

NYAG Clears New Rochelle Cop in Shooting Death of Jarrell Garris



Bodycam footage of New Rochelle Police struggle with Jarrell Garris

Mixed Views in Support and Against Decision in Westchester

By Dan Murphy

Last week, NY Attorney General Letitia James' Office of Special Investigation (OSI) released its report on the death of Jarrell Garris, who died on July 10, 2023 after an encounter with members of the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD) that occurred on July 3, 2023 in New Rochelle. Following a thorough investigation, which included review of body-worn camera footage and security camera video, interviews with involved officers, and comprehensive legal analysis, OSI concluded that a prosecutor would not be able to disprove beyond a reasonable doubt at trial that the officer's use of force against Mr. Garris was justified under New York law. Read the report at link -

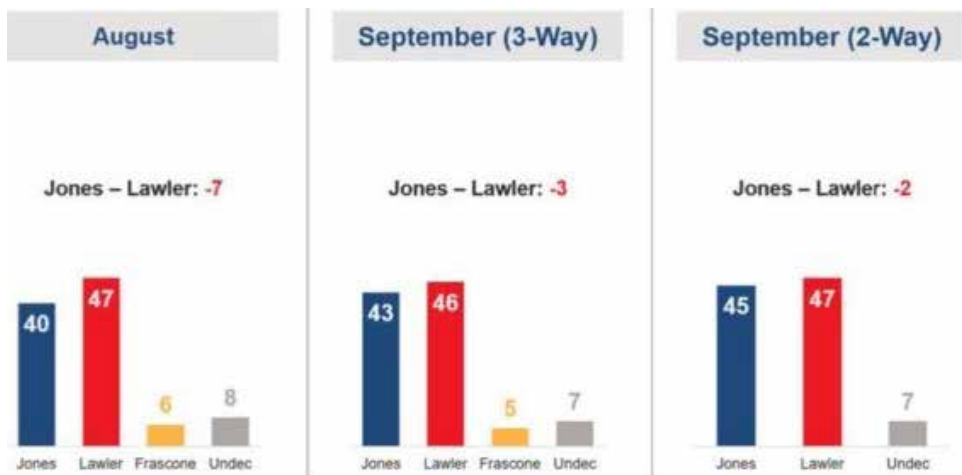
On the afternoon of July 3, NRPD officers responded to a complaint of a man who was eating items he had not paid for at a grocery store on Lincoln Avenue in New Rochelle. Two officers arrived and both officers attempted to verbally engage with Mr. Garris. Mr. Garris was not responding to the officers' questions when the third officer got to the scene.

The third officer placed one handcuff on Mr. Garris and a physical struggle ensued. The third officer directed the first officer to use her taser on Mr. Gar

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Does Mondaire Have the Momentum?

Latest Poll Has it 47% Lawler-45% Jones



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By Dan Murphy

A new poll by GBOstrategies.com, a democratic polling firm in Washington, shows the race for Congress between Rep. Mike Lawler and former Rep. Mondaire Jones narrowing to within the margin of error.

"The Sept. 20 poll had Lawler at 47% and Jones at 45%. Last month, Lawler held a 47%-40% lead over Jones.

GBO released their memo on this Congressional race, in the 17th District of NY-which includes most of Northern Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties.

"Recent polling in NY-17 shows Mike Lawler's image deteriorating and the congressional race tightening to within the margin of error after just two weeks of Mondaire Jones's ads contrasting him with Lawler on abortion and healthcare, compared to Lawler's five weeks on air. This proves once again that NY-17 is a critical battleground to determining which party controls the House of Representatives after November.

"The following are key findings from August and September surveys of 500 likely general election voters in New York's 17th congressional district. Each survey carries a margin of error of +/-4.4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval. The surveys were conducted between August 8-12 and September 15-18 of this year via phone and text-to-web.

Key Findings

- The congressional race in NY-17 has tightened, with Mondaire Jones closing in on Lawler. In August, Lawler held a 7-point lead over Mondaire Jones (47%

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Left: Big name Democrats are coming out for a rally in favor of Prop 1 on Sept 28 in Yonkers, including US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Attorney General Letitia James, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive and Congressional candidate George Latimer, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

Below: The Coalition to Protect Kids is urging a no vote on Prop One

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Social Media Madness: Homestyle Bakery in Peekskill Gets Threats Over Presidential Cookies?



We Urge Our Readers to visit the Homestyle Bakery, on 23 South Water Street on the Peekskill Waterfront, and buy some Presidential cookies

By Dan Murphy

When Dan Scavino, Senior Advisor to former President Donald Trump, (and a Yorktown native), and State Senator Pete Harckham agree on anything, take notice. Both are coming out to support the Homestyle Bakery in Peekskill, and urging their supporters, friends and voters, to purchase some of the bakery's Presidential cookies. The bakery has come under fire from the "Facebook Freaks," who are so hostile that they attacked the bakery for what has been a 50-year tradition.

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Brooklyn Man Gets 2-6 Years for Fatal Hit and Run of Hartsdale Community Leader



Stephanie Kavourias

Defendant was under the influence of Xanax when he drove his pick-up truck into a pedestrian at a sidewalk

On Sept. 23, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Brooklyn man was sentenced to a term of two to six years in state prison for the August 2023 hit-and-run in Hartsdale that killed 65-year-old Stephanie Kavourias.

DA Rocah said: “The victim was a beloved figure in the Greenburgh community, and her life was senselessly taken when the defendant chose to get behind the wheel of his car and drive while impaired. We hope this prosecution and sentence helps Ms. Kovourias’s loved ones begin the process of healing from this tragedy.”

The defendant, Antonio Robles Sanchez, 43, pleaded guilty on Aug. 1 to Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree, Leaving the Scene of an Incident Without Reporting and Criminally Negligent Homicide, all felonies, and Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, a misdemeanor.

At approximately 11:14 a.m. on Aug. 26, 2023, the defendant, while under the influence of Xanax, drove his Dodge Ram into the victim who was at the intersection of Rockledge Road and East Hartsdale Avenue in Hartsdale, and then left the scene.

The victim was transported to White Plains Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The Greenburgh Police Department recovered the defendant’s license plate at the scene of the incident and, with assistance from White Plains Public Safety, located and arrested the defendant, who was stopped in a lane of traffic while asleep at the wheel of his truck in front of the Westchester County Center in White Plains.

The case was before Judge George Fufidio in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Senior Trial Counsel Brian Bendish of the Trials and Investigations Division.

Christie’s Real Estate Announces Record-Breaking \$29 Million Deal in Mamaroneck



The 185,544 square foot industrial complex is the highest industrial sale in Westchester County

Christie’s International Real Estate Group is proud to announce a historic milestone in the industrial real estate market with the successful sale of a premier industrial portfolio in Mamaroneck, New York. The property, located along Fenimore Road and Railroad Way, closed at an impressive \$29 million, marking the highest industrial sale in Westchester County’s history.

The portfolio encompasses 185,544 square feet of building space situated on 7.26 acres and is strategically positioned near major transportation routes, including I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway. This prime location enhances its appeal for logistics, distribution, and last-mile delivery—sectors experiencing significant growth.

This transaction reflects the rising demand for industrial properties in key strategic locations and highlights the strong potential for future returns. Positioned near major transportation routes like I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway, the portfolio is ideally situated for logistics, distribution, and last-mile delivery—sectors that continue to see rapid growth.

“In today’s challenging market, we’ve proven our ability to uncover high-value, off-market opportunities and match them with qualified, motivated buyers.” said Bryan Lanza, Director of Christie’s International Real Estate’s Commercial Division. “Our team’s discreet handling of transactions ensures our clients can trust us to manage both complex deals and portfolios with confidence and precision, allowing us to consistently unlock value for our clients.”

The success of this transaction reflects the strength and ongoing opportunities within the industrial real estate sector, particularly in desirable locations like Westchester County. Such properties are well-positioned for long-term value appreciation and strong rental yields.

“My goal for this Division has always been to foster a team-centric approach on every transaction. This deal is a prime example of that collaborative spirit, and I want to extend special recognition to Darren Lee and Ian Heyman, whose expertise and dedication were instrumental in securing this \$29+ million transaction.” Lanza continued.

Christie’s International Real Estate’s Commercial Division had the honor of representing both the buyer and seller in this historic deal. Since its inception in April 2023, under the leadership of Bryan Lanza and his team, the Division has achieved notable successes, including this unprecedented industrial sale. The Division currently manages 63 active listings for sale and lease. For more information on Christie’s International Real Estate Group’s Commercial Division, visit <https://crecire.com/>.

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Westchester County residents can schedule free rabies vaccinations for their dogs, cats and ferrets this Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SPCA of Westchester, 590 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor. Call 914-941-2896 x 1100 for an appointment.

An adult must supervise all pets. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers and dogs must be on a leash. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. No examinations will be given.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "Vaccinating your pet against rabies will protect your pet and your family in case your pet has contact with a rabid or potentially rabid animal."

Additional free rabies clinics will be scheduled and announced in the coming months in other parts of the County. Under New York State law, dogs and cats must receive their first rabies vaccine no later than four months after birth. A second rabies shot must be given within one year of the first vaccine, with additional booster shots given every one or three years after that, depending on the vaccine used. Owners who fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep the vaccinations up-to-date may be fined up to \$2,000.

