

A Cordial Congressional Debate in -NY-16: George Latimer vs Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser



By Dan Murphy

The Westchester County League of Women Voters sponsored a debate between the two candidates for Congress in the 16th District of NY, which includes mid and lower Westchester County. Democrat George Latimer and Republican Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser cordially exchanged their views on the issues facing voters.

Why are you running for Congress?

Latimer-The person you want to send to Washington has to understand these communities best and should intimately know their needs. which are not all the same. You also need to have a track record of accomplishing things. It will not be easy to accomplish anything in the House.

“I’ve proven over the years that I understand the level of work and energy that it takes to get results. This is not about how many times you can get on MSNBC. I’ve proved that I can stand up to my party and work cooperatively with my party and work across party lines.”

Dr. Levitt-Flisser-“I’m a pediatrician. I was born in Europe, my parents smuggled me out. The USA has given me the opportunity for an education

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Westchester Mourns and Comes to the Aid of Three Children Left Behind in Murder-Suicide



Residents in Yonkers and Eastchester were saddened and shocked to hear the news first reported by the Yonkers Police Department. At just after 7:00 AM on October 16, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of an unconscious person in a home located at 142 Chittenden Avenue in this City. Upon arrival, units located two adults- one male, apparently deceased, with a gunshot wound to his head, and one female with several gunshot wounds to her body. First responders attempted life-saving measures on the female, who unfortunately succumbed to her wounds and was pronounced deceased on the scene.

The male is identified as 54-year-old Sean O’Neill, and the female is identified as 47-year-old Arlene O’Neill. Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to investigate. The investigation yielded that this was an apparent murder-suicide between a husband and wife who resided at that location. Investigators determined that a dispute took place, resulting in Sean O’Neill shooting Arlene O’Neill multiple times with a handgun before turning the weapon on himself. Sean O’Neill was identified as a retired NYPD Police Officer, and Arlene O’Neill was identified as a teacher in the Eastchester Union Free School District. The couple has three children who were home at the time of the incident but were physically unharmed. They are currently in the custody of family members. The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department extend our condolences to the family and friends of the O’Neill family.”

The Eastchester Board of Education issued the following statement. “Mrs. O’Neill was not just an exceptional teacher but also a cherished member of our community who touched the lives of countless students and colleagues.

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Congressman Lawler and former Congressman Jones Slug it Out in News 12 Debate



former Congressman Mondaire Jones, left and Congressman Mike Lawler, right

By Dan Murphy

News 12 Westchester and Tara Rosenblum hosted a debate between Congressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones. The two candidates agreed on nothing and criticized each other for their campaign tactics and views on issues important to Westchester residents.

For those of us who live in this district, we have received dozens of mailings and more than 100 hundred TV ads, which highlight two issues.

Jones has highlighted Lawler’s pro-life stance on abortion in his mailings and TV ads, while Lawler has highlighted Jones’s comments about defunding the police and ending mass incarceration in his ads.

Both issues were raised in the debate.

Jones said, “I’ve never voted to cut funding for law enforcement. We have to make sure we continue to fund our police.

“I voted for record levels of police funding, despite the millions of dollars in ads that Elon Musk, his biggest backer in this campaign, is putting on Twitter and on Television.” (Musk’s America PAC has been running ads against Jones).

Lawler responded saying, “Just listen to him in his own words. He said we need to end mass incarceration and defund the police. Those are his words.” We can confirm that the TV ads have audio from Jones saying just that.

On Abortion:

Jones—He (Lawler) supports allowing politicians to ban abortion, including right here in our home state of New York. Every woman should have the ability to make their own reproductive decisions. It’s a deeply personal and intimate right, and Mike Lawler should stay out of people’s doctor’s offices.”

Lawler said, “Abortion rights are codified into law in New York State. They

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State Senate Candidate Khris Kerr, 35th District- Why am I Running?

“Letting the Leader Run Unopposed Was Unacceptable”



*OP-ED by
State Senate
candidate
Khris Kerr*

The question that I get asked most often, as I campaign for New York State Senate in the 35th District, is, “Why are you putting yourself through all the trouble and grief that running for public office brings?” That’s an easy one, because, as a proud American and native New Yorker, I want to do everything I can to rescue our beloved state from the tyranny of the incumbent’s supermajority before it’s too late.

Our slogan used to be “I Love New York!” Now, it’s not hard to find where the love went. Good people and essential businesses are leaving New York (we lead the country in out-migration!) They have had enough. Clearly those people know that they deserve way better, and I hope they do find it -and some decent pizza. However, along with the many likeminded folks I’ve met, I’ve decided to stay and fight.

It is very clear that Albany is rotten to the core. Their tax-and-spend antics, criminal-friendly policies and \$5 billion sanctuary laws at taxpayer expense are only few examples of how our state house has been corrupted by Albany’s all-powerful woke ‘til we’re broke supermajority.

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Early Voting Starts October 26

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St. John's Riverside Hospital CEO Ron Corti Talks About the Future of Health Care



By Dan Murphy

St. John's Riverside Hospital kicked off its Riverside Reflections series with a recent interview of SJRH CEO Ron Corti, hosted by SJRH VP of External Affairs Denise Mananas.

Ron Corti has a lifetime of service in health care, starting in 1989 at Yonkers General Hospital. "Jim Foy (Former CEO of St. John's Riverside Hospital) saw something in me and sent me to Dobbs Ferry. His confidence in me gave me confidence. And when he left, he thought I would be a good replacement."

Corti has served 24 years as CEO and has presided over a transformation in the delivery of health care to the people of Yonkers and Westchester County.

Corti presided over the merger of Yonkers General Hospital with St. John's. "Yonkers General was teetering financially and couldn't stay independent. We found a financial model that worked for both and completed a successful merger."

Corti was also able to oversee the merger of Dobbs Ferry Hospital into SJRH. "The legislative branch of the state said that Dobbs Ferry Hospital had to close after we had just turned it around. We received great support from the community and Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who said closing would be a tragedy. It was a testament to our ability to rally together, and we kept the hospital alive and completed another merger."

The merger of St. John's, Dobbs Ferry, and Yonkers General Hospitals is one of Corti's outstanding achievements. "We were ahead of our time. We were able to combine the overhead of three hospitals into one."

What is the need and purpose of a community hospital?

