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Westchester Voters to Play a Role in State and National Elections



former President Bill Clinton with Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney



former NJ Governor Chris Christie with Congressional candidate Mike Lawler



First Lady Dr. Jill Biden with Governor Kathy Hochul



Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin with Lee Zeldin GOP candidate for Governor

By Dan Murphy

Westchester voters usually do not get to play a major role in the outcome of our country's national elections, and even in most recent statewide elections, the outcome is already a forgone conclusion. But this year is different in New York State, as Westchester's voters will have a say in electing a member of Congress, our next Governor, and more on Nov. 8.

The race for Governor is at the top of the ballot when you cast your vote. Kathy Hochul is running for Governor for the first time, after replacing Andrew Cuomo last year. Her republican challenger is Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin. With Hochul expected to win New York City by a large margin, and Zeldin expected to win up-state and Long Island, Westchester County could tip the balance to either Gubernatorial hopeful. And with our state and nation so deeply divided, the 10% of independent candidates left will certainly elect our next governor. And the leading voices of both the democratic and republican parties have come out to support Hochul and Zeldin, stressing both the importance of the race, and the narrow lead that Hochul has in the polls.

The issue of crime has become front and center in the race for Governor. But in Westchester, crime rates are down, and in Westchester's largest City, Yonkers, crime is also under control. We all see the videos on the TV news and on Social Media, but if Westchester is safe, will the majority of voters here cast their vote based on crime?

Some polling has also suggested that some of the other statewide races, for Attorney General, and US Senate, are close enough that a Red Wave could help the republican candidates.

Another major contest in Westchester is the race for Congress in the 17th District, between Congressman Sean Patrick-Maloney and his republican challenger Mike

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We Endorse: Lawler for Congress

Voters in Northern Westchester will be electing their next member of Congress in the 17th District on Nov. 8. Incumbent Democrat Sean Patrick Maloney is being challenged by republican Assemblyman Mike Lawler, in one of the most expensive and closely watched races in the country.

We endorse Lawler and here's why. Congressman Maloney forced out a young, progressive democratic congressman who had represented Westchester for 2 years. Rep. Mondaire Jones was pushed out of his district and the Rockland County community where he was raised, due to redistricting.

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What Happened to Claudio Mandia?

Lawsuit Claims He Was 'Confined' at Thornwood Boarding School for Days Before Committing Suicide

By Dan Murphy

Claudio Mandia, pictured right, was a 17 year old Italian student attending EF Academy in Thornwood this year when he committed suicide on Feb. 17, 2022.

The circumstances surrounding Mandia's death are now the subject of a lawsuit filed against the school by the family and estate of Madia. The lawsuit claims that Claudio was forced into solitary confinement at the boarding school, located on Columbus Ave. in Thornwood, for four days before he took his own life.

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On November 8, voters in Westchester will be electing seven Justices to the NYS Supreme Court, one of the largest number of judicial contests on the ballot in the same election year. And this year voters have a choice when they cast their ballot, with seven Democrats and seven Republicans seeking to serve the people of the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess and Orange Counties.

Judicial races have drawn more attention since the US Supreme Court recently overturned Roe v Wade. And while many democratic voters will be going to the polls in support of a woman's right to choose, and a smaller number going to the polls in support of the life of the baby, abortion does not play a role in our decision to endorse all seven candidates on the ballot for State Supreme Court in the 9th JD on November 9.

Another important clarification about judges: they don't make the law, but decide (d) cases based on the law, fairly and justly for all.

We should all be looking for judges to who have relevant experience. On the Democratic slate is not only the AJ Anne Minihan, the head judge who oversees all of the courts of the entire 9th JD, but Westchester County Court Judge David Zuckerman, Yonkers City Court Judge Elena Goldberg-Velazquez and Rockland County Family Court Judge Sherri Eisenpress, who have that experience.

And while not yet judges, candidates David Squirrel, Amy Puerto and Keri Fiore have significant applicable experience -- Squirrel, having litigating in the Supreme Court in 9th JD for over 20 years; Puerto as the Principal Court Attorney to Judge Helen Blackwood, who serves as a County Court Judge as well as an Acting Supreme Court Judge; and Fiore, who as a Support Magistrate, presides over cases from beginning to end.

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American Irish Association of Westchester 2022 Award Dinner Honorees



L-R- Fr. Robert Abbatiello, OFM, Cap- Spirit of St. Patrick Award; Seamus and Kathy Galvin- Irish Man and Woman of the Year; Dawn Doherty - Irish American Community Service Award; Caroline Martin - Irish American Achievement Award. Photo by Donna Davis

Letters to the Editor:

Mr. Murphy-

As a never-Trumper (are you?) what should I do on November 8? I don't want to vote for Lee Zeldin, who voted to overturn the election results on Jan. 6, 2021.

But I also don't want to vote for Governor Hochul, who I do not believe has earned a four-year term, based not on crime, but on the wheeling and dealing we hear about in her administration with the Buffalo Bills stadium and having the taxpayers pay twice as much for free COVID tests.

Should I write in-George Pataki? or Andrew Cuomo?

Billy Kenny, Bedford

Mr. Kenny--the possible answer to your question is below

To The Editor:

I enjoy your coverage on independent candidates and voters in past years. As you have written, we no longer have many third parties left in New York State.

I find it ironic that Andrew Cuomo is already testing the waters, but NY Democrats will never let him return, even if Zeldin wins and Hochul loses. Cuomo will have to run 3rd party, the same group of parties that he crushed in a fit of rage against Cynthia Nixon and the Working Families Party in 2018.