Rabies is a fatal disease that spreads through the bite or saliva of infected animals. Those animals most commonly infected are raccoons, skunks, bats and foxes. However, domestic animals such as cats and dogs are also at risk because they can easily contract rabies from wild or stray animals.

A pet that is up-to-date with its rabies vaccinations would only need a booster dose of vaccine within five days of the pet's exposure to a known or suspect rabid animal. Animals not up-to-date with rabies vaccinations would be quarantined or euthanized following contact with a rabid or suspect-rabid animal.

A change in an animal's behavior is often the first sign of rabies. A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame. It may lose fear of people and become docile, or become excited and irritable. Infected animals sometimes stagger, spit and froth at the mouth. Children should be discouraged from touching unfamiliar animals, and to tell an adult right away if they have been bitten or scratched by an animal.

All animal bites or contact with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000. After hours, callers should follow instructions in the recorded message for reporting public health emergencies 24 hours a day.

To learn more about rabies and its prevention, visit the Health Department's website, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/wchealthdept or follow us on Twitter @wchealthdept.

Donald, Blame Yourself and Not Jews if You Lose



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As you may have guessed from my column several weeks ago, I am still up in the air as to who to vote for President. Like many of you I am not thrilled by either candidate, and feel both political parties can do better. There has to be someone out there with the spark of a Kennedy, Reagan, or Roosevelt. (By the way, anti vaccine Bobby Kennedy is no Jack Kennedy, no pun intended.)

So in my playbook, my vote is one for a candidate to lose at this point as opposed to win. And people like myself throughout the country are going to decide who the next person to occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue will be. Let me start off by reminding you that even if you don't like the candidates the most important thing you must do is vote! People have died in our world over this precious right. Never forget that.

One thing as a columnist I like about the former President and current candidate Donald Trump is that within 15 minutes of a speech he has given you have your article. Forget about agreeing or disagreeing with him if you are on a tight deadline Trump is the candidate of your dreams. It is true that during the last presidential campaign 4 years ago newspaper subscriptions skyrocketed and more people tuned into television and radio news.

I know people who have waited hours to clear security to participate in a Trump rally not because they support him but basically it's better than a comedy show. And the bonus is if he has a band playing that you like. At one of his events you get a comedy show, a concert and all you need is his mother's recipe for meatloaf, slice it for cold meatloaf Sandwiches and you don't have to pay exorbitant prices for frankfurters, hamburgers and The works that venues charge. The night of entertainment is almost free.

Now let's get serious. Donald made a fool of himself when last week he said that if loses in November, 'Jewish People will have a lot to do with it.' I have never heard a candidate for public office make such a stupid statement. To start out with, he should run his speeches by his Jewish son in law and daughter. They would, I pray give him guidance so he doesn't alienate an important part of the electorate.

And he made these remarks at an event denouncing antisemitism. Doesn't he realize that Jews make up only 2% of the United STATES population, hardy enough to win an election. Many of his supporters, particularly out in the cornfields don't know what a Jew is. Sadly in this day and age these people think that Jews are rich, rule the world, have big noses, go to the best colleges and have the biggest homes. Sad to inform them that is not the case. His remarks just stir up antisemitism and don't stop it. He should be ashamed of himself.

He claims the Democratic Party has 'a hold' on the Jewish people. Where does he get his information from. Locally many Jews recently voted against a black candidate for Congress. Many Jews vote all over the political ballot. The days of party loyalty Donald are over. And the old rumor was that blacks and Jews were always a solid block. I look at so many people like myself who are fed up with both political parties. Donald, you are wrong again.

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Assembly Candidate Alessandro Crocco Makes Impassioned Case for Keeping Greenburgh United



Candidate Spoke at Hearing Against Edgemont Secession, Says Move Would be Immoral, Potentially in Violation of Federal Equal Protection Laws and Only Possible Thanks to Legislation Passed by Democrat Mary-Jane Shimsky

Candidate for New York State Legislature, Alessandro Crocco of Hartsdale recently attended a public hearing and stood in opposition of a potential secession of Edgemont from the Town of Greenburgh, calling it morally wrong and possibly in violation of state and federal equal protection rights. Crocco was one of dozens of Greenburgh residents to rise and speak their minds against such a move.

In his remarks, Crocco—who identified himself as a neighbor and friend to those gathered—said any potential secession would only be possible thanks to legislation passed by current Assemblywoman, Democrat MaryJane Shimsky and subsequent horse trading in Albany.

In addition to the resulting high taxes and strains on public services such as police and fire, Crocco said an unintended casualty of secession would be Greenburgh's parks system including crucial community services due to a major drop in population.

"If Edgemont were to secede, that would be at least 8,000 fewer people using the recreation system and paying taxes to support it. Among this scenario would be the historic Fairview Center, meaning a terribly unfair, cruel impact on hundreds of minority families who rely on the programs and services offered there."

Crocco had particular concerns about the very process by which the groundwork was laid for the Edgemont residents seeking to abandon Greenburgh.

"In terms of the procedural requirements for this ill-conceived endeavor, I believe the merits of the petition to be in grave question...In December of 2023, Governor Hochul signed a new law streamlining village incorporation petitions, a significant improvement over a nearly century-old statute. The new law recognizes the impact of incorporation on both the proposed village and the remaining Town, removing the burden from the Town Supervisor, who previously had to validate petitions, potentially conflicting with community interests. Now, an independent panel appointed by state officials will oversee the process, which includes a required impact study."

Crocco went on, "However, a political deal exempted a small group in Edgemont from this law for 16 years, allowing them to bypass updated impact studies. This exemption disadvantages others affected by incorporation and raises concerns about constitutional fairness."

Crocco's assessment of a post-secession Greenburgh turned even more ominous when he noted the potential violations of Equal Protections provided by the Constitution, a notion of particular sensitivity for the crowd who paid close attention to his words.

"...given the respective demographics of a post-secession Edgemont and unincorporated Greenburgh it is my understanding that once all the due diligence has been performed on the legalities of this movement, the results of a secession by Edgemont could very well be in violation of state and federal civil rights laws," said Crocco. "The result would violate New York's John Lewis voting rights law and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. This is just wrong, and I ask our town supervisor to reject the petition."

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Op-Ed: Ask your State Rep to End The Congestion Pricing Program

Shortly after Governor Hochul announced the indefinite suspension of Congestion Pricing, the Siena Poll showed New Yorkers supported the Governor's pause by two to one. However, opponents continued to spread false narratives of a MTA doomsday. Instead of finding solutions to fund mass transit, they held publicity stunts by delivering hundreds of toy cars to the Governor's Midtown office. An agency with an \$11.3B budget should have a plan B. In early June, MTA management said they didn't have a Plan B. Three weeks after the Governor's pause, the MTA board passed a resolution supporting the pause.

At the time of the installation of the license plate readers, (the gantries) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had not given the MTA a final approval and eight active outstanding lawsuits existed from both New York State and New Jersey. Regardless, they rushed ahead and the MTA leadership spent over \$500 million to install the gantries. The publicized June 30th start date was nothing but a myth to create the impression of a fait accompli. Congestion Pricing was passed along with the state budget in 2019 with the mandate to implement it no earlier than December 31, 2020-no start date was included. One of the lawsuits, filed by New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax [NYACPT] includes plaintiffs from New York City, Long Island, small-business owners and a bipartisan group of elected officials. The demand is for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed using pre-pandemic data and as we are all aware, New York City and the surrounding areas have faced many challenges. This suit is the only one that raises SAPA (NYS Administrative Procedure Act) under which socio-economic impacts and job retention must be evaluated.

Congestion Pricing is a regressive tax that is inequitable, unfair and unsustainable. Its implementation will increase the costs of everyday goods and services for businesses and all New Yorkers. It will hurt small businesses and incentivise workers to spend more time working from home further decreasing the tax base of NYC.

We all wish to improve the quality of the environment but we need to be very respectful of everyone's needs in how we approach this aspiration. It is clear that some neighborhoods outside of the Central Business District would experience increased air pollution and traffic from vehicles by toll shopping seeking to avoid the tax. According to the MTA's own Environmental Assessment, once Congestion Pricing goes into effect, as much as 700 additional trucks will be rerouted to the Cross Bronx Expressway. In that same report, MTA acknowledged that trucks would be diverted to routes on highways in Staten Island, in the South Bronx, along the approaches to the RFK Bridge, George Washington Bridge, and into northern New Jersey. The Lower East Side, an Environmental Justice Community, will also experience increased pollution and traffic in the areas alongside the FDR Drive. The threat of increased suffering from asthma and other respiratory illnesses ought to count. In acknowledgment of the anticipated increase in pollution in the Bronx, the federal government increased its spending on "mitigation" from \$100 million to over \$300 million. Traffic will merely be redistributed.