"There is a role for every hospital, big and small. What sets us apart is the connection to the community we serve. And the fact that many of our employees come from the community we serve reduces the anxiety."

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Fall Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Kicks off at Hudson Grille-White Plains

Fall 2024 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week has officially arrived. Over 70 Westchester restaurants from all over the County are participating in this semi-annual celebration of the booming culinary scene.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is always a crowd-pleaser. It's the perfect opportunity to explore a new dining spot in Westchester or reunite with friends and family at a familiar favorite. I invite both locals and visitors to book their tables and savor everything Westchester has to offer this season."

Valley Table, Editorial Director Linda Fears said: "The 140+ restaurants participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week showcase the remarkable culinary expertise and inventiveness throughout our region. The Fall Restaurant Week promises to be better than ever. We're excited to have more than 20 new restaurants participating, giving diners an even wider variety of delicious options to choose from."

More than 140 restaurants, spanning eight counties across the Hudson Valley are participating in this bi-annual celebration. For two delicious weeks, from October 28 through November 10, the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with delicious, creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95. (Pricing does not include tax, beverages, or gratuity.)

The complete list of restaurants and menus can be found at valleytable.com/hvrw. Reservations are suggested as space fills quickly.

Happy 100th Birthday to WWII Vet James DeLucie



The Yonkers Police Department paid a visit to the Yonkers home of Mr. James DeLucie to wish him a Happy 100th Birthday.

Mr DeLucie served in World War II and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. It was our honor to celebrate his birthday with him!!

Khris Kerr, continued from pg 1-

We are all familiar with the saying, “a fish rots from the head down.” I could not let Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins go unchallenged. Especially since she isn’t just a state senator, she’s the head of the democrat majority -the top democrat in the state behind Governor Hochul. The people don’t just deserve to have a choice in senator, they deserve an alternative to the fat cat cronyism that is now “in with the bricks”.

Letting the leader run unopposed was not acceptable.

Real change is a must and it must happen now!

Out-of-control crime, high inflation, high energy costs, sanctuary policies, and cashless bail laws, have wreaked havoc in our communities, taken a chunk of our treasure, and diminished everyone’s quality of life. We need to make positive changes. Once elected, I will fight to repeal cashless bail, implement citizen-first policies, once and for all fully fund our schools.

I support establishing a parents’ bill of rights, and will work with anyone, regardless of party, to reduce taxes and energy costs. I will continue to support our police and ask for the immediate removal of district attorneys who favor criminals and do not follow the law, in violation of their oath of office.

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

That is why I’m asking for your vote.

Handicap Parking Crisis in Yonkers and the Country

By Eric Wolf Schoen



I paid a visit to a hospital in Yonkers last week to see a friend and was surprised what I saw on some cars illegally parked in handicap parking places. When I say illegally parked I mean the car had neither a government issued permit in the front window attached to the rear view mirror nor a license plate indicating a person with a disability was operating the car!

The cars had preprinted statements on their windshields that said ‘Parking Ticket.’ I was told by someone that the cars got tickets for parking illegally in a space reserved for those with disabilities. Now I am a man about town enough to know that it is extremely rare in Yonkers for this type of summons to be issued. I was glad that one of our city agencies was doing something to address an important issue for those with disabilities who rely on a parking space that doesn’t require a lot of walking to get where they have to go.

So what is causing the problem here. People want to park in a closer, more convenient spot that puts them near to where they are going. . Problem is these spaces are reserved for the members of the public with permits. Some motorists with handicap permits need extra space to maneuver. This extra room affords them the mobility they need to get in and out of their car or van. It becomes difficult to get in and out of the vehicle when cars illegally park in between handicap spaces

Why does the person who is not disabled do this! Everyone nowadays is in the big rush. And so are the whippers frantically looking for a parking space driving like maniacs through the parking lot or garage.. Chalk up the design of the spaces with little room to maneuver and you have yourself a problem on your hands,

Many people don’t care that the handicap parking is only for people with disabilities. They park as they please. Problem is we don’t Have individuals to enforce the Laws 24 hours a week, 7 days a week. So the illegally Parked car just sits there. Police Departments are more concerned about addressing crime and put the enforcement of handicapped parking laws way down on the priority list.

One of the things that has truly caused the crisis is the large amount of new vehicles on area roadways. Services like Uber, and Lyft are becoming cheaper than car rentals and they need space for layovers. Who is going to tattle on the drivers as people need the cars. Frequently handicapped spaces are occupied with food delivery service drivers taking a break,

What has to occur in communities like Yonkers is the Mayor and his advisers need to with organizations that represent the Uber and Lyft drivers and come up with alternate locations where cars can wait for pickups and drop offs. Mayors and County Executives need to meet with the managers of the stores located in a facility like Cross County and set up alternate places for drivers to wait while goods and services for delivery are prepared away from handicap parking spaces.

These same city and county officials have to make the enforcement of handicap parking a priority at their respective levels. Like everything else the street patrols will follow the directions and priorities set by the officials and make the enforcement of handicap parking regulations done on a firm but fair basis. Police must work jointly with officials who patrol municipal parking facilities and those responsible for street enforcement.

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Marine Education Center and Sheldrake Environmental Center: Local Pillars of Environmental Stewardship



panelists, from left to right: Jennifer Keefe, Jocelyn Kleinman, and Kyle Troy

Local Summit, October 15, 2024
By Randal Ikeda

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck community, nestled along the shore of Long Island Sound, is not only rich in natural beauty but also boasts two remarkable institutions dedicated to environmental education and stewardship: the Marine Education Center and the Sheldrake Environmental Center. These centers play a crucial role in fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the local environment among residents. In the face of invasive species and climate change and its impact on our community, the work of these centers has never been more vital. During the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Local Summit program on October 15th, Kyle Troy (Director of the Marine Education Center in the Village of Mamaroneck), and Jennifer Keefe (Executive Director) and Jocelyn Kleinman (Director of Education) from the Sheldrake Environmental Center, located in the Town of Mamaroneck, spoke about the many programs they offer and shared their insights on both the wonders of our local natural resources and how we can all learn to be better stewards of these resources.

Marine Education Center: Cultivating Marine Awareness

Located at Harbor Island Park, the Marine Education Center serves as a beacon of marine conservation and education. Under the leadership of Kyle Troy, the Director, the Center offers a myriad of programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the community's appreciation for local marine ecosystems, together with building an understanding of the challenges they face.

