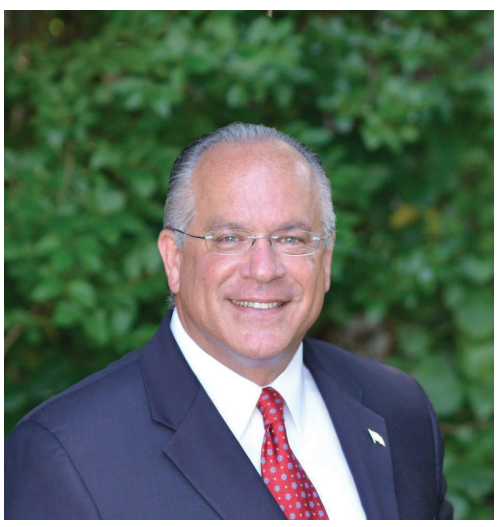
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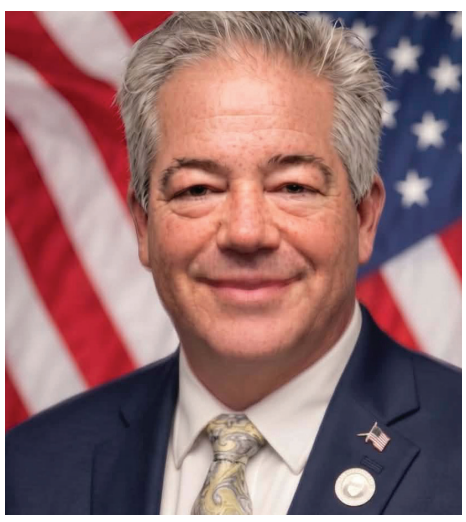
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Colavita and Lachterman Beat Blue Wave Abinanti Wins in Mt. Pleasant



Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita



Yorktown Supervisor Ed Lachterman

By Dan Murphy

Two Westchester communities survived the Blue Wave of the 2026 election. In Eastchester, Supervisor Tony Colavita was reelected, and in Yorktown, Supervisor Ed Lachterman was reelected.

Colavita fought off a spirited challenge from democrat Cat Sayles, 57%-42%. Colavita's percentage win was the highest in Westchester County. "The election is over and we have had a substantial victory, despite what happened nationally and despite what happened on election day with all the voting machines.

"I want to thank my opponent for stepping up and running. It's not an easy thing to do. She emailed me last night and congratulated me and I thanked her for doing that.

"I also want to thank the people of Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville for having their confidence in me and for returning me back to the position of Supervisor. Know that no matter where you live in this town, no matter what your party affiliation is, I will always do what's in the best interest of Eastchester and the two villages.

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Hey Westchester, Meet Your New Congressmember Cait Conley



By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Westchester's new Congressmember, democrat Cait Conley, who defeated republican Congressman Mike Lawler by a 53%-47% margin. Lawler conceded early on election night and did not wait for Westchester to tabulate its votes.

"Last night, the Hudson Valley proved that people across the political spectrum can come together united by shared values and the belief that America's best days are still ahead of us. And for that, we celebrate.

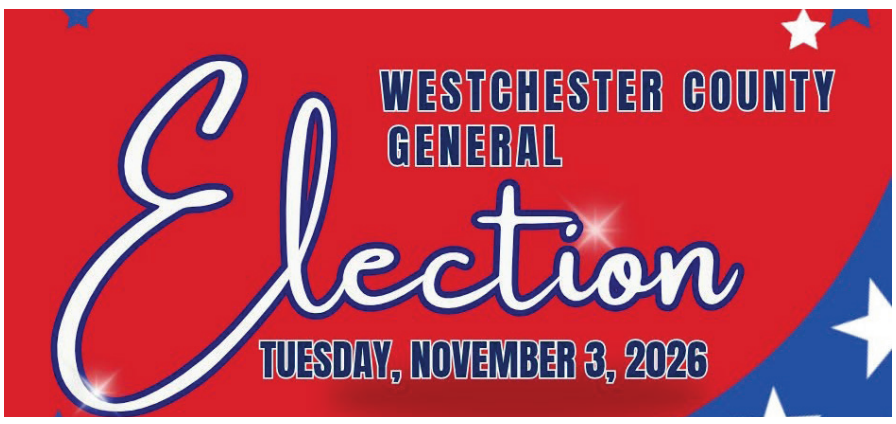
"Now, we start getting to work. We have a lot to do to root out the corruption that has taken hold in Washington, lower costs for working families, and make our government serve the people once again.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of a lifetime. I will never take it for granted, and I promise to fight each and every day for the better, more affordable future we all deserve," said Conley.

Conley rode the Blue Wave of democratic support across the country, and the opposition to the Iran War, high gas prices, and affordability, But she also ran a campaign that reached out to Veterans groups and independent voters.

Conley won Westchester by a 62%-37% margin. Congressmember-elect Conley will now join a majority of democrats in the House once they are sworn in next year, including Congressman George Latimer, who was easily reelected on Nov. 3. Latimer got 73% of the vote, handily defeating republican Joseph Cinquemani with 23%.

The Debacle at the Westchester Board of Elections Only Affected 1 Race on the Ballot



Election Day in Westchester saw polling sites unable to scan votes. The snafu happened because a software update in the Village or Ardsley triggered a glitch for every voting machine across the county.

To handle the situation, election workers activated standard contingency protocols outlined in state election law. Voters filled out paper ballots normally and placed them into secured emergency containment bags. Bipartisan teams of election officials, escorted by local law enforcement, transported the collected ballots to a central county warehouse to be scanned using updated high-capacity equipment and tabulated under joint party supervision.

Additionally, technicians worked throughout the day to re-program individual scanners at polling locations to restore normal functionality. While the technical failure created long queues and delayed the final tally, leaders from both major political parties confirmed there was no evidence of tampering or election interference

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins was clearly unhappy when he took to the podium to try and explain what had happened. "My office is fully aware of the ongoing problems with ballots and voting scanners across Westchester County, and I want to be absolutely clear: this situation is unacceptable.

"Voters should remain in line and exercise their right to vote. Every eligible voter will have the opportunity to cast their ballot, and every vote must be counted. I have directed County officials, including representatives from our Law Department, to monitor the voting process and ensure that voters

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Drunk with 5 kids in the car on Halloween?



Port Chester man arrested for DWI Leandra's Law with five minors in vehicle

On October 31, 2026, members of the New York State Police assigned to SP New Rochelle arrested Fredy A. Regalado-Carranza, 32, of Port Chester, New York, for five counts of aggravated DWI with a passenger less than 16 (DWI Leandra's Law).

At approximately 1:28 a.m. on October 31, troopers observed a 2012 Mazda sedan traveling southbound on South Main Street in the village of Port Chester with children unrestrained in the back seat. Troopers initiated a traffic stop, and upon interview of the operator, identified as Regalado-Carranza, troopers observed signs of intoxication. Standard field sobriety tests were administered, which indicated impairment. Five children were present in the vehicle, ranging in age from 15 years to two months.

Regalado-Carranza was placed into custody and transported to SP New Rochelle, where he registered a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.15%. In addition to aggravated DWI, Regalado-Carranza was charged with multiple vehicle and traffic law violations.