The WFP has endorsed Hochul, while the Conservative Party has endorsed Zeldin. That's it. But I did find out that Libertarian candidate Larry Sharpe and Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins are both running as write in candidates for Governor on Nov. 8. I will be voting for one or the other.

Any suggestions? **Christian Zelenco, Verplank**

Mr. Zelenco--no suggestions but either is a good protest, write in vote.

To the Editor:

Let me add my voice to the campaign of Matt Slater, candidate for State Assembly in the 94th District. Slater recently received the endorsement from the NY PBA and its union president Pay Lynch, who said "Your commitment to addressing the issues affecting New York City police officers is well recognized, and it will be an honor to have you representing our members in the Assembly. We look forward to working with you towards our shared goal of a stronger, safer New York."

As a former NYPD officer, now retired, my vote is for Slater

thanks Richard Duball, Carmel -more letters on pg 5--

Landscape Angels Volunteer to Help Seniors in Their Homes



Thanks for serving your community!

left to right: Noah Seifer, Zach Weinhouse, Liam Mantini

Calling all teen volunteers with a rake - our new Landscaping Angels initiative could use more assistance helping senior citizens clear their lawns for free on this season's two scheduled yard work days: Nov 6 and Nov 19.

Please sign up to volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/gLGHq3RgRue57PRt8>

In their own words, here's the background of our expanding Angels program from its current and future student leaders:

"Hi, we're Zach Weinhouse, Liam Mantini, and Noah Seifer, two seniors at Ardsley High School and a junior at Edgemont. We are the heads of the Snow Angels and the new Landscaping Angels programs for this fall/winter. We started our work with the Angels back in freshman year when we would go grocery shopping for senior citizens who were nervous to catch COVID. After that spring, we continued helping by shoveling driveways and walkways in the winter. Last year, Zach was the Volunteer Coordination for Snow Angels, where he recruited dozens of students from around Greenburgh to help out the community when it snowed. This year, Zach was put in charge of the Snow Angels initiative, but felt the community needed help in other seasons besides winter.

"What started out as just an idea turned to reality when Liam stepped up to lead the Landscaping program, and used his landscaping experience he attained by working over the summer to help the community. To keep the program healthy and alive after our graduation, we thought Noah would be a perfect candidate to help us out and be put in charge next year. He has been an extremely helpful member to the organization, offering his expertise and helping to widen our reach.

"Our planned days of landscaping service are now November 6th and November 19th, but we help any resident who asks."

We are so grateful for these great students and would love more to join them.

Again, the volunteer sign up form: <https://forms.gle/gLGHq3RgRue57PRt8>

And if you are a senior on a fixed income who could use help clearing your lawn on Nov 6 or Nov 19, please fill out this form or reach out to Liam via the contact info below: <https://forms.gle/SJJUfpQSzGPEwzHT9>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to zachary.weinhouse@gmail.com or liam.mantini35@gmail.com with questions, comments, or suggestions! If you aren't online and need assistance by phone, you can call: Program Coordinators Zach Weinhouse (snow) at 914-839-0301 and Liam Mantini (landscaping) at 914-200-8072.

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County Executive Latimer Announces Suspension of Sales Tax on Home Energy Costs



County Executive George Latimer, Deputy County Exec. Ken Jenkins, and BOL Chair Catherine Borgia at the Ossining home of Omar Lopez and Grace O'Shaughnessy

Ensuring residents aren't left out in the cold, and can save some much needed dollars during the Winter months, County Executive George Latimer proposed – and the Board of Legislators subsequently passed – a suspension of sales tax on home energy costs. The exemption will run from December 1-February 28.

Latimer said: "Westchester County Government is constantly looking to find ways to make the lives of residents a little easier. This winter, heating your home will now cost you a little less. As we all face rising costs in our daily lives, this suspension of certain sales tax will add extra dollars to the wallets of those who call Westchester home."

The sales tax suspension covers home heating oil, propane, natural gas, electric, coal and wood for residential heating purposes and covers homeowners as well as rental units. Landlords and renters will be eligible depending on the structure of the unit's heat and electric use.

The initiative is administered by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance; the vendors will not be assessing sales tax as directed by the State. The sales tax will automatically be taken off the bill. If you are being charged sales tax for any home energy item starting December 1 please contact the County.

This measure is in addition to the myriad of actions taken by the Latimer Administration and the Board of Legislators to combat rising inflationary costs nationwide. Those actions include the capping of sales tax on gasoline purchases, waiving of fees at certain parks and pools and – most notably – suspending fares on Bee-Line buses for the summer months.

Board of Legislators Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said: "With a low fuel supply and temperatures expected to be colder than usual, home heating costs will be through the roof this winter. Thankfully through the County's home energy cost reduction relief, more families will stay warm and keep their heads above water."

Latimer made the announcement at the home of Omar Lopez and Grace O'Shaughnessy in Ossining. Lopez said: "Thanks to the leadership of County Executive Latimer and the Board of Legislators our family will have an easier time keeping our home warm for the winter while saving much needed money at the same time."

Westchester Department of Health Offering COVID-19 Boosters for Kids 5-11

Flu season is here, and families can also schedule flu vaccines at the same time at the Health Department Clinic in White Plains. The Westchester County Health Department will offer both the flu vaccine and pediatric COVID-19 bivalent boosters by appointment, for children ages 5-11, as follows:

Fridays, Nov. 3 and 18, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at 134 Court Street, White Plains

Thursday, Nov. 3, Yonkers Riverfront Library, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 134 Court Street, White Plains

December appointments will be added later. Visit westchestergov.com/health to book.