The Center provides a diverse array of educational programs for children: class field trips, 9th grade science projects, summer camps, and high-school internships; and for adults, there's bird-watching, and marine workshops and seminars. The Center ensures that marine education is accessible to all. These programs cover topics such as marine biology, ecology, and conservation, equipping participants with the knowledge to protect and preserve marine environments.

One of the Center's key strengths is its emphasis on hands-on learning. Visitors can engage in activities such as seining, where they use nets to catch and release marine creatures, restoring oyster beds, removing invasive plants and animals, or participate in tours of the local shoreline. These interactive experiences allow individuals to connect with marine life directly, fostering a sense of responsibility and stewardship.

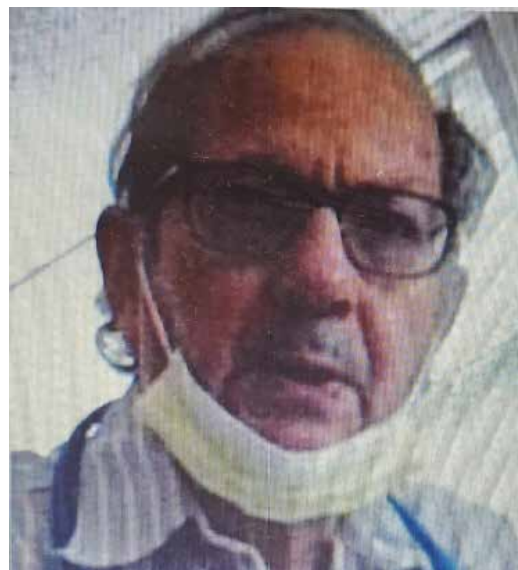
The Marine Education Center is an integral part of the Mamaroneck community, partnering with local schools, the Girl Scouts, the Community Resource Center and others to offer field trips and educational outreach programs that make marine science accessible to the community. Additionally, the Center hosts weekly beach clean-ups (Friday) and environmental fairs, encouraging residents to take an active role in preserving their coastal environment.

Sheldrake Environmental Center: Guardians of Biodiversity

Situated amidst the serene landscape of Sheldrake River, the Sheldrake Environmental Center is a sanctuary for local flora and fauna. Executive Director Jennifer Keefe and Jocelyn Kleinman, the Director of Education, offered examples of the wide range of nature programs designed to immerse participants

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New Rochelle Physician Pleads Guilty To Selling Thousands Of Oxycodone Pills For Cash



FBI photo of Dr. Mordechai Bar

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; Frank A. Tarentino III, the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA"); and Naomi Gruchacz, the Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General ("HHS-OIG"), announced that MORDECHAI BAR pled guilty today to one count of illicitly distributing and dispensing oxycodone and other controlled substances. BAR pled guilty before U.S. District Judge Cathy Seibel, to whom his case is assigned.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Dr. Mordechai Bar hid behind his medical license while he prescribed oxycodone without a legitimate medical need. Like any drug dealer, he pumped highly addictive substances into the streets for profit, with no regard for the impact on the community. Along with our law enforcement partners, we will continue to aggressively prosecute physicians who help fuel the opioid crisis."

DEA Special Agent in Charge Frank A. Tarentino III said: "This guilty plea from Doctor Mordechai Bar is the result of the hard work of our DEA New York's Westchester Office and our law enforcement partners in pursuing those individuals who put profit and greed over the health and safety of their patients. The DEA remains committed in pursuing those individuals who exacerbate the ongoing opioid crisis."

HHS-OIG Special Agent in Charge Naomi Gruchacz said: "This physician accepts responsibility for illegally prescribing controlled substances, an action that is especially egregious given the ongoing opioid epidemic. HHS-OIG will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to ensure individuals involved in fraud schemes that exploit federal health care programs and threaten patient safety are held accountable."

According to documents filed in this case including the Complaint, the Information, BAR's plea agreement, and statements made in Court:

Between in or about January 2023 and in or about June 2024, BAR, a physician, repeatedly prescribed oxycodone without a legitimate medical purpose and outside of the usual course of professional practice. Oxycodone, a Schedule II narcotic, is a highly addictive opioid that is used to treat severe and chronic pain, as well as pain associated with certain forms of cancer and other terminal illnesses. Oxycodone prescriptions command high prices in the black market because of demand by drug abusers. BAR often prescribed oxycodone in combination with amphetamines and/or alprazolam, controlled substances that are themselves frequently abused and resold illicitly. BAR sold these prescriptions for cash, and he did so without performing physical examinations or medical tests on the patients in whose names the prescriptions were issued.

BAR, 71, of Larchmont, New York, pled guilty to one count of distributing oxycodone and other controlled substances, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. The statutory maximum sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing will be determined by a judge. BAR is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Seibel on February 18, 2025.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding efforts of the DEA New York's Westchester Office, HHS-OIG, the FBI, IRS-CI, and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Mr. Williams also thanked the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement for their assistance in this case.

The case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jorja N. Knauer, David A. Markewitz, and Kathryn Wheelock are in charge of the prosecution.

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Pre-Registration for 2025 E-Z Reserve Westchester Golf Begins Nov. 1



Golfers can pre-register for next season's program at all six County golf courses.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 1, golfers can pre-register for the next season's Golf Westchester E-Z Reserve program available at all six 18-hole County golf courses.

During the pre-registration period, Friday, Nov. 1 through Saturday, Nov. 30, E-Z Reserve holders from 2024 can reserve the same tee time/day for the 2025 season. If the holder is not interested in keeping the specific time and day, the time will be made available to all golfers.

From Sunday, Dec. 1, through Friday, Feb. 28, all remaining E-Z Reserve tee times will be available to new golfers or past golfers who may want a new time or day. These E-Z Reserve times will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one tee time per weekend day.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Westchester County Golf Courses entertain golfers of varied abilities with beauty and challenge. These qualities, combined with superior golf course maintenance and customer service, add up to an exceptionally satisfying golf experience. I encourage golf enthusiasts to take advantage of the convenient E-Z Reserve program to secure their tee-times for next season."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said: "We are extremely proud of our well-manicured courses that offer a balance of difficulty and playability at an affordable price. Don't forget to pre-register and lock in your tee time for the 2025 season".

The pre-registration program is designed as a convenience for golfers who have participated in this past season's program as well as for new golfers who may want to join. The E-Z Reserve program enables golfers with a valid Westchester County Park Pass to book a starting tee time for a series of weeks.