He was released to a sober third party and is due in Rye Town Court on November 20. The children were turned over to a sober third party. The New York State Police urge drivers to use the STOP-DWI Have a Plan app to help them get home safely. The free app allows users to contact a taxi service or ride share, program a designated-driver

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Governor Hochul Comes to Westchester with $13.4 Million in Grants for 3 Communities



Governor Kathy Hochul announced $13.4 million in State funding to support three projects across Westchester County, strengthening public safety, expanding access to community resources and preserving a treasured Hudson Valley historic landmark.

“Investing in Westchester means preserving the Hudson Valley's rich history, providing firefighters with the support they need to protect their communities and modernizing our community spaces to ensure that Westchester remains vibrant and safe for decades to come,” Governor Hochul said. “I'm proud to continue providing funding to support this community and those who work so hard to maintain it.”

The investments include $6.3 million to fully renovate and reopen Fire Station #4 in the City of Mount Vernon, $4.1 million to modernize the auditorium at the Grinton I. Will Library in the City of Yonkers, and $3 million to complete the second phase of improvements at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson.

Mount Vernon Fire Station #4

The $6.3 million State investment will support the full renovation and reopening of Fire Station #4 in the City of Mount Vernon, which has been closed for nearly five years due to significant structural issues, including water damage, mold and ceiling deterioration. The closure forced firefighters to temporarily relocate and this funding will allow firefighters to return to the station.

Fire Station #4 covers the largest geographic service area in Mount Vernon, including six affordable housing developments supported by New York State Homes and Community Renewal. These developments represent approximately 900 homes, including 300 that are currently occupied and another 600 expected to come online within the next year.

Yonkers Will Library Auditorium Renovation

The State is committing $4.1 million to fully renovate and modernize the auditorium at the Will Library, one of the largest branches of the Yonkers Public Library system.

Originally constructed in the 1960s, the auditorium remains an important gathering space for educational, cultural and community programming, yet the space has not undergone significant improvements since its original construction. The funding will support improvements to the aging facility, helping modernize the space and ensure it continues to serve as an important educational, cultural and community resource for Yonkers residents.

Historic Hudson Valley’s Van Cortlandt Manor Historic Preservation and Modernization

The $3 million State investment will support the second phase of critical infrastructure improvements at Historic Hudson Valley’s Van Cortlandt Manor in

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Westchester’s Lead Safe Program Highlights Help to Yonkers Homeowner



L-R Deputy Commissioner at the County Department of Planning Melissa Rotini, Planning Department Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Yonkers Property Owner Marlaina Headley, County Department of Planning Program Administrator Kim Holland, and Yonkers Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac

During National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins is highlighting how the County’s Lead Safe Westchester program is helping families address lead hazards in their homes, including a Yonkers mother who received nearly $139,000 in assistance to complete critical repairs to her property.

The County’s Department of Planning provided $136,041 in funding for lead hazard remediation and $2,893 for inspections at a single-family home in Yonkers. Built in 1905, the home is occupied by a family of four, including two young children. The project, completed in August 2026, addressed deteriorating lead-based paint throughout the property, helping reduce the family’s risk of lead exposure.

The work followed an inspection that identified 339 deteriorated surfaces containing lead-based paint. Repairs included replacing 41 windows, stabilizing paint on 21 additional windows and addressing lead hazards on doors, stairways, walls, ceilings and other interior surfaces. The team also completed exterior paint stabilization and specialized cleaning. The family temporarily relocated during the work and returned after the home passed post-remediation dust testing.

Jenkins said: “No family should have to worry that the place they call home could be putting their children’s health at risk. Through Lead Safe Westchester, we’re helping property owners address serious lead hazards that can be difficult and costly to handle on their own. For this Yonkers family, that assistance meant making important repairs and returning to a safer home. We want more residents to know about this program because preventing lead poisoning starts with making sure our homes are safe.”

Westchester County Department of Planning Commissioner Blanca Lopez said: “Lead-based paint continues to be a concern in older homes throughout Westchester, and many property owners may not realize the extent of the hazards until an inspection is completed. Our Lead Safe Westchester team works with eligible residents to identify those hazards, coordinate the necessary repairs and provide financial assistance to complete the work. This Yonkers project shows how the program can help families address serious health and

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The Failure of the GOP in Westchester and Yonkers





above: Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety; left-Yonkers GOP Chair Bob Moffitt

By Joseph Berger, John P. O'Leary Northwest Yonkers Republican Club co-founder, member and guest writer

Election Day is November 3, 2026, and once again, Republican voters in Westchester County and Yonkers are being asked to support a slate of candidates reluctantly endorsed by their own Republican leadership.

What makes this election particularly troubling is that some of these candidates have stood on the opposite side of the very Republican leadership now endorsing them. These individuals should be recognized for what they are: independent-minded Republican candidates who have demonstrated a willingness to challenge the party establishment.

For far too long, the Republican Party in Westchester County and Yonkers has suffered from ineffective leadership, internal divisions, personal interests, and a disturbing lack of accountability.

This is no longer simply a question of losing elections. It is a question of whether certain individuals in leadership positions are more interested in preserving their own political influence and personal benefits than rebuilding a competitive Republican Party.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY — A PARTY IN DECLINE UNDER DOUG COLETY

Under Chairman Doug Colety's leadership, the Westchester County Republican Party has continued its decline, struggling to attract what I estimate to be even 30% of the vote in many general election contests.

Who should be held accountable for this continuing failure? The chairman must accept responsibility. In my opinion, Doug Colety has become more of a roadblock to Republican success than a leader committed to building a winning organization. Republican candidates need financial support, organizational assistance, voter outreach, and a coordinated strategy to win elections. Instead, too many candidates are left struggling with minimal resources and inadequate party support. There is also a serious question concerning the party's campaign literature and printing arrangements. I believe Chairman Colety's financial interests in campaign printing deserve greater transparency and scrutiny.

If party leadership benefits financially from producing campaign literature, Republican voters and candidates deserve to know whether those arrangements create conflicts of interest and whether the party's resources are being used in the candidates' best interests. Candidates must win elections for the Republican Party to succeed. Party leadership should not be financially rewarded regardless of whether those candidates win or lose.

The continued deterioration of the Westchester County Republican Party demands accountability, transparency, and a fundamental change in leadership priorities.

YONKERS — DIVISION, PERSONAL INTERESTS, AND THE ABSENCE OF LEADERSHIP

In Yonkers, Republican Chairman Bob Moffitt presides over what I believe has become an increasingly divided and ineffective political organization.

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Cut Utility Bills With An Energy Audit, Weatherizing Your Home



By Michael Gold

Homeowners and multi-family apartment building owners in Westchester looking to reduce their energy bills and keep their homes warmer in the winter can use a program promoted by Westchester and New York State to identify where heat is escaping and close these gaps.

As the weather turns colder, it's a smart move to consider.

The weatherization program is available through the Westchester Community Opportunity Program (West COP) and the New York State Energy Hubs program.

To register for the service, you need to verify your identity, address, income and Social Security number with WestCOP. If you qualify, an approved contractor and auditor will conduct an examination of the structure in order to locate areas in which warm air inside the building is escaping. The next step is to seal these gaps to ensure the building has a tight envelope.

"If you have broken windows or a malfunctioning boiler in your building or home, an audit identifies exactly where air is leaking out, said Marvin Church, vice president and co-founder of Comrie Enterprises, an approved sub-contractor for the New York State Energy and Research Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Heating and Cooling program, which created the energy hubs effort.

