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Man Released From Jail in White Plains for Pro-Life Illegal Trespass Charged Again



Christopher Moscinski, also known as Father Fidelis, left

Congressman Maloney Op-Ed in Response to Lawler-See Page 7

By Dan Murphy

Days after serving a 90-day sentence for illegal trespass of a Westchester health clinic in an abortion protest, Christopher Moscinski was charged on Long Island for a similar crime. Below is the release from the US Attorney, Eastern District.

On Sept. 29, in federal court in Central Islip, a criminal complaint was unsealed charging Christopher Moscinski with violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (the "FACE Act") for blocking access to a Planned Parenthood of Greater New York health center in Hempstead, New York that provides reproductive health services. Moscinski was arrested today and will make his initial court appearance this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Steven I. Locke.

"The defendant attempted to prevent women from accessing their legal right to vital reproductive and pregnancy services," stated United States Attorney Peace. "This Office will enforce federal law to protect clinics and staff that provide reproductive health services while safeguarding the rights of their patients. I commend the local police, firefighters and bystanders who came to the health center's aid to ensure that it could continue serving the community.

"As alleged, the defendant made repeated attempts to disrupt and deny access to a Planned Parenthood facility in violation of the FACE act. These attempts interfered with the community's ability to seek reproductive and pregnancy health services, and today's action should serve as a reminder of the FBI's commitment to protecting the civil rights of all," stated FBI Assistant Director-in-Charge Driscoll.

As alleged in the complaint, at 6:22 a.m. on July 7, 2022, Moscinski, a Franciscan friar, arrived at the health center wearing civilian garb. He fastened several padlocks and bicycle locks to the gated entrance of the health center, rendering the entrance impassable. Some of the locks had glue poured into them. After police and fire department personnel arrived at the health center and cut the padlocks, Moscinski returned to the scene wearing a religious robe, and laid his body in front of the gate, blocking vehicles from entering the health center's parking lot until he was arrested by officers from the Hempstead Police Department.

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Seven State Supreme Courts Seats on the Ballot in Westchester Nov. 8



l-r-Support Magistrate Keri Fiore, Judge Elena Goldberg-Velazquez, Amy Puerto, Administrative Judge Ann Minihan

By Dan Murphy

On Nov. 8, Westchester voters will be electing Seven State Supreme Court Justices in the 9th Judicial District of NY, which includes Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Dutchess counties. This is the largest number of judicial seats open on the state supreme court in some time and the recent attention placed on the United State Supreme Court has underscored the importance of the role that the judiciary plays in our lives.

"It's important that democrats pay attention to all of the elections this year. For the first time in recent memory, republicans have put up 7 judicial candidates for State Supreme Court (for seven open seats). If there is one thing we have learned, it's that judges are critical to preserving our liberties, liberties that we thought we had for the last 50 years," said Westchester Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger.

The democratic candidates are:
Administrative Judge Anne Minihan, who has served as an Administrative Judge of the 9th Judicial District, and as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, and a Westchester County Court Judge.

David Squirrell, Chief Attorney of the Putnam County Legal Aid Society, Inc., and a Former Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office.

Amy Puerto, Westchester County Assistant District Attorney from 2000-2015 and Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau

Support Magistrate Keri Fiore, currently a Support Magistrate presiding over child support, spousal support, and paternity matters

Judge Elena Goldberg Velazquez, currently serving as an acting Family Court Judge, and was elected a Yonkers City Court Judge in 2019

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Problems of Violent Guns Crimes Have Not Landed in Westchester

Drive By Shooting at Zeldin Long Island Home Point to Trouble Elsewhere



Congressman Lee Zeldin, the republican candidate for Governor, with family, outside his Long Island home after drive by shooting

By Dan Murphy

What if the Peekskill home of Governor George Pataki were the location of a drive by shooting, where one bullet hit the inside of the house where family members were? Or the Rye home of County Executive George Latimer? Or State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, one of the three most powerful electeds in NY State?

The recent shooting outside the home of Lee Zeldin, republican candidate for Governor, made us think of what the response would be from the people in Westchester if this happened here.

Two of Zeldin's teen age daughters were inside his Shirley home, when the shots rang outside, with one bullet landing 30 feet away from the daughters who were studying in the kitchen, while Zeldin and his wife were campaigning.

The incident was not politically connected to Zeldin's run for Governor, but was a case of two victims being shot by a passing car and then crawling under the Zeldin's porch and bushes for safety after being hit.

The shock from Zeldin and his family after the event were evident, and our prayers go out to them and we are thankful that nobody in the family was hurt.

The Zeldin's Shirley home is in Suffolk County, on Long Island, in a suburban county similar to Westchester. Zeldin is also a sitting member of Congress.

Westchester has seen its share of crime and violence, but not the consistent and frequent crimes of violence that we see and read about in New York City and in other communities.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and others, have argued that crime is down in Westchester, with crime data that shows, over a five-year period, violent crimes, property crimes and index crimes in Westchester are down by 16%-22%.

"While other parts of the Country and State may be having issues with crime Westchester County is making our downtowns and rural streets safer for the residents who call Westchester home. This is a safe county, this will continue to be a safe county, and all the credit goes to the brave men and women in uniform who

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Two Views on Columbus Day: How to Have A Healthy, Reasonable Debate



By Dan Murphy

The recent debate over whether to cancel Columbus Day, or turn the holiday into Indigenous People's Day, has supporters and detractors on both sides of this issue. Two of our readers have submitted their opposing views, and we submit them to you, to remind us all about how to have a dialogue and walk away, understanding that we can agree to disagree without violence or harsh words on social media.

Yonkers resident Robert Ferrito is the National CSJ President - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. He writes, "As we celebrate Italian heritage month and Columbus Day, we must be reminded why we celebrate Columbus Day and why we celebrate our Italian heritage. Let us address the question once more.

