

Westchester Has A Problem with Sexual Predators



*Mt. Kisco Man and Registered Sex Offender Busted Again
Dustin Tompkins, left*

Registered Sex Offender Charged With Sexual Exploitations Of Children And Receipt And Distribution Of Child Pornography

On Sept. 11, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jamie McDonald, announced that DUSTIN TOMPKINS, a registered sex offender, was charged with sexual exploitation of children by persuading, and attempting to persuade, them to create and send him sexually explicit images, receipt and distribution of child pornography, and committing offenses against children while being a registered sex offender. TOMPKINS, who is currently detained on charges that he violated the terms of his supervised release, was presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause in White Plains federal court.

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Is Port Chester the Center of ICE Activity in Westchester?



By Isabelle Taft and Benjy Sachs, New York Focus

Port Chester residents wanted answers about a spate of recent ICE arrests in the heavily immigrant Westchester village. At a town hall in April, some 50 attendees confronted the local police chief about his officers' communication with the federal agency.

"Believe me when I tell you," Police Chief Christopher Rosabella said, according to the Journal News, "cooperating with ICE or allocating manpower for them is not even on the radar."

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How Yonkers Comic Con Went from 30 to 5,000



Calling all Westchester Comic Lovers!

Yonkers Comic Con, which will be held on Saturday September 26 at the Riverfront Library, has quickly turned into a must go for Comic lovers all over Westchester and the tri-state region.

In a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/>) Founders Evan Bishop and Walker Katori talk about how the event has grown in just 5 years from 30 visitors to 5000.

Visit www.yonkerscomiccon.com to learn more.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Democratic New Castle Councilwoman Breaks With Her Party to Endorse Mike Lawler



Chemtob, a Democrat elected on the New Castle Democratic Committee ticket, cites Lawler's "true, genuine friendship to the Jewish community" and his record of working across the aisle.

New Castle Town Councilwoman Ally Chemtob, a registered Democrat who has served on the Town Board for the past five years, endorsed Congressman Mike Lawler for reelection. Chemtob said she was elected as part of the New Castle Democratic Committee ticket but was speaking as "a proud Jewish mother raising three proud Jewish children with a message to my community

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Thompson's Cider Mill Celebrates 50 Years in Westchester



Geoff Thompson

Thompson's Cider Mill celebrated its 50th anniversary at Sun-dial Farm in Ossining on Saturday, September 19, kicking off a milestone year for one of Westchester County's favorite fall traditions.

Fifty years in, the mill continues to produce small batch fresh cider that generations of local families keep coming back to, year after year. Since 1976, the mill has been a part of the region's

agricultural community, evolving from reestablishing a 19th-century orchard into a premier destination for artisanal fresh and hard ciders.

One of Westchester's early farm-to-table purveyors, Thompson's Cider Mill was founded by Geoff Thompson with a mission to keep the county's agricultural past alive. Today, the mill is a steward of open space, operating on land that has been a working orchard since the 1870s – and a tradition for generations of Westchester families, many of whom have been making the trip every autumn since they were kids themselves.

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A New Third Party Can Make A Difference In Our Politics

By Michael Gold



Sometimes it feels as if both our major political parties are burn out cases.

President Trump says the economy is the best ever, when gas is more than \$4 a gallon, and diesel fuel more than \$6 a gallon. Expensive diesel pushes up trucking costs to transport trivial things like food.

Even if the economy has enjoyed some solid job growth, things feel squirrely. We have inflation and high interest rates.

The President is offering voters \$5,000 to keep Republican majorities in Congress. We can't afford this latest Trump payout scheme, if it ever comes through. It's wildly inflationary and will push up our monstrous national debt, which Trump has done so much to increase.

"While presidents and congressional majorities of both parties bear responsibility for the growth in the national debt, President Donald Trump's first term and the opening half of his second term have seen the debt grow by more than

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COACH Opens at Cross County Center



Cross County Center welcomes COACH, its newest retailer to open at the iconic outdoor shopping center in Westchester. The global fashion house, known for its handbags, leather goods, accessories and ready-to-wear collections, opened a new 3400 sq. ft-square-foot store between Savage X Fenty and Garage this past weekend.

Founded in New York in 1941, COACH is a global fashion house recognized for its craftsmanship and New York heritage. The new Cross County Center store will offer a selection of the brand’s signature handbags and leather goods, along with footwear, accessories, ready-to-wear and gifts.

COACH joins Cross County Center as the property continues to expand and enhance its retail offerings. The opening comes amid the Center’s ongoing redevelopment, which includes two new retail buildings totaling approximately 58,000 square feet, underground parking and a new four-acre public green space. The redevelopment is expected to be completed in fall 2027, with stores remaining open throughout construction.

For updates on the COACH opening and other new stores coming to Cross County Center, visit CrossCountyCenter.com.

Westchester County to Provide School Resource Officers to Lakeland School District



With the new school year officially under way in Westchester County, County Executive Ken Jenkins has finalized an agreement with the Lakeland Central School District to provide three School Resource Officers (SROs), strengthening the County’s ongoing commitment to school safety and collaboration with local school districts.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Nothing is more important than making sure our children can go to school each day in an environment where they feel safe, supported and ready to learn. This agreement reflects what good government is supposed to look like – the County and the Lakeland Central School District working together to identify a need, find a solution and deliver for our families. These officers will be part of the school community, building relationships with students and staff while providing an additional layer of safety and security.”

Superintendent of the Lakeland School District Dr. Karen Gagliardi said: “The safety and security of our students and staff is always our highest priority, and our School Resource Officers are an important part of that commitment. SROs do more than provide a visible layer of security – they build relationships with our students and staff, become trusted partners in our schools, and work closely with our administrators and law enforcement partners to help keep our school communities safe. We are very pleased to have reached an agreement with Westchester County to continue this important program as part of our comprehensive approach to school safety and security.”

Westchester County Commissioner of Public Safety Terrance Raynor said: “Our Department is grateful for the trust that has been shown in our School Resource Officers by the Lakeland Central School District, and by the other four districts where we serve. We are committed to the safety and security of these school communities and work hard every day to build even stronger relationships with students, teachers, administrators and staff. In addition to being a visible presence, SROs are highly trained to assist schools with emergency planning, crisis intervention, substance abuse prevention and mentorship.”