Many who travel into the district from outside New York City are those who work in essential services and they may seek to look for jobs elsewhere. These include workers in health care, restaurant workers, first responders and those who do not work nine-to-five shifts when mass transit is more reliable. Many workers have been displaced due to skyrocketing rents and are forced to have longer commutes from areas with scarce public transportation. The economic hardship will also be felt by tourist-dependent neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Little Italy and Times Square, which employ predominantly low-wage employees.

According to the re-evaluation, the revenue expected to be raised decreased to \$900 million from the initial estimates of \$1 billion -1.5 billion. The state legislation mandates Congestion Pricing to generate \$1B annually but with a projected revenue of \$900,000, the current tax of \$15 will undoubtedly increase. Any change to the original bill must go back to the legislators. If we are to see how this plays out, one can look at the London model where congestion charge was implemented in 2003 at £5. In the two decades since London implemented Congestion Charge, the cost to get into their Central Business District increased by 300%. Using the London example, in 20 years, the Congestion Pricing Tax will cost everyday New Yorkers \$45.

Many have requested an independent audit and accountability of how the MTA spends its money and ask what has become of the billions of federal subsidies already assigned to the MTA. Other revenue streams have been suggested that do not impose an additional tax on the working men and women who keep the city and state running. It is anticipated that it will lead to a loss of tax revenue that fuels the whole state. With the high vacancy rate of Manhattan office buildings, we need a solution that does not further harm businesses and the recovery in Manhattan.

It is time to contact your state legislators and tell them to let the pause become permanent. Many suggestions have been made as to how to raise additional revenue to fund the MTA that does not place the burden on the hard working people in the New York City vicinity. Funding for public transit must be considered a priority and funded by all levels of government. The cost must be spread throughout the area as everyone benefits from having a highly functioning public transit system. To place the burden to raise funds on one segment of society is clearly unfair.

Lucy Koteen, South Salem Resident, supporter of New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax

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New County Law Imposes Stricter Penalties on Illegal Dumping in County Parks



BOL Parks & Environment Chair David Tubiolo

During its fourteenth meeting of the year, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a local law that enforces stricter penalties for unauthorized dumping on County-owned property. This legislation ensures that waste is disposed of properly, safeguarding the County's beautiful green spaces and keeping parks clean and safe for all residents to enjoy.

Parks & Environment Chair David Tubiolo (Yonkers, Mt. Vernon) said, "Parks are for people, not to be used as a landfill. Our residents deserve the right to have a clean and safe green space. With this new law, offending parties with a waste removal license would be referred to the Solid Waste Commission for licensure revocation if they do not comply with County regulations on waste disposal, especially if they try to use our parks as a dumpster. Families should not have to see piles of tires, stacks of sheetrock, or disposed mattresses when trying to enjoy time in our parks. Hopefully, these new measures serve as a deterrent as we strive to protect our environment and preserve quality of life."

Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (Mount Vernon) said, "We had a similar experience at Memorial Field before the County stepped in, where waste was being dumped illegally. This great, common-sense piece of Legislation is greatly needed and can serve as a template for local municipalities. I'm more than happy to support it."

Westchester Senior Law Day Returns to County Center October 1

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Donald says he hasn't been treated well his whole life by Jews. Pal, if you want to act like a bully you are going to get beat up in kindergarten or high school by people who won't put up with your crap or arrogance.

Donald's running mate in a porno video apparently said he was a 'black Nazi.' How do you think Jews feel about that? He said if someone said something about Israel or Jews that people didn't like they would be voted out of office. He lives in a time warp. Sadly a lot of politicians Make antisemitic remarks right down to the lowest level in the political spectrum

He makes these ridiculous remarks and he says Jews are disloyal to him? I'm sure many Jewish bankers financed many of his projects that made him millions. He keeps the company of a Nick Fuentes and Laura Loomer, individuals with long histories of making antisemitic comments. And Jews owe Donald loyalty? I think not.

Trump even goes to the point of proclaiming himself 'the protector of Jews and that he is our defender.' Either he is watching too many super hero cartoons or he needs psychiatrist help.

If he thinks he is quelling antisemitism that exists in this world by making these idiotic speeches, hate to tell you but pal, you are doing just the opposite.

Less than 50 days to Election Day. And as I always say, this election will be won by people looking at their pocketbooks and wallets. In the interim Donald please try to control yourself and stop saying the remarks that are stirring up more and more antisemitism in this country! Don't blame Jews for your loss. You need only Look in the mirror my friend!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

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Supporters and Opponents of Proposition One Make Their Case Known to Voters

By Dan Murphy

Supporters and opponents of Proposition One, which will be on the ballot November 5, and in early voting, continue to push opposite messages and narratives over the need to pass or reject this measure.

Part A of Prop One would amend Section 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution to add new classes: “No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed or, religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in his or her their civil rights ...”

Part B adds a new provision: “Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.”[3]

On Saturday September 28, at the Yonkers Train Station U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and New York State Attorney General Tish James are headlining a rally organized by Democrats in Support of Prop 1 at 4pm. Also attending will be State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive and Congressional candidate George Latimer, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

The event is designed to increase awareness about the November ballot initiative and to encourage voters to flip their ballot and vote “Yes” to the proposal, formerly known as the New York Equal Rights Amendment.

Here are two views on Proposition One.

Why New Yorkers Should Vote “Yes” on Proposal 1

By: Nora Brickner Equal Rights Amendment Campaign Director

Across the country, politicians are restricting people’s rights and freedoms, including the right to abortion and the right for all of us to be who we are.

Since Roe v. Wade was struck down by the Supreme Court, twenty-one states have either banned or restricted abortion care. There’s a full-blown assault on trans people’s rights, with hundreds of anti-trans bills introduced — and many passed — in state legislatures across the country just this year.

We might like to think we’re safe from these attacks here in New York, but the truth is there are dangerous loopholes in our state constitution that leave us vulnerable to the whims of politicians. And though we have strong laws protecting us from discrimination, we know that laws aren’t enough, because they can be easily changed, as we’ve seen time and again in recent years as political winds shift.

When we enshrine a right in the state constitution, we protect it from political attacks. In 2022, Lee Zeldin, a staunchly anti-abortion politician, came within six percentage points of becoming our governor. In the State legislature, pro-choice leaders have only controlled both chambers for eight of the past 58 years. In fact, it was only in 2019 that New York finally removed abortion from the homicide code and began to regulate it under health law.

That’s why we need Proposal 1, or what has been previously called the New York Equal Rights Amendment, which will protect our rights and reproductive freedoms — including the right to abortion. Proposal 1 will keep New Yorkers — not politicians — in charge of our personal decisions and will enshrine equal rights into our state constitution.

Prop 1 will be a critical tool for all New Yorkers to exercise their rights. That’s why powerful, well-funded, anti-abortion forces are working hard to defeat it, even before voters get a chance to pass it. We got good news in June when the New York Appellate Court overruled a baseless attempt by anti-abortion operatives to boot Prop 1 off the ballot.

But our opponents won’t stop trying to roll back our rights. They are dead set on doing everything they can to keep Proposal 1 from passing, and they will be back with more attacks soon.

This isn’t new: anti-abortion extremists are using the same playbook in New York that they are using across the country – using the court system to try to roll back our rights, because they know protecting abortion rights is popular at the ballot box.

Despite these attacks, we’re not backing down. In fact, we’re working even harder alongside New Yorkers for Equal Rights to make sure every New Yorker knows to vote YES for Prop 1 in November.

We are in the early stages of launching our massive voter contact effort. We will be out in communities across the state knocking on doors, phone banking, texting, emailing, and doing everything we possibly can to get Prop 1 across the finish line in November.

But to do all that, we need your help. Please join our campaign to pass Prop 1 and enshrine equal rights into our state constitution. This November, we must make sure all New Yorkers’ rights are protected.

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is leading a campaign against Proposition One

Let’s take a moment and ask ourselves some questions about what it means to be able to “discriminate” based on things like age and gender identity and what some possible legal ramifications might be.

Should the New York State government have more authority than parents in making medical and other important decisions for children? NO.

Should minors have the right to irreversible surgical and non-surgical transgender procedures without parental notice or consent? NO.

Should biological males be allowed to compete in female school sports without restrictions? NO.

Should laws that determine the legal age to purchase and/or consume alcohol or cannabis be weakened? NO

Should statutory rape laws that protect against sex with minors be weakened? NO.

In Westchester, two republican candidates are joining in the call to vote NO on PROP One; State Senate candidate Gina Arena, and Assembly candidate John Isaac.

NY Republican John Faso recently wrote an Op-Ed stating that the ballot measure is “based on a lie” “Proposal 1 on New York’s ballot this year, dubbed by its proponents as the Equal Rights Amendment, is based on the lie that abortion rights are somehow in jeopardy in New York. The state Legislature adopted New York’s abortion law in 1970, and regardless of one’s position on the topic, there is no genuine threat to these laws. Prop 1 would seriously erode parental rights, undermine girls’ sports and create new rights to taxpayer benefits for noncitizens. The amendment doesn’t even mention the term “abortion.” Instead, the amendment amends Section 11 of the New York Constitution, which currently prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, creed or color, and adds new categories of

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That the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Rd, Eastchester New York on the application of Daniel Fichera for an area variance related to the proposed in-ground pool in the rear yard affecting the premises known as Section 65A, Block 1, Lot 5B on the tax map of the Town of Eastchester, New York, and known as 54 Stewart Pl, Eastchester NY 10709. Note: Check the most current meeting agenda on the town website (www.eastchester.org) or call the building department at (914)771-3317, if you have any questions.