Is Columbus in fact worthy of recognition? The answer is a resounding and unequivocal yes! Christopher Columbus accomplished extraordinary things during his life. These are well-documented and supported "facts" that no reasonably minded person can deny.

- Columbus proved that it was possible to safely cross the Atlantic.
- Columbus was the first European to realize the full importance of the Atlantic wind pattern called the prevailing Westerlies, which blew steadily east.
- Columbus's transatlantic route lay the foundation for future navigation in the region. His maps were used by Amerigo Vespucci (the Italian explorer for which America is named).
- The route across the Atlantic Ocean that Columbus charted in the 15th century is still used by sailors today.
- Columbus introduced the principles of compass variation (the variation at any point of the Earth's surface between the magnetic north and true north).

Simply stated, a true knowledge and understanding of the documented historical facts better enable us to provide and cascade the truth and eradicate the false narrative concerning the legacy of Christopher Columbus.

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Micron Chooses New York State Over Texas to Build Hi-Tech Semiconductor Chip Factory



l-r-Governor Kathy Hochul with Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra and U.S. Senate Majority Leader from NY Chuck Schumer

On October 4, Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra announced one of the largest economic development projects in U.S. history — a transformational public-private partnership with Micron Technology to build a cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturing campus in Onondaga County, New York.

Micron, a U.S.-based memory and storage manufacturer and the fourth-largest producer of semiconductors in the world, will invest up to \$100 billion over the next 20-plus years to construct the project, with the first phase investment of \$20 billion planned by the end of this decade, creating nearly 50,000 jobs statewide — 9,000 new high-paying Micron jobs with an average annual salary of over \$100,000 and over 40,000 community jobs — and create thousands and thousands of prevailing wage construction jobs. When complete, the complex will include the nation's largest clean room space at approximately 2.4 million square feet, the size of nearly 40 football fields.

This is another step for Micron to establish leading-edge memory manufacturing in the U.S. to meet the demand of consumer, industrial, and business products such as automotive and mobile, fueled by the adoption of artificial intelligence and 5G and make the United States more globally competitive.

Micron's \$100 billion investment in New York marks the start of something transformative in scale and possibility for our state's economic future.-said hochul

"This is our Erie Canal moment. Just as the original Erie Canal did centuries ago, this 21st Century Erie Canal will flow through the heart of Central New York and redefine Upstate New York's place in the global economy for generations to come. Micron's investment will make New York's semiconductor corridor into a major engine powering our economy and will supply 'Made in New York' microchips to everything from electric vehicles, 5G, and defense technology to personal computers and smartphones-said Schumer

Micron CEO Sanjay Mehrotra said, "This historic announcement is a major win for Micron, for New York, and the United States. I am grateful for President Biden and his Administration for making the CHIPS and Science Act a priority, to Leader Schumer and a bipartisan coalition in Congress for passing the legislation, and to Governor Hochul and County Executive McMahon for their leadership and partnership. The combined efforts at the federal, state, and local level paved the way for Micron to realize the largest private investment ever made in New York state history. We are thrilled to make this significant investment in New York, making the Empire State the location of the biggest leading-edge memory site in the U.S. We chose this location for many reasons, but most importantly — Central New York offers a rich pool of diverse talent, including communities that traditionally have been underrepresented in technology jobs. This historic leading-edge memory megafab will deliver benefits beyond the semiconductor industry by strengthening U.S. technology leadership, as well as economic and national security, driving American innovation and competitiveness for decades to come."

Governor Kathy Hochul said, "We are gathered here as a result of an extraordinary, unprecedented collaboration between the private sector, businesses, labor, local elected leaders, our federal leaders, and ultimately the State to be able to close on a deal, which will be known as the investment of the century..Micron is one of those companies who gave New York State a second look, and a third look, and a fourth look.

WP Library Presents Spooky Stories & Storyteller Jonathan Kruk, Sunday Oct 15



The White Plains Library is excited to welcome master storyteller Jonathan Kruk for two fantastic, free, programs in the Library's Auditorium on Saturday, October 15.

At 11:00am, join us for Spooky (but not too scary!) Stories! This program is for children and families and will feature stories about witches, ghosts and more. More information: <https://whiteplainslibrary.org/2022/09/spooky-but-not-too-scary-stories/>

At 1:00pm, Jonathan will present his acclaimed The Legend of Sleepy Hollow for ages 10+. The New York Times has said, "His spirited, candlelit one-man show has become a fixture of Halloween."

More information: <https://whiteplainslibrary.org/2022/09/jonathan-kruks-the-legend-of-sleepy-hollow/>.

Senator Mayer Presents American Legion Post 1097 with NYS Empire Award



Senator Shelley Mayer presents NYS Empire Award to members of American Legion Post 1097 with County Executive George Latimer, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio and members of the post in attendance

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer today presented the New York State Empire Award, given to nonprofit organizations and small businesses that have positively impacted their communities, to American Legion Post 1097 for its dedication to veterans and for its commitment to accessibility.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said: "I am pleased to honor American Legion Post 1097 with the New York State Empire Award. The organization plays a key role in keeping veterans connected and leading the next generation in civic life. I applaud the Post and Westchester County's efforts to upgrade the building and to ensure it continues to be accessible for disabled and aging veterans for many years to come."

American Legion Post 1097 recently completed construction on a handicap accessible bathroom and added a handicap stairlift to its rear entrance at its facility located at 35 Bedford Road, Armonk. Additional improvements include new exterior doors, light fixtures, windows, paint and carpeting. The work was made possible through a \$60,500 grant the Post received from Westchester County.

American Legion Post 1097 Treasurer Tony Cicia said: "We are very honored and thankful to Senator Shelley Mayer for this prestigious award and for her friendship. We are also grateful to Senator Mayer and Westchester County Executive George Latimer for the generous grant we received which has enabled us to make much needed improvements and to make Post 1097 accessible to all."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Recognizing those who have served to protect our freedoms, while giving them space to gather here at home, is of the utmost importance to Westchester County. We are honored to have assisted in this renovation and we thank Senator Shelley Mayer for this special Empire Award tribute recognizing American Legion Post 1097."