Under the agreement, three members of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety will serve as SROs within the Lakeland Central School District. The officers will work closely with school administrators, faculty, students and families to help maintain safe and welcoming learning environments while building positive relationships between young people and law enforcement. SROs have been in the Lakeland Central School district since the fall of 2018. The County’s School Resource Officer program is designed to enhance school safety while emphasizing prevention, communication and relationship-building. SROs serve as a direct connection between schools and the Department of Public Safety and can assist with safety planning, emergency preparedness and issues affecting students and the broader school community. Lakeland is one of five school districts that have contracts with Westchester County to provide County Police SROs in their schools. Other districts include Somers, North Salem, Katonah-Lewisboro and Hendrick Hudson.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC

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

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St. John's Riverside ED Director Talks ER Expansion to Better Serve Patients



NYAG James Secures \$1 Million in Refunds for New Yorkers Cheated by DARCARS Westchester Dealerships

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured more than \$1 million in refunds for New Yorkers who were unfairly overcharged by two Westchester car dealerships, DARCARS of Railroad Avenue, Inc. (DARCARS Lexus) and MT Kisco Automotive, LLC (DARCARS BMW).secured more than \$1 million in refunds for New Yorkers who were unfairly overcharged by two Westchester car dealerships, DARCARS of Railroad Avenue, Inc. (DARCARS Lexus) and MT Kisco Automotive, LLC (DARCARS BMW). An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that the DARCARS dealerships, both located in Mt. Kisco, imposed a two percent charge on consumers that was deceptively presented as a sales commission, even though it was not paid directly to the salesperson, was completely optional, and provided no benefit to the consumer. The dealerships also charged customers for an expensive and needless add-on package by presenting it as a mandatory part of their lease or purchase agreement. The dealerships used these misleading tactics to overcharge customers thousands of dollars when they leased or purchased their car.

As a result of OAG’s investigation, DARCARS Lexus will pay a total of \$892,671.26 to reimburse all consumers who were charged the sales commission fee between October 23, 2021 and May 30, 2022. Both DARCARS dealerships will also pay additional reimbursements totaling \$281,847.72. Consumers who were charged after May 2022 will also be eligible for restitution through a claims process, potentially resulting in millions of dollars in total consumer refunds.

“New Yorkers save up for years to buy a car, and they deserve fair prices without junk fees that drive up the cost with useless add-ons,” said Attorney General James. “DARCARS took advantage of hard-working New Yorkers, charging them thousands of dollars in misleading fees. My office is making sure that every New Yorker who was defrauded by these dealerships gets their money back.”

The OAG opened an investigation into DARCARS in February 2022 after receiving a consumer complaint claiming that DARCARS Lexus had added a more than \$700 “sales commission charge” to their purchase without telling them. The investigation revealed that DARCARS Lexus began charging a sales commission fee in October 2021 and DARCARS BMW began charging the fee in August 2022. While sales commission fees are typically understood to be paid directly to the salesperson, the fees that the DARCARS dealers charged never went to the employee making the sale. DARCARS included the fee as a pre-printed line in agreements used to sell or lease vehicles to consumers. Although the fee was listed as “not required by law,” the dealerships did not disclose to consumers that the fee was voluntary and not required to buy or lease a car.

When consumers asked DARCARS employees about the charge, they were met with inconsistent, vague, conflicting, or misleading explanations, further obscuring the true nature of the fee. Consumers were told the charge was a “standard dealer fee” or that it directly compensated their salesperson, both of which were false. In other cases, the dealerships falsely told consumers that the fee was required to “offset costs and commissions” paid to employees. On their respective websites, DARCARS Lexus and DARCARS BMW advertised sale and leasing prices that excluded the sales commission fees, making them appear competitive with other local dealerships. By applying the two percent fee to nearly every sale and lease, the dealerships were able to generate millions of dollars in additional revenue by misleading consumers who believed they were paying a fair price.

Other consumers who paid these fees will be mailed claims forms, and the dealerships must also pay restitution to any consumer who submits a valid claim, which may result in millions of dollars in refunds being distributed.

DARCARS will also pay \$700,000 in penalties.

Shana Tova! JCRC-NY Celebrates Rosh Hashanah with Congressman Latimer



Participants joined JCRC-NY in Westchester to bring in a sweet New Year.

On Friday, JCRC-NY, the Westchester Jewish Council, and JCC of Mid-Westchester hosted an event in Westchester with Congressman Latimer to celebrate the Jewish New Year, 5787. Attendees engaged directly with the customs of Rosh Hashanah, including a festive tasting of different varieties of apples and honey, gaining a deeper understanding of the meaning and significance of the holiday.

The successful, feel good event brought together Jewish communal leaders, local seniors, and the Congressman and other elected officials, and was followed by a visit to the JCC nursery school. Participants also visited Seasons, a local Jewish business, to taste honey cake and show support. The celebration was co-sponsored by JCC of Mid-Westchester and UJA Federation of New York.

“Rosh Hashanah reminds us that even after difficult chapters, we have the power to begin again and that one of our strongest answers to division is community,” said JCRC-NY CEO Mark Treyger. “We should not gather only in moments of crisis; we must also gather in moments of joy. Today, we dipped apples in honey, had the special joy of sharing them with an early childhood class, heard the timeless call of the shofar that has accompanied generations of our people, and chose once again to celebrate openly, deepen relationships, and build bridges. At a time when too many forces seek to pull us apart, we are doubling down on bringing people together. I am deeply grateful to Congressman George Latimer, County Executive Ken Jenkins, Elliot Forchheimer and the Westchester Jewish Council, the JCC of Mid-Westchester, UJA-Federation of New York, our JCRC-NY board members, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and all our community partners for welcoming 5787 with joy, hope, and community.”

“I am honored to have celebrated the Jewish New Year alongside the JCRC-NY, the Westchester Jewish Council, and the JCC of Mid-Westchester. To be able to celebrate Rosh Hashanah together, especially at a time when antisemitism is on the rise across our country, is a step to ensure hate has no place in our communities. I look forward to being a partner in the coming year with our Jewish community as we work towards being able to celebrate all faiths without fear of violence,” said Congressman George Latimer.

“Rosh Hashanah is a time for reflection and renewal, and the holiday is made sweeter when we come together and celebrate with neighbors, friends, and partners in our community. The Westchester Jewish Council is honored to share this moment with Congressman Latimer and our organizational partners, and we look forward to a year full of connection and purpose,” said Michael Mittelman, President, Westchester Jewish Council.