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Peekskill Man Gets 30-Life for Murder of Stepfather and Arson

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that a Peekskill man was sentenced to 30 years to life in state prison for the 2022 stabbing murder of his stepfather and setting fire to his mother's apartment the same day.

DA Rocah said: "This defendant murdered Edward Reeves in cold blood and then lit his own mother's home on fire. Today's sentence holds this defendant fully accountable for his violent and deadly actions."

The defendant, Shane Gilleo, 32, was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison for Murder in the Second Degree to run consecutively with an indeterminate term of five to 15 years for Arson in the Third Degree.

Following a two-week trial, a jury on Aug. 7 found the defendant guilty of both felony charges.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. Sept. 14, 2022, the defendant stabbed the 48-year-old victim seven times in the arm, abdomen, thigh and chest with a knife in a parking lot outside his grandmother's Peekskill apartment on North James Street. The defendant then fled the scene.

The victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla where he died from his injuries.

As detailed during the trial, the Peekskill Police Department recovered the knife used to kill the victim and the defendant's cell phone at the scene.

The defendant was on federal supervised release from prison and subject to home confinement with an ankle monitor.

Eleven hours later, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the defendant barricaded himself inside his mother's Peekskill apartment on Grant Avenue as Peekskill police surrounded the two-family residence in an attempt to get him to surrender.

The defendant set three separate fires inside the apartment before punching out the windows and jumping out of a second story window. The apartment was rendered uninhabitable.

Following their investigation with assistance from the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the Peekskill Police Department arrested the defendant.

The case was before Judge Robert Prisco in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorneys Rachel Ehrhardt and Kevin Jones of the Trials and Investigations Division, with assistance from Criminal Investigator James Ossipov, Senior Crime Analyst Patricia Reed, and Victim Witness Paralegal Jessica Martinez.

Letter to the Editor:

FIDELIS AD MORTEM*--

"I longed for the things at home that I cherished the most, I still shared the IDEALS OF AMERICA, and since those ideals were all that I possessed of my country, they became all the more important to me."

"It was what freedom conferred on America that I loved the most--the distinction of being the last, best hope of humanity, the advocate for those who believed in the Rights of Man. Freedom is America's honor, and all honor comes with obligations. We have the obligation to use our freedom wisely, to select well from all the choices freedom offers.

We can accept or reject the obligation, but, if we are to preserve our freedom, we must choose well." (Lt. Cmdr. U.S.N., John McCain Pow-Vietnam 1967-1973)

*Faithful unto Death

Too bad that the current administration, with its socialist/liberal leanings, is leading our beloved country away from Cmdr. McCain's "Rights of Man".

Joe Pettit (Vet, USN)
Yorktown Heights

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. -Thomas Jefferson



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Westchester Heart Walk Set for Sept. 28 at Kensico Dam Valhalla



Westchester resident and heart transplant survivor Jennifer Mayadas-Dering

The American Heart Association, a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives, will host its annual Westchester Heart Walk on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla, N.Y. The event will raise awareness and funds to fight cardiovascular disease, including stroke, which remains the leading cause of death in the United States and in Westchester.

This year's Westchester Heart Walk holds special significance as the American Heart Association celebrates its 100th anniversary of lifesaving work. Thousands of participants from the community are expected to join the movement to improve heart health through education, research and advocacy.

The Heart Walk will also feature the inspiring story of heart transplant survivor Jennifer Mayadas-Dering, who was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a condition that weakens the heart and can lead to heart failure. At 51, with no prior history of heart problems, she was told she needed a new heart. Three weeks later, Mayadas-Dering received a lifesaving heart transplant from a 28-year-old organ donor named Sarah. Her story highlights the incredible power of organ donation and the importance of heart health.

"Heart disease and stroke impact so many lives, but together, we have the power to create healthier futures for our communities," said Travis Tam, Westchester Heart Walk Director. "This walk is a great reminder of the progress we've made, and the work still ahead of us to address the impact of cardiovascular diseases."

Sponsors of this year's walk include Danone North America, DLA Piper, WMC Health, Fujifilm, NewYork-Presbyterian, Burke Rehabilitation, Jackson Lewis P.C., Phelps Hospital and White Plains Hospital.

To register for the event or to donate, visit WestchesterHeartWalk.org or contact Travis Tam at Travis.Tam@heart.org.

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Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Provides Shames JCC With After School Bus



New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins secured a \$50,000 state grant to provide the Shames Jewish Community Center (JCC) on the Hudson with a new bus for their “Almost Home” after school program.

The new vehicle has been in use since the start of the school year, helping the JCC to provide safe and reliable transportation for students from several Tarrytown schools to the center, offering a vital resource for working families in need of after school care. “We are incredibly grateful to State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for providing the Shames JCC with the funding needed to purchase a bus to transport local students to our after-school program,” said Adam Weiss, CEO of Shames JCC. “When local families and the JCC needed her, she responded with quick action. The JCC would not be the same without her partnership and commitment to our community.”

The new bus expands the JCC’s ability to accommodate students in the program, which offers academic support and recreational activities in a safe environment. Senator Stewart-Cousins visited the JCC in Tarrytown this month

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Free Square Dancing September 30 Katonah Methodist Church -730-9pm



Our group is having a Free Square Dancing Fun Night on Monday, September 30th from 7:30-9:00pm at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah, NY. Modern Western Square dancing is a lot of fun, great exercise for both the body and mind and an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. This event is open to singles, couples and families. Our website is www.friendlysquares.org for more information.

Somers HS Junior Jimmy Gallivan Represents New York on New National Student Council



Jimmy Gallivan (right, blue shirt) with Student Council advisors Brenda O'Shea and Kevin Rogers.

As a junior at Somers High School, Jimmy Gallivan has risen to the top of the school’s Student Council, serving as its president. Now he will make an impact much more far-reaching as a member of the first ever National Student Council.

Gallivan will serve as the New York State representative on the council, which was started this year by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC). “I’m honored to have been chosen to represent the concerns and ideas and perspectives of New York State on the national level,” he said.

Last May, 10 officers were elected to the national council. Earlier this month, one representative was chosen from each of 25 states and several territories, said Tyler Dashner, managing director, growth strategy, with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), parent organization to the NASC. (Representatives will be chosen from half of the states and territories each year on an alternating basis, Dashner said.)

Gallivan learned that he had been chosen Sept. 10 and met his counterparts from other states in a virtual introduction the following day. The members were chosen by the state Student Councils; Gallivan joined New York State’s council a year ago.

“Jimmy has a great combination of traits that make him an amazing leader,” said Brenda O’Shea, the Somers High School student life coordinator. “He is hard working, a good listener, and has a positive attitude. His style of leadership is to build consensus with peers, and that has been clear in both his work on the New York State Council on Leadership and Student Activities board and on our Somers High School Student Council.”

“Jimmy sets a stellar example of all that Somers students achieve,” said

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Family Fun Day at Untermyer Gardens is back Sunday, September 29, and it’s better than ever!



With your ticket purchase (\$10 children under 12, \$20 adults) you’ll be treated to the Magic Show presented by Flavors of Magic, Picnic in the Walled Garden (bring your own food and blanket), Scavenger Hunt, Sea Creature Tattoo, and more!

SCHEDULE:

12:00 noon -- Arrive early to enjoy a picnic inside the Walled Garden starting at 12:00 noon. Bring your own food and beverages, and a blanket or folding chairs. This is the only day of the year that picnicking is allowed in the Walled Garden! No balls or other sports equipment. As always, no pets.

1:00-1:45 p.m. -- Flavors of Magic returns with an exciting new magic show by Zach Alexander, who will amaze and delight the whole family.

12:00-1:00 & 2:00-4:00 PM -- Take part in a Scavenger Hunt to discover unique plants, vibrant mosaics, and intriguing sculptures, and don’t miss out on getting a temporary sea creature tattoo.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. We do not use physical tickets. Your name will be added to the door list. Please check in at the reservation table the day of the event.

RAIN OR SHINE: In case of inclement weather, the events will move indoors to the Community Room of the Cola Center at Untermyer Park and Gardens.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for the a la carte events from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM are additional. Hayride (\$10 per person), Rubber Ducky Decoration and Stream Journey (\$5 per duck), Fly a Kite (\$10 per kite), and Learn a Magic Trick (\$10 per prop) Visit, <https://www.untermyergardens.org/family-fun-day-2024.html>, for more information.

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- Nader Sayegh

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Nader Sayegh strengthened penalties for organized shoplifting and gave judges more discretion to hold dangerous criminals accountable for their actions. He also brought back more funding for local police departments and will work with the federal government on common sense solutions to the immigration crisis. Sayegh is endorsed by Yonkers, County, NYC, and State police.

INFLATION RELIEF

Nader Sayegh is working to provide relief for residents and businesses struggling with inflation. He voted to raise the state's minimum wage, speed up middle-class tax cuts, expand child care assistance, and help first-time homebuyers.