This year, Senator Mayer has also presented Empire Awards to Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers, The Bronxville Women's Club and Women's Enterprise Development Center. If you know of a nonprofit organization or small business deserving of an Empire Award and located in New York State Senate District 37, please email elavin@nysenate.gov.

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West. BOL Expands Property Tax Exemption for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities



County Legislator David Tubiolo, with seniors in Yonkers

Raises Maximum Income Limit to Improve Homeowner Affordability

The Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously voted to enact the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Home Owner's Tax Exemption at their meeting held Monday night.

The new law expands income eligibility for property tax exemptions by increasing the maximum household annual limit from \$29,000 to \$50,000.

The amendment to the current local law is a direct result of the suite of tax relief bills signed by Governor Kathy Hochul on August 8, 2022, allowing local municipalities the option to raise eligibility requirements (S.3085A/A.3956A).

Eligibility for this exemption is limited to Westchester County homeowners that are either a person with disabilities or a senior citizen aged 65 years or older.

The goal of the law is to allow more residents the ability to age in place within their current communities, especially for those on fixed incomes, by maintaining affordability during a time of record-high inflation.

Legislator Vedat Gashi, Chair of the Budget & Appropriations Committee and a lead sponsor of the bill, said, "We wasted no time in opting-in to the new tax exemption guidelines because it is our duty to help as many people as we can. Through this expansion, previously excluded individuals will for the first time qualify for this tax relief benefit and not have to worry about being priced out of their beloved neighborhoods."

Legislator David Tubiolo said, "Our seniors have worked their entire lives without asking for much. All they ever wanted was the opportunity to provide for their families and contribute to their communities. We need to do our part to take care of our seniors in return and ensure they receive all the support they need to make Westchester their home forever."

Letter to the Editor:

VOTE: Vote for Dana Levenberg

I will vote for Dana Levenberg for New York State Assembly.

Her long and deep commitment to Westchester began with PTA and has continued to grow. In her current position as Town Supervisor of Ossining, she has dealt with the issues that matter most to Assembly District 95 and has proven that she can work effectively for us locally and in Albany.

If, like me, you care about saving our environment, equitable school funding, women's rights and fair housing, to name a few of the issues on which Dana has a proven record on both the local and state level, vote Dana for Assembly.

Dana understands the right to vote as critical to our democracy. She speaks passionately about how we must ALL vote. A vote for someone matters most, but, she reminds us, not voting is a vote against the system on which we all depend for the very air we breathe and water we drink. Vote for. Vote Dana!

Catherine Ray, Ossining

1,2,3 Strikes You're Out



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Mets

There's nothing better than good competitive baseball games. I like baseball, but won't listen to mundane, boring games where there's no action or no chance for my team to win. That was not the case this week when the Mets first played Atlanta then San Diego. They have the firepower but it just didn't workout.

My favorite baseball game was in 1996 when I got to see the World Series winning game at the old Yankee Stadium. Just to be in a place with the excitement of the fans was breathtaking.

We ended up jumping over concrete and a fence to get out, but it was all part of the fun. Everyone should have the opportunity to attend a World Series winning game once in their life.

So what happened to the Mets. We are all use to their falling off the cliff after the first half of the season. But all they had to do is win one more game and we would have had Pennant fever. Why do they always fade when the pressure is on. I wish I had the answer.

Next year's Mets team may be a lot different player wise with so many players having options in their contracts. Let's hope they remain strong and get another chance at winning the big one.

By the way, what do you think of these video replays of questionable calls. Sometimes it feels like you are listening to a football game. I really never listened to them before. I have enough confidence in the umpires that these calls are not needed, but in this day and age where everything is questioned maybe we need to have every play reviewed.

Give the Mets a lot of credit. They came from being a nothing team to a competitive team. Yes, one day we will see that long sought after Mets vs. Yankees Subway series. Maybe next year. But for now let's hope by the time you read this paper that the Yankees advance in the quest for the World Series so we will have one team from New York advance to the big game.

Sid Caesar School? Ruth Bader Ginsburg School?

The current Yonkers Board of Education has been in the mood to rename Yonkers schools. They want the schools in Yonkers to be reflective of the students they serve and the community. I have an idea. Name the new school on the old Leake and watts property which is going to be a Yonkers Public Public School the Sid Caesar School. Or the Ruth Bader Ginsburg School.

One in entertainment, one in law, both of these giants in their respective fields deserve a school in Yonkers named after them. This would also be representative of the role the Jewish Community has played in Yonkers. Go into any school building in Yonkers and chances are the plaque naming the school has members of the Jewish community listed on it.

Sid Caesar was born in Yonkers. Isaac Sidney Caesar (September 8, 1922 – February 12, 2014) was an American comic actor, comedian and writer. With a career spanning 60 years, he was best known for two 1950s live television series: Your Show of Shows (1950–1954), a 90-minute weekly show watched by 60 million people and its successor, Caesar's Hour (1954–1957), both of which influenced later generations of comedians. Your Show of Shows and its cast received seven Emmy nominations between the years 1953 and 1954 and two wins. He also acted in movies; he played Coach Calhoun in Grease (1978) and its sequel Grease 2 (1982) and appeared in the films It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1963), Silent Movie (1976), History of the World, Part I (1981), Cannonball Run II (1984), and Vegas Vacation (1997).

Caesar was considered a "sketch comic" and actor, as opposed to a stand-up comedian. He also relied more on body language, accents, and facial contortions than simply dialogue. Unlike the slapstick comedy which was standard on TV, his style was considered "avant garde" in the 1950s. He conjured up ideas and scene and used writers to flesh out the concept and create the dialogue. Writers who wrote for Caesar early in their careers included Mel Brooks, Neil Simon, Larry Gelbart and Woody Allen.

