses who share in our mission,” said Clayton Bushong, Executive Director, The Picture House Regional Film Center. “At The Picture House, we’re committed to creating experiences that bring people together through film, education, and culture. Events like this embody our dedication to fostering community connections in our beautifully preserved theaters, offering spaces where diverse audiences can come together to be entertained, enriched, and inspired.” The night’s entertainment included an exclusive advance screening of the dark comedy Get Away, Visit thepicturehouse.org for more information

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Artists Envision Hudson Valley's Future in New Exhibition at ArtsWestchester



"White," a sculpture by Mike Depasquale, is on display at ArtsWestchester's Futures exhibition. Photo courtesy of ArtsWestchester.

A new exhibition at ArtsWestchester asks: What can the Hudson Valley look like in 100 years? Futures is an immersive exhibition of large-scale and installation-based artworks. ArtsWestchester invited artists to envision built and social transformation by giving them a seat at the table while planning the show.

"ArtsWestchester places artists at the center of imagining our region's next chapter," explains ArtsWestchester CEO Kathleen Reckling. She continues, "Artists work at the intersection of visual culture, craft, architecture, and design. Through their perspectives in this exhibit, we aim to explore concepts of historic land ownership, building inclusive communities, creative placemaking, and sustainable development."

As Westchester County and the Hudson Valley changes through redevelopment, ArtsWestchester is committed to demonstrating how the arts are fundamental to the social well-being of our region and capacity for aiding in conversations about the future. Our built environment is a mix of suburban and exurban communities that is redeveloping rapidly and is changing the role of the arts, culture, and economy.

Exhibiting artists include: Noelia Abreu, Inez Andrucyk, Sheila Benedis, Mia Brownell, Mike Depasquale, Amanda Dorval, Marielena Ferrer, Natalya Khorover, Martin Kruck, Jessica Maffia, Norman Magnusson, Susan Manspeizer, Jorge Otero-Pailos, Teresa Pereira, Rachel Sydlowski, VASH. Futures is, in part, funded by the National Endowment of the Arts. The exhibition runs through January 12, 2025. ArtsWestchester's Gallery is located at 31 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY. Gallery hours are Wed-Sun, noon -5pm. Visit Artsw.org, for more information.

\$2.5M Gift to Support Northwell Health Eye Institute, Wachenheim Center at Harrison



A generous gift of \$2.5 million from philanthropists and local residents Sue and Ed Wachenheim (center) helped launch the opening of the Northwell Health Eye Institute, Wachenheim Center at Harrison. They were joined by Northwell Health leadership from the Western region as they cut the ribbon to officially open the new ophthalmology practice. Photo courtesy, Northwell Health

Northwell Health has opened a new ophthalmology practice, Northwell Health Eye Institute, Wachenheim Center at Harrison, with the help of a generous \$2.5 million gift from philanthropists and local residents Sue and Ed Wachenheim. The project, totaling \$3.3 million, spans more than 6,200 square feet of space dedicated to delivering comprehensive eye care across a range of ophthalmology sub-specialties, including corneal and refractive surgery, and uveitis, retina and glaucoma care. The state-of-the-art facility, which employs a team of five physicians, is located at 440 Mamaroneck Avenue, room 407 in Harrison, NY.

"We are deeply grateful to Sue and Ed for their generosity, which has made it possible to open this exceptional eye care facility in Westchester County," said Kevin Beiner, president, Northwell Health Western Market. "Their support helps us bring advanced ophthalmology services to the community and elevate the standard of care for all patients."

The Wachenheims have been generous longtime supporters of ophthalmology care at Northwell. In 2022 and 2023, the Wachenheims made two additional donations to establish a wet lab and simulation training center at MEETH, providing ophthalmology students and practicing physicians with the opportunity to refine their surgical techniques before operating on patients. Ed Wachenheim was honored to be the first patient seen by the director of the new practice, Celso Tello, MD, a glaucoma expert, who also serves as chairman emeritus of ophthalmology at Northwell Lenox Hill Hospital and MEETH. Visit Northwell.edu.



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