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about something important, something bigger than party labels and partisan politics.”
“We have faced an explosion of antisemitism in all aspects of our lives. We have also watched many we thought were our allies abandon us. But we have also been reminded of who our true friends are, who is willing to stand with us,” Chemtob said. “And it is with respect to this last category, true, genuine friendship to the Jewish community, a qualification that transcends partisan concerns, that I am here today to announce that I am supporting Mike Lawler.”
“My support for Mike is personal, because when I look beyond party labels to someone I know and trust, I see someone who cares about the safety and well-being of my children,” Chemtob continued. “Jew hatred is on the rise. We are not immune to it here in New Castle. We need elected officials who are willing to confront it, wherever it comes from, even when doing so is uncomfortable, even when it creates political problems, and even when it means challenging people within our own political parties. Mike has always been willing to stand up against antisemitism and to stand with the Jewish community, both before October 7 and after.”
Chemtob pointed to Lawler’s lead sponsorship of the Antisemitism Awareness Act, which passed the House with bipartisan support by a vote of 320 to 91, his work across party lines on Jewish security, and the A grade he earned in the most recent nonpartisan Bridge Grades report, the top score of any member of New York’s congressional delegation.
“I don’t have to agree with Mike on every issue. Neither do you. But I’m asking you to consider the individual, look at his record, recognize his character and his courage,” Chemtob concluded. “We shouldn’t write off a candidate based off of the letter in front of his name. I am putting the interest of my community ahead of party loyalty, and I hope we can agree that our loyalty should ultimately be to our values, our community, and our conscience. It’s why I am standing here today, breaking with my own party to support Mike Lawler, because Mike is not afraid to stand up for what’s right and just.”
“Ally, I am beyond humbled by your support and, moreover, your friendship. We have been able to work together across the aisle to deliver real results for this district,” said Congressman Mike Lawler. “We are in a moment where moral clarity is needed now more than ever, when people have to stand tall and make clear who they stand with. I will always stand with the Jewish community throughout my district and throughout our country. I want to thank Ally for her leadership and her courage in crossing the aisle to support me in this election. It shows that she is the type of person who, above all else, cares about serving the community and getting the job done.”
Lawler represents one of just a handful of Republican-held districts in the country carried by Kamala Harris in 2024 and won reelection there by more than six points.
Democrat Cait Conley is challenging Lawler in NY-17.

Letter to the Editor: Your Medicare & Social Security are Under Attack You’re Going to Need a Friend in the House

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, THAT FRIEND WILL BE CAIT CONLEY

Without action from Congress, your Social Security retirement fund will run out of reserves in 2032, just 6 yrs. from now.
Incoming taxes will cover only 78% of scheduled retirement benefits resulting in a 22% reduction in your planned retirement payments.
Why is this happening?
1. Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act lowered tax liability on benefits, reducing overall trust fund revenue. Lawler signed it.
2. Slower immigration growth reduces the number of active payroll contributors. Mike Lawler backs ICE.
3. Lower projected birth rates mean fewer workers paying into the system
What solutions might best protect your social security?
INCREASING REVENUES- Raising the combined employer-employee payroll tax rate- from its current 12.4% by a small %...or adjusting the current taxable maximum cap from \$184,500 so high earners pay taxes on elevated earnings.
REDUCING COSTS/ADJUSTING BENEFITS – Raising the full retirement age (beyond 67) to reflect rising life expectancies...or modifying Cost of Living adjustments (COLA) and applying some form of means testing.
Where does that leave us?
Unfortunately, with false promises of financial retirement protection from our House representative, Mike Lawler and his even less credible boss, Donald Trump. Both continue to refer to this insurance as some kind of” gifted entitlement” rather than monies you have contributed to and earned over your entire working lives.
In fact, going forward, this Administration is already actively moving toward privatization!
Six States are currently testing new constraints on traditional Medicare thru the WISer model, requiring prior authorization for 17 specific tradition fee-for-service Medicare procedures. They are using private contractors, utilizing AI to screen for eligibility, with final \$ compensation based on rejection rates.
End the chaos.... A vote for Cait Conley will elect someone who represents your interests and cares about seniors who deserve a well-earned and comfortable retirement.

Jay Forbest, Peekskill

Letter: Trump is right. He is on the ballot. And key to stopping the madness is voting out one of his most obedient supporters—Mike Lawler

At this month’s Republican Convention, Trump told his followers to vote as if he were on the ballot. And he had them pledge “to the greatest president in the history the United States, that loves us so much he can’t even breathe that I will go out with my family, my friends, I’ll do it any way—I don’t care if I’m registered or not. I’m going to try to cheat like hell like they do.” (The Guardian 9/11)
You know who “they” are. Anyone who opposes his corruption and his policies.
Trump is right. He is on the ballot. And key to stopping the madness is voting out one of his most obedient supporters—Mike Lawler.
Lawler voted for the Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) with its cruel cuts to social services including SNAP—which feeds hungry children. Many of these cuts won’t start until after the November election, but we’re already seeing the effects.
At this convention Trump also said “I’ve delivered on every single promise I made.” What about the promise to avoid foreign wars and make things affordable? A reckless war in Iran is not only costing us multiple billions in military spending, but the gas prices keep going up.
The tariff frenzy has raised prices across the board.
Mike Lawler supported all of these MAGA policies.
Knowing Lawler’s importance to the MAGA agenda Elon Musk, who gave Lawler’s 2024 campaign over \$1.7 million, is pouring money in to fight Cait Conley.
We need a representative who will look out for everyday people—not corporations and the ultra-rich.
Cait Conley’s wide-ranging experience and drive will make her an extremely effective Congresswoman. Before believing Lawler’s well-funded lies, check out her policies at caitconley.com.policy An AI expert, she’ll fight for regulation of AI and data centers. She does not support a data center at Indian Point.
Please don’t let Musk and MAGA money buy your vote!
Vote Trump’s yes-man out of office and send Cait Conley to Congress to work for us.
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Preserving Westchester’s Heritage

For 50 years, Thompson’s Cider Mill has been more than an orchard – it’s been a steward of Westchester’s open space and agricultural history keeping orchard land in Croton-on-Hudson (Town of Yorktown) since the 1870s.

“From the beginning I believed the terroir of Westchester County is ideal for apple growing,” Thompson says. “The soil, the humidity, the length of the growing season and other factors of nature combine to make it special. By resurrecting the orchard and protecting this open space, in a small way we help our customers experience the true taste of Westchester’s agricultural legacy.

“I began by making and selling a few gallons of cider made on a hand-cranked press from a roadside cooler with an honor box,” Thompson recalls. “Whatever we put out, went quickly, and within two years I had invested in a mechanized press that could produce eight gallons per pressing and set it up in the barn at the small house I rented from Teatown Reservation on Spring Valley Road. In 1978 I purchased 5.5 acres of land a quarter mile away on Blinn Road which had been an orchard from the 1880s until 1930s. I began replanting the orchard and in 1980 moved to a house and cider mill we built there. After a fire destroyed the house and attached barn, in 1996 we built today’s free-standing mill with a press system that produces 30-plus gallons per pressing.”

The heart of the mill’s success is an orchard featuring 500-plus trees and 15 apple varieties including heirloom and unusual apples not typically found supermarkets.

Thompson’s continues to set the bar for quality through two distinct product lines: Artisanal Fresh Cider: Thompson’s small-batch fresh cider is a sophisticated blend of up to 25 different apple varieties. This results in a balanced, full-bodied flavor profile that has defined the Westchester autumn experience for half a century.

Award-Winning Hard Ciders: Expanding on its traditional roots, the mill has become a local purveyor in the craft hard cider movement, with its award-winning hard ciders earning recognition for quality year after year. Nine different hard ciders highlight the natural characteristics of the fruit, and are noted for their clean, crisp character.