His TV shows' subjects included satires of real life events and people, and parodies of popular film genres, theater, television shows, and opera. But unlike other comedy shows at the time, the dialogue was sharper, funnier, and more adult-oriented. He was "best known as one of the most intelligent and provocative innovators of television comedy," who some critics called "television's Charlie Chaplin" and The New York Times refers to as the "comedian of comedians from TV's early days." Need I tell you the influence of Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the laws of this country?

Joan Ruth Bader Ginsburg (March 15, 1933 – September 18, 2020) was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1993 until her death in 2020. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton to replace retiring justice Byron White and at the time was generally viewed as a moderate consensus-builder. She eventually became part of the liberal wing of the Court as the Court shifted to the right over time. Ginsburg was the first Jewish woman and the second woman to serve on the Court, after Sandra Day O'Connor. During her tenure, Ginsburg wrote notable majority opinions, including United States v. Virginia (1996), Olmstead v. L.C. (1999), Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc. (2000), and City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York (2005). Well worth of naming a school after her.

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AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify an existing telecommunications facility on a 90-foot tall existing building located at 495 O'Dell Avenue, Yonkers, Westchester County, New York (N40° 58' 0.7", W73° 52' 21.5") at an approximate overall height of 90 feet above ground level. AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 22-003679 DLS.



The Westchester County Health Department will offer both the flu vaccine and COVID-19 bivalent booster by appointment every Monday and Friday in October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 134 Court Street in White Plains.

To make an appointment, visit [westchestergov.com/health](https://www.westchestergov.com/health)

New Director Announced for West.County Office for Women-Domestic Violence High Risk Team



Former Pound Ridge Police Chief David Ryan, pictured left at a ceremony thanking him for his service, has been named Director for Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Expanding the County's mission to reduce domestic violence cases across Westchester County, the Office for Women (OFW) has received a federal grant for the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT). David Ryan, former Chief of Pound Ridge Police for the past 23 years and a member of law enforcement for over 40 years, will serve in the new post, through a contract with Hope's Door, a Westchester-based domestic violence services provider funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

Ryan will be responsible for reviewing domestic violence cases from a law enforcement perspective, following the County Executive's commitment to improving community/police response to family violence. The Team will help connect victims with the appropriate service providers. Ryan, along with DVHRT Coordinator Nancy Tunis of OFW, will oversee the continued DVHRT training of the County's local police departments, with the five remaining police departments scheduled for training this fall.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Our Office for Women is a model for New York State and the Country, in response to serious family violence and intimate partner violence training. We introduced the DVHRT program in an attempt to prevent future high-risk violence, and we have seen this training pay dividends in the communities who are already using it. This program is effective because our police are participating in training with fellow members of law enforcement, and with their help, we are working towards establishing long-term safety and security for our victims."

Director of OFW Robi Schlaff said: "When we look at all the partners involved to protect a family from domestic violence, law enforcement is often the first point of contact. We are fortunate to have the most professional and competent partners in law enforcement here in Westchester. Our utmost concern will always be protecting the safety of Westchester County's residents and families, and by working together with our police, we know we can successfully accomplish that goal."

Ryan said: "Reducing the risk of violence stemming from domestic disputes has always been my passion, and when you have a long career in law enforcement, it's possible to experience too many tragic and violent homicides. I have seen enough pain and suffering over the years that I knew could have been prevented, so I am personally invested in seeing this program succeed. We have seen a dramatic difference in the way our police officers respond with this new training, and while public safety will always be our mantra, we have a much more empathic and compassionate approach when we are engaged with victims of domestic violence."

Of the County's 42 local police departments, only one remains to be trained, with Mount Vernon, Larchmont and Harrison scheduled for September.

Seven State Supreme Court races , con't from pg 1-

Judge Sherri Eisenpress, a Family Court Judge, and an acting Supreme Court Judge in Rockland

Judge David Zuckerman, presently presiding in NYS Supreme Court, 15 years of experience as a judge in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Rockland Counties

The republican candidates are:

Linda Murray-25 years' experience as an attorney, former Assistant District Attorney.

Richard Guertin -Judge Middletown city court

Michael Grace--the former Yorktown Town Supervisor former Town Attorney

John Sarcone -25 years legal experience in Westchester

John Ciampoli -35 years legal experience across NY State

Robert Cypher -Rye City Judge

Joseph Farca -practicing attorney since 1996

The Republican slogan is In a Healthy Democracy, Judges Don't Make Law, They Rule on Law.

The Democrats slogan is Your VOTE is your VOICE. You VOTE is your CHOICE. Vote Row A all the Way.

One Westchester voter from the legal community told us, "Voters need to do their homework on the candidates and don't sleep on this election."

State Supreme Court candidates are elected to 14-year terms. Early voting begins on October 29 and Election Day is November 8.

Mount Vernon Postal Worker Indicted for Stealing \$78,000 in Checks from the Mail



On Oct. 6, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Mount Vernon resident Alberto Pino, 31, was indicted for stealing more than \$78,000 in checks from the mail he was responsible for delivering while working as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service.

The defendant was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony, and two counts of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. The defendant was arraigned before Judge George Fufidio in Westchester County Court on Oct. 5, 2022.

Between Jan. and March 2021, the defendant was working as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service when he allegedly stole three United States Department of the Treasury checks addressed for delivery to residents on his route in Mount Vernon. The checks were valued at \$77,365, \$600, and \$509.

Criminal Investigators with the District Attorney's Office arrested the defendant on Oct. 5, 2022, following a joint investigation between the District Attorney's Office and the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, with assistance from the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The case is before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Public Integrity and Law Enforcement Integrity Deputy Bureau Chief Brian P. Weinberg.