A non-refundable fee of \$400 per player is due at pre-registration and payable by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express. The 30-week period begins on Saturday, March 29 and ends on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025.

After the pre-registration period ends on Saturday, March 1, remaining E-Z Reserve tee times will only be available at golf courses beginning the first day of play in 2025. These tee times will be sold for a \$350 per player fee for 25 weeks. The County golf courses are scheduled to open for the 2025 season on Wednesday, March 19 (weather permitting). The 25-week period begins on Saturday, April 5 and ends on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2025.

The County's courses are Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Hudson Hills in Ossining, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohansic in Yorktown Heights and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale.

E-Z Reserve applications will be available at all courses and also available for download with complete rules and regulations.

Music at Asbury Presents Free Concert Series duoJalal and Friends "Romani Reach"



Kathryn Lockwood and Yousif Sheronick

Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church is delighted to welcome Crestwood residents Kathryn Lockwood and Yousif Sheronick, aka duoJalal, to open Music at Asbury's Tenth Anniversary Concert Season. Joined by two violinists and a cellist, duoJalal and Friends will present a unique program titled "Romani Reach," highlighting some of the many ways that the folk music of Hungary's Romani people have influenced classical music. The show will include commentary that allows audiences to place the music in historical and cultural context. Admission is FREE, but tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted. The concert will be held on Sat. Nov. 9, at 4pm.

duoJalal: Kathryn Lockwood, Viola; Yousif Sheronick, Percussion
Min-Young Kim & Rachel Shapiro, Violins
Raman Ramakrishnan, Cello

One of the most significant musical genres in Hungary is the traditional folk music of the Romani people. Non-Hungarian composers like Dvorak, Brahms and Haydn were all inspired and influenced by Romani music. "Romani Reach" will bring together both Hungarian and Romani influenced pieces performed by a diverse mix of strings and percussion. This wonderful program will feature works by Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak, Bartok, Kodaly, and more.

Like the marriage between Australian violinist Kathryn Lockwood and percussionist Yousif Sheronick, of Lebanese descent, duoJalal's music represents an organic amalgam of cultural traditions and musical styles. duoJalal moves from Classical to Klezmer, Middle Eastern to Jazz, with a skillful confluence that is natural, exploratory, and passionate. duoJalal has performed throughout the United States, Australia and Brazil. Kathryn and Yousif are co-artistic directors and ensemble in residence of the Telluride (CO) MusicFest as well as the Four Seasons in Music concert series at the Sands Point Preserve, Long Island, NY.

Music at Asbury was launched in November of 2014 by Lu Gmoser, founding producer of Asbury Summer Theatre, and renowned music educator, Dr. Earl F. Groner. As a program of Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church, Music at Asbury is designed to serve as a social service to the community, offering free performances by some of New York City and the Hudson Valley's finest musical artists.

Concerts are held in the sanctuary at Asbury United Methodist Church, 167 Scarsdale Rd, Tuckahoe, NY; ample parking is available. Admission is free of charge but reservations are strongly recommended; please visit www.MusicAtAsbury.com or call 914-779-3722 to reserve a general admission seat.

DuoJalal and Friends: "Romani Reach" is made possible in part by a 2024 Arts Alive Grant from ArtsWestchester.

The Rev. Jason Radmacher is pastor of Asbury Church and Mary Thombs is Minister of Music and Chair of Music at Asbury.

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Yonkers Troop 12 Celebrates Antonio Mignone as New Eagle Scout



Eagle Scout Antonio Mignone, with members of Troop 12 and his friends and family

Troop 12 proudly held the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Antonio Mignone on October 13, 2024 in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. The ceremony honored Antonio's remarkable achievement in reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America.

Family, friends, and community leaders gathered to celebrate Antonio's dedication and hard work throughout his Scouting journey. The event featured speeches from fellow Scouts, leaders, and community representatives who shared their admiration for Antonio's commitment to service and leadership. Noted guests included Yonkers City Council members Tasha Diaz and Anthony Merante, County Legislator James Nolan, and Nick Chiarella, Mayor Spano's representative.

Antonio's Eagle Scout project involved designing and planting a pollinator garden at Kittrell Park in White Plains, which is making a lasting impact on the community. This project highlighted his leadership abilities and demonstrated his commitment to improving the environment for all to enjoy.

In May 2024 Antonio graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains and is now a freshman at Samford University in Birmingham, AL where he is majoring in Political Science.

Troop 12 has been serving the Yonkers community for over 85 years, fostering leadership, teamwork, and community service among young Scouts. Antonio's achievement adds to the proud legacy of Troop 12 and inspires other Scouts to strive for excellence.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt recognition of Antonio's achievements, symbolizing the values of perseverance, dedication, and community spirit that Scouting instills in its members.

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

Where Did the Love Go?

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

Albany's Corruption

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

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

Real Change is a Must

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

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

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



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

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My dogs Hope and Hotchi are not just pets. They are family members. They give unconditional love to everyone they meet and make me smile every day. I volunteer and donate to animal causes to ensure that no pet or service animal is ever left behind. Mahatma Gandhi said: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."



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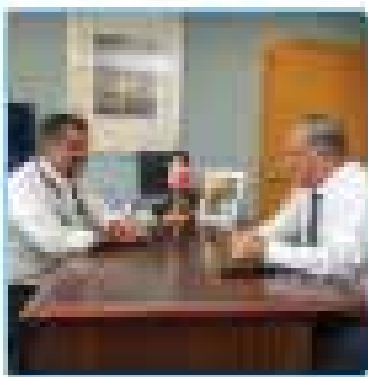
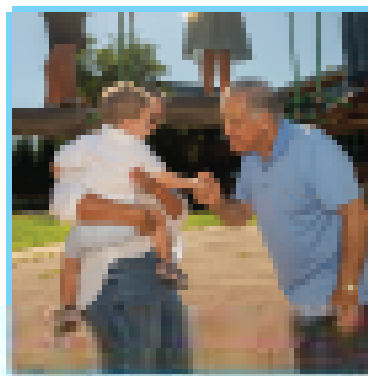
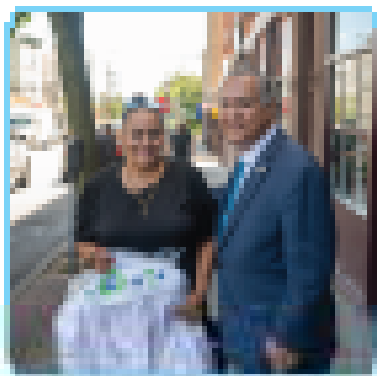
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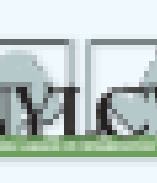
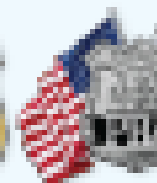
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-Thomas Jefferson

Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Kids' Community Farm-to-Table, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Harvest and make your own breakfast, fresh from the farm! Open to ages 7 to 13. \$20 supply fee. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-community-farm-to-table-tickets-934715839237>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon's History and Highlights, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. The walk will examine the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, magnolia trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden, as well as tell participants about Lasdon's house and history.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-10-26/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Community Farm-to-Table, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Ages 14 and up should join us to harvest and prepare a bountiful spread to share. \$25 program fee. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-farm-to-table-tickets-935609883347>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Boo Walk, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Come in costume and walk our non-scary Halloween-themed wooded trails. Free. The walk closes promptly at 3 p.m.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Book Buddies, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Come into one of our animal enclosures and encourage your child to read in a unique atmosphere. Bring your favorite books or pick from our collection. \$10 fee for a 30-minute time slot; rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. Also: Nov. 16; Dec. 14, 28. Pre-register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-buddies-program-at-muscoot-farm-tickets-1009763037427?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Spooktacular Oktoberfest, 1 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Enjoy hayrides, trick-or-treating, a petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, a haunted house, food music and more! Come dressed up; \$25 per person; ages 2 and under are free. Rain date: Oct. 27. Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3387-celebrate-halloween-at-trailside-nature-museums-spooktacular-oktoberfest-2024> Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spooktacular-oktoberfest-tickets-1023817113547?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050. Annual Freestyle Fall Harvest Concert, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Enjoy music by TKA, Judy Torres, George Lamond, Cynthia, The Cover Girls, Noel, Coro, Rob Base, Grandmasters Melle Mel and Scorpio of the Furious Five, and Lisette Melendez. Hosted by Sal Abbatiello, DJ Serg, DJ Whiteboy and Joe Causi. Get tickets <https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0000608FADEF31C8>

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. A gentle discovery of the amazing benefits of a yoga practice. \$25 through \$180. Also: Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2024-10-27/>

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

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-10-27/>.

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in the local ecosystem. These include family nature walks, bi-lingual programs partnering with the Community Resource Center, a giving garden where the food raised goes to the Mamaroneck Food Pantry, tree walks, and habitat restoration to create a native plant meadow. There is also wonderful birdwatching where one can spot bald eagles, osprey, great blue herons, cormorants and more. By involving the community in these activities, Sheldrake aims to cultivate a deep appreciation for the natural world and the need to protect it.

Education is at the heart of Sheldrake's mission; it aspires to offer fun and educational experiences for all, aimed at developing a generation of environmental stewards. These programs are designed to align with school curricula, providing students with hands-on learning experiences that enhance their classroom education. The overall message is that each level of the ecosystem matters – a message that deeply resonates with our children.

Sheldrake's gardens and restoration projects showcase the beauty and importance of native plants, which play a critical role in supporting local wildlife. By educating the community about the benefits of native plants and animals, the Center helps us recognize the impact we have on our environment and teaches us that we have the power to protect and preserve it for future generations.

A Collaborative Effort for a Sustainable Future

The Marine Education Center and the Sheldrake Environmental Center are more than just educational institutions; they are pillars of environmental stewardship in the community. Through their programs and initiatives, they inspire residents to take an active role in protecting their local environment whether it be volunteering to be an environmental educator, clearing invasive plants, participating in cleanups, or in any of the other volunteer opportunities offered by these organizations. Both organizations depend on community support for their work, work that is critical to building a sustainable and resilient community. More information is available on their websites: the Marine Education Center: <https://www.marineeducationcenter.org/index.html> and the Sheldrake Environmental Center: <https://sheldrakecenter.org/>.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. Traffic safety will be the topic of the November 12 meeting. For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/> To view recorded programs on LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

Lawler, Jones Debate, continued from pg 1-

are not going anywhere. This proposition (Proposition One) is designed to scare people in New York, but abortion is not going away in the State of New York. I am not seeking to change this, and I am not voting to ban abortion nationwide."

Other issues discussed in the debate included:

Assault Weapons Ban: Jones, "He blocks that legislation every day he serves in Congress. We need to restore a democratic majority so we can finish the work that I and others started."

Lawler, "Democrats had complete control and didn't get this done. There is not a consensus to get this passed because it would ban semi-automatic weapons. I am proud of my record in Congress."

On Supporting Israel: Lawler, "Mondaire Jones, when he was a member of Congress, voted four times against the Iron Dome and has an abysmal record of doing anything to stand for Israel. Now that it is politically expedient, he throws Jamaal Bowman under the bus."

Jones, "I am a pro-Israel progressive in Congress. Mike Lawler, in the 11th hour, is manufacturing a number of lies. I voted for and supported every appropriation bill that included continuing aid for Israel."

Tara Rosenblum asked both candidates questions.

To Jones, she asked about his comment about calling Governor Hochul a Bitch. "I was not speaking about any particular person, but what a Governor should and should not be."

Lawler, "He did call the Governor a little B word. This is a pattern of extreme rhetoric, like calling republicans fascists. Mondaire Jones is a radical extreme leftist."

To Lawler, Rosenblum asked about a 2006 photo of Lawler in a Halloween costume with a black face. "I recognize why people are upset, and I apologize."

Jones said, "This is part of a broader pattern. He declined to do an NAACP forum and refused to rise to the occasion and denounce someone who used the N-word at his event."

Watch the entire debate at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCdHJdl7qXg>

and a career in medicine. I'm motivated by my gratitude.

"I was the Mayor of Scarsdale. You deserve to be safe. You deserve your schools to be responsive to parents. You deserve a secure border, and a government that makes sensible use of your tax dollars.

Does the Federal Government have a role in regulating free speech?

Latimer- "When some move into areas where they misrepresent the truth, it becomes negative to society. But who becomes the thought police? I'm not comfortable with government having that power."