Pumpkin Lasagna



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Yes, with Halloween and fall on the scene there is an abundance of pumpkins. And their prices are not as crazy as everything else at the market.

Pumpkin pasta sauce. That vomit looking delicacy is not new to our stores but I wonder what kind of person would buy it. And the fall flavored ciders. Oh well that is not too bad. But pumpkin Ramen Noodles in a cup. Not on my agenda.

It seems as if these products come out earlier and earlier each year. They can't get the brand of cat food my sister needs for her cat But there is a giant display of pumpkin products on the shelves. Who buys these things. Better yet who eats them? Add pumpkin coffee to the list.

And these pumpkin products are the first thing on the shelves in August and heavily discounted come December. Stores seem to move these products around the store trying to sell them But they end up heavily discounted. So my point is why bring the products into the stores in the first place?

Why not Carve a pumpkin. Roast the seeds, do it day before so it is fresh. Cook the pumpkin and put it through a foley mill. Do it the old fashioned way and make pumpkin bread or muffins

Do you know what foley a mill is? Introduced as an "ingenious device" by the Foley Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota in the 1920's to "busy homemakers", the Foley food mill does it all: straining, mashing and pureeing, all without the labor of peeling. Cook apples and makes applesauce with the mill.

Takes skin off and separates from seeds. And puree fruit or vegetables. With pumpkin it's the same as cucumbers and tomatoes. If seeds are inside it is a fruit. If they are out it is a vegetable. For peats sake No canned pumpkin! there are plenty of fresh Pumpkins for cooking. The can takes all the fun out of it.

In my house we save the pumpkin for Thanksgiving. And I like a pumpkin pie that doesn't taste 'pumpkinney.'. At most of Thanksgiving dinners there are plenty of desserts. You think of Thanksgiving as the time when pumpkins are the dessert treat. But my experience is that apple pie is the king of Thanksgiving desserts. What's it like in your house?

When I went to go candy shopping I noticed the crazy high prices of Halloween candy this year. And unlike past Halloweens even on the day of the holiday there was still a lot of candy on the shelves. I think each year fewer and fewer people are going trick or treating and buying less expensive candy. They go tricking or treating in their neighborhood out of safety concerns and go only to homes of people they know. You have to be careful with all the crazy people out there. Thankfully I didn't hear of any tragic events this year.

My apartment is hidden from the street so from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I had no trick or treaters. But at 4:00 p.m. there were plenty of adults dressed up with children flowing through the streets of Yonkers. Since I grew up in an apartment building I have learned that the best place to go trick or treating in Yonkers is in an apartment building where you can hit many apartments quickly inside with a roof over your

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Yonkers' own City Court Judge

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DiNapoli: New York Drug Overdose Deaths Surged During Pandemic



three recent overdoses in Yonkers were believed to have come as a result green packages of heroin laced with Fentanyl, left.

Drug overdose fatalities surged during the COVID-19 pandemic in New York state, with opioid-related overdose deaths increasing by 68% to nearly 5,000 individuals from 2019 to 2021, according to an analysis released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The surge is largely due to a sharp increase in deaths from opioids related to illicit fentanyl and similar synthetic opioids. Overdose deaths statewide from opioids and all drugs (5,841) in 2021 surpassed the previous 2017 peak by more than 1,700 fatalities.

“Too many New Yorkers have died from the misuse of drugs, but the jump in these numbers is alarming. It is a tragedy that devastates families and impacts our communities in countless ways,” DiNapoli said. “The data shows our battle against drug overdose deaths is far from over. State leaders must ensure an ongoing commitment of public resources and strategies, including new funding from legal settlements, and innovative, evidence-based solutions for the fight against this deadly epidemic to be effective.”

DiNapoli’s report found:

The share of drug overdose deaths in the state involving opioids increased to 85% in both 2020 and 2021 from 69% in 2010.

In 2021, 30 New Yorkers per 100,000 died from drug overdoses and 25 per 100,000 New Yorkers died from opioid overdoses, compared to five in 2010. New York’s opioid overdose death rates exceeded national rates in both 2020 and 2021.

Fatalities grew across all racial and ethnic groups. Death rates increased five-fold for Black New Yorkers, quadrupled for Hispanic or Latino New Yorkers, and nearly tripled for White New Yorkers. In 2020, death rates were highest for White New Yorkers at 28.7 per 100,000 people.

In 2020, drug overdose death rates were higher than the statewide average (25.4 per 100,000) in 10 of the 15 counties for which Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data is available. Due to low death counts in most counties resulting in privacy and statistical reliability concerns, CDC data is only available for certain counties. The highest rate was in Dutchess County, where over 43 per 100,000 people died of drug overdoses, followed by Niagara County, the Bronx, and Monroe County.

“The shocking news in State Comptroller DiNapoli’s report on overdose deaths between 2019 and 2021 simply reconfirms the need for an all-out effort to mitigate this crisis,” said State Senator Pete Harckham, chair of the New York State Senate Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. “That means giving proper resources and support to stakeholders and those on the frontlines of Substance Use Disorder treatment, recovery, overdose prevention and harm reduction, so we can work together and save the lives of our loved ones and neighbors.”

Read more on this story at Yonkerstimes.com.