Church and his business partner, Diana Williams, also lead Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC), a nonprofit organization best known for its summer energy and environmental program for qualified high school teens.

Roofs and wall cavities are common, vulnerable spots where outside air can penetrate.

"A poorly insulated home works like a sieve," Church explained. "Winter cold and summer heat seep in through the roof, windows and walls, forcing furnaces and air conditioners to run nonstop, and driving up utility bills," he stated.

If your building or home is not well insulated it will be more likely that outside air will infiltrate the structure and make it warmer in the summer or colder in the winter. That means your heating or cooling system will have to work harder to keep the temperature comfortable.

"Contractors often use infrared cameras to measure thermal gaps and locate air leaks," Church pointed out. "Creating a tighter building envelope through proper insulation is critical. It directly lowers your heating and cooling costs."

New York State Rebate Program

NYSERDA's Comfort Home program offers state rebate and cost reductions on materials used for weatherization. Federal tax incentives for making your home more energy efficient expired in 2025. Improving the energy efficiency of your lights is also part of an audit.

"Installing motion-sensor lighting lowers electricity bills immediately," Church explained. "The sensors automatically turn lights on and off as people enter and leave a room, eliminating wasted power."

The Heat Pump Energy Efficiency Advantage

Heat pumps are another important way to run your home or building at top energy efficiency. They offer a clean energy heating and cooling alternative to fossil fuels, and are often cheaper than burning oil, gas or propane.

Comrie collaborated with NYSERDA, and the Urban League of Westchester to help educate homeowners, churches, landlords, storefront owners, and other

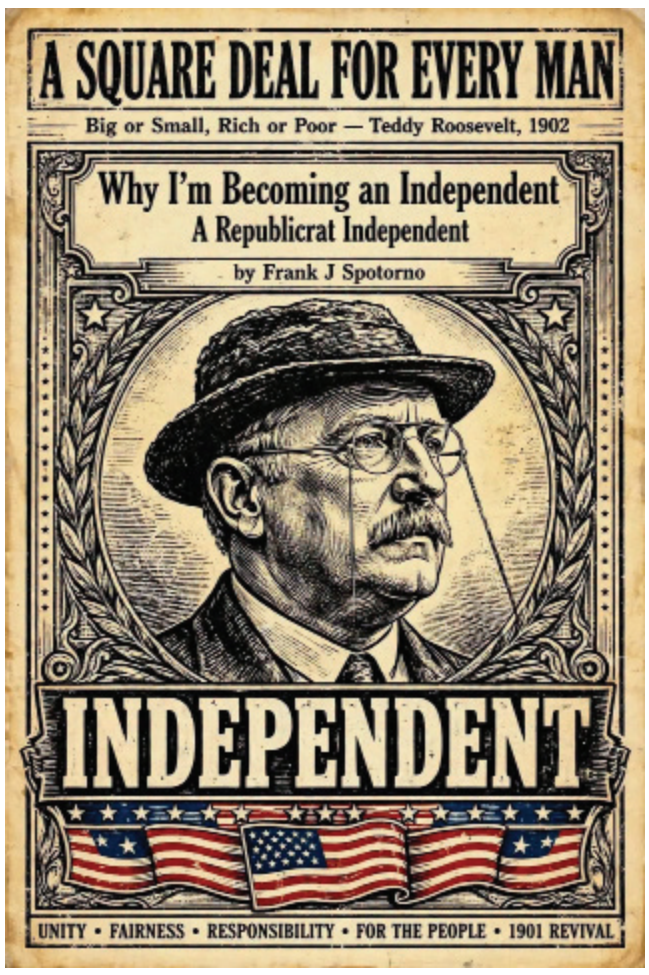
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After Years as a Trump Republican, I'm an Independent Now



By Frank Spotorno

Why I'm Becoming an Independent

After years of watching both parties, and after years of calling myself a Republican, I am becoming an Independent. Not because I left my principles. Because the parties left them.

If I need a word for what I am, call me a Republicrat Independent. It is not a new party. It is an old American idea that we have lost.

The idea comes from two men who shared a last name but not a party — Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democrat — and a third man who learned from both — John F. Kennedy — who called FDR his hero and said Teddy Roosevelt proved conservation was the condition of progress.

Theodore Roosevelt did not speak in slogans. He spoke in sentences that every working man could understand. In Lynn, Massachusetts in 1902, he said, "A square deal for every man, big or small, rich or poor." In the White House, he wrote it again on February 1, 1906: "To every man a square deal, no more and no less." And in a letter in 1903, he defined it perfectly: "Fair play for the working man and a square deal to every American, whether employer or employee."

That was the Square Deal. Not a handout. Not a bailout. A fair deal. Theodore Roosevelt was also America's first great conservationist and environmentalist — a man a hundred years ahead of his time. He worried about our forests, our waters, and our creatures. He set aside 230 million acres of public land, created five National Parks, and gave us the U.S. Forest Service, because he knew you can't have a Square Deal for the people if you sell off the country they live in.

John F. Kennedy, the working man's Democrat, told us to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." He cut taxes to grow jobs, secured the border, and stood up for labor.

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America Is Graduating Students Who Are Not Ready



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Across America, millions of teens walk into high schools every morning carrying backpacks, Chromebooks and expectations about college, careers and adulthood. Yet behind graduation ceremonies and college acceptance announcements is an uncomfortable reality: too many American teens are reaching the end of high school without mastering fundamental reading and mathematics skills. The latest national numbers suggest this is no longer a COVID problem. It is an education crisis.

According to the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress, commonly called the Nation's Report Card, the average reading score for 12th graders dropped three points from 2019 and stood 10 points below the average recorded in 1992. The National Assessment Governing Board reported that the 2024 average was the lowest ever recorded for 12th-grade reading.

The numbers become even more alarming when we examine what students can do. According to the Nation's Report Card, 32 percent of 12th graders scored below NAEP Basic in reading in 2024, the largest percentage recorded since the assessment began. Only 35 percent performed at or above NAEP Proficient. In mathematics, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 45 percent of 12th graders scored below NAEP Basic, while just 22 percent reached or exceeded NAEP Proficient. NAEP Proficient is not the same as a state's definition of performing at grade level, but the direction of the national results remains deeply concerning.

This problem does not suddenly appear during senior year. According to the National Assessment Governing Board, 33 percent of eighth graders scored below NAEP Basic in reading in 2024, the largest percentage ever recorded. These are students entering high school at a time when they are expected to analyze increasingly complex texts, construct evidence-based arguments, understand historical documents and prepare for college-level work.

The college-readiness numbers offer another warning. According to ACT, nearly 1.4 million members of the Class of 2025 took the ACT, but only 30 percent met at least three of the organization's four College Readiness Benchmarks. ACT reported that just 29 percent met its mathematics benchmark and 39 percent met its reading benchmark.

These statistics represent more than disappointing test scores. Reading and mathematics follow young people into nearly every part of adult life, from understanding employment paperwork and financial agreements to completing workforce training and succeeding in college. Handing students diplomas without confronting major academic weaknesses does not solve the problem.

America's students deserve high expectations, intensive academic intervention, meaningful tutoring, strong teachers, consistent attendance and families who receive clear information about academic progress. Graduation should represent preparation, not simply completion. If America wants young adults prepared to compete, work, vote, lead and build successful lives, it can't wait until graduation day to discover that our kids are going to be left behind.