BETTER SCHOOLS

Nader Sayegh secured a record increase in state funding for Yonkers public schools, which helped restore extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, library, and support services.

PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

Nader Sayegh will defend a woman's right to choose. He voted to strengthen protections for reproductive freedom, and can be counted on to stand up to conservative attempts to roll back the clock and take away our hard-won individual rights and freedoms.

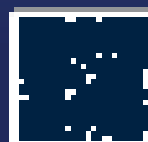


A family man, Nader Sayegh has always called Yonkers home, growing up in Southwest Yonkers with his seven siblings. He and his wife, Sama, built their life together here, raising their five daughters, all who attended Yonkers public schools, achieving successful careers.



After working his way through college and law school, Nader dedicated his life to public service. He served for over 40 years as a teacher, principal, college professor and President of the Yonkers Board of Education. Nader worked hard to better our education system by helping increase graduation rates and expanding after-school programs. He also served as a captain in the New York Guard.

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Forget the Constitution and You Will Lose Your Freedom

Op-Ed by Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

Tuesday, September 17th was Constitution Day but it was largely ignored—to our peril. If you don't review your rights and its constraints on government and insist that government stay within its bounds, you enable it to seize power it has no right to. This is shameful when we are about to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence.

On Tuesday, politicians flew the flags of other nations and gleefully taking pictures of themselves, but no one locally publicly celebrated our genius Constitution, which formed a government based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence: protecting the God given unalienable rights of the American people.

Politicians, how could you forget? Or perhaps you didn't forget, but chose to ignore it, because you intend, once elected, to do whatever you want, ignoring the law and the rights of the people. You failed in your duty, to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. To preserve it, you must study it, understand it, live up to it, and demand your colleagues do so also. Your ideas and proposals should be measured by that standard.

Our Constitution is the practical structure, the framework for a government that protects the God-endowed rights of the smallest minority, the individual. Written by men who understood that power is addictive and men easily fall into that lust for power, the Constitution delegates only certain powers: to the government, and separates and checks and balances them. It requires that government officials, elected or not, be public servants of, not rulers over, the people. The Constitution outlines certain things they are allowed to do—incorporating a Bill of Rights—an in your face reminder of some of the rights and powers of the people government may not interfere with. Criticize government? Absolutely—that is what the first amendment is for. It's not up to Hilary or anyone else to decide what you may say. But the Constitution is not self enforcing.

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary. ... In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.” James Madison, Federalist 51.

The Constitution opens with “We the people.” Not we the government, not we the party members. “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

To establish justice, the standard must apply to all with no special favors for one party, no early release nor more severe punishment for any group. Variation can come in individual cases—not by pandering to groups for political expediency. Free speech is not only for some who agree with what the government promotes. The Bill of Rights prohibits government from interfering with citizens' right to speak as they wish—whether it's to publicly proclaim religious beliefs, criticize government policies, call the President an idiot or the mayor a money grubber.

The only thing the federal government is required to provide is the common defense, which includes securing the borders—on land and on sea. To refuse to do so, to allow millions to rush in illegally is dereliction of duty at the least and treason at its worst. It also violates the responsibility to insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Our God given rights include altering or abolishing a government when it fails to protect our rights. Yet New York state does not allow the people to recall a corrupt official. A handful of local politicians gave themselves additional terms, defying as totalitarians do, citizens who twice passed term limits. Worse, when citizens petitioned to put term limits on the ballot again, they simply called on their boy to invalidate the petition. Democratic? Only in that these abuses were all done by democrats, exposing what they mean by democracy—that they get to rule regardless of our founding principles and long established tradition of limited government with temporary citizen legislators and executives.

No man is a means to another man's end. While we share common needs and desires, we are not a collective. History shows time and again, collectives are tools of the government to empower itself and suppress the sacred rights of the individual. The lust for power is a never satisfied addiction. History's evidence: German Socialist Workers' party (Nazis), Russia under Lenin and Stalin and everyone up to Putin. One hundred seventy-five countries have fewer people than the Chi coms murdered.

General welfare does NOT mean government can take from one group and hand it to another. That is robbery and often bribery in principle if not directly illegal. General welfare means federal projects that help everyone—such as interstate highways. Social services were largely handled by religious groups and private organizations—as seen in the numerous hospitals, nursing homes and schools founded by them. Alexis de Tocqueville, in his tour of America to find out how a real democracy worked (since the French Revolution was so communistic and murderous), noted that Americans did not depend on government for everything but formed voluntary organizations to meet needs. Name a disease and you will likely find a private group organizing to fund research and provide information. This, De Tocqueville said, in *Democracy in America*, made America exceptional.

During the Founding period, the two most read authors were John Locke, from whom we developed much of the philosophy articulated in our Declaration of Independence and Montesquieu, whose practical knowledge of government became a key part of our Constitution. Locke's principles were derived from the Bible, in which only God could be king, lawgiver and judge. (Isaiah 33:22) For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.” God could be all three, but no man on earth could be trusted with that much power—but men who crave to rule over all constantly aim to grab more power to themselves. Men who don't pay for their own cars and gas make rules that raise costs for the rest of us—and then tax us more, building their wealth while we struggle. Our governor tells the crafters of the best pizza in the country that they can't have gas or wood ovens that contribute greatly to making their legendary product. That power is not granted in any constitution. So she has no right—but does have a duty to protect our rights. Want fewer of these problems? Put more time into studying the Constitution and require public officials to adhere to it. No one can claim rights he doesn't know about, or doesn't understand well enough to apply to everyday situations. God gave you rights, but governments constantly erode them.

Montesquieu's most important and best known principle was “power must check power.” So Madison separated the delegated powers of the federal government and constructed the federalist system of decentralized powers and functions to make government more accountable to the people. But the people must do their job. Recall that Covid death rates were lower even in high population states like Florida that did not shut down people's businesses and close schools—as other did in some cases—for more than a year. Federalism enables us to see what works without forcing the whole nation to suffer under damaging policies. What may be necessary, temporarily in New York City, is often completely unnecessary in the rest of the state. Governors often mandated things they had no authority for—and way too many people badgered their neighbors or even strangers in a store to comply with mandates now proven to be useless.

So how did it get to the point where government is telling us how to cook, what kind of cars we must have, how efficient our toilets can be, how we get our electricity? Nothing in the Constitution authorizes this. How did they usurp the power? Because you let them. Instead of watching over the power hungry, you let them run wild. You let them be your rulers instead of your servants. Maybe you were one of those who wanted government to take by force what others earned and give it to you – and then wondered

I decided to visit the bakery and lend our support to their bi-partisan election treats. The problems began when the bakery posted sales of their Presidential cookies on social media. Both Vice-President Harris and former President Trump cookies are available, same price—\$3 a piece.

This is a 30-year + business that started when George Pataki was Mayor of Peekskill and then a State Senator. There's a photo on the wall of Pataki at the bakery.

For more than two decades, the bakery has been selling its butter cookies with photos of the Presidential candidates. In 2016 it was Trump and Hillary; in 2020 it was Biden and Trump.

And this year its Harris and Trump. But for the first time, Homestyle Bakery began to receive hateful threats against them for their cookies. Some called the bakery horrible for selling cookies, and called for a boycott.

Most of the nastiness back and forth were against the Trump cookies, but then Harris cookie negative comments appeared. Over the top phone calls and emails also came in.

As has been the case in instances where a boycott is proposed for a business that is unwarranted, a movement has begun to support the bakery and buy the Presidential cookies.

A recent LoHud.com story piqued our interest, and that of many others, so we decided to go the bakery and lend our support.

And others lent their support. State Senator Pete Harckham posted an X video where he comments “Proud to stand with my friends at Homestyle Bakery. Sometimes a cookie is just a cookie!

“For the past couple of decades, they have been making these wonderful Presidential cookies, and now some have taken exception to that. I know that we are divided and polarized, but cookies? Really?

If you are passionate about your candidate, threatening your candidate is not a productive way to help your candidate. Get involved and volunteer with your candidate, but don't threaten a bakery,” said Harckham.

Dan Scavino, a Yorktown High School graduate and advisor to former President Trump, posted on X, “Westchester bakery faces threats for selling presidential cookies (mostly from one side) HEY MAGA! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, IF ABLE! THEY SHIP NATIONWIDE-HATS OFF TO THIS BUSINESS FOR NOT GIVING IN.

And co-owner Laura Timmons is not giving in. “This is America, where everyone has the right to freedom of speech. It's not good business to favor one side, and our family has always been politically neutral. Our employees and friends hold different political views, but they do it without spreading hate or making threats. We're not favoring anyone. We never have. We're just doing what we always do.”

The Bakery posted the following message. “Over the past few days, we've received hateful messages, posts, and phone calls about one candidate's photos,” read the post. “We have made these cookies in the past, and we will not stop now. Anyone who threatens our employees or family members because they believe we should only print a specific type of cookie will be reported to the police. We do not condone hate or violence. Homestyle Desserts will continue to represent a diverse and welcoming environment for all people from all walks of life. Thank you to the community we so humbly serve. We appreciate you.”