Westchester Medical Center and New York State Nurses Reach 5-Year Contract Agreement



Westchester Medical Center and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) announced a new ratified five-year collective bargaining agreement that will benefit more than 1,500 nurses at Westchester Medical Center, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital, and the Behavioral Health Center. The agreement, which is the result of a strong working relationship and commitment to bargaining in good faith, increases nurse wages, preserves existing healthcare and pension benefits, and offers a new family leave bank for nurses.

“This agreement reflects the essential role of our nurses and their contributions to helping Westchester Medical Center deliver the best patient care, and it underscores our commitment to partnering with the union to prioritize the range of benefits that will help us continue to attract and retain the best nurses – particularly at a time when the healthcare industry is facing a labor shortage nationally,” said Phyllis Yezzo, Executive Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive for the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth).

“This new contract will raise nurses’ pay by over 27% in the next five years. This new pay structure and contract will make Westchester Medical Center a premier destination for union nurses in the metro New York City area—a significant boost for recruiting nurses and for retaining nurses facing stress and fatigue from delivering care in a COVID-19 world. When combined with our new nurse-to-patient staffing ratios, excellent work rules, and expanded leave benefits, we will be well prepared to care for patients and protect the public’s health for years to come” said NYSNA Executive Committee President David Long, RN, and NYSNA Treasurer Jayne Cammisa, RN, BSN.

“A new bar has been set for nurse raises and work rules with this new contract. I couldn’t be prouder of our Westchester Medical Center public health defenders. They put their lives on the line to defend public health during COVID-19, and this contract respects the heroic efforts of WMC nurses and allows our nurses and communities to heal and turn a new leaf on public health in New York,” says NYSNA President Nancy Hagans, RN, CCRN, BSN.

The ratified agreement delivers substantial annual wage increases. Wages will increase September 1st of every year from 2022-2026 (this year’s increase will be received retroactively following the ratification announced today). Wages will increase for all NYSNA employees each year according to the following schedule: (8) percent in year one, six (6) percent year in two, five (5) percent in year three and four (4) percent in both years four and five.

The final contract also offers a variety of new incentives aimed at recruiting nurses. These include expanding salary increases for additional years of service – which will benefit the most experienced nurses and new nurses as they continue their careers at Westchester Medical Center – a new nurse practitioner salary schedule, salary increases across all individual nurse distinctions, such as education or certification level, or working non-traditional shifts, and a new family leave bank that will allow individual nurses additional leave options to accommodate life events such as the birth of a child or caring for a sick family member.



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Watchdog Group in Mt. Vernon Asks School District, Where's The \$8.5 M in Grant Funds?

By Dan Murphy

Save Mount Vernon, a watchdog group of Mount Vernon residents is alleging that the Mt. Vernon school district misused \$8.5 Million in grant funding. And it appears that the group has data to back up their claims.

About 50 grants were awarded to a company, Just Inspire, for over \$8 Million since 2016. Published reports claim that Just Inspire is owned by Marlon Stephenson, the son of Mount Vernon Schools Superintendent Dr. Waveline Bennet Conroy, and was hired to work on a number of programs, including data management, grant writing, STEAM Camp, and parent classes.

"We also understand that the company was hired to deliver services for \$8.2 million," said Save Mount Vernon co-founder Jesse Van Lewis, who held a press conference last week asking NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli to conduct an investigation or audit, of the school district.

The School District said that they will hire an outside expert to investigate the matter. But another Mount Vernon resident, Chris McDonough, who works as an educational consultant for other school districts, questioned Just Inspire's qualifications to provide numerous services.

McDonough posted some of his findings on mountvernoncitizen.org. He added that Just Inspire had no prior experience in servicing these types of grants for other school district.

Just Inspire's website said it has worked with school districts in Rockland County to provide educational services, but with no other details. Recently Mount Vernon school board trustee Lorna Kirwan, questioned another \$600,000 in contracts to Just Inspire.

While Stephenson's involvement in Just Inspire has still not been officially confirmed, he is also an employee of the school district earning, \$157,500 as Director of business and grants.

In a statement on Oct. 27, Board of Education President Adriane Saunders and Superintendent Dr. Waveline Bennett-Conroy, write, "We believe that transparency is critical to the credibility of school district leadership and its ongoing relationship with members of the community. Recently, questions have been raised about the contractual procurement process and use of grant funding. These questions deserve answers, and not merely reassurances. While the State Education Department annually audits all aspects of grant funding usage—and these routine audits have not documented any meaningful irregularities—the Board of Education and Superintendent Bennett-Conroy believe that an objective review of the grant procurement process and related issues is necessary to confirm this status for our community. Therefore, the Board will immediately retain the professional services of outside experts who will review the past several years of transactional data and interview all relevant parties."

But more than one week later, and there has been no information about the grants, or any answers to legitimate questions raised by Save Mount Vernon.

In a letter to the school board, McDonough writes, "If you are in possession of audits of the SIGs, please release them to [the] public without further delay. Or, provide us with a reason why you are not releasing these audits.... one would think that NYSED has audited the SIG grant money that flowed to Just Inspire and found no "meaningful irregularities". Again, if that is the case release the audits. If it is not the case, clarify you statement.

In an email to the NYS Education Department, McDonough writes,

- 1) Did NYSED "audit all aspects" of the MV SIG grants that flowed to Just Inspire?
- 2) If NYSED did audit the MV SIG grants, can you please send me a copy of the audits or direct me to where I can get a copy?
- 3) If NYSED did not audit "all aspects of grant funding usage" as stated to the public by the Mount Vernon school board, can you clarify what type of audit (if any) NYSED did do? Was it a "desk audit" of self-reported SIG costs, for example?