Dr. Flisser- "How rare is it that we have free speech in the world. Even England and Canada don't have our free speech. I don't believe speech should be used as a weapon; it can harm children."

Your Views on Campaign Finance Reform?

Dr. Flisser-Right now in New York State you can use a grant funded by your taxes for campaign funds. I don't support that.

Latimer-After the US Supreme Court decided in citizens united that the spending of money is the same as free speech, then those who have more money can spend more of it. If you are looking to get big money out of politics, you are going to have a hard time doing it. I was outspent in most of my political races."

Immigration:

Latimer- "The bi-partisan effort in the Senate was heading in the right direction. We need tightened security, but you don't need a big wall. Any new bill should also have a revision to asylum. We had to deal with migrants coming into Westchester and I suggested that they open immigration courts here. The whole system has to be overhauled. But you also need to be realistic and have a program for immigrant workers."

Dr. Flisser- "I am an immigrant. I came here legally and spent two years in a displacement camps in Germany to wait. There are 300,000 migrant children that have been lost in our country. They are experiencing much more horrible things than child labor. This is what happens if you allow an open border. I am also against the increase in crime associated with increased migrants coming here. It's not sustainable and I believe in a secure border."

Gun Control:

Latimer-"There is no proposal to take guns away from people, but to keep guns out of the hands of criminals with universal background checks, people have to wait a few days, that's not taking away your right to a gun.

Abortion: "You have to leave it to the individual to make the decision. You have people who want to restrict it severely. I believe that if you have a republican house and a republican senate and a republican president, you will have a law advanced to end a woman's right to an abortion that will restrict or end a woman's right to choose."

Dr. Flisser- "I am in favor of life. We should continue our good New York policy, and I hope we don't have to go under federal rules."

Should there be changes to the US Supreme Court?

Dr. Flisser "I do not think that congress should pack the court. The court has to be independent and not influenced by outsiders. I'm against that kind of change -I believe in the separation of powers.

Latimer- "We agree that we should not add judges to the court. You might wind up with more judges that you don't like. I do believe in ethical standards for all three branches of government."

Closing statement:

Dr. Flisser: "In other debates, people fought with each other in other. This is the way it should be done. People can listen and vote the way they want.

Latimer-"I have great respect for her medical career and her time as Mayor of Scarsdale. This is a proper dialogue of democracy. I had a primary earlier this year and it wasn't as cordial.

"I did not desire to go to Congress at this stage of my life. Circumstances in my political party urged me to get into this race. I felt the incumbent was not properly representing this district. I go to Washington prepared to negotiate and work across the aisle if we can find common ground on immigration and other issues then my service will be worthwhile."

Both Laitmer and Flisser supported a restoration of the unlimited SALT tax deduction. Watch the debate at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCXc8ZFMdHo>

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Westchester County Early Voting Locations Starting October 26

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Early Voting in New York State will begin prior to the November 5th General Election. The early voting period will be from Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Days and Hours as follows:

- Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Monday, October 28, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- Friday, November 1, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

You can vote at any of the twenty-five (25) designated Westchester County Early Voting Centers listed below:

- Croton Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton on Hudson, NY
- Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709
- Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
- Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
- St. Gregory The Great Church, 215 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
- Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY
- Mt. Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
- Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595
- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
- Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY
- Rye Brook Firehouse, 940 King Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573
- Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589
- Jefferson Village Annex, 3500 Hill Boulevard, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
- Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY
- Doles Center, 250 S. 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
- Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
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- Peekskill Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Peekskill Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566
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- Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
- Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701
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“During Hurricane Sandy, the hospital halls were filled with our neighbors who had no electricity for their medical equipment. We are a lighthouse, a beacon of hope when times get tough in our community. If it wasn't for us, where would they go? They need their local hospital.”

“We had two famous physicians, Dr. Roy Ashikari, a renowned breast surgeon, and Dr. Avram Cooperman, a pancreatic cancer physician. They both said it best: the expertise and technology are great in the big city hospitals, but the care is much better in the local community hospitals. And that is a testament to the nurses at St. John's and the entire staff.”

“It all starts with the staff; we are people taking care of people, and we have to be able to recruit the best people. Our Cochran School of Nursing does a phenomenal job and has a history of producing the best nurses.”

“One challenge we found was that we weren't seeing doctors entering the system in this area. About ten years ago, we decided to produce our own physicians and opened the first internal medicine residency program in our city. And that was followed by the first Emergency Medicine residency program.”

“And now we produce our own physicians. Our goal is to have a supply of the best physicians to meet the needs in the future. Coupled with the best nurses, we now have the 'A team'.”

Changes in Health Care:

“We have seen an enormous change in health care. When I started, there was no consumerism in health care, but now people have choices and can do their research. We have to show that we have the best physicians, nurses, and quality scores so that people will choose St. John's.”

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St. John's Medical Group:

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“You can go there for primary care, but specialists can also see you. We are now looking for a site on Central Avenue.”

Clinical Affiliation with Montefiore:

“The power of the big hospitals are the sub-specialists, and for a hospital the size of St. John's, we don't produce the volume to acquire all the sub-specialists. Working with our partner, we have access to some of the best physicians in the world.” They rotate between Montefiore and St. John's and have offices here.

“It gives our community better access to great medical care. Our partnership with Montefiore works well for our community.”

Maternity Services:

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Op-Ed:
Israel is a Terrorist State and the Entire World Knows it
 By *Cliff Jackson*

What is happening in Gaza is pure evil. Palestinians daily are having whole families slaughtered and butchered by the Israeli barbarians. Several days ago at Al Asqa Hospital in Gaza “The Israeli Defense Forces set 30 tents ablaze with hundreds of Palestinian people who had already been displaced with IVs in their arms that were burned alive. “ To be clear these were HUMAN BEINGS, Men, women, children and babies!!!!. This is absolutely despicable and shows how morally bereft and evil that Benjamin Netanyahu and Naftali Bennett as well as thousands of Israelis are who support this. As one holocaust survivor said “ that act at Al Asqa

Hospital , as well as many others, is the Auschwitz for Israelis who along with Netanyahu have become Adolph Hitler “. There are babies and children daily whose bodies are buried under the rubble , from these acts of inhumanity by the Israeli savages who are bombing homes, schools hospitals and mosques indiscriminately. What is even more outrageous and heartbreaking is to see thousands of Palestinians holding the lifeless bodies of their husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and especially children and babies. Many of the corpses that they hold in their arms have been incinerated and mutilated.