The charges against the defendant are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

POSITIVE RESULTS FROM ALZHEIMER'S -DEMENTIA DRUG TRIAL TREATMENT

On Tuesday, September 27, Eisai and Biogen announced positive topline results from their Phase 3 CLARITY AD clinical trial of lecanemab (BAN2401), an anti-amyloid monoclonal antibody for the treatment of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) due to Alzheimer's disease and mild Alzheimer's dementia. The company stated the trial met all primary and secondary endpoints, and slowed the rate of cognitive decline by 27 percent.

After the announcement, the Alzheimer's Association issued the following statement. "On behalf of the more than 6 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and their families, the Alzheimer's Association enthusiastically welcomes the positive topline data reported today by Eisai and Biogen on the CLARITY AD global Phase 3 clinical trial of lecanemab.

"These are the most encouraging results in clinical trials treating the underlying causes of Alzheimer's to date. For people in the earliest stages of Alzheimer's, this treatment has the potential to change the course of the disease in a clinically meaningful way. These results indicate lecanemab may give people more time at or near their full abilities to participate in daily life, remain independent and make future health care decisions. Treatments that deliver these benefits to those with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) due to Alzheimer's disease and early Alzheimer's dementia are just as valuable as treatments that extend the lives of those with other terminal diseases.

"We look forward to learning more about data from CLARITY AD at the Clinical Trials in Alzheimer's Disease (CTAD) meeting in November, including data on participant safety and representation. If those data are consistent with what we saw today regarding efficacy and safety, we strongly support FDA approval and full coverage.

"The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently implemented a National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. As it stands, this NCD would severely limit Medicare coverage for lecanemab if it is approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). CMS has pledged to move quickly to modify the NCD if warranted by new evidence. If full CLARITY AD results are in line with today's topline announcement and the FDA approves this treatment, Medicare beneficiaries living with Alzheimer's, a terminal, progressive disease, deserve the same immediate, full coverage under Medicare afforded to those with other terminal diseases.

"Even with the success announced today, we must redouble efforts to discover new targets and test new and more effective treatments for Alzheimer's and all other dementia. The Alzheimer's Association has long been committed to advancing all potential treatment avenues and exploring methods for combining diverse approaches into combination therapies. We also must continue to advocate to ensure access to any approved treatments, as well as quality care and support for all people."

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Westchester DA Rocah Recommends Reduced Sentence for Domestic Violence Survivor



The Westchester County District Attorney's Office has, for the first time, consented to the resentencing of a domestic violence survivor under New York State's 2019 Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act (DVSJA), which gives the court discretion to resentence defendants who suffered sexual, psychological or physical abuse that significantly contributed to their criminal conduct.

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah recommended a five-year resentence, the maximum under the DVSJA, for Jonitha Alston, left, who has been serving a 12-year sentence for her manslaughter conviction for the 2016 stabbing death of her boyfriend, Dennis Graham.

Judge Robert Neary vacated the original sentence, of which Alston served nearly five years, and granted our recommendation of a five-year resentence, with five years of post-release supervision, in Westchester County Court on Oct. 7, 2022.

"I want to thank the court for its thoughtful consideration. After a careful review of the motion filed by Ms. Alston under the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act, and a recent examination by an expert psychologist, we concluded that Ms. Alston was subject to physical and psychological abuse at the time of her offense, and the history of this abuse, combined with the perceived threat to her daughter at the time of the offense, significantly contributed to her commission of the crime," DA Rocah said. "The Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act is an important evolution in the way the criminal justice system views survivors of abuse. The legislation is narrowly crafted and requires a strict set of eligibility requirements, which we took into consideration during our careful and thorough evaluation of this request."

"This is a life-changing result for Ms. Alston and her family, friends and community. This case shows what can be accomplished when the DVSJA is coupled with a prosecutor's office that views domestic violence survivors through a compassionate, holistic and trauma-informed lens," said Ross Kramer, Director of the Incarcerated Gender Violence Survivors Initiative at Sanctuary for Families, one of New York's largest service providers and advocates for survivors of gender-based violence that played a lead role in the passage of the DVSJA.

"Pace Women's Justice Center is so pleased to see the Westchester County DA's Office use the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act for the first time to reduce the sentence of an incarcerated survivor of domestic violence. It is fitting that this type of action was taken during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, giving voice to survivors. It speaks loudly of the office's understanding of the complexity of domestic violence prosecutions within the criminal justice system," said Cindy Kanusher, Executive Director for Pace Womens Justice Center, which provides free legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.

According to Alston, on Dec. 29, 2016, Dennis Graham became physical with Alston's then five-year-old daughter. When Alston tried to stop Graham, he rushed at her with a knife, resulting in both falling to the floor. A struggle ensued and Graham dropped the knife, which Alston picked up and used to stab Graham, inflicting two stab wounds and several superficial scratches. Graham died of the stab wounds.

In Feb. 2017, a Westchester County Grand Jury charged Alston with Murder in the Second Degree, a felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, both misdemeanors. In anticipation of a trial, two psychiatrists evaluated Alston and agreed that she acted under Extreme Emotional Disturbance at the time of the crime and credited her increasing fear and suspiciousness of Graham.

Alston has asserted that during the course of the three-year relationship, in which the couple lived together in New Rochelle, Graham was psychologically and physically abusive toward her and discouraged her from taking her prescribed anti-psychotic medication. Alston also has an extensive history of suffering physical and psychological abuse.

In a negotiated agreement, the defendant pled guilty in Oct. 2017 to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a felony, and was sentenced on Jan. 11, 2018, to 12 years in state prison.

In May 2019, the New York State Legislature passed the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act to expand existing provisions of alternative sentencing for domestic violence victims. Among other strict eligibility requirements, defendants must be serving a sentence of imprisonment of at least eight years for certain crimes committed before Aug. 12, 2019.