Superintendent Dr. Waveline Bennett-Conroy issued a statement on 10/28, "ESSA (Every Student Succeeds) grant funding comes from the New York State Education Department from funds disbursed by the federal government. Exhaustive documentation is required for both funding To be clear, all of this information is self-reported by the district, but in its review, we have never been cited by the State for any deficiencies or irregularities."

McDonough responds to Bennett-Conroy with, "Here are my questions and concerns about the 10/28 statement by Dr. BC:

1. In her role as Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement, it was Dr. BC who recommended millions of dollars in federal school improvement grant money flow to Just Inspire.
2. The 10/28 statement says that "Exhaustive documentation is required for both funding applications and 'desk monitoring reviews,' which include items like confirming certification and licensing requirements for staff working in the programs; payroll documentation; policy and program fulfillment;" I have a few thoughts about this:

Why hasn't the school board provided the public with a statement answering the following questions related to nepotism: a. What is the relationship between Dr. BC and Marlon Stephenson? It has been said that he is her son. If so, this raises very serious nepotism concerns.

It has been established that Mr. Stephenson worked for Wellcore, but did he also work for Just Inspire and if so in what capacity and given what credentials? Did he or does he have an ownership interest in Just Inspire? Given that Dr. BC named him as our school districts' Director of Business and Grants and given that in September Mr. Stephenson recommended SIG funds be subcontracted to Just Inspire, it seems wrong for the Board of Education not to disclose full details about Mr. Stephenson's relationship to Just Inspire. To delay is to further erode public trust."

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Yonkers Man Sentenced to 50 Years for Sex Abuse -Child Rape

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Yonkers resident Virgilio Cruz, 48, was sentenced on Oct. 25, 2022, to the maximum 50 years in state prison—two consecutive 25-year sentences—following his September conviction for repeated sexual conduct with a child and rape.

"Today, this defendant was held to account for horrific crimes committed against a vulnerable child," DA Rocah said. "We hope the victim, who was extraordinarily brave and testified in court, can begin their journey to healing and feeling safe. My Office and I remain committed to bringing sexual predators to justice and protecting victims from sexual violence."

Starting in 2019, when the victim was 11-years-old, and continuing into 2021, the defendant subjected the child victim to sexual intercourse repeatedly, in some cases while the victim was asleep. During a separate incident, when the victim was 14-years-old, the defendant engaged in a struggle with the victim, and pinned down and raped the victim. The victim then reported the rape and history of sexual conduct to a parent. When confronted by the victim's parent regarding his actions, the defendant attempted to stab himself with a kitchen knife and the police were called.

The Yonkers Police Department arrested the defendant on Sept. 23, 2021. After a weeklong trial, a jury found the defendant guilty on Sept. 16, 2022, of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, Rape in the First Degree, and Rape in the Second Degree, all violent felonies. In accordance with his sentence, the defendant will also be subject to 20 years of post-release supervision and will be required to register as a sex offender after completing his prison sentence.

In a statement made to the court, the victim explained the impact of the defendant's actions: "You ruined my childhood... I felt horrible for so long... I didn't want to be around people. I was numb.... I never knew what you would do next or what more you were capable of... The two emotions I felt constantly were fear and sadness. You had no right to do what you did to me. After today, I won't ever think of you again... After today, you are nothing to me."

The case was before Judge Susan Cacace in Westchester County Court, and was prosecuted by Child Abuse Bureau Chief Christine Hatfield and Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis, both of the Special Prosecutions Division.

Letter To Dan Murphy, Editor:

I hope you print this letter in support of the seven republican candidates running for State Supreme Court on November 8. I will be voting for all of them. John Sarcone, John Ciampoli, Linda Murray, Richard Guertin, Joseph Farca , Robert Cypher, Michael Grace.

Especially this year, we have a chance to elect judicial candidates who support the life of the unborn. Thanks and God Bless **Denise Filipell, Somers Denise Filipelli, Somers**

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We should also be looking for judicial candidates that have the right temperament to serve on the bench. We want Judges who will be honest and fair if and when we come before them for a legal matter.

Finally, we are looking for candidates that can appeal to a cross section of voters. For all of these reasons we support the seven Democratic candidates for State Supreme Court.

Six of the seven democratic judicial candidates are from Westchester. We have watched as they have actively campaigned in our neighborhoods to ask for our vote. There campaigns have also reached out to our publications, in an effort to highlight their experience and to ask for the vote of our readers.

Five of the democratic candidates have also been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will also appear on the ballot on the Conservative line, giving Republicans and other voters another way to vote for them if they are not inclined to vote Democrat. They are :Anne Minihan, David Zuckerman, David Squirrel, Elena Goldberg Velazquez and Sherri Eisenpress.

The cross endorsement of Democrats by the Conservatives also points to the bi-partisanship in which we believe candidates should be elected to the bench. Political affiliations should not be the primary decision in electing judges, but simply who is best fit to serve all.

All seven of the Democratic candidates for State Supreme Court have spent their lives in the legal profession and none of the Democratic candidates are politicians. That can not be said for some of the other candidates.

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Lawler. The district also includes Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties, which benefits Lawler, an Assemblyman from Rockland.

Rep. Maloney is also Chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC, so republicans are spending millions trying to defeat him, and democrats are spending the same trying to keep him in Congress.

Only a few other election contests are considered to be competitive. While we congratulate the Westchester GOP, and Chairman Doug Colety, for 'filling its dance card' with candidates, most of those candidates did not run an active campaign. We realize the difficulty in raising the funds to run a campaign to challenge those democratic incumbents in Westchester that voters are familiar with and have voted for, for decades.