Thompson’s Cider Mill is open for its 50th Anniversary season on at Sundial Farm, 1311 Kitchawan Road (Route 134) in Ossining. Weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. During September and October, Thompson’s ciders, apples, and other products are sold exclusively at our farm stand and tasting room at historic Sundial Farm, 1311 Kitchawan Road (Route 134) in Ossining – not at the cider mill location. Stop by for heirloom and new apple varieties, fresh-baked pies and muffins, cider donuts, local honey, and maple syrup. Sundial is immediately west of Exit 11 of the Taconic State Parkway. Sales at the cider mill, 335 Blinn Road in Croton-on-Hudson, run from November to mid-December. Please note: There is no public apple picking at the orchard.

Call All Westchester Businesses: Take the Survey

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Westchester BOL Approves New Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses, Service Members and Disabled Veterans



On Sept. 14, the Westchester County Board of Legislators unanimously approved four measures providing County property tax relief. The exemptions benefit surviving spouses of first responders who died in the line of duty, active-duty military members serving in combat zones, and veterans with serious disabilities resulting from their service.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D–New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, “Those who serve our communities and our country, and the families who stand beside them, make extraordinary sacrifices. These exemptions are a meaningful way for Westchester County to recognize that service while providing practical financial relief. I am proud that the full Board came together to support these local heroes and their families.”

The exemptions will apply to assessment rolls with taxable status dates on or after October 1, 2026. Property owners must apply through their local assessor and meet applicable eligibility requirements.

The four measures provide:

Surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty: A 50% exemption on the assessed value of their primary residence for County property tax purposes.

Surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance service members who died in the line of duty: A 50% exemption from County taxation on qualifying real property.

Active-duty military members serving in combat zones: A 25% exemption on the assessed value of their primary residence.

Veterans with serious disabilities resulting from their service: A full County property tax exemption on their qualifying primary residence.

Legislator Colin D. Smith, Chair of the Board’s Legislation Committee, said, “Honoring service requires more than words; it requires meaningful action to support the people and families who have made extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our country and our communities. I was proud to help advance this package through the Legislation Committee and to support its unanimous passage by the Board.”

Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Chair of the Board’s Budget and Appropriations Committee, said, “These exemptions reflect our values as a County—standing with those who serve and protecting the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Budget Chair, I’m proud we can provide meaningful property tax relief to our veterans, active-duty service members, first responders and their families while honoring their service to our communities.”

Thanks for Your Service on News 12 Lisa LaRocca



Wishing all the best to Lisa LaRocca, who has reported the news for more than 30 years in Westchester and Yonkers. LaRocca, who recently stepped down from News12 Westchester, where she was a welcome presence for thousands. She is pictured with Mayor Mike Spano and County Legisaltor James Nolan

Letter to the Editor:

We have a critical election coming up on November 3rd in CD-17. The race should not be Left against Right, it should be Right against Wrong. Let’s see what wrongs the MAGA agenda and the Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) have in store for us, and what we will be losing.

We know that Mike Lawler says he is a moderate, we know he is very helpful to individual constituents who have a problem and we read about his accomplishments in his newsletters, including what he has done to help CD-17.

What he does NOT tell us, and not everyone realizes, is that the damage that he has helped create by voting with the MAGA agenda will not start until January 2027, well after we have all voted. The BBB passed 218-214, and, despite many of us begging Mike Lawler to vote NO, he followed his MAGA “conscience” and voted yes. His one vote and only 2 other “no” votes could have saved us from the following. (all info from Congressional Budget Office, CBO):

\$1.2 TRILLION cuts from Medicaid through 2035, in addition to a new work requirement and more confusing reporting requirements which will certainly cause many people to lose Medicaid, despite their qualifying for it. The CBO estimates there will be 13.1 million fewer Medicaid enrollees by 2035.

\$211 BILLION cuts from SNAP (Supplemental NUTRITION Assistance Program), which provides low-income families with funds to put food on the table, thereby freeing up tight budgets for other basic needs, like housing and medicine.

\$330 BILLION cuts from Education. If the President gets his way, we will not have a Department of Education either. An uneducated country will NOT Make America Great!

Please remember, these are just three things that will NOT go into effect until AFTER the election.

While voting to cut these vital social services, Lawler has supported the war in Iran, a war that was started illegally and which is costing us lives and untold billions. (The Constitution states that Congress has the SOLE power to formally declare war – yet the Republican Congress remains silent.)

Mike Lawler is also in favor of reopening Indian Point, a 1950-1960’s built nuclear power plant with stored radioactive material on the premises. AND it sits on 2 fault lines. Those of us who live in the area, (Croton Cortlandt Peekskill) have experienced mild to moderate quakes, but what if there was a severe

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But a New York Focus analysis of data recently released by the Deportation Data Project shows the Port Chester Police Department appears to have honored ICE's requests to turn people over to the federal agency far more often than most other local law enforcement agencies, with nearly 60 people landing in ICE detention that way since 2024.

Village leadership have said police only contact ICE about people accused of crimes. But 10 immigrants with no documented criminal history were taken into ICE custody shortly after the agency sent detainers to police. That number is by far the highest of any jurisdiction in the state, including ones 50 times its size.

The finding highlights one way local police quietly assist with immigration enforcement, even without the formal contracts with ICE that New York just banned.

Port Chester, a 30,000-person village that leans Democratic, has never had a so-called 287(g) agreement with ICE, through which local law enforcement can serve immigration warrants and, in some cases, conduct immigration arrests. But that hasn't prevented the village's police from helping ICE arrest people after the agency sends them "detainers" — requests that they hold people already in their custody until ICE can pick them up.

Neither Rosabella nor Port Chester Mayor Luis Marino responded to emails or phone calls requesting comment. Marino, who immigrated to the US from Peru in 1985, has said that ICE agents making arrests in Port Chester generally sought people with a criminal record. And local police reached out to the agency only in limited circumstances, he told the Journal News.

“Our Port Chester Police Department is not working with ICE,” he said. Police are not required to honor detainers. Many departments around the state, including the New York City Police Department, rarely do so, the data reveals.

The data doesn't show explicitly how law enforcement handled the detainees in each case. For this analysis, New York Focus tallied detainers sent to Port Chester that ICE lifted because the person was booked into ICE custody and where the immigration arrest happened within a day of the detainer being sent.

Police are permitted under New York law to communicate with ICE about people in custody. Under a 2018 state court ruling, however, they can't hold those people longer than necessary so that ICE has time to show up.

Experts say it can be hard to know when that rule is violated. “There are certainly a lot of gray areas, and places where law enforcement may be exploiting those gray areas,” said Zachary Ahmad, senior policy counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union.

A spokesperson for the attorney general’s office told New York Focus that the office is “in touch” with the Port Chester Police Department regarding the agency’s interactions with ICE. She declined to confirm or deny the existence of an investigation.

ICE has arrested 57 people after sending detainer requests to Port Chester police since 2024, New York Focus's analysis shows. Though the agency arrested more immigrants who had been in custody at jails in Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, and Rockland counties, as well as at New York City's Rikers Island jail complex, those facilities each received a much larger number of ICE detainer requests and a smaller share of them resulted in detentions.