The case was before Judge Neary in Westchester County Court, and was handled by Assistant District Attorney Shea Scanlon Lomma of the Appeals and Special Litigation Division.

Twelve thriving Westchester Businesses Named to Prestigious INC. 5000 List for 2022



The Westchester County Office of Economic Development extends its congratulations to the 12 Westchester County businesses who recently ranked on the prestigious Inc. 5000 list in recognition of their significant growth.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Privately held companies are an important component of Westchester County's economy. We're proud to have 12 companies on this year's Inc. 5000 list and commend them on their impressive growth."

Bridget Gibbons, Westchester County Director of Economic Development, said: "Westchester County companies have a long history of making the Inc. 5000 list. We are delighted to see new entities on this year's list as well as previously recognized businesses."

Deborah Novick, Westchester County Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, said: "Westchester's business ecosystem is conducive to launching and scaling privately held companies. There are a host of resources available to entrepreneurs to support their growth and we boast a rich pool of talent for companies to recruit from. With this infrastructure in place, our businesses are able to achieve the level of growth and success to rank on a list like the Inc. 5000."

Westchester businesses on the 2022 Inc. 5000 list, as described by Inc. Magazine, include:

Aerolase Corporation* – Tarrytown- Global technology leader in laser skin health and the only manufacturer of portable high-power lasers for dermatology and aesthetics applications. Growth: +193%

Anatomy_IT. – White Plains- IT and cybersecurity solution provider serving the health care industry and offering concierge-level support to businesses nationwide. Growth: +259%

Anteriad – Rye Brook- Business-to-business marketing firm providing clients full-funnel account-based marketing and demand generation platform, world-class data and analytics, and omnichannel performance. Growth: +121%

Capital Logistics* – White Plains- Non-asset based third-party logistics firm specializing in temperature-controlled freight, for clients including start-ups and Fortune 500 companies. Growth: +266%

Copy & Art* – White Plains- Award-winning ad agency specializing in digital, web and video marketing with a strong concentration in the health care sector. Growth: +110%

Fingent – White Plains- Software developer providing custom software, mobile app and product development, cloud-native applications, robotic process automation, artificial intelligence and data analytics. Growth: +100%

Forge Health* – White Plains- Outpatient mental health and substance use provider with a proven, national payer-validated ability to drive clinical outcomes. Growth: +803%

Macan Deve Engineers, DPC* – White Plains- An engineering and architecture firm providing services including owners' representation and construction management, across multiple market sectors. Growth: +119%

Masthead Media Company – Hastings-On-Hudson. Content marketing and editorial SEO agency collaborating with brands to develop high-quality content programming that forges meaningful connections with audiences. Growth: +136%

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Pro-Life Protester Arrested Again, Con't from pg 1-

In 1994, Congress passed the FACE Act in response to an increase in violence toward patients and providers of reproductive health services. The FACE Act prohibits violent, threatening, damaging and obstructive conduct intended to injure, intimidate or interfere with an individual's right to seek, obtain or provide reproductive health services. First-time convictions of the FACE Act are misdemeanor violations punishable by up to one year in federal prison. Subsequent convictions are a felony.

Earlier this year, Moscinski and two others were found guilty in a three-day jury trial in White Plains Court of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a misdemeanor, for a Nov. 2021, illegal trespass at a Women's Health Center in White Plains where they remained unlawfully for approximately two hours. The three were sentenced on Aug. 2 to 90 days in jail.

The Facebook page of Red Rose Rescue, posted a photo of when the three were released from jail, and the following: On Sept 14-!!!ATTENTION!!! Two of our Red Rose Rescuers, Father Fidelis and Matthew Connolly had a hearing for a different Red Rose Rescue yesterday in Nassau County. Father Fidelis and Matthew Connolly are now at Nassau County jail and have asked that they receive NO LETTERS until they find out where they will be permanently. We are still trying to find out if this is a permanent move or if they will be bussed back again to Westchester County Jail and we will let you know of any updates or new changes that occur. Until then you can still send letters to Will Goodman and as always please keep praying for our beloved rescuers!

And on Sept. 29-Hi friends of Red Rose Rescue. The Rescuers are out, they are free, and they are grateful for your prayers. They ask that you continue to pray for moms and their babies. More details will come in the following days.

Moscinski may face a larger prison sentence for this offense. His first offense in Westchester was a NY State crime. His recent arrest on Long Island is a federal crime, and a further review of Red Rose Rescue's Facebook page shows Moscinski charged in Washington DC last year for a similar offense, but was not jailed.

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are driving crime down," said Latimer.

While some Westchester communities, like Mount Vernon, continue to face challenges with gun violence, (Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard was one Westchester elected official who did hear shots a block away from her home last year) overall, Westchester residents are safer than other communities in NY State. And we wonder whether the low crime rates in most Westchester communities will equate to how county residents vote on Nov. 8.

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Third Precinct Police Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Quality of life issues and concerns will be discussed. Merchants and residents of the Southwest Yonkers area strongly urged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact either Bob Stauf, President at (914) 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey at (914) 377-7427.

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Who in the world is the phone company to ask for medical documentation? Is the man coming out to fix the phone a doctor able to decipher my friends needs. Shame on you phone company for making such a request.

A NOTE OF INTEREST: Average date in this country is. \$91. That's awfully inexpensive considering 2 steaks, a bottle of wine, dessert and entertainment!

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Columbus Day, Con't from pg 1-

The following are well documented facts that serve to provide the path to these truths:

- Columbus was not a slave trader. He never owned slaves, nor did he bring any slaves to the Western Hemisphere from Africa.
- Columbus did not destroy the balance between man and nature
- Columbus did not steal the natives' land
- Columbus was not a racist
- Columbus did not commit genocide

With the removal of statues and monuments dedicated to the memory of Christopher Columbus, his legacy will be cast aside with the eventual intent of obliterating the recognition of his achievements and accomplishments. The Commission for Social Justice is steadfast in its commitment to preserve the memory of Christopher Columbus and the significant part he played in the history of the Americas.