For now, the social media haters appear to have moved on to something else. Some of the recent positive posts include, “I love how much business you've drummed up from the haters, in all honesty they did you a favor,” and “It shouldn't be this way—I hope this family-owned bakery, in business for more than 50 years, needs bigger ovens now! “

Kudos to Senator Harckham for buying a box of cookies with both candidates. And to others who have bought a dozen Harris cookies. Despite the unhealthy social media rage, the cookies are a fun way to have a treat and laugh about the upcoming election.

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to see the bus in action and met with staff and students who are benefiting from the program.

“I am proud to have delivered state funding to purchase a bus for the Shames JCC Almost Home after school program,” said Senator Stewart-Cousins. “This grant will help ensure that students have the transportation they need, allowing parents to focus on their work knowing their children are in good hands. Supporting families and working parents in our community is one of my top priorities, and I'm thrilled to see these funds making a difference.”

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Weekend Events in Westchester Parks

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Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033. Gold Star Mother's Day, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. A day of recognition to honor those who lost a son or daughter while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Kids' Community Farm-to-Table, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Kids ages 7 through 13 can wake up the last Saturday of each month by harvesting and making their own breakfast, fresh from the farm! \$20 supply fee. Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-community-farm-to-table-tickets-934715839237>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Nature Sketchbook Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sketching in nature is a great practice for building nature observation skills and can be a wonderful mindfulness practice. In this relaxed and guided program, we will capture a quick representation of natural objects, landscape features and more. Bring a sketchbook and pencil, or borrow one of ours. No previous art training is necessary.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-09-28/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Community Farm-to-Table, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join us on the last Saturday of each month to harvest and prepare a bountiful spread to share! This class is for ages 14 and older. \$25 program fee. Get details and pre-register <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2024/09/28/1727542800/community-farm-to-table/489021>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Let's get scientific! Join us to explore the hidden details of natural artifacts, together we will discover the secret structures of animals and plants that are the foundation for their survival. All ages are welcome.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. All About Algae, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dive into the world of phycology and learn all about algae's unique ecology, human uses and more! The program will be a presentation followed by a short hike.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Bamboo Basics, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn the life cycle of this infamous grass species and how to harvest it.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Lenoir History Tour, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lenoir has a very interesting historical background, with centuries of fascinating owners and various uses for the land. Join us on a walk around the preserve to learn all about it!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720. Car Show, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Gates open at 8 a.m.; registration is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The awards ceremony starts at 2:30 p.m. Admissions and parking fees apply.

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

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Mammals Among Us, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Have you ever wondered which mammals roam our preserve? Learn all about them!

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-09-29/>

The Bronx River Parkway. Bicycle Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bike, walk or jog a 13.1-mile loop of the Bronx River Parkway from White Plains to Yonkers. A portion of the parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of non-motorized bicyclists and scooters, as well as in-line skaters, walkers and joggers. Sundays through Oct. 13. Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Nan's Secret Garden Tour, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join one of the gardeners to learn about the native plants showcased behind the stone moon gate. Meet at the kiosk entrance; no registration is necessary. Rain or shine.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Naturalist Choice Hike, 1:30 - 3 p.m. We'll embark on a hike as our naturalist sees fit! Hiking shoes are recommended.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Beetle Basics, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Learn about the workings and basic identification characteristics of these diverse insects.

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protections. These include age, disability, ethnicity, national origin and sex.

A school nurse cannot administer Tylenol to a student without parental consent. Minors can't receive tanning treatments without a parent's OK. A new constitutional right to gender identity or gender expression will overcome statutory protections for parental control over medical treatments for their minor children. When courts consider a minor's demand for transgender treatments like puberty blockers or surgeries, Prop 1 will be used to deny parental authority.

Similarly, this new right will allow biological males to insist upon their ability to participate on female sports teams.

Already, New York government is consciously eroding parental authority. A 2023 guidance from the state Education Department told school districts that they do not need to inform parents of a child's desire to change genders. Parents of a child in central New York have brought a federal lawsuit alleging that their daughter's middle school actively conspired for three years to hide the student's desire to be treated as a boy.

And new rights granted based on "national origin" will create a constitutional basis to argue for taxpayer benefits for illegal migrants," writes Faso.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ; Index No. 59236/2023 Filed 04/07/2023 Plaintiff
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; DONNAMARIE DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA;
RICHARD DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; NEW YORK STATE DE-
PARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN
DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if
any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint,

PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in the above captioned
action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty
(20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within
thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other
manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if
designated as a Defendant in this action may answer to appear within sixty (60) days
of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be
taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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foreclosure

proceeding against you and filing the answer 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 further
information on how to answer the publication and protect your property.

Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE
ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING
THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

To the above named defendants: The foregoing Publication is served upon you by
publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Paul I Marx, J.S.C, a Justice of the
Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated September 06, 2024 and filed along with the
supporting papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office. This is an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the property located 26 Gail Road, Yonkers, NY 10710
Section: 4 Block: 4863 Lot: 56

Westchester County is designated as the place of
trial based upon the location of the property being foreclosed. Attorneys for
Plaintiff: Stern & Eisenberg, PC, 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 T:(516) 630-0288.

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Somers Interim Superintendent Harry LeFevre. "His devotion to assuring that all voices are heard makes him an ideal council member to represent his fellow students throughout the state." In the new role, Gallivan will be invited to help run the National Student Council Conference in Chicago in early 2025, Dashner said. In March, the national council will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with members of Congress, the Department of Education, and possibly White House staff. The members will join about 400 principals and assistant principals from across the country that NASSP will send. A key topic is expected to be the need for more mental health services in schools. The NASSP formed the National Student Council, Dashner said, because "we saw an opportunity to leverage the power of our advocacy work with principals and assistant principals and extend that to students." To be eligible for the post, high school students had to have served at least two years on a student council. Gallivan vastly exceeded that criterion, having been a student council member since fifth grade at Somers Intermediate School.

"At the time, I wanted to find a way to have my voice heard to be able to hear other student voices," Gallivan said, adding that he and other student council members wanted to know "what we as students can do to make sure that whatever is going on is helping the school grow and flourish as a community."

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
INDEX NO: 70289/2023
D/O/F: 11/03/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Property Address: 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

BRITE FAMILY LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRENDA O. JONES A/K/A BRENDA JONES A/K/A BRENDA A. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

TEMICKA L. JONES A/K/A TEMICKA JONES A/K/A TENICKA JONES A/K/A TEMICKA C. JONES A//K/A TOMICKA L. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

DOUGLAS R. DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS R. MADDOX, if living, and if he be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

"JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered Sept. 16, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on September 29, 2021 in Control #612713799, covering premises k/a 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 a/k/a Section 169.31, Block 3115, Lot 24.

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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

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11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

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to 40%), with 6% supporting Working Families Party candidate Anthony Frascone and 8% undecided. Our latest poll shows Jones closing the gap, now trailing Lawler by just 3 points (46% to 43%), with Frascone's support at 5% and undecideds at 7%. The momentum is on Jones's side. In a head-to-head matchup, the race tightens to a slim 2-point difference, 47% Lawler to 45% Jones. Polling often overstates 3rd party support until we get closer to Election Day.

Mike Lawler's worsening image spells trouble for his reelection bid. Back in August, Lawler was +10 on favorability (43% favorable to 33% unfavorable). However, in our most recent poll conducted from September 15-18, his unfavorable rating jumped to 39%, while his favorable rating stalled at 44%, pointing to increasing concerns as voters become more aware of his record.

Democrats hold a narrow motivation advantage. On a 0 to 10 scale, where 10 means extremely motivated and 0 means not at all motivated, 85% of Democrats said they were extremely motivated (10) to vote in this election compared to 83% of Republicans saying the same. Based on party self-identification, Democrats comprise 35% of the electorate and Republicans make up 29% of the electorate.

• Bottom Line: Lawler's record, now under scrutiny, has moved the race to within the margin of error, but Democrats will need to continue the heavy investment we've seen over the last two weeks to keep the momentum going and put Jones in the lead," end of memo.

But there is a third-party candidate in this race. Anthony Frascone is running on the Working Families Party line, and if you include all three candidates (as we should) Frascone gets 5% and the numbers change to 46% for Lawler, 43% for Jones and 5% for Frascone.

Frascone won the WFP Primary over Jones in June, with 287 votes to 197 for Jones. Before the primary, the WFP rescinded its endorsement of Jones because Mondale endorsed George Latimer in the 16th CD Dem. primary instead of incumbent Squad member Jamaal Bowman. And, as one Progressive democrat posted, "So, that extremist and irresponsible move could cost the Dems a very valuable House seat."

Usually, support for third party candidates shrinks as we get closer to election day. And if progressive democrats, and members of Indivisible Westchester in the district vote for Jones on Nov. 5, then Lawler could be in trouble.

In 2022, 285,000 voters cast their vote for Lawler or Sean Patrick Maloney. Lawler won by 1820 votes.

If Frascone does get 5% of the vote in November, it could mean up to 14,000 votes. And most of these votes clearly go to Jones, or they stay home, or vote Harris for President and don't vote for Congress.