Based on ICE data, 17 of the people Port Chester turned over had no criminal history until their contact with the local police. Even after their run-ins with the police, ICE still categorized 10 as “immigration violators,” meaning they had not been charged with crimes. Federal court documents and prior reporting indicate that at least some of them were picked up by police on allegations of basic traffic violations alone, which are not considered crimes and do not normally lead to detention.

On Valentine's Day, a 54-year-old Colombian asylum seeker was riding a motor scooter when he was stopped by a Port Chester police officer for "driving a motor-scooter that was not yet registered," according to federal court documents. He was then charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license — a traffic infraction, not a crime.

“Nonetheless, the police department arrested Petitioner and notified ICE,” a federal judge wrote in an opinion on the man’s lawsuit, ordering his immediate release after two months of ICE detention.



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Problem With Sexual Criminals, continued from pg 1-

“The Southern District of New York will use every available tool to protect children,” said U.S. Attorney Jamie McDonald. “Dustin Tompkins represents every parent’s greatest fear: an adult who allegedly used social media to gain access to children and exploit them for his own sexual gratification. As alleged, while on supervision for a prior conviction for receipt and distribution of child pornography, Tompkins used social media to communicate with minors and persuade them to create and send him sexually explicit images. Tompkins is also alleged to have amassed additional child pornography via social media applications. If you have information to report, please immediately contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.”

As alleged in the Complaint:(1) On or about March 18, 2015, TOMPKINS pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to receiving and distributing child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2) and (b)(1), and was subsequently sentenced to 77 months in prison to be followed by a lifetime term of supervised release.

On or about January 30, 2026, officers from the U.S. Probation Office conducted a routine supervisory visit and discovered hidden in TOMPKINS's bedroom an unsanctioned smartphone. A subsequent court-authorized search of that smartphone found images comprising child pornography. The search of the smartphone further revealed that, on or about January 24, 2026, TOMPKINS had created a messaging group using a social media application by which he received and viewed approximately 55 files containing child pornography.

Finally, the smartphone search found that TOMPKINS, using a second social media application, had posed as an adult woman and exchanged messages with minors. Specifically, on or about October 14, 2025, Tompkins directed a 13-year-old to engage in sexually explicit conduct, photograph the conduct, and transmit the photograph to him. Then, on or about December 26, 2025, Tompkins directed, and attempted to direct, a 16-year-old to engage in sexually explicit conduct, photograph and record the conduct, and transmit the photograph and video to him.

There may be other victims. If you have information to report, please contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

TOMPKINS, 38, of Mount Kisco, New York, is charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child, which each carry a minimum sentence of 25 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison. TOMPKINS is also charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography, which carries a minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison. TOMPKINS is finally charged with one count of committing the offenses charged in Counts One and Two while being a registered sex offender, which requires a sentence of 10 years in prison to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed pursuant to Counts One and Two.

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“What’s special about working, training, and teaching at an academic hospital like St. John’s is that you must stay up to date with the most evidence-based practice and new technologies and new teaching. The patients may notice it in that they see a variety of people on their care team. They might meet a medical student and then a resident, and then the attending. But what’s happening behind the scenes is that each patient is part of their education process as well. And we must hold ourselves and our residents to a very high level of educational standards to make sure that we’re preparing them to go out into the world.”

Nurses are also an integral part of the ED care team. “The nurses here are amazing, and the changes that are going on in the Department of Nursing are absolutely incredible,” he says. “Just recently, the nursing department received a Mother Cabrini grant, and we’re working on an amazing project to elevate nursing excellence across the hospital.”

The hospital's fast-track system also helps nurses provide efficient patient care. "Our amazing nurses do a fantastic job of triaging patients based on the symptoms they're presenting with and, based on that, we have different areas of the ED that really focus on being efficient for those types of complaints."

He explains a little more about the fast-track system. “Our fast-track area is really geared for our lower acuity complaints, such as a cut or a laceration or a sprained ankle, such that we can get you in and out of the system with those lower acuity issues as quickly as possible. And we really try to create different treatment areas. This way, we can focus on being efficient with those and then equally efficient for our higher acuity patients.”

To celebrate the expansion, ED workers got to help break the wall before construction began. Dr. Sasso says all the ED staff are very happy about the new renovations. “The ED staff is ecstatic, from the physicians to the residents to the nurses; we are all ecstatic. Not just for ourselves to be able to work in a new space, but really for our community—to be able to care for this community in a modern, state-of-the-art emergency department.” Visit <https://riversidehealth.org/> to learn more.

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Third Party, continued from pg 1-

\$11.5 trillion combined to date, according to Treasury Department data,” states a Fox Business article published in late August.

I’m not much good at math, but that \$11.5 trillion on Trump’s watch is more than one-quarter of the total debt load we’re currently carrying. (To compare, Biden approved \$4.7 billion in debt, says the Committee For a Responsible Federal Budget – CFRB.)

When Fox, which is the President’s most shameless media cheerleader, lays it out in a way that clearly lays so much blame on Trump’s doorstep, he should know we are in deep fiscal trouble. Yet he has no thoughts on how to deal with our frightening increase in debt.

“Last year the Federal government spent nearly \$1 trillion on interest,” states the CFRB, in an email they sent out September 14th. That’s \$1 trillion reasons why interest rates are going up.

Meanwhile, the Trump Administration has declared economic war on Canada, which will continue to push prices up, and is engaged in a weird phantom war with Iran. Some days we bomb, some days we just scream at them, which is very productive. He’s obsessed with building his ballroom and a giant arch and renaming things like Lake Ontario and New Mexico. Meanwhile, Costco is rationing sales of motor oil.

The other, fiercely ugly anti-democratic thing the Republican Party is engaged in now is voter suppression, election manipulation and election denial. Trump just tried voter suppression with his effort to determine who can and cannot get a mail-in ballot. Nobody should think that he’s going to stop trying to rig the vote, or that he won’t scream the Dems cheated if the Republicans lose the House and/or Senate November 3rd.

Also, another aspect of the Republican Party that should not be a winner going forward is its emphasis on white identity as a marker of superiority and exclusion of everyone else. People of color make up 40 to 42 percent of the population of the U.S.

Putting aside Trump for the moment, if we look at the last forty-six years of the Republican Party’s history, the pattern is clear – their major economic platform has been to cut taxes over and over again (Trump’s tax cuts from 2025 overwhelmingly favored the wealthy.). When you do that, you must then cut spending. Republicans are really good at cutting taxes, and terrible at cutting government programs. And, so here we are, with a \$40 trillion debt. This has to stop.

The Democrats are licking their chops at the prospect of a blue wave in November, but don’t count on it. In the last decade, before this election cycle, they had truly lost their way, spending too much time on issues on the margins, such as transgender rights, what it means to be “non-binary,” and dividing people into strict racial, ethnic categories while pretty much ignoring the working class and rural citizens.