The Commission for Social Justice respects the contributions and achievements of all people, regardless of their ethnicity or religious beliefs. We believe in diversity and tolerance by ADDITION, not by SUBTRACTION or SUBSTITUTION. To Italian Americans, statues and monuments erected in memory of Christopher Columbus represent not only the accomplishments and contributions of Italian Americans, but also the indelible spirit of risk, sacrifice, and self-reliance of a great Italian icon.

My dear brothers and sisters, I ask you please celebrate your Italian heritage. Celebrate Columbus Day and be proud of your Italian heritage. Let us be thankful and proud that we belong to the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America," write Ferrito, who also serves as the National President for the Commission for Social Justice.

Rising contributor Dennis Richmond Jr. had another view. He writes, "The Only Christopher We Acknowledge Is Wallace. We live in an era of cancel culture, social media trends, and Netflix specials. It's hard for people to separate the real from the fake. What isn't hard, though, is to acknowledge the truth. The truth is that Christopher Columbus didn't discover America. He didn't discover anything at all. Wherever Columbus landed, indigenous folk were already present.

"Legendary rapper JAY-Z once said, "only Christopher we acknowledge is Wallace." Referring to the Notorious B.I.G. or Biggie Smalls. Why should we celebrate a man who brought death, disease, and destruction everywhere he went? We should celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day this year. Not Columbus Day. I'm a proud American who believes in the truth. Since the truth shall set you free, let's all be free this Indigenous Peoples Day."

Family Service Society of Yonkers 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative

Bid Request

Family Service Society of Yonkers (FSSY) is accepting bids from an Independent Evaluator, Provider of Office Supplies and Provider of School Supplies for After School Programs in Elementary Schools.

Bidder Requirement: MWBE Certified

Independent Evaluator: FSSY is seeking an experienced Independent Evaluator to measure the efficacy of a new After School Program taking place in four Yonkers public elementary schools as part of the New York State-funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative.

Qualified bidders should have experience identifying, testing and refining strategies to deliver education programs, projects and services with real impact.

The Independent Evaluator will collect data that will be used to monitor Program progress, inform continuous Program improvement, and ensure that Program goals are consistently aligned with the goals of the participating schools and school districts. Data will be collected from report cards, state test scores and demographic data as well as Teacher Surveys and Parent Surveys. The Independent Evaluator will complete interim and annual evaluation reports. These reports should include an analysis of how well the Program is meeting its objectives, identify areas for improvement, and recommend improvement strategies. The Independent Evaluator will ensure quality control for all required local, state and Federal reporting related to the Program.

Provider of School Supplies: FSSY is seeking a provider of materials for After School Program projects, community service and enrichment activities, including arts & crafts materials, books, STEM kits, and more.

Provider of Office Supplies: FSSY is seeking a provider of office supplies for After School Program, including paper, writing instruments, binders, notepads, office furniture, and more.

Bid Request Contact: Laura Kaplow-Goldman, grantsmanager@fssy.org

Solicitation Schedule

Request Release Date:	Date of Publication
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Answers to Bidder Questions Provided:	10 business days post-publication
Bid Deadline:	15 business days post-publication
Notification of Selection:	20 business days post-publication
Contract Start Date:	Immediate Upon Selection
Contract Term:	1 Year, subject to change at FSSY discretion

Congressman Maloney Op-Ed Abortion and My Opponents View



Rep. Sean
Patrick
Maloney

When it comes to reproductive rights, my position is simple: women should have the freedom to control their own bodies. I believe health decisions are best made by a woman and her doctor — not politicians.

Because of the United States Supreme Court's decision to strike down Roe v. Wade, girls born in America today will have fewer rights than their mothers and grandmothers had. That's not the world I want to live in, and it certainly isn't the world I want my daughters to grow up in.

But this issue is so much bigger than my or anyone's individual views about abortion, because every woman in America had her personal rights and freedoms undermined by the decision to strike down Roe. That's why, while I understand that some individuals are personally opposed to abortion, I believe no one has the right to tell other people what they can or should do with their health decisions. Unfortunately, my opponent wants to impose his personal anti-choice positions on women here in the Hudson Valley, New York, and all across America.

Mike Lawler cheered when the Supreme Court struck down Roe because he wants politicians to control women's personal and medical decisions. Lawler believes women have no right to an abortion and is supported and bankrolled by the leaders of efforts to ban abortion nationwide. His radical positions aren't new. Lawler has a long record of undermining reproductive rights. In Albany, Lawler repeatedly voted against protections for women seeking safe, legal abortions, and even voted against protecting doctors from punishment for performing legal abortions. Those votes prove that Lawler is pushing an extremist agenda to criminalize women's reproductive healthcare.

Several states have already banned abortions, without exceptions for rape, incest, or life of the mother. That's the result of state's rights advocates like Lawler. In Ohio, a 10-year-old child was forced to travel out of state to receive an abortion after being raped. In Arizona, an 1864 abortion ban was reinstated that punishes doctors who provide abortions with between two and five years in prison. That law was enacted over 150 years ago and 50 years before Arizona even became a state, yet politicians like Lawler would stand by as these dangerous laws spread nationwide.

Stories like these can be found all across the country. Women's lives are being endangered and their rights and dignity are taken away because of politicians like Lawler. Here in New York, we aren't fully protected either because Republicans — including those who avidly support Lawler's campaign — have pledged to ban abortion nationwide if they retake Congress.