One particular act of insanity by the Israelis was the killing of an entire Palestinian family except one, that almost brought me to tears. A man in his 40’s had his entire family wiped out including cousins uncles, aunts by the Israelis. In order to have some connection with all of the dead members of his family , they were all buried in the same house that he lives in. Anyone reading this including the editor of this publication should try to fathom the magnitude of this kind of evil and imagine if that was them and their entire family.

Also the impact upon many others who are still alive and have had their entire families wiped out. THERE ARE NO WORDS!

People around the world are condemning this barbarism by the Israelis:

The minister of social justice from Spain, children of Auschwitz survivors, British Surgeon Dr. Victoria Rose, UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese, Rabbi Dovid Feldman, Chris Sidoti of the UN’s special commission of inquiry, Three members of the Irish Parliament :Thomas Gould, Clare Daly, my personal hero, as well as Richard Boyd Barrett , actor John Cusack have all condemned Israel and this unfathomable evil. The list goes on and on and on as far as this world wide condemnation. This slaughter of Palestinians has been defined as “ Israel’s right to defend itself “ This is the penultimate lie and rationalization of an uncivilized nation called Israel.

The western media especially here in the United States is an utter disgrace and abomination with its racist and propagandistic support of Israel. CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS are all categorically guilty of this disgraceful reporting of what is happening in Gaza.

Describing this massacre as a “ war” when this is outright genocide and daily efforts at a brutally racist effort at ethnic cleansing. William Ritter the anchorman at ABC Eyewitness News and Joshua Eineger also at ABC have been particularly disgraceful and disgusting in their reporting , ignoring the genocide of the Palestinians.

The anti defamation league and the UJA Federation of Westchester are an absolute fraud when it comes to the Torah in their support of Israel and their silence about the more than 43,000 Palestinians slaughtered and the more than 60,000 who have been maimed and tortured. The 500 Jews who shut down Wall Street in protest of wall streets profiteering off of this slaughter saying “ not in our name “ are to be commended for their heroism.

This is anathema to the racism of more than a few Jews here in Larchmont who are no different than the Trumpites. Especially a couple of the judges from the Larchmont village court. This condemnation of the evil of Israel HAS NEVER BEEN ABOUT ANTISEMITISM! Also, the ultimate acts of antisemitism are happening to Palestinians, who are also Semitic-speaking people, but the racism and evils of this society as well as the hypocrisy of Western so-called civilization ignores this kind of antisemitism. This is about a sanguinary bloodthirsty brutally racist regime that has been committing October 7ths since 1948.

Cliff Jackson , Larchmont

Letters to the Editor:

Out of the Problem Into the Solution – By Andrew Haight

I am a long-time Westchester resident. And for what feels like a majority of that very long time, I have seen the very same names occupying the very same elected offices. I believe there is a fine line between consistency -which can provide stability- and familiarity, which as the saying goes can breed contempt...or certainly complacency.

At the hyper-local level, things around here seem to be okay, if not a bit flat. Mayors, supervisors, councilmembers, they all do a fine job looking after the day-to-day, the mundane. Taxes are collected, variances granted, public comments can raise an eyebrow or two at an evening board meeting...Check-the-box local stuff. I’m not terribly concerned about town hall. It’s working.

What has my attention and concern is what happens up the Hudson in Albany. Our state capitol is where our quality of life as New Yorkers is determined, and the juggernaut of one party rule has made life here more expensive, less safe, and riddled with onerous business legislation. And they inflict these wounds with the same impunity career criminals enjoy thanks to Albany democrats’ cashless bail laws.

All of our long-serving state representatives are a part of the supermajority problem. We need to elect new state-level lawmakers to get us into the solution, which is why I was so happy to hear Alessandro Crocco has stepped up to challenge the incumbent, professional politician, Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky.

The current state of affairs in our area is particularly troublesome as this election approaches: taxes are sky high and climbing, crime is on the same trajectory (up 30 percent in Westchester), illegal migrants seem to be a priority while taxpayers come in second, if at all. Now, Shimsky supports an existential attack on scholastic girls sports by allowing biological males on their athletic teams and in their safe spaces. This is just plain unacceptable and downright frightening.

Is it too much to ask for a fresh voice of reason against the current rubber-stamp status quo?

Alessandro is a remarkably smart, very successful businessman, who has achieved his very own version of the American Dream having legally emigrated from Italy as a young man. With his experience as an elected official representing Italian citizens in the states in the Italian Parliament, he will be ready on day one to represent the best interests of our families. He will ask tough questions, guided by common sense and a commitment to making New York more affordable and safe.

A supermajority with no checks or balances is a problem. Electing Alessandro Crocco will be a huge step towards the solution.

Andrew Haight, Tarrytown

“ROGUE PROSECUTERS and the RISE IN CRIME”

This was a talk delivered on March 11th, 2024 to students of a Midwestern college by the deputy director for legal & judicial studies & manager of the National Security Law Program as respects district attorneys who refuse to execute the laws of the land in the blue states of America-- part of is discussion appears here--he stated: “This movement, more accurately called the Rogue Prosecutor Movement, is the predictable outgrowth of efforts by earlier Marxist radicals to alter or destroy the American way of life. At its root is the belief that our country and its institutions, including capitalism, are racist.

The involvement in this movement is billionaire George Soros, who had been funding liberal causes for years. One of the hallmarks of the rogue prosecutor movement has been its usurpation of the constitutional role of state legislators. Once elected, these prosecutors refuse to prosecute entire categories of crimes that are on the books in their states, justifying their refusal by claiming “Prosecutorial discretion.”

“But in fact, their refusal to prosecute crimes violates the separation of powers between the executive & legislative branches of government and distorts the entire legal system.”

To cite one example-Rachel Rollins, the former district attorney of Suffolk County (Boston), posted a list of 15 misdemeanors her office would not prosecute: trespassing, shop-lifting, larceny under \$250,

Disturbing the peace, receiving stolen property, operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, wanton or malicious destruction of property, with intent to distribute illegal drugs. “

To put the carnage in our cities into perspective, between 2003 & 2010, there were 3,481 Americans killed in action in Iraq, an average of 435 a year, in Afghanistan, between 2001 and 2014, there were 1,833 Americans killed in action, an average of 141 per year,

Chicago’s annual murder rate dwarfs these figures, it is not an exaggeration to say that parts of Chicago on any given weekend, have become domestic war zones.”