President Obama saved the U.S. auto industry, navigated a difficult economic recovery after the mortgage crisis in 2008, and got the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance plan passed that helped give 20 million Americans health insurance. The ACA health insurance plan demonstrated that Obama cared about working Americans struggling with health care costs, paying a mortgage and trying to raise their kids.

Since Obama left office, too many Democrats started talking about being “woke.” Woke proponents, such as Ibram Kendi, were saying the U.S. is structurally a racist nation. The general public was not amused. The woke proclamations that came from progressives still lurks in many minds.

It’s a historical fact that we have treated black people terribly in this country. They’ve suffered from being enslaved, terrorized, lynched, and treated as an inferior species of humankind, particularly in the South. This nation’s ancestors massacred native Americans and took their lands. Hispanics, Asians and other minorities have frequently been met with prejudice, discrimination and violence.

However, to acknowledge that does not give you license to say that rioting is justified if you have no access to clean water, as U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) told a radio show in 2019, or to abolish the police.

Thankfully, Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries has directed the 2026 Democratic candidates to talk about the affordability of food, gas and housing and healthcare and government corruption. However, I don’t see any Democratic candidates talking about reducing our debt, working for improved economic opportunities for everyone, or gaining better access to a quality education, whether that’s college or a vocational school.

Now, we also face the specter of the rise of a handful of Democratic Socialists trying to radically shift the Democratic Party, away from centrist politics, just as MAGA ideology invaded the Republican Party.

With the two major parties too often losing focus on the needs of the mainstream working class, the question becomes, can someone start a new political party?

There are plenty of other political parties. They’re mostly small, often ineffective, and hardly known to the public.

In a way, the most successful third-party effort in recent times was Ross Perot’s run for the Presidency in 1992. Perot, who founded a successful data processing services company, ran on the Reform Party ticket and won almost 19 percent of the vote. Perot talked about the need to balance the Federal budget and stop our long-term debt from growing (We were running a deficit of \$293 billion, which feels quaint now.). He also wanted us to stop sending jobs to foreign countries. Perot ran again in 1996 but didn’t do as well. However, his campaign message had taken root.

What Perot accomplished more than anything was to promote the idea that we needed to get our financial house in order. He didn’t win, but his campaign had an effect on the man who got elected President in 1992 – Democrat Bill Clinton, and then the Republican Congress that took office after their landslide in 1994.

Clinton had also talked up reducing the deficit, but Perot’s urgent, plain-spoken campaign reinforced the message to the public. Plus, Perot wasn’t running for office for personal glory. The man cared about the future of the country.

Despite their contentious relationship, Clinton and Congress worked together to balance the Federal budget in 1998. The budget was balanced or in surplus for three years, through 2001. Perot was such a pain in the neck, he managed to somehow move the needle in Washington. Clinton gave Perot credit for advocating his ideas about reducing the deficit.

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LEGAL NOTICE
SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County.

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff

-against-

JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JON R. WEDEN, et al., Defendants. Index No. 60320/2026

THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint and serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days where service is made other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America may answer within sixty (60) days. Failure to appear or answer will result in judgment by default for the relief demanded. OBJECT OF ACTION: to foreclose a reverse mortgage securing \$544,185.00 and interest, dated May 1, 2008, recorded June 16, 2008, Control No. 481610046, Westchester County Clerk's Office, covering premises known as 92 Pleasant Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570, Town of Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County. Relief sought: final judgment directing sale of said premises. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME if you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of your answer on Plaintiff's attorney and filing it with the court. A default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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In a 1992 speech, Perot said of Washington, DC, “This city has become a town filled with sound bites, shell games, handlers, media stuntmen who posture, create images, talk...but don’t ever accomplish anything. We need deeds, not words...”

Perot pinpointed the problem with our politicians. Far too many are focused on their own careers. Our current batch of political leaders have preoccupied themselves with staying in office forever or moving up the ladder to a higher position. So, they dodge and weave for the cameras, and they try to look and sound good on TV and social media.

A successful third party today could have the same effect as what Perot did in the 1990s – it might push the political system to change, so we can finally grab hold of our problems and do something about them.

If I could design a new political party’s message from scratch, I’d have it focus on reducing our massive debt, expand educational and vocational training opportunities, help our children more, make housing more affordable for young families, and revive the idea of the American dream. I’d condemn the culture war vitriol and the attempts to carve us up by color or ethnicity.

We need a third party that believes in the future again, invests in the American people, and inspires the country to work toward building a future of shared prosperity. The Democrats and Republicans might get the message.

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

To commence the 30 days statutory time period for appeals as of right (CPLR 5512 [2]), you are advised to serve a copy of this order, with notice of entry, upon all parties

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

-----X
PAOLA CEDANO,

-against-

DANIEL ANDRADE,

Plaintiff,

Defendant.
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DECISION & ORDER

Index No.: 50677/2026
Motion Sequence No. 1
Motion Date: 7/30/2026

HYER, J.S.C.

The following documents were considered in connection with the notice of motion of the Plaintiff, dated July 30, 2026, (hereinafter “Motion Sequence No. 1”), seeking the entry of an Order granting the following relief:

1. Authorizing Plaintiff PAOLA CEDANO to serve the Summons and Verified Complaint upon Defendant by an alternate method of service because Defendant’s current residence and whereabouts are unknown despite Plaintiff’s diligent efforts to locate him;
2. Permitting service upon Defendant by such method as this Court deems appropriate, including but not limited to:
 - a. Service by publication; and/or
 - b. Service by electronic means, including text message, WhatsApp, e-mail, or other electronic communication available to Defendant;
3. Deeming such alternate service sufficient to provide Defendant with reasonable notice of this action; and,
4. Granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

PAPERS

Notice of Motion/Affidavit in Support/Affidavit of Due Diligence/Memorandum Of Law/Exhibit 1/Proposed Order

DOC. NO.

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Relevant Factual and Procedural Background

This matrimonial action was commenced on May 19, 2026, with the Plaintiff’s filing of a summons and verified complaint (hereinafter “Complaint”),¹ seeking the entry of a judgment against the Defendant dissolving the marriage between the parties to this action pursuant to New York State Domestic Relations Law § 170(7), asserting that the parties’ relationship had irretrievably broken down for a period in excess of six months and requests other ancillary relief.² The Complaint further provides both Plaintiff’s and Defendant’s last known address,³ with Plaintiff residing at 542 Center Street, Chula Vista, California 91910 (hereinafter “Plaintiff’s Address”) and Defendant residing at 25 Hubert Place, Apartment 1, New Rochelle, New York 10801 (hereinafter “Defendant’s Address”). Of note, it does not appear Plaintiff filed any required matrimonial notices, or included same within the Complaint, being the following (1) maintenance guidelines worksheet; (2) notice concerning continuation of health care coverage; and, (3) notice of automatic orders (hereinafter “Matrimonial Notices”).