But it's not too late to stop this assault on our freedoms. While Lawler's allies in Congress would put forward national abortion bans, Democrats have fought to protect women's reproductive rights. I was proud to co-sponsor and help pass the Women's Health Protection Act through the House to enshrine the protections of Roe and the right to abortion into federal law. Lawler has said he would vote against that bill. Lawler also opposes the Reproductive Health Act, which became law in New York in 2019 and codified Roe v. Wade protections to ensure access to safe, legal abortion in New York State.

Simply put: I have always worked to protect women's rights, access to abortion, and access to contraceptives. Lawler has voted against women's rights every chance he's gotten.

Lawler's favorite distraction from his own desire to control women's healthcare is shaming women who have abortions late in pregnancy, almost always because of severe health issues of the fetus or mother.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, less than 1% of all abortions take place after 21 weeks, three weeks before the 24-week limit for elective abortions under New York's Reproductive Health Act, which only allows exceptions after that point to ensure the life or health of the mother and heartbreaking instances where a fetus is no longer viable.

Lawler has attempted to use the many families who have gone through late pregnancy complications to attack me and reproductive rights. These families do not deserve to have their tragic experiences politicized and misrepresented by politicians like Lawler.

Here's the truth: Lawler wants to ban all elective abortions and supports allowing states to ban abortions without exceptions for rape, incest, or life of the mother. I want to return to the standard of Roe v. Wade by passing the Women's Health Protection Act into law so women all across America have their rights permanently protected in federal law.

Ultimately, Lawler and his allies in Congress only care about one thing: controlling women, their lives, their bodies, and their personal medical decisions. With their policies, women's health and safety will be jeopardized.

The choice is clear this November — I will always fight for your rights. Lawler wants to take them away.

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, represents New York's 17th Congressional District.

Editor's Note: A prior letter from Assemblyman Mike Lawler, can be found on our site at <https://yonkerstimes.com/lawler-maloney-is-untruthful-in-tv-ads-about-my-stance-on-abortion/>

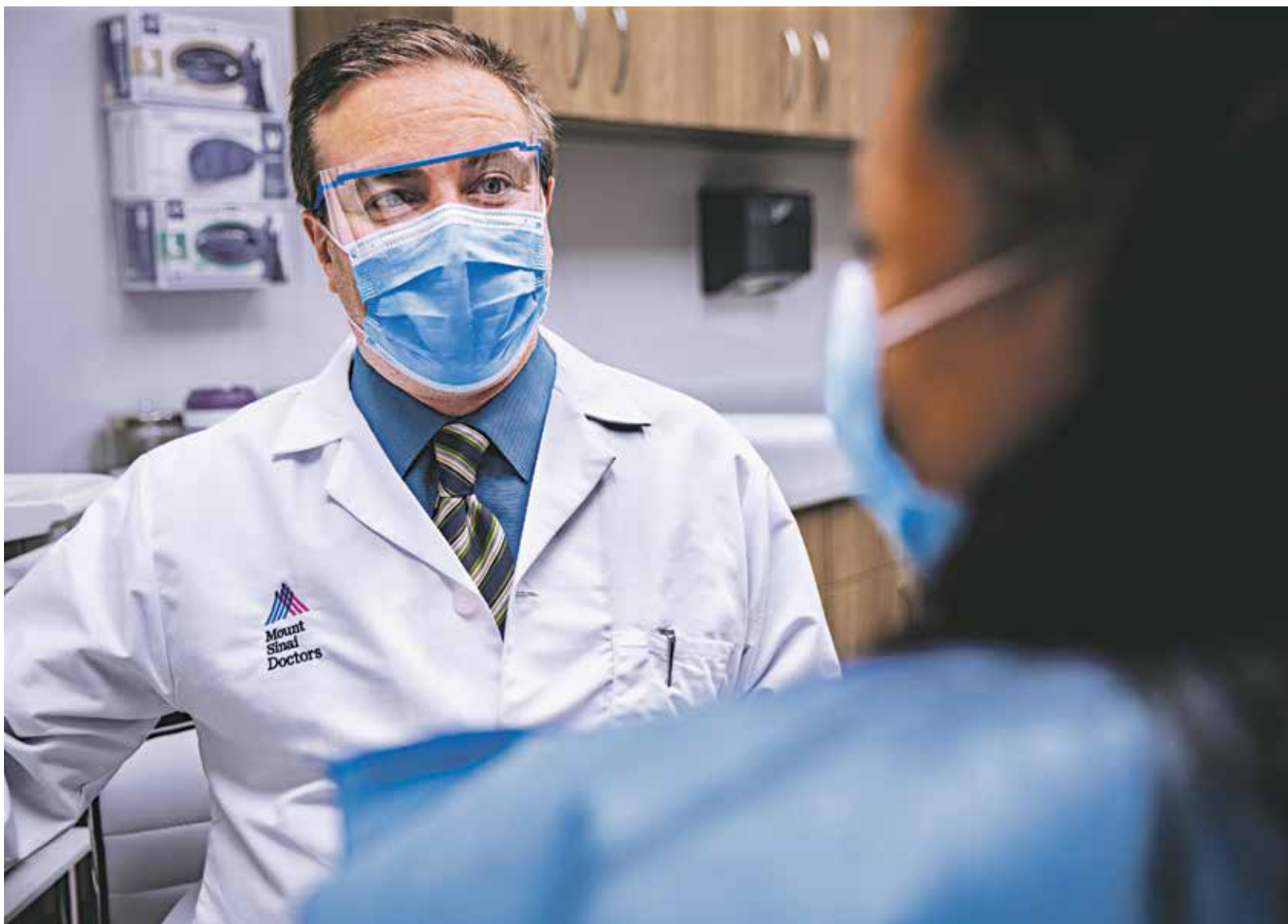


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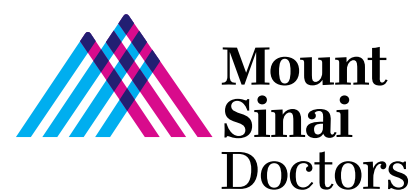
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