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Rather than building a unified Republican Party capable of challenging Democratic control, the organization appears dominated by a small circle of insiders whose priorities too often revolve around political relationships, jobs, appointments, and maintaining their own influence.

Where is the commitment to Republican voters?

Where is the recruitment of qualified candidates?

Where is the strategy to challenge Democratic officeholders?

Where is the plan to rebuild the Republican Party in Yonkers?

Election after election, Democrats face little or no meaningful Republican opposition in too many contests.

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— Pete Seeger



New Jersey Woman Sentenced to up to 3 Years for Stealing $130k from Westchester Employers

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a New Jersey woman was sentenced to up to three years in state prison after admitting to stealing more than $130,000 from two former employers in Westchester County.

The defendant, Michelle Pennant, 48, of Patterson, New Jersey, was sentenced Wednesday in Westchester County Court before Judge Erin McGoey to one and a half to three years in state prison after pleading guilty on June 17, 2026, to two counts of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E felony, and Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree, a Class E felony.

The court also issued restitution orders totaling $138,395.54, including $70,250.46 and $62,548.08 to her former employers and $5,597 to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

DA Cacace said: "Michelle Pennant betrayed the trust placed in her by her employers, exploiting her position to selfishly steal more than $130,000 for her own personal gain. This sentence not only ensures the defendant serves up to three years in prison but reinforces that financial crimes will not be tolerated and those who commit fraud in our community will be held responsible."

Between March 2023 and April 2024, the defendant stole $70,250.46 from a Westchester-based construction company where she was employed. She also stole $62,549.08 from a home decorating business in Westchester where she worked between April 2022 and April 2024. During this period, the defendant also failed to pay the appropriate taxes connected to this unreported income to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

This case was investigated by the Harrison Police Department, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Criminal Investigators Squad and Forensic Accountant Michael Frenza.

The case was prosecuted by Economic Crimes Bureau Chief Gwen Galef.

AG James Secures $147k From Pelham Man Who Stole Deceased NY Teacher's Pension Benefits

Danilo Pesce Pocketed Nearly $142,000 in Pension Benefits from His Deceased Neighbor for Years After His Death

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the guilty plea of Danilo Pesce, 60, of Pelham, for stealing nearly $142,000 in pension benefits issued by the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) to his deceased neighbor, Jack Lee Morgan. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Pesce was acting as Morgan's caretaker before his death in March 2020. After Morgan's death, Pesce made numerous withdrawals from Morgan's bank account, which was funded by NYSTRS pension payments that improperly continued after his death. In total, Pesce stole $141,968 of Morgan's pension benefits. Pesce was arrested on July 30, 2026, and today pleaded guilty to Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree before Judge Andra Ackerman in Albany County Court. Pesce paid $147,000 in restitution to the New York State Teachers Retirement Fund, including $6,000 in interest.

"Danilo Pesce took advantage of the retirement system that thousands of hard-working New York teachers rely on," said Attorney General James. "This heartless theft should serve as a reminder that my office will not tolerate anyone who breaks the law to steal from their neighbors. We will continue to hold anyone accountable who attempts to take advantage of our retirement systems and steal from the New Yorkers who depend on it."

Morgan was a NYSTRS pensioner who retired from the Pelham school district in 1991. At the time of his death in 2020, Morgan had no living beneficiary for his pension, and therefore NYSTRS payments should have ceased. However, NYSTRS was never notified of Morgan's death and continued to make monthly payments of $3,497 to Morgan's bank account.

Prior to Morgan's death, Pesce allegedly acted as his caretaker. In his position as caretaker, Pesce was added to Morgan's bank account and the deed to Morgan's home in Pelham. The OAG's investigation found that beginning on March 17, 2020, less than a month after Morgan's death, Pesce regularly withdrew funds from Morgan's bank account, which he controlled. Pesce spent the money on maintenance and renovation of Morgan's home, where Pesce and his wife were living part-time. The total amount of withdrawals from Morgan's account totaled nearly $142,000. Pesce pleaded guilty today before Judge Andra Ackerman in Albany County Court to Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a Class E felony, and paid $147,000 in restitution, including $6,000 in interest.



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DiChiaro School Students Meet Ben Stiller at Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers



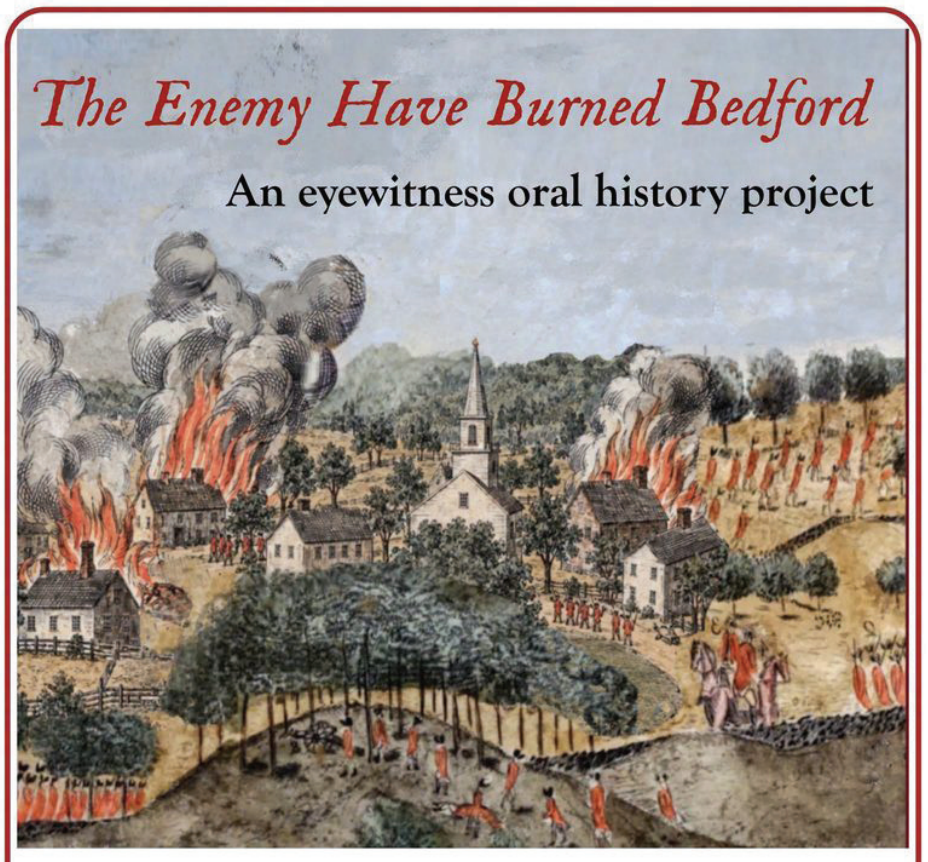
The 6th grade students from Patricia A. DiChiaro School, in Danielle Nealis's class, shared an unforgettable moment with Ben Stiller during their trip to Untermyer Gardens!

A day filled with learning, exploring, and a little Hollywood magic!



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"The Enemy Have Burned Bedford" Staged Reading at Bedford's Historical Hall Nov. 20-21



Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for students, and are available at Eventbrite.com (Search for "Burned Bedford") or at the door.