“Governments first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.”

(President Ronald Regan)

Joe Pettit, Yorktown Heights

Source: Talk delivered on March 11, by Charles “Cully” Stimson at the Allan P. Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies & Citizenship on Hillside’s Washington D.C. Campus as part of the AWC Family Foundation Lecture series.

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Honorable Janet DiFiore Shares Career Insights and Inspiration as Part of Orange Bank & Trust and Hudson Valley Investment Advisors' Women Guiding Women Series



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Westchester County's business community came together last week at Knollwood Country Club in Elmsford for Orange Bank & Trust Company and Hudson Valley Investment Advisors' "A Night with the Honorable Janet DiFiore". The Sept. 26 event was part of the "Women Guiding Women" initiative, aimed at empowering and elevating women in the business world. Judge DiFiore spoke to attendees about growing up in Westchester and her career path, and also shared advice for women navigating the business world.

"We are truly humbled to host Judge DiFiore as part of our Women Guiding Women series. Our goal is to continually provide the opportunity for women in the communities in which we operate to learn from inspiring individuals on important topics, and this is one of the most memorable discussions we have hosted to date," said Michael Gilfeather, President and CEO of Orange Bank & Trust Company.

Judge DiFiore said, "It is an honor to share my journey with the dynamic group of women in attendance. My story, like many of theirs, is one of perseverance and the belief that, no matter the obstacles, we have the power to shape our own path. Together, we can inspire the next generation of women to rise and lead with strength, purpose, and compassion." Judge DiFiore was born in Mount Vernon and most recently served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York. She was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1982. She served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office from 1981-1987, and from 1994-1998 as Chief of the Office's Narcotics Bureau. From 1987-1993, Judge DiFiore practiced law with the firm of Goodrich & Bendish. In 1998, she was elected a Judge of the Westchester County Court, presiding over criminal and civil matters and sitting by designation in the Family Court, Surrogate's Court and Supreme Court. She served as a County Court Judge until 2002, when she was elected a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. In 2005, she resigned from the bench and was elected Westchester County District Attorney. She served in this position from 2006-2016. On Dec. 1, 2015, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo nominated her to the position of Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals. She served until 2022.

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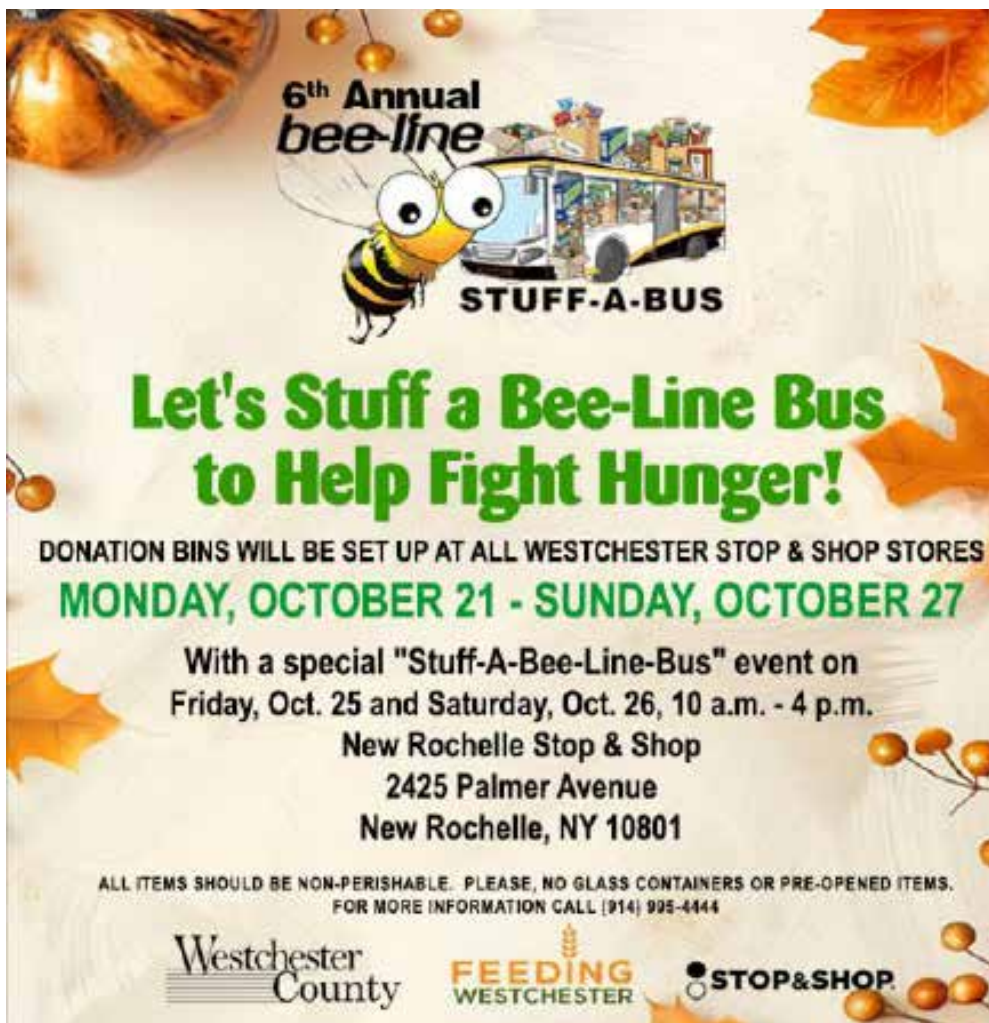
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The turnout was impressive, with numerous heartfelt moments shared. It was truly inspiring to see so many young people, including children as young as two, eager to take a stand against bullying by signing our pledge. This shows that our community values kindness and unity, and together, we can make a difference in the lives of our youth. We are sharing this story in order to inspire others to host more Anti Bullying Unity events in Yonkers.

Help us amplify the crucial message that together, we can build a world free from bullying in Yonkers schools! Unity Day stands as a cornerstone of the Joseph Gabriel Foundation Stop and Mentor Youth Program and National Bullying Prevention Month. This story can make a significant impact in spreading awareness and fostering a community of support. Visit www.josephgabrielfoundation.org for more information or email josephgabrielfoundation@gmail.com.

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