One GOP candidate that has been active has been Gina Arena, running for State Senate in the 40th District against Sen. Peter Harckham. Arena has sent us press releases and is running in a district that was represented recently by a republican. If there is a Red Wave, Arena could ride it to Albany.

Democratic voters are hoping that abortion and former President Trump are the formative issues, while republicans are running on infation and crime.

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head it it rains.

With the cold weather on its way, what better time to adopt an animal. And we have wonderful Shelters in Yonkers and New Rochelle that have plenty of animals to chose from. And don't believe the myths about Black cats. My sister has had various black cats since 1973 and each one has brought her good luck. Her current cat is a black cat, Sidney named after my father in honor of his sweet disposition and big belly.

I noticed many supermarkets having Black Friday sales already. Everybody is rushing things. This takes away something from getting on line at midnight on Black Friday with a thousand other people with the hope of getting that TV or kitchen appliance. Somehow there is a bit of fun in the annual push and shove to get That magical 60 inch television set. Hopefully the early Black Friday sales will slow down the craziness of the actual Black Friday.

The holidays are here. Black Fridays ads for the actual Black Friday will soon be posted. I know all this early shopping is a boost to the economy. Shop early and often!

Vote Early and Often.

With Halloween over our next 'holiday' is Election Day. I don't think we will have the voter intimidation they have in the south. If we do because of the close race on the top of the ticket, stand your ground or email me and I will come to your rescue.

Voting in our area has taken on a level of importance due to one candidate at the top of the ticket who believes in choice and another candidate who believes in the Supreme Court ruling returning the issue of women's right to the states. There are many close races throughout country. Womens rights, the Economy, Violence, crime, , climate change, pandemic recovery and health care are the issues before us. Don't forget to look at back of ballot for propositions on the environment.

Voting is a privilege that many in our world don't have so take advantage of it. And if you feel a certain way about an issue whether it be abortion or crime make sure you vote for the candidate who agrees with your position. And encourage your friends no matter where in the country they live to seek out candidates on the same wave length as you.

Late breaking Item: A study has come out from a prestigious university that says Cursing is good for you. Not all day long but in those moments of frustration. Use it carefully but and in proper company!

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

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family and their attorney reads, "Claudio was 17 years old when he committed suicide after being forced into solitary confinement against his will for nearly four days after EF Academy accused of cheating on a math assignment. "I was appalled upon learning of the circumstances leading up to this horrific and unnecessary tragedy. I am equally horrified at the lack of oversight of private boarding schools in New York State by its Department of Education," Mr. Bochetto said.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the Estate of Claudio Mandia, will raise awareness of the horrific conditions and suffering Claudio was subjected to in his final days and moments of life by EF Academy, which represented to him, his mother and father that he would be in safe hands while attending the boarding school.

Both of Claudio's parents, Mauro Mandia (father) and Elisabetta Benesatto (mother), who are with me today, begged EF Academy and the other named defendants by e-mail, telephone, and video call to remove Claudio from solitary confinement and to stop treating him like a criminal to no avail. Notwithstanding the entreaties of Claudio's parents, as well as highly visible ligature marks and/or periligature injuries (clear indications of an attempted suicide) on Claudio's neck, EF Academy continued to keep him in solitary confinement without the necessary intervention, counseling, guidance, medical care mental health care and supervision.

Mr. Bochetto concluded by saying: "I will fight for sweeping changes to NY law and will assist the family in holding EF Academy fully responsible on all levels for its inhumane treatment of this 17-year-old student in its care."

The school issued a brief statement, "we have been and continue to be in compliance with all regulatory requirements."

Several employees are also named in the lawsuit; Dr. Vladimir Kuskovski, Wayned Walter, Chelsea Lovece and Jenna Korn.

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was able to move down into Jones' district and get Jones to run for a Congressional seat in Manhattan. He lost that primary, and progressives are still not happy with Maloney.

Maloney's use of DCCC funds to trick the voters of many congressional races across the county to support far-right, extreme republicans, is unacceptable, in our view, and is not the type of leadership we need in this hyper-partisan climate. Maloney used DCCC funds to pay for ads promoting republicans in an attempt to get the most extreme elected on the republican side so that it would be easier for democrats in the general election on Nov. 9. The Lawler campaign called this a Machiavellian national effort. We call it pouring gasoline on a fire that is American Democracy.

We also disagree with Maloney and the democratic party on Federal spending, and the desire to spend Trillions more, fueling inflation. We agree that COVID required the spending needed to help Americans, but as our \$31 Trillion debt and constant \$1 Trillion deficits continue each year they will have to be paid by someone, namely our children and grandchildren.

Mike Lawler is hoping to ride the Red Wave of Republican victories across the country to Congress. During the campaign, Lawler has proved that he is a knowledgeable candidate and qualified to serve the people of the district if elected.

We also respect Lawler's actions in the campaign to seek out debate and discussion, and not sit in the political bubble that most candidates like to stay in.

Lawler has served in the Assembly representing Rockland County. That experience will help him deliver for the residents of the district. And if republicans win the majority in the House on Nov. 8, then Lawler will serve Westchester as a member of the majority.

Lawler is a republican that independents and moderate democrats should consider voting for.

We endorse Mike Lawler for Congress, NY-17.