Westchester County Recognizes its Fastest Growing, Privately Held Companies



Westchester County recently hosted a reception to celebrate 70 privately held, Westchester-based companies that have ranked on the prestigious Inc. 5000 list at least once since 2015. During the event, four of these fastest-growing companies received special honors, including those named to the Inc. 5000 list most frequently among Westchester entities.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Privately held companies comprise a significant portion of Westchester’s economy. The companies in our County that have ranked on the Inc. 5000 list have prioritized growth, innovation and continued excellence in their industries – while choosing to invest in Westchester as their home. We are fortunate to have so many companies who have made this prestigious list doing business in Westchester, and we commend them on their achievements.”

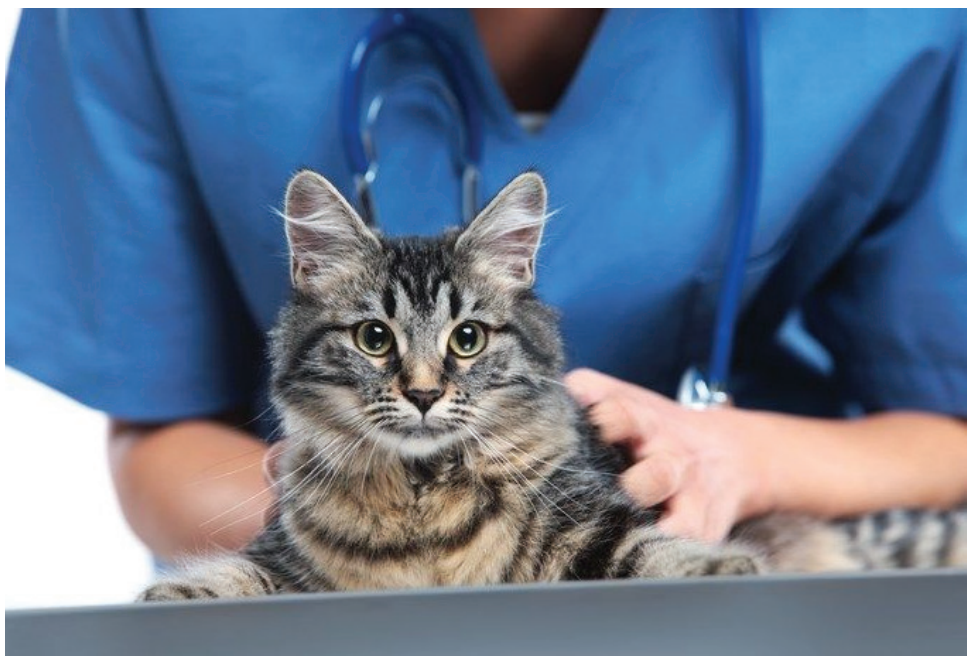
In addition to recognizing the achievements of all 70 companies who have made the Inc. 5000 list since 2015, the County presented awards to four businesses:

· The Endurance Award was presented to Computer Solutions East and Macan Deve Engineers, both of whom have been awarded a spot on the Inc. 5000 list 6 times since 2015;

· The Momentum Award, recognizing outstanding longevity, was presented to FassForward consulting Group, having made the Inc. 5000 list 8 times since their founding in 2001, a remarkable achievement to maintain over such a long period of time; and

· The Rising Star Award was presented to TVIQ, which is the youngest Westchester company to make this year’s list, founded in 2021, and ranking at #77.

SPCA Launches New Program for Low-Cost Veterinary Care



SPCA Westchester is proud to announce the launch of its Community Care Program, the first of its kind in Westchester County.

Through this vital new initiative, the SPCA is making essential veterinary care even more affordable for eligible Westchester County pet owners who receive a form of government assistance. Approved participants will benefit from an additional 50% discount on the already reduced rates for spay/neuter surgeries and routine wellness services offered at SPCA Westchester’s Cody’s Clinic.

“Veterinary care has sadly become unaffordable for so many loving pet parents in our community,” says Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Westchester’s CEO. “As a result, more animals are being surrendered to shelters or abandoned on the streets, while countless others suffer unnecessarily because they cannot receive even the most basic medical care. Our goal is to ensure that financial hardship doesn’t force families to give up the pets they love, and that every dog and cat has access to the care they need to live a healthy, happy life.”

Eligible Westchester County residents must be able to show proof of residency and one of the following government benefits: nutritional assistance, supplemental social security, disability, housing assistance, family assistance, safety net assistance or medical assistance. To learn more about the SPCA’s Community Care Program and eligibility, residents are encouraged to visit spcawestchester.org/community-care-program or click the menu option on the SPCA’s homepage and choose Clinic. For further details, residents can also call (914) 941-296 ext. 110.







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Franklin Roosevelt, the Democrat, tried to finish what Teddy started. On January 11, 1944, he proposed his Second Bill of Rights. Every other industrialized country finished the job. We didn't. The lobbyists, led by the AMA, talked Congress out of it. We have lived with that unfinished business for 80 years.

Two Roosevelts, two parties, one principle: the American people come first. That is the party I remember. That is the party I want back.

I write this not as theory, but as lived experience. My wife spent 75 days in the ICU with ARDS, between NYU and St. John's Riverside Hospital. Six and seven roommates passed through the beds beside her. Most of them never made it home. I am 64 years old. I am left holding tens of thousands of dollars in co-pays after insurance — Trelegy at $650, Spiriva at $500, Albuterol at $100, oxygen twenty-four hours a day — and the next hospital bill is already on its way.

To those who have told me they feel bad for my wife and my family, I thank you. It means a great deal.

But we also have to make sure our country is there for us as well.

This is where I stand as a Republicrat Independent.

First, on the border. Secure the border. Deport criminals. Keep the breadwinner. I support the tightest border in our history. There is no argument there. But when we raid the home of a family that has been here ten years, paying taxes with an ITIN, obeying the law, raising U.S. citizen children, we are not saving money. We are creating a cost. You deport the payer, and you make his family a ward of the state. SNAP, WIC, emergency Medicaid, Section 8 housing — thirty to fifty thousand dollars a year on the taxpayer. We turn a taxpayer into a tax burden. That is bad math and bad policy.

Second, on healthcare. Finish what FDR started and continue where he left off. I believe in what I have written about in my archives for years: his Second Bill of Rights — also called the Economic Bill of Rights — said every American should have the right to a useful job, to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing, to a decent home, to a good education, to protection from the economic fears of old age and sickness, and to adequate medical care. He understood that freedom from want was just as important as freedom from fear.

That is my plan. A basic universal system like other countries have, where every American has coverage, with the option to purchase additional benefits if you want more. That is how it's done in Europe — Germany, France, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland and the United Kingdom — and in South America — Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay and Argentina. Different politics, different cultures, same principle: basic security for everyone, private options if you want more. And let us buy insurance across state lines and across counties, a cross-county system that creates competition. Lower malpractice costs and end defensive medicine. More doctors, more competition, lower prices.

Third, on Medicaid. Medicaid must be for those who need it. If cutting fraud and removing able-bodied adults who will not work means that oxygen gets to someone like my wife, then that is exactly what we should do.

There is no Republicrat Party, I know that. But if the Democratic Socialists of America can organize within the Democratic Party, perhaps an Independent can too — or perhaps a Republicrat Independent can too — and help bring both parties back to being the working man's parties — the parties that embrace labor, that give business its fair Square Deal, and most importantly, that give every American his Square Deal.