Republican leaning pollster Larry Sabato views NY-17 differently. Shifting the race in Lawler's favor in his Sabato's Crystal Ball predictions, link (<https://centerforpolitics.org/crystalball/five-house-ratings-changes-as-overall-battle-for-majority-remains-tight/>)

"Last cycle, Rep. Mike Lawler (R, NY-17) pulled off an impressive upset of then-Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Sean Patrick Maloney in a district that extends north from Westchester County and that Joe Biden won 54%-44% in 2020. Lawler has generally won kudos for trying to carve out an independent image—a necessity for a Republican in a blue-leaning seat—and he has benefited from some modest but important developments, such as his Democratic opponent, former Rep. Mondaire Jones, losing the primary for the Working Families Party ballot line, which could cost Jones support that might otherwise have gone to him if he had that ballot line. Lawler is very likely leading in this race, and not just by a couple of points: A publicly released August poll from a Democratic sponsor had Lawler up 5 points, and Lawler may be up more than that. We doubt Lawler would actually win by a substantial margin, but we have seen and heard enough to believe that he's a modest favorite." Writes Sabato.

The Lawler campaign welcomed Sabato's news. "Mondaire Jones' campaign is starting to look a lot like the Titanic - an ill-fated ship doomed to sink in fantastic fashion," said Lawler for Congress spokesman Chris Russell. "The ratings changes from Inside Elections and Sabato's Crystal Ball confirm what everyone in the political world already knows - Mondaire Jones might just be the worst candidate for Congress in the country."

"Between paying himself with small dollar donors' cash, being caught supporting voting rights for imprisoned cop-killers and rapists and failing to be able to produce a single poll that shows him winning, it's clear that Mondaire's campaign is on life support," concluded Russell. "And in just 47 days, Mondaire Jones and his campaign will be relegated to the dust heap of history."

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why things cost more and are harder to get. Maybe you just didn't bother to learn how the Constitution of the greatest, freest, wealthiest and most powerful nation in history is supposed to function to protect our rights, property, and freedom.

Let's look at the 9th and 10th amendments.

Amendment IX The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. We the people have more rights than the federal government is specifically warned not to touch.

Amendment X The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

In other words, if the federal government is not specifically told in the Constitution that it may do something, that power belongs to the people or the states. Hence, the people in each state now get to vote on their abortion laws—but in New York, the people were not allowed to vote on it. The Democrat legislature made the decision. Other states debated proposals and put them on the ballot. This, and your right to drive the car that best suits you, choose the heating method that works best for you and cook your food the way you please is your right to decide. ** Nowhere is government—at any level given the right to intrude into your home life unless you are committing a crime. Dump any public official that presumes to do so.

Get a copy of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence and read some every day. (You can get them free from many places like Hillsdale College and the Bill of Rights Institute) Make notes. Write down questions. Read the Federalist Papers, starting with Federalist 51. Read The Founders' Constitution. Rise up to your duty as a self governing citizen. If you don't, politicians will continue to grab more of the power that rightfully belongs to us and run more and more of our lives. Many have little job experience and are not experts in anything. No one else is an expert on your life, certainly not a bunch of politicians in DC or Albany nor even in City Hall. The more you understand the Constitution, the more you can keep government from violating your rights. It's a lot less stressful and expensive than having to sue all the way to the Supreme Court.

Make your politicians show you how their proposals fit with the Constitution. No one can keep track of everything, so recruit your friends and neighbors to do the same. Take back YOUR power before you have none. **Judith Niewiadomski**

Democratic Congressional Candidate George Latimer on Safeguarding Reproductive Rights



In light of House Republicans blocking – for the second time – the passing of the Right to IVF Act, which protects the right to IVF nationally and lowers the cost of IVF for millions of families, Democrat George Latimer, Congressional Candidate for the 16th District in New York and a decades-long leader of reproductive rights fortified his commitment to family planning shared the following statement:

"Access to reproductive health care, whether it's abortion, contraception, or IVF is a personal decision to be made without restriction or intimidation – and I am committed to safeguarding these rights in New York and working to make access to abortion care available across the nation once again," said NY-16 Congressional Candidate George Latimer. "But, this cannot be possible without electing Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz, as well as a Democratic majority in both the House and Senate. With Democratic control of the Presidency and Congress, we will succeed in ensuring safe and legal reproductive options, and repair the damage that the repeal of Roe has caused. Your vote on Tuesday, November 5th is paramount to the future of reproductive rights, and the individual freedom to make your own reproductive healthcare decisions."

If elected to Congress, Latimer will work tirelessly to oppose the forces that are turning reproductive healthcare into a dystopian nightmare. Starting with opposing any national ban on abortion rights and supporting legislation making abortion, contraception, and other forms of reproductive healthcare protected under law and a civil right, including:

Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 12 of 2023) – Establishes a statutory right for healthcare professionals to provide abortion, and the right for their patients to receive care, free from bans and medically unnecessary restrictions that single out abortion.

Right to Contraception Act (H.R. 4121 of 2023) – Sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access, and a healthcare provider's right to provide, multiple forms of contraception and related information.

Access to Family Building Act (H.R. 7056 of 2024) – Provides a statutory right to access fertility treatments without prohibitions and unreasonable restrictions.

Latimer has a strong progressive record protecting women's reproductive rights. Under his leadership as County Executive, Westchester County enacted the Safe Time Leave Law, which provided victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking protected time off to testify in court and relocate to a safe place. In 2022, he signed the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act, which created a no-harassment zone around reproductive healthcare clinics to prevent patients' and healthcare workers' entry from being obstructed. This year, Latimer started the Black Maternal Child Health Initiative, the county's first maternal child health equity program, to reduce racial healthcare inequality.

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1. That, Alena Karakova, does certify and declare that I am "Assignee" in the LAND PATENT name above; That I have brought up said Land Patent in my name as it pertains to the land described below. The character of said property so claimed by patent, and legally described and referenced under the Patent listed above is:

All that certain plot, place or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Town of North Castle, County of Westchester, State of New York, designated as Lot 6, as shown on a certain map entitled, "Amended Subdivision of Property prepared for Townsend Estates, LLC". Said map filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, Division of Land Records, October 13, 1999 as Map No.26435. Said Lot 6 being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6 and the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE easterly along said division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6, the following three courses and distances:
 South 75 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds East 94.88 feet;
 North 67 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East 291.03 feet;
 North 72 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds East 240.05 feet to lands now or formerly of Manganiello;
 THENCE southerly generally along the centerline of stone wall and along lands now or formerly of Manganiello, South 10 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 67.00 feet;
 THENCE southerly continuing along said stone wall and along the division line between Lot 6 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map, South 19 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West 392.94 feet to the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map;
 THENCE westerly along said division line between Lot 6 and 7, North 60 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West 532.37 feet;
 THENCE North 31 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds West 72.41 feet to the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE northerly along said easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place on a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 55.00 feet and an arc length of 56.55 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

2. That, Alena Karakova, is domiciled at 30-04 14th Street, Astoria, New York Republic USA NON-DOMESTIC. Unless otherwise stated, I have individual knowledge of the matters contained in this Declaration of Land Patent. I am fully competent to testify with respect to these matters.
 3. I, Alena Karakova, am an Assignee At Law and acceptor of that certain legally described portion of Land granted under the original certified LAND PATENT, which is duly authorized to be executed in pursuance of the supremacy of treaty law, citation and constitutional mandate, herein referenced, whereupon a duly authenticated true and correct lawful description, together with all hereditament, tenements and pre-emptive rights arising.
 4. No claim is made herein, that I have been assigned the entire tract of land as described in the original patent. My assignment is inclusive of only the attached lawful description. The publishing of this DECLARATION OF LAND PATENT shall not deny or infringe on any right, privilege, or immunity of any other Heir or Assignee to any other portion of land covered in the above described patent.
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shall be considered henceforth perfected in my name, and all future claims against this land shall be forever waived.

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JURISDICTION

THE RECIPIENT HEREOF IS MANDATED by Article VI, §2 & 3, the 9th and 10th Amendments with reference to the 7th Amendment, enforced under Article III, §3, Clause 1, of the Constitution for the United States of America.

Pursuant to Title 28, USC §1746(1) and executed "without the United States," I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my belief and informed knowledge. And Further deponent saith not, I know affix my signature and official seal to all of the above affirmations with EXPLICIT RESERVATION OF ALL OF MY UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE to any of those rights pursuant to U.C.C. 1-207 and U.C.C. 1-103.6

Respectfully,

By: 
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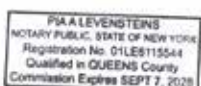
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ris, but she could not get a clear shot and did not deploy it. At one point in the struggle, Mr. Garris had his hands on the second officer's gun. The third officer noticed and yelled "gun!" before he discharged his service weapon, striking Mr. Garris. The officers began performing life-saving measures on Mr. Garris until an ambulance arrived. Mr. Garris was taken to a local hospital, where he died from his injuries on July 10, 2023.

Under New York's justification law, a police officer may use deadly physical force when the officer reasonably believes it to be necessary to defend against the use of deadly physical force by another. In this case, Mr. Garris had his hands on one officer's gun while they were attempting to arrest him. Another officer deployed his service weapon because he believed he needed to protect himself, the other officers, and any bystanders. Given the circumstances and based on the law and the evidence, a prosecutor would not be able to disprove beyond a reasonable doubt at trial that the officer's use of deadly force was justified.