On July 30, 2026, Plaintiff filed a motion by notice of motion, being Motion Sequence No. 1,⁴ seeking the above-referenced relief, and simultaneously filing a request for judicial intervention

¹ See, NYSCEF Doc. No. 1.
² See, Complaint, ¶ “Fifth”.
³ See, Complaint, ¶ “Fourth”.
⁴ See, NYSCEF Doc. Nos. 2-7.

(hereinafter “RJ”),⁵ which again identified the Plaintiff’s Address and Defendant’s Address, and further provided the following contact information for Defendant: a telephone number being (914) 563-5594 (hereinafter “Defendant’s Phone Number”), and an e-mail address being lucianovolecan1973@gmail.com (hereinafter “Defendant’s E-Mail”).

In support of Motion Sequence No. 1, Plaintiff filed *inter alia* an affidavit in her own name (hereinafter “Plaintiff’s Affidavit”),⁶ as well as an affidavit of due diligence executed by non-party Jose Montano (hereinafter “Montano Affidavit”),⁷ which set forth the efforts made to personally serve the Defendant with the Complaint, and the apparent refusal of Defendant to provide a current known location to effectuate service. Additionally, Plaintiff filed as a singular exhibit, copies of “WhatsApp” text messages and a telephone log (hereinafter “Supporting Documents”),⁸ which supported the efforts outlined in both Plaintiff’s Affidavit and the Montano Affidavit.

No further submissions were received by this Court regarding Motion Sequence No. 1.

Legal Analysis

A. Plaintiff’s Request For An Order Permitting Alternate Service Of The Complaint.

“In an action for a divorce, New York State Domestic Relations Law § 232 permits substituted service pursuant to CPLR 308 by court order upon a showing that personal delivery of the summons and complaint upon the defendant could not be effected despite efforts made with due diligence” (*Florestal v. Coleman-Florestal*, 124 A.D.3d 578 [2d Dept 2015]).

“CPLR 308(5) vests a court with the discretion to direct an alternative method for service of process when it has determined that the methods set forth in CPLR 308(1), (2), and (4) are ‘impracticable’” (*Astrologo v. Serra*, 240 A.D.2d 606 [2d Dept 1997]). Whether service is

“impracticable, ‘depends on the facts and circumstances surrounding each case’” (*MTGLQ Investors, L.P. v. Mayers*, 209 A.D.3d 1009 [2d Dept 2002]; *citing to Wells Fargo Bank, NA v. Patel*, 175 A.D.3d 1350 [2d Dept 2019], *quoting Liebeskind v. Liebeskind*, 86 A.D.2d 207 [1st Dept 1982])). “Although impracticality does not require a showing of actual attempts to serve parties under every method in the aforementioned provisions of CPLR § 308, the movant is required to make competent showings as to actual efforts made to effect service” (*Joseph II. v. Luis JJ*, 201 A.D.3d 43 [3d Dept 2021] [internal citations omitted]).

The Courts have continuously focused on a movant’s “due diligence” or lack thereof, as a barrier to issue a court order for substituted service, finding consistently that such an order is obtainable only upon a showing that service “could not be carried out by personal delivery despite the use of due diligence” (*Rae v. Marciano*, 227 A.D.3d 738 [2d Dept 2024]). “Once the impracticability standard is satisfied, due process requires that the method of service be ‘reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise’ the defendant of the action” (*Continmortgage Corp. v. Isler*, 48 A.D.3d 732 [2d Dept 2008], *quoting Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co*, 70 S.Ct. 652 [1950]). “In order to be constitutionally adequate, the method of service need not guarantee that the defendant will receive actual notice,” and “Indeed, in the case of persons missing or unknown, employment of an indirect and even a probably futile means of notification is all that the situation permits” (*Harkness v. Doe*, 261 A.D.2d 846 [4th Dept 1999] [internal citations omitted]).

“In an action for a divorce, New York State Domestic Relations Law § 232 permits substituted service pursuant to CPLR 308 by court order upon a showing that personal delivery of the summons and complaint upon the defendant could not be effected despite efforts made with due diligence” (*Florestal v. Coleman-Florestal*, 124 A.D.3d 578 [2d Dept 2015]). To obtain an

order permitting service by publication, “a party must provide support that service cannot be made by another method of service ‘with due diligence’ imposing an obligation on the plaintiff to exhaust all of the potential methods of service under CPLR § 308, including the seeking of a court order pursuant to CPLR § 308(5) for expedient service” (*Serrano v. Serrano*, 186 A.D.2d 912 [3d Dept 1992] “Service by publication in matrimonial actions is disfavored and should be utilized only as a last resort where all other methods of service are unavailable, including possible methods of expedient service under CPLR § 308[5]”).

Upon review of the submissions made to this Court, the Plaintiff has met the impracticability standard set forth by the Appellate Division, Second Department. Plaintiff has not only shown an actual attempt to serve Defendant, but more importantly for this Court’s inquiry, she has shown a comprehensive search and effort to obtain any additional information regarding Defendant’s current whereabouts, in order to further attempt service in the underlying action. Moreover, while Plaintiff does not go step-by-step through each respective method of service offered by CPLR § 308, the Courts have been clear that no such effort is required so long as “due diligence” is shown in actual efforts made to effect service in some way (*Joseph II. V. Luis JJ*, 201 A.D.3d 43 [3d Dept 2021]; *Rae v. Marciano*, 227 A.D.3d 738 [2d Dept 2024]). The Court finds those efforts have been met here.

After a review of CPLR § 308, despite her diligent efforts in obtaining further information regarding the Defendant’s whereabouts, the Court finds no other method of service included within the statute which is practical. Without new information regarding the residence, employment, general region of the state and/or country, that Defendant is located, methods of service such as “leave and mail”, “nail and mail” among others would be impossible to even attempt (CPLR § 308[1-4]).

The Court now turns to whether the method of service sought by Plaintiff is “reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise the defendant of the action” (*Continmortgage Corp. v. Isler*, 48 A.D.3d 732 [2d Dept 2008]). To that end, this Court finds Plaintiff has further met her burden. The Courts have been clear that the method of service “need not guarantee” that Defendant will receive actual notice, especially in situations where (after due diligence) the Defendant’s whereabouts remain unknown (*Harkness v. Doe*, 261 A.D.2d 846 [4th Dept 1999] [internal citations omitted]). In the case at bar, both Plaintiff’s Affidavit and the Montano Affidavit confirmed that Defendant responded to Plaintiff’s initial inquiry confirming he was not located in the United States at that time, thereafter identifying himself but subsequently failed to provide any further contact, further failing to provide a current location where divorce documents could be served. Therefore, this Court finds that service by publication pursuant to CPLR § 315 is permitted, however, this Court will further direct that Plaintiff shall also serve Defendant via, WhatsApp message to Defendant’s Phone Number and via e-mail to Defendant’s E-Mail, as Defendant has responded to electronic communication in the past.