I am becoming an Independent because I want to vote for the person, not the party. I want unity, fairness, and responsibility. For the people.

That is what I will need every day while the oxygen machine runs 24/7 and the next hospital bill arrives.

A square deal for every man, big or small, rich or poor. No more and no less.

— Frank J. Spotorno-Yonkers, NY
Spotorno was the Republican Party candidate for Congress in NY-14 in 2016.



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Croton-on-Hudson, a National Historic Landmark and home to the annual Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, a popular Hudson Valley attraction that draws visitors to the region each fall.

The historic property serves as an important educational and cultural destination, providing visitors and students with opportunities to explore New York's colonial history, including the history of slavery in the state.

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I applaud Governor Kathy Hochul for providing funding for three significant projects in Westchester County: the renovation and reopening of a major fire station in the City of Mount Vernon, the continued improvements to Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson, and in my own district, the much-needed modernization of the auditorium at Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers. For more than 60 years, the Will Library has served as a hub for the east side of Yonkers, providing the community not only with books but with cultural events, classes, programs for people of all ages and a place to gather. The auditorium, which seats 325, is one of the largest event spaces in Westchester but has not been updated since its opening. As a longtime supporter and patron of the library, I thank Governor Hochul for committing $4.1 million to renovate and modernize this invaluable resource in our community."

Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson- Howard said, "Every Mount Vernon family deserves to feel safe, and every firefighter deserves a safe, modern firehouse. Thanks to Governor Kathy Hochul's leadership and this $6.3 million investment, we are moving closer to reopening Fire Station #4 after nearly five years. As our city grows, our public safety infrastructure must keep pace. Our firefighters should never have to leave dangerous conditions in the line of duty only to return to unsafe conditions at their own firehouse. I thank Governor Hochul for her continued partnership and commitment to a safer, stronger Mount Vernon."

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safety concerns while maintaining their homes."

Yonkers Property Owner Marlaina Headley said: "Thank you to County Executive Jenkins and his team for allowing me to speak today. As a mother of two, the safety of my kids is my highest priority. As a property owner, this priority can be very expensive. The Lead Safe Westchester program funded all lead repairs and inspections needed. Without that financial assistance, covering the cost of this work would have been incredibly difficult. I am very thankful for the help my family received through Lead Safe Westchester. They say it takes a village to raise kids. Knowing that we were not alone trying to make our home safer for the kids means that Westchester County is part of that village. I recommend all property owners to reach out and see if you qualify for this program."

Lead poisoning is a preventable public health issue that can have serious, long-term effects on children's health and development. With more than 81% of Westchester County's housing stock built before 1978, when lead-based paint was banned for residential use, identifying and correcting lead hazards remains an important part of protecting residents.

Westchester County has been awarded a new $7.75 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support lead hazard reduction and other eligible health and safety improvements in homes occupied by low- and moderate-income households over the next four years. Administered by the County Department of Planning, Lead Safe Westchester provides inspections and coordinates repairs through licensed and certified contractors. Owners of single-family and multifamily properties are encouraged to apply, with priority given to units with children younger than 6 and/or pregnant women.

Funding is limited, and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligibility is based on federal income guidelines, and for rental properties, the income of the tenants determines eligibility.

To learn more about Lead Safe Westchester or request an application, visit https://homes.westchestercountyny.gov/lead-safe-westchester, email PlanLSW@westchestercountyny.gov or call 914-995-4150.



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businesses about the benefits of switching to heat pumps, to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels to power their electrical, heating and ventilation needs, a program called ACE (Adopt Clean Energy).

"We hosted community seminars explaining both air-source and geothermal systems, working as a NYSERDA contractor, from 2022 to 2025," Church explained.

In winter, air source heat pumps take air from outside and move it inside your home or apartment. In summer, air source heat pumps transfer warm air outside. They can be used for a single room, or an entire house. Heat pumps use no oil, propane or gas, so they're generally cheaper to use than fossil fuels.

They're also more energy efficient. My brother uses five air-source heat pumps in his home in upstate New York, two on the first floor of the house and three upstairs for the bedrooms.

Geothermal heat pumps take heat from the ground in winter time and carry it by underground pipes into your home or building. In the summer, geothermal heat pumps move cool air from the ground and carry it into your house.

Like air source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps don't require fossil fuels. They're more energy efficient than burning oil and gas for heating and cooling, which means they save you money. I have had a geothermal system in my house for several years and it works beautifully. It does require your contractor to drill a few hundred feet into the ground.

Church mentioned a man who owned a 8,000 square foot home and installed air-source and geothermal heat pumps, as well as a solar system. He lowered his utility bill from $8,000 to about $1,500 a month.

The ACE program also provided training for people to work as heat pump installation specialists.

"We graduated 35 participants, to prepare them for the field and helping them pass the federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) 608 certification exam," Church stated. "Seventy five percent of our students earned their certification."

A Green Energy Park for Mount Vernon

Comrie is also exploring a proposal for a 12-story apartment building on the site of the old YMCA on South Second Avenue in Mount Vernon, for teachers, police officers, fire fighters, nurses, health care workers and college students.

The building would also house a number of environmentally oriented businesses, essentially a green energy park. "Mount Vernon has incredible creative energy," Church pointed out. "We want to co-anchor an arts district while developing a green energy park where companies can operate and train residents in solar, geothermal and air source heat pumps, and other clean technologies."Obtaining funds for construction is the biggest challenge so far. "Money is tight and interest rates have risen, so we are actively seeking state funding support," Church explained.

Greenlight Award. I also asked Church for an update on ELOC's recent work.

ELOC is once again competing in a Westchester high school environmental program, called the Greenlight Award, sponsored by Bedford 2030. Bedford 2030 is a community group based in Central Westchester, which works to conserve natural resources and reduce carbon emissions. The teams are tasked with creating an advocacy or technological innovation project that improves environmental sustainability and cuts carbon emissions. Typical projects might focus on solar and batter storage installations, improving air quality, properly disposing of cooking oil, energy efficiency, reforestation, recycling or composting food scraps.

In 2025, ELOC's Don't Strain Your Drain team earned third place in the contest, for their project in Mount Vernon, which collected 51 gallons of used cooking oil in the city, preventing it from being poured down the sink. "Improperly dumped grease clogs sewers, worsens neighborhood flooding during heavy rain and pollutes local waterways," Church explained.

The oil can flow into local rivers, from the Saw Mill to the Hudson, further polluting the environment. ELOC has earned a grant from the Long Island Sound Community Impact Fund (LICSIF) to expand its cooking oil collection program. So far, it's prevented 600 gallons of cooking oil from being poured down the train.

The oil collection drive is expanding from Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Port Chester to Tuckahoe, Mamaroneck, and sections in Pelham and Eastchester bordering the Hutchinson River, which has suffered the scars of pollution for far too long. "Student environmental ambassadors from Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Port Chester will lead education campaigns about proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG), medications, personal care products, pesticides and other household pollutants that contaminate local rivers and Long Island Sound," states ELOC's grant description on the LISCIF website.

"Our expanded 'Don't Pour Your Feast Grease Down The Drain' initiative targets major holidays when cooking oil disposal peaks," the grant description says.