The New Rochelle PBA issued the following statement. "The Attorney General's findings confirm what we have known to be true since the days immediately following this tragic encounter: Detective Steven Conn's actions were lawful and justified, that it was Jarrel Garris' who caused this encounter to become deadly, and had Detective Conn not acted swiftly, this incident would have likely ended with the death of several police officers.

"The Attorney General's report establishes the following: while New Rochelle police officers were effecting a lawful arrest, Jarrel Garris, who was high on PCP, violently resisted and fought with the officers. During this struggle, Garris put both his hands on Officer Bird's service weapon and slid the holster's safety hood into the unlocked position. Thankfully, Detective Conn observed Garris pulling the gun from the holster, warned his fellow officers that Garris had control of Officer Bird's handgun, and fired one round preventing Garris from using the gun against them. This entire incident happened within seconds. There is no amount of police training or policy writing that can guarantee positive outcomes when violent criminals continue to refuse lawful orders and resist lawful arrests. It is irresponsible and dangerous for our government and elected officials to ignore this important fact....It is disappointing to hear rhetoric which suggests that Jarrell Garris died "over a couple of grapes" or "for committing a low-level crime". That is a terrible misrepresentation of the facts and ignores the life-threatening actions taken by Garris moments before his death... There is only one reason a person would attempt to pull a cop's gun from its holster, and that is because he intends to use it," end of NR PBA statement.

The family of Jarrel Garris, through their attorney William Wagstaff III, said they were "angry and disheartened" Attorney General James' decision. "Police Officer Conn will join the alarmingly long list of police officers who escape accountability when they take the lives of unarmed – typically Black, Brown, and/or poor – civilians. Jarrel Garris is dead because of an encounter over an allegation of eating strawberries he didn't pay for. This is outrageous. The family will continue to fight until there are policy changes and Justice for Jarrel."

The City of New Rochelle statement read, "The fact that NYAG James' office took more than a year to probe an episode that unfolded in seconds demonstrates the depth and thoroughness of the investigation. Whenever a police officer uses deadly force, no matter how straightforward or complex the episode appears, it is a deeply traumatic event for a community such as ours, and it must be scrutinized from every possible angle, no matter how long it takes. We remain confident of the professionalism and integrity of the men and women of the New Rochelle police department."

Damon Jones, Publisher of Blackwestchester.com, wrote, "The use of deadly force requires the presence of an immediate and overwhelming threat. No weapon was visible in control of Mr. Garris in this case, and neither Officer Bird nor Officer Chavarry was in danger of losing their lives. While it is true that Mr. Garris resisted arrest, resistance—especially from someone who appeared disoriented and possibly experiencing a mental health crisis—does not justify escalating to the most extreme measure of lethal force. While the Attorney General's office may have refused to act, the responsibility to correct this injustice now rests with New Rochelle's law enforcement officials and elected representatives. They can address this issue by removing Detective Conn from his duties. Failing to do so would send a dangerous message that unjustified deadly force can go unpunished," writes Jones, (<https://blackwestchester.com/nrpd-detective-conn-must-be-fired-ags-report-on-the-shooting-of-mr-garris/>).

Jones also wrote as a member of Blacks In Law Enforcement of America (BLEA), a national organization of Black Law Enforcement Professionals, that the group "expresses its profound disappointment and lack of confidence in the New York State Attorney General, Tish James, following her handling of the Jarrell Garris case. The killing of Jarrell Garris, an unarmed Black man experiencing a mental health crisis, by New Rochelle Police officers is a stark reminder of the systemic failures in our law enforcement and justice systems. The Attorney General's office not even finding a bill of manslaughter insults the Garris family and justice itself.

"The Attorney General's recommendation that the New Rochelle Police Department merely "upgrade its policies" is woefully inadequate and deeply problematic... We find it unacceptable that Attorney General Tish James, since the killing of George Floyd in 2020, and after every police department in New York submitted independent reviews to her office per former Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order, has not taken this opportunity to propose sweeping state-wide policies on police use of force and deadly force when encountering individuals with mental illness."

Former County Legislator Damon Maher wrote, "The AG's report apparently forecloses the possibility of a criminal trial, although I suppose the local DA could pick up the case or the Feds could do so on a civil rights violation theory. But a large monetary judgment or settlement in a civil case against the City, which involves a less onerous burden of proof for the grieving family of the deceased citizen, looms as a distinct possibility. Also, the AG's report is not a determination of any particular officer's ability to continue to perform the role of a police officer in this City, which is likewise governed by a different standard of proof and is currently in the purview of the Police Commissioner alone."

The family of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr., who was killed in an interaction with White Plains police in 2011, said, "The officer's playbook is universal, with rehearsed language designed to justify any act of violence: "I feared for my life," it was a very fluid situation or in this case, Detective Conn's claim that he needed to protect himself and others. But the truth is plain to see the video reveals the detective approaching and escalating the situation, not retreating or de-escalating. This officer was not held to the same standard that we, as citizens, are bound to follow. Year after year, the New York Attorney General has failed to hold law enforcement accountable, and we must remember this failure when she seeks re-election.

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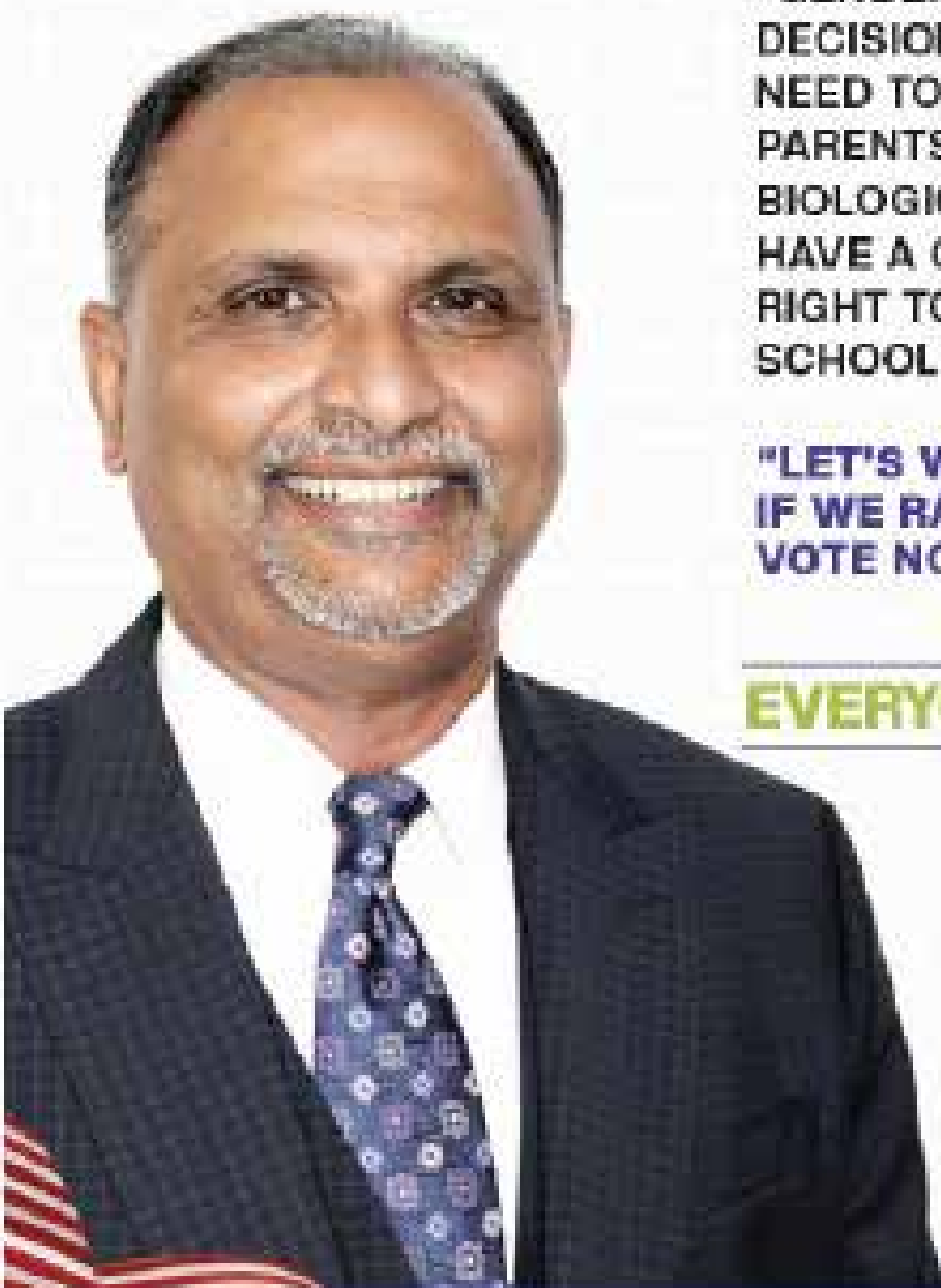
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