While service by publication is generally unfavored in matrimonial actions, Plaintiff’s situation is the exception to the rule (*Serrano v. Serrano*, 186 A.D.2d 912 [3d Dept 1992]). Without any cooperation from Defendant’s family, friends, ex-employers, or an ability of the plaintiff to locate his social media presence, this is the Plaintiff’s last and only option to effectuate service. As a result, this Court grants Plaintiff leave to serve Defendant by publication, WhatsApp message and e-mail as set forth herein-below.

B. Other Relief.

To the extent relief is not granted or otherwise addressed herein, it is hereby denied.

⁵ See, NYSCEF Doc. No. 8.
⁶ See, NYSCEF Doc. No. 3.
⁷ See, NYSCEF Doc. No. 5.
⁸ See, NYSCEF Doc. No. 4.

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Accordingly it is hereby

ORDERED that Motion Sequence No. 1 is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall publish the Complaint and all Matrimonial Notices in this matter; a copy of this Decision and Order; and, a Notice to the Defendant, including a brief statement of the nature of the action and the relief sought; the sum of money for which judgment may be taken in the case of default; a brief description of any real property of which title, possession, use or enjoyment could be affected by a default, within the publication “Westchester Rising”, (914) 714-4370 – dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com – P.O. Box 23 3652 Lee Road, Jefferson Valley, NY 10535, as a publication identified that would most likely give notice to the Defendant, such Complaint, this Decision and Order, Matrimonial Notices and Notice, to be published **once per week, for three successive weeks**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall also serve Defendant with the Complaint, a copy of this Decision and Order, and required Matrimonial Notices via WhatsApp message to Defendant’s Phone Number and via e-mail to Defendant’s E-Mail, on or before **September 4, 2026**; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall, by **November 13, 2026** file an affidavit of service with the Court on NYSCEF outlining compliance with this Court’s directives regarding substituted service; and it is further

ORDERED that all parties shall appear on **November 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** for a preliminary conference in this matter.

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The foregoing constitutes the Decision and Order of the Court.

**Dated: White Plains, New York
August 25, 2026**

ENTER:

James L. Hyer
HON. JAMES L. HYER, J.S.C.

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quake under the older operating nuclear power plant? Could it cause equipment failure, loss of cooling, or the worst outcome, a radioactive release threatening millions in the region? (FYI, Conley is opposed to the re-opening of Indian Point.)

Believe it or not, Mike Lawler is not always truthful. Less than a week after he signed the OBBBA with all of its brutal changes to Medicaid, his July 12, 2025 newsletter stated “I was proud to speak to the Westchester Medical Center Annual Legislative Breakfast and reaffirm my commitment to protecting Medicaid...”. WHAT?! My email query of how he reconciles that statement with his voting record was unanswered.

As for affordability and the \$4000 “tax cut” Mr. Lawler’s constituents will receive, who thinks that will be enough to cover medical care for you or your families? Don’t wait for your check to show up – he’s referring to the increase in the SALT deduction cap, which will help the wealthy, a portion of the middle class, but not help lower income families one iota.

Mike Lawler does not seem to understand how voting in the government works. In one of his many ads, he accused Conley of voting against the SALT tax proposal. Did he not realize she is ineligible to vote until she takes his seat? (That ad may have been removed.) BTW, without that proposal, the Republican imposed SALT tax cap would have expired on Dec 31, 2025, and we would have gone back to NO cap on our state and local tax deductions.

In another ad, a woman working in a commercial kitchen said how pleased she was that she would no longer have to pay income taxes on her tips or overtime, thanks to Lawler. However, if Republicans stay in office, we won’t know until 2027 how much our health insurance will cost; I suspect it will be more than the money she will have saved on her income taxes. It’s a “trade” that no sensible working person would choose to make; the Republicans are essentially giving us a fish and taking away our poles and boats.

Based on Mike Lawler’s full support of MAGA and his lack of honesty, I urge all of you to look at Conley’s website (caitconley.com.policy) and read her policies. If you are undecided, I think you will be convinced that Cait Conley is the best choice for all of us. Cait will work for us, not for corporations or her own benefit, as this Administration has and continues to do.

Maria Modica-Snow Peekskill, NY

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

Notice of Formation of FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

QUINCY DARBYSHIRE INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Quincy Darbyshire, 115 Loring Ave, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Reid Consultancy, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/08/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Registered agent: Heather Kelly, 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Praveka Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 70 Beach Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of GABRIELLA'S FRIENDLY CONCIERGE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/26/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 147 OAKLAND AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY, 10709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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

Notice of formation of TE Inheritance Law PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/19/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Law.

Notice of formation of Chatsworth Drive Confectionaries LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/20/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of Playwich LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/31/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 333 Mamaroneck Ave, #423, White Plains, NY 10605. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Duration: perpetual.

Notice of formation of AyurvedaNewYork, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on Sept 4, 2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 145 Palisade Street Suite 200 PMB 1015 Dobbs Ferry New York 10522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ShopRite & Messiah Baptist Church Helps to Bag Hunger



#TeamShopRite of Greenway Plaza was thrilled to host an inspiring #HelpBagHungerDay event in support of our annual ShopRite Partners In Caring campaign! We were deeply honored to welcome incredible community leaders and dedicated volunteers who stepped behind the registers to help pack groceries, connect with our shoppers, and shine a bright light on hunger relief in our area. Our store family extends sincere appreciation to State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, and City Council Member Tasha Diaz for lending their leadership and presence to this vital cause. We also want to give a special shoutout to Debbie Cunningham, Gloria Hamilton-Hill, June Moore, and Betty Whitehead from Messiah Baptist Church for rolling up their sleeves and bagging with so much heart and energy.

This partnership is what true community connection looks like. Every donation accepted and every bag packed directly supports local feeding initiatives, making a tangible difference for our neighbors facing food insecurity. A huge thank-you to all of our guest baggers from Messiah Baptist Church, our honored local leaders, our dedicated store team, and our incredible customers for their generous ongoing support!

Summer is Over-Time to Get Your Flu Shot



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, received both his flu and COVID-19 immunization from Stop & Shop Pharmacists at the New Rochelle Stop & Shop and called on residents of his county to get their flu and COVID-19 shots as early as possible this fall. The flu vaccine helps reduce serious respiratory illness and can help protect a person throughout the entire year. Stop & Shop pharmacies have been providing more immunizations year over year to protect its community. Stop & Shop announced that the updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines are available at all its pharmacy locations across the North-east, including its six pharmacies in Westchester County. Customers can receive immunizations for both the flu and COVID-19 during the same pharmacy visit. Vaccines are available at no cost with most insurance plans.

“Getting your flu and COVID-19 vaccines is one of the simplest, and most important steps we can take to protect ourselves and our families as we head into the fall and winter months,” said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins. “Vaccination can help reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalization, particularly for our senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions. I encourage all of our residents to talk with their doctor or healthcare provider, and make a plan to reduce their risk of sickness during flu and COVID season.”

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