Also, ELOC is launching a green jobs training program for young adults 17 to 24 years of age, in Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle. They will get trained in geothermal heat pump installation and leadership skills. For more information, email contactus@eloc.earth, go to the Contact page of the ELOC.Earth website, which can be found by clicking the "About" drop down menu on the site, or calling 914-901-3562.

Additionally, ELOC is running a free advanced Saturday computer science academy, educating high school students on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and machine learning, at Westchester Community College's Mount Vernon campus. The organization, which just won an award for being a "small nonprofit changemaker" from Nonprofit Westchester, is working with Westchester County on ways to reduce waste and improve recycling awareness and efforts.They're offering visitors to their ELOC.Earth website an opportunity to take a short survey on their recycling habits, knowledge about the services offered at Westchester's household materials recovery facility in Valhalla (H-MRF) and ways to improve residents' access to the recycling resources available in the county. The goal is to help figure out ways to improve the county's recycling services.

Michael Gold is a columnist for The Yonkers Times. His work has been published in The New York Daily News, The Albany Times-Union, the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, The Hartford Courant and other newspapers.

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"This is a great town, and I intend to keep it that way." Said Colavita.

In Yorktown, Supervisor Ed Lachterman was relected on Nov. 3. Lachterman got 53% of the vote, with democrat Jann Mirchandani with 47%.
Thank you, Yorktown! I am honored and grateful to have earned your trust to continue serving as your Town Supervisor. To everyone who voted for me, knocked on doors, stood outside stores sharing literature, made phone calls, or offered encouragement—thank you. Your dedication and belief in our town made this possible. I always say Yorktown is the best community with the best people, and you prove it time and time again.

To my wife, Carol, who is by my side for everything Yorktown: your love, patience, and unwavering support make all of this possible. I also want to thank my opponent, Jann Mirchandani, for participating in this election. Running for public office requires a significant commitment of time and effort, and I appreciate her willingness to take part in our democratic process.

Whether you voted for me or supported another candidate, I will continue working hard to serve you, listen to your concerns, and earn your confidence.

We have important work ahead—protecting essential services, strengthening our infrastructure, and pursuing Progress with Preservation.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the town we love. Let's keep moving Yorktown forward, together," said Lachterman.

A third republican stronghold in Westchester got flipped on Nov. 3, with democrat Tom Abinanti defeating republican Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi by a whopping 59%-41%, margin. Abinanti, who served in the Assembly before being defeated in a democratic primary, now has another political life and his victory shows that he still has both the drive and the support of democrats.

In Somers, republican Town Supervisor Robert Scorrano was reelected handily, defeating democrat Teresa Laura Clifford, 57%-43%.

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can cast their ballots without interference and that every vote is properly and accurately counted.

"Once these issues are resolved, I will convene a bipartisan team to conduct a thorough review of the decisions and failures that led to this debacle, determine where accountability lies and ensure that this never happens again.

"Westchester County voters deserve a fair, secure and seamless election process. Today, we have fallen short of that standard. The voters deserve better, and I intend to make sure they get it."

Fortunately, the ballot troubles only affected one election across the county; the race for County Legislator in the 15th district between republican Legislator James Nolan and democrat Kisha Skipper.

Final number have Skipper beating Nolan by a 51%-49% margin. But Nolan has refused to concede and has threatened legal action because of the Board of Elections troubles.

"After three long days of personally observing the ballot count, all ballots in District 15 have now been counted. Following a massive countywide voting machine shutdown on Election Day, I have serious concerns about what took place, and the timing of these failures raises questions that demand answers. I am being told that I lost by 260 votes. The truth is the election wasn't only stolen from me but it was stolen from you.

"For the past four years, I have proudly served as the lone Republican on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, standing up against one-party control and delivering real results for the hardworking residents of Yonkers, Bronxville, and Eastchester. I have never been afraid to stand alone or fight for the people I represent, and I am certainly not backing down now.

"Let me be absolutely clear: I am not conceding this election. All available legal options are being considered, and I intend to pursue every appropriate avenue to ensure that every lawful vote was counted and every voter had a fair opportunity to participate.

"If you were turned away from a polling location on Election Day, were unable to vote because of the machine failures, or left because you did not feel comfortable placing your ballot in a secured emergency bag, I need you to contact me immediately. Your experience matters and could be critical in determining our next steps.

"Westchester County deserves transparency, accountability, and answers. The people of District 15 deserve to have their voices heard, and I refuse to simply walk away without getting to the bottom of what happened.

"To those who think this fight is over, think again. Westchester County, buckle up, because we are just getting started," said Nolan.

If Nolan does decide to file suit, he will have to find 260 voters who were turned away or left before casting a vote after the machines broke down.

In our view, the election problems in Westchester were more of an embarrassment and a hassle for the people of the county, more than anything else.

Notice of Registration of Radford Scott LLP, a foreign LLP organized in Dekalb Cty, Georgia on 8/7/23, filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/26. Office location: 145 Palisade St, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Westchester Cty. LLP Election on file with clerk, DeKalb Cty Superior Court, 556 N McDonough St, Decatur, GA 30030. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLP at its principal office, Two Town Ctr, 125 Clairemont Ave, Decatur, GA 30030. Purpose: The practice of law.

Notice of Formation of The Spinning Top LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Spinning Top LLC, 81 Pondfield Road #287, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Denyshas LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Rocket Corporate Services Inc. 2804 Gateway Oaks Dr. #100 Sacramento, CA 95833 Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of ISPARDA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 113A Woodale Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ACH HOLDINGS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on October 8, 2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Corporate Creations Network Inc., 600 Mamaroneck Avenue #400, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of ALLIANCE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/03/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 7 RYE RIDGE PLAZA, UNIT #680, RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formatioin of MISHA SCHWARTZ PRODUCTIONS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/07/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 77 VIRGINIA AVE, DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522. Purpose: Any Lawful activity.

Notice of formation of everyythingpancakes, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 45 Birch Brook Rd, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of elinfonet.com, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Raymond Nardo, P.C., 55 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 205, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF I WASH NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 24, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Westview Ave 508 Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Elite Air Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/07/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 193 Kneeland Rd, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of DYLSOFT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/29/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of TradeGrade LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Treacy Quality Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/25/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 111 Madison Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limitless Laughs Productions LLC
Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 18, 2024 Office location: Westchester County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.
SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 42 BROADWAY, FL. 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, 10004
Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC
WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, was filed with the New York State Department of State on June 25, 2026. The office of the LLC is located in Westchester County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon the Secretary of State is: 2444 Boston Post Rd #1024, Larchmont, NY 10538. The registered agent of the LLC is Pierre S Williams, 31 Lexington Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552, upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in real estate services and travel agency services, and any other lawful business activities permitted under New York law.

Notice of Formation of Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC, 130 Beech Street, #3R, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LUX OCULI NYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 108 South Buckhout Street, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of J-Ro Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/26/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Bacon Ct, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Castlebridge Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 8/6/2026. Office: 14 Legendary Circle, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Purpose: Business technology/consulting.

Notice of formation of B Delights Bakery and Cafe, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated Brenda McDonald as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Newkirk Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Notice of LLC Formation

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Gill Tech Law PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him or her to: Brenda L. Gill, Esq., 40 Memorial Highway, #23A, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: To practice the profession of Law.