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(From left) Actors Tom Ryan (Nathan Leopold, Jr.), Albi Gorn (Clarence Darrow), and Michael M. Alva (Richard Loeb) with director Cady McClain. Photo by Donna Svennevik

Axial Theatre, under Artistic Director Cady McClain, is proud to announce the fall production of *Never the Sinner* by John Logan, featuring Broadway actor Patrick McGuinness Tuesdays With Morrie star Albi Gorn, Michael Howard Conservatory Members Tom Ryan and Michael M. Alva, and Axial Theater Members Bruce Apar, Youlim Nam and special guest Najah Imani

Muhammad. McClain will be directing and producing alongside Axial Board Members Steven Williford (Emmy© Winning Director), Amanda Quinn Olivar (Editor-in-Chief, Curator:Guide), and Axial Ensemble member Dan Walworth.

The play will be produced at Bethany Arts Community in Ossining (N.Y.), Nov. 10 - 13 and Nov. 17 - 20, 2022. Thursday through Saturday shows are 8 p.m. Sunday performances are 3 p.m. A post-show discussion of the topics of the play will follow each performance, led by director McClain, members of the ensemble and special guests.

Tickets are \$10 students, \$25 general seating, available at axialtheatre.org.

Never the Sinner is based on the true story of two young men, Nathan Leopold (Tom Ryan) and Richard Loeb (Michael M. Alva), who murder a local boy to prove their superiority and claim the right to having committed “the crime of the century.” The case is argued by two esteemed lawyers, Clarence Darrow (Albi Gorn) and Robert Crowe (Patrick McGuinness). While Crowe wants to fulfill the outraged nation’s cry for a hanging, Darrow argues for the rights of all human beings to be shown mercy, no matter how shocking the crime.

Covid protocols will be in place per CDC guidelines that are posted at the time of the production.

BusPatrol, Hen Hud School District, Nab 400 Motorists Not Stopping for Kids



BusPatrol and the Hendrick Hudson School District recently released the results of a pilot program aimed at deterring school bus stop-arm violations. Data shows that over the course of two months, nearly 400 motorists illegally passed a stopped school bus.

The pilot program also captured video footage of close encounters, providing the public a firsthand look into the dangerous driving behavior that routinely endangers students when getting on and off a school bus. The footage was captured using cameras that were installed on stop-arms affixed to 49 school buses.

The Hendrick Hudson School District obtained the data through a pilot program with BusPatrol, the leading stop-arm enforcement technology provider in North America. From September through October, school buses equipped with AI-powered stop-arm cameras recorded a total of 367 illegal passings. The school district serves approximately 2,300 students in five schools in Buchanan, Verplanck, Crugers, Montrose, and portions of Cortlandt Manor, Croton-on-Hudson, and Peekskill. In addition to providing transportation to the five Hendrick Hudson schools, the district also provides transportation services to 15 out-of-district private, parochial and special needs schools.

Liz Gilleo, the Transportation Supervisor at the Hendrick Hudson School District and President of the Lower Hudson New York Association for Pupil Transportation, said: The stop-arm camera program is incredibly important to the safety of our children. Each day school buses are passed, and our children are at risk of being hit and injured or killed by a passing motorist. I have been working on getting this program in our county since 2021 and I feel that saving our children is extremely important.”

“When drivers illegally pass stopped school buses, they put the lives of students in danger. The information released today demonstrates the need for sensible photo enforcement of these violations on our roads. One close-call is too many, and the video evidence of nearly 400 close-calls is compelling. The Hendrick Hudson School District has taken leadership in generating the data to support Westchester County as it considers implementing a school bus safety program that gives schools and law enforcement the tools they need to keep our kids safe,” said Jean Souliere, CEO and Founder of BusPatrol.

Westchester is the only county in the New York City region that has not yet authorized a school bus safety program. As a result, school districts and police departments across the county are denied the opportunity to utilize advanced photo enforcement technology to catch lawbreakers and issue citations to motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus. Neighboring suburban counties including Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, as well as Suffolk County and several municipalities in Nassau County on Long Island, have all approved bus safety programs.

In New York State, it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the large red visual sign is in operation. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students, and all motorists are required to stop.

As of August 19, 2019, a school bus camera law in New York authorizes school districts and municipalities to use stop-arm cameras on school buses to hold vehicle owners responsible for their cars passing a stopped school bus. This program allows a school district to equip school buses with stop-arm cameras designed to capture images of vehicles illegally passing stopped buses. The images are then transmitted to the municipality and used to identify the owners of vehicles and to send notices of liability to the owners.

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Purple Sunday Virtual Kick-Off Nov.9

67 Year Old Connecticut Man Charged with Upskirting Girl on MTA



Naa-Solo Tettey, Ed.D, left, and Meg Boyce, right

Feature Speakers on Caregiving and Alzheimer's Research

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter will hold a Virtual Purple Sunday Kickoff event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, via Zoom. This kickoff is designed to introduce people unfamiliar to Purple Sunday to the program and increase general awareness of Alzheimer's and other dementia in the African American and Hispanic communities through houses of worship. While anyone is welcome to attend this free webinar, organizers would particularly like to invite local faith leaders and their spouses, deacons, stewards and health ministry members.