Notice of formation of HitchNGo LLC. Mobile Tow Hitch Installation. Filed with the SSNY on 06/17/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4 Lafayette St, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Stone & Oak Management Group LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 92 Hamilton Ave, Apt 1A, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Holiday Heroes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THOMAS DOOLEY 51 PARK DRIVE MT KISCO NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Reformation Brings Freedom

For the first time in history, a Roman Catholic Pope has voted in an American election. Pope Leo is an American citizen by birth, Pope by election by the most elite of Catholic clergy from all over the world, the College of Cardinals. He did not give up his citizenship when chosen as Pope even though he will likely spend the rest of his life living in the Vatican. But while his opinions may influence Roman Catholic doctrine and practice, the Pope has no authority to interfere in American government, though he is free to exercise his rights as an American citizen. The Protestant Reformation is one of the reasons why a particular denomination cannot control our government.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther (for whom Martin Luther King was named) nailed 95 theses (Statements for discussion and study) on the door of the Church in Wittenberg, Germany, beginning the Protestant Reformation: "Out of love for the truth and from desire to elucidate it, the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, and ordinary lecturer therein at Wittenberg, intends to defend the following statements and to dispute on them in that place. Therefore he asks that those who cannot be present and dispute with him orally shall do so in their absence by letter. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen."

Luther, a professor of moral theology, (i.e religious ethics, social teaching) challenged Roman Catholic church doctrines and practices that were not grounded in Biblical principle or worse, in conflict with scripture, such as the selling of indulgences and Papal supreme authority."For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith (believing)." (Romans 1:17) From this clear verse and 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," the Reformation taught that Scripture alone was the standard for faith and practice, not tradition, which derives from men.

Now people are free to own Bibles of their own and read them in their own language. Prior to that the Roman Catholic church had the only Bible in communities—chain to the altar. Pople could not see and read and study and understand the Word of God for themselves, contrary to 2Timothy 2:15 : "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God endowed individuals with the responsibility and inherent right to study His Word. Those who do come to know Him personally as their heavenly Father. As any skill or subject, the more study and practice one puts in, the better he understands it and can perform it. Noone can give what he does not have. Mere spectators cannot teach someone else how to live abundantly, nor to do the works of Jesus Christ and greater works. God has no hands but the hands of believers. Those who know His Word take the place of Jesus Christ, all over the world simultaneously, where he could only be in one place at one time. .

By breaking the political power of the Roman Catholic church, which had the power to remove rulers in Catholic countries, and enabling people to read the Bible in their own language, the Reformation brought millions of people a true and empowering understanding of the Word of God and His son, Jesus Christ, freeing them from the bondage of traditions of men. Freeing them from unbiblical religious and social traditions which often incorporated paganism to gain members. Today, some churches encourage actions that God's Word clearly says are wrong. Like Jesus Christ's telling the relgious leaders of his time that they were "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, " (Mark 7:13a), their traditions obscured and minimized the understanding of the Word of God. Diminished understanding limits the power of God in their lives. GOD has standards but He has no limits. "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke1:37) Another rendering of this verse is: "No word of GOD is void of power."

For centuries, the Bible had been translated only into Latin, which only higher clergy, nobility, and a few educated people could read. Some local what clergy could not read at all, making them and their communities entirely dependent on what someone else told them. By translating the Bible into the vernacular, the Reformation enabled people to read scripture for themselves. The desire to read the Word of God for themselves created a massive desire for literacy. At the time of the American Revolution, Americans had the highest literacy rate in the world, particularly in the New England colonies, and virtually every home had a Bible. By putting the Word of God in its rightful place as the standard for faith and practice, the Reformation empowered ordinary men and women with the truth.

The Protestant ethic was the foundation of American government. Scriptural standards that influenced our Constitution include the concepts of covenant, reflected in the Mayflower Compact, state constitutions and the swearing of an oath on the Bible to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution" the standard of government. Other Biblical concepts incorporated into American government include the rule of law as supreme standard for all, separation of powers, rules of evidence, and a defendant's right to have witnesses on his behalf. The work most cited as influencing America's Founders is the book of Deuteronomy, part of the Mosaic law (Torah) given to the children of Israel as a guidelines for the nation they would build. After Jesus Christ fulfilled the law and the giving of holy spirit on Pentecost, believers today are under a new administration with direct access to GOD and simpler lifestyle requirements. Just as believers are no longer bound to a physical temple or an appointed high priest but were empowered to do the works of God's son, American government is decentralized and the people are sovereign. Just as both Jew and Gentile can become a new man and united in the body of Christ, people of different ethnicities can become Americans based on commitment to certain principles regardless of their background.

All of our Founders spoke of the importance of Biblical knowlege and morality (not denominational tradition) as essential for a free republic. Men and women who abide by the doctrine, reproof and correction of scripture rather than ethic social, or religious traditions can be self-governing. "The Bible contains the most profound philosophy, the most perfect morality, and the most refined policy that ever was conceived upon earth." While man has always been flawed, God's Word is always perfect. Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Luke 1:17 "No word of God is void of power." What believers should do changes. Some things are no longer required of believers. The one simple rule for Adam, changed when he broke it. Different guidelines began with Abraham and Moses before the giving of the law, each time growing more complicated to show that fallen man could not justify himself by works. Now even the law itself has been surpassed and replaced because it was perfectly fulfilled by Jesus Christ. These life style guidelines, referred to by the Greek word oikonomia, means the administration of a household. We could think of them as God's developmental administrations prepared for believers who would live in different places, cultures and times. Hence, not all parts of the scripture are for our practice today, but all of them are still for our learning.

The Reformation contributed to democratic principles in American government by strengthening individual rights and responsibility. Once one's spiritual rights and responsibility are understood and strengthened, he has a foundation to make informed consent and govern himself. When Plymouth and Massachusetts bay colonies were settled, usually the first thing built was a church, which would also be used for self-governing town meetings.

The book of Acts shows Paul ultimately becoming the leader of the early Christian church and the decentralizing of churches which met in homes. Seven church epistles are the core of the New Testament, but notably not one was initially addressed to the church at Jerusalem, though the Epistle to the Hebrews focuses on issues/concepts specifically familiar to Christian believers with an Hebrew background, detailing why Jesus Christ is the Messiah they were waiting for and the fulfillment of that hope.

The core principle of the Epistle of Romans is that because Jesus Christ fulfilled the law, believers no longer need to do so, being justified by faith not by works—because he had already done them.. On Pentecost the gift of holy spirit brought in a new administration where believers of Jewish and Gentile backgrounds were no longer separate but united in the body of Christ and enabled to live by the higher, empowered standard, and do the works that he did and greater works. Galatians 3:24-26 corroborates: " Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Individual freedom and responsibility and precedes political freedom.

Tradition has given us, "give me a treat or I will do something nasty (trick) to you, " demanding to be given something with giving of oneself. Reformation freed us to "labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." (Ephesians 4:28b) Make use of the freedom many others labored for and were often persecuted and killed for, study the Word of God so you can do the works of Jesus Christ and greater works. Want to change your community to a more abundant and peaceful life? That is the way.

For Further Reading: https://americanheritage.org/context-protestant-reformation/

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Multi-class Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, ChaseFlex Trust Series 2007-2,

Plaintiff,

Against

Ismael Vargas; Morel Carmen; Sonya Quintana

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 06/13/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY 10601 on 12/8/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 27 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705 a/k/a 25 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York.
Section 1 Block 117 Lot 23, 24, and 25.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is $939,640.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 51062/2019

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
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