The program will feature two guest speakers, starting with Naa-Solo Tettey, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Public Health at William Patterson University, who will speak on "Matters of the Heart: Tips for Caregiver Wellness." Tettey is the creator and director of HeartSmarts, which aims to improve health disparities related to heart disease, diabetes, obesity and hypertension in the African American community. An expert in faith-based health education, she holds a doctorate in health and behavior studies from Teachers College, Columbia University, a master of public health degree from the University of Connecticut and an MBA in health care administration from the State University of New York. She is also a master certified health education specialist certified in public health and an American College of Sports Medicine certified wellness coach. "I plan to cover the impact of stress on the health of caregivers, the connection between stress, brain health and heart health and provide tips for managing stress and overall health," Tettey said. "Stress is considered a part of life. However, caregivers, who are usually under a great deal of stress, may not understand or consider how stress can negatively impact their heart and brain health. I am excited to participate in Purple Sunday to provide education, resources and tools to empower caregivers to also focus on their health during challenging times."

Tettey will be followed by Meg Boyce, Research Champion and Vice President of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, who will give an update on the latest in dementia research. Meg Boyce received a master's degree in social work from Fordham University in 1995 and worked in long-term care before joining the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter as program director in 2000, becoming vice president of programs and services in 2013. In this role, she oversees the programs and services the chapter offers to meet the needs of Hudson Valley community. "There are a lot of exciting breakthroughs happening in dementia research right now, and I look forward to sharing some of the findings with everyone who tunes into our Purple Sunday Kickoff," said Boyce. As a Research Champion for the Alzheimer's Association, Boyce is regularly updated on scientific advances in research into Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. "It is important to us as an organization to make sure we get the word out about Alzheimer's and dementia in communities of color, and Purple Sunday, by reaching out to those communities through their houses of worship, is one of the best ways we do it."

To register for the event, email Nicolette Pezzullo at npezzullo@alz.org, call the Alzheimer's Association at 800.272.3900.



A 67 year old man was arrested last year for Upskirting," which is when someone takes a photo underneath someone's skirt or dress without their knowledge or consent. One year later,

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Riverside, Connecticut resident Majid Hedayati, was indicted for taking photographs underneath the skirt of an unsuspecting female passenger while traveling on the Metro-North Railroad.

The defendant was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree, a felony. The defendant was arraigned in Westchester County Court on October 31, 2022.

On September 23, 2021, at approximately 11:27 p.m., the defendant allegedly used his cellphone to photograph under the victim's skirt while sitting across from her on a Metro-North train traveling through Harrison from Grand Central Station. The victim's friend, who was sitting directly next to the defendant, confronted him and reported him to a conductor.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police arrested the defendant on October 13, 2021, at Grand Central Station following an investigation.

The case is before Judge Susan Cacace in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Sex Crimes Bureau Chief Wendy Parra of the Special Prosecutions Division.

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By Dan Murphy

Note: We received the following statement from the Town of Yorktown on October 29. "A recent article in the Yonkers Times regarding the Valley Fields par 3 golf course owned by the Town of Yorktown and licensed to a private operator, contains false statements regarding Yorktown officials made by Larry Nussbaum, whose company has been redeveloping the property. Deputy Town Supervisor Tom Diana never met with Nussbaum nor negotiated an amendment with Nussbaum to alter his company's contract with the Town. In fact, he has never met Nussbaum. Matt Talbert, chair of the Yorktown Parks and Recreation Commission, advised Nussbaum's employees that any amendment to the existing contract would need to be negotiated with and ultimately approved by the Yorktown Town Board. That never happened. The draft document amending the contract that Nussbaum states is in effect has never been presented to the Town Board and has no legal standing."

The story that the Town referenced in its statement was titled, Par 3 Developers Warn Slater's Breach of Contract Will Cost Taxpayers Millions, and was printed in Westchester Rising newspaper on October 28, and online at Yonkerstimes.com. <https://yonkerstimes.com/par-3-developers-warn-slaters-breach-of-contract-will-cost-taxpayers-millions/>.

The Town's statement resulted in a response from Larry Nussbaum, President of RC Recreation Development, who in addition to the paid advertisement below, clarified in a email letter to us titled, "JUST THE FACTS, Tom Diana"

"Please take note that the PR firm does not deny Diana's involvement in negotiations with RC Recreation Development LLC. I agree I never met Tom Diana, however he personally was a participant in the Yorktown negotiation resulting in an agreed to 2nd Amendment to the original Concession Agreement with RC. Although I was not present at the negotiation, my partner, Frank DiPeri, was. Negotiations are between corporations, not individuals."

Nussbaum also provided us with emails from James Martorano, Supervisor of the Yorktown Sports and Recreation Commission, congratulating me for the successfully concluded negotiation, to be on the lookout for the Yorktown crafted 2nd Amendment to sign, have notarized and return the executed 2nd Amendment with a copy to all participants including Tom Diana, representing the Town Board.

Another email from Nussbaum to Diana thanking him for his personal participation in resolving the 2nd amendment and requesting an appointment with him to discuss all aspects of the golf course opening.

"Tom Diana never responded to this email or previous emails requesting an opportunity to meet him, the future Supervisor with Slater's predicted win on Election Day," adds Nussbaum. "In summary, this response to Tom Diana represents the facts. The courts will confirm the validity of the 2nd Amendment, duly authorized and negotiated between Yorktown and RC Recreation Development LLC."

We welcome Mr. Diana, to contact us for comment.



5TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR DAV (DISABLED VETERANS OF AMERICA)
 Friday Nov. 11 – 9PM – Admission \$ 10) Barney's McNabbs 600 Tuckahoe Rd. Yonkers NY 10710. Featuring performance by Ray Tabano (founding member of Aerosmith) and his 3rd. Step band.



Joey Kramer, Tom Hamilton, Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, Raymond Tabano

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

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



Please be advised that:

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

