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Founder of the World's Largest Hacker Forum Arrested in Peekskill: Admits to Cyber Crimes & Possessing Child Porn,

*Faces 40 Years 500,000 personal accounts sold on dark web-
BreachForums*



2021 Peekskill High school yearbook photo of Conor Fitzpatrick, now 20

Brian Fitzpatrick, 20, of Peekskill, New York, pled guilty on July 13 to hacking and selling private information of millions of individuals and companies on his dark web site BreachForums. Fitzpatrick, a 2021 graduate of Peekskill High School, was arrested in March of this year.

Fitzpatrick admitted the offenses when he was arrested by the FBI at his Peekskill home earlier this year, and last month signed a statement in which he admitted to committing access device fraud, solicitation for the purpose of offering access devices and possession of child pornography. He faces 40 years in prison when he is sentenced next year.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Virginia Federal Court, Fitzpatrick, was charged with "conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b), related to his alleged creation and administration of BreachForums. At the time of his arrest, BreachForums was a major hacking forum and marketplace for cybercriminals that claimed to have more than 340,000 members.

Court documents state, "Conor Brian Fitzpatrick, allegedly operated BreachForums as a marketplace for cybercriminals to buy, sell, and trade hacked or stolen data and other contraband since March 2022. Among the stolen items commonly sold on the platform were bank account information, social security numbers, other personally identifying information (PII), means of identification, hacking tools, breached databases, services for gaining unauthorized access to victim systems, and account login information for compromised online accounts with service providers and merchants.

"Fitzpatrick's alleged victims have included millions of U.S. citizens and hundreds of U.S. and foreign companies, organizations, and government agencies. Some of the stolen datasets contained the sensitive information of customers at

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Reports: DA Rocah Investigating former Project Veritas Founder James O'Keefe

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James O'Keefe



District Attorney Mimi Rocah

James O'Keefe, the controversial founder of the conservative media company Project Veritas, is said to be under investigation by Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah's office, according to published reports. O'Keefe was fired from Project Veritas, the company that he created, in Feb. 2023. Veritas has offices in Mamaroneck.

According to reporters Liz Farkas and Matthew Phelan in The Nation, O'Keefe is now under investigation for "Looting Project Veritas," and "scamming his own donors." (<https://www.thenation.com/article/society/james-okeefe-criminal-investigation-project-veritas/>).

Under O'Keefe, Project Veritas was most known for conducting undercover video investigations in which Veritas journalists were able to get their subjects to admit to unethical and sometimes illegal activities. Here in Westchester, Veritas was able to conduct an undercover sting of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, (YFT).

But at the height of Veritas' popularity, O'Keefe was removed from the company he founded in a coup by the Board of Directors in Feb. 2023. His removal was curious and was never fully explained by O'Keefe or the Board of Veritas, which continues to operate.

According to The Nation story, Rocah's investigation could be focused on accusations by the Veritas Board that O'Keefe had "an excessive amount of donor funds in the last three years on personal luxuries"

The Nation story states, "We don't talk about how we start our investigations," the Westchester County DA's director of public affairs, Jin Whang, said when reached by phone. "But if you want confirmation that we were and are, then yes. We can confirm that."

and "Project Veritas did not initiate any potential investigation the Westchester DA's office may be conducting with respect to James O'Keefe," Hannah Giles, the newly appointed CEO of Project Veritas, responded via e-mail. "However, PV cooperates with the authorities as required by law."

Project Veritas has also filed a civil suit against O'Keefe for their allegations of his improper expenditures while CEO. An unnamed former PV VP is quoted in The Nation story stating, "that the DA sent a request to Veritas for "all financial docs" relevant to the case," and "We have complied and given them information."

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Don't Come to Eastchester to Shoplift!

Eastchester Police Make Three Arrests -2 Cases

OTC Meds in One Case -10 Year Old Used to Take Stolen



above: \$5,000 in OTC pills seized by Eastchester Police; Below; two Tuckahoe residents Nina Figueroa and Chistal Carlson, used a 10-year old to help them shoplift



Two recent incidents in the Town of Eastchester had police officers responding to, and making two different arrests for shoplifting.

On 08/10/23 at 10:00 a.m. officers from our department responded to the DeCicco and Sons supermarket at 777 White Plains Rd. on a report of individuals in the store who were shoplifting. Eastchester officers responded and during our investigation it was learned that two females, later identified as Christal Carlson and Nina Figueroa had stolen merchandise from the store in the past. Our officers observed the defendants exiting the store without paying for merchandise.

The defendants also solicited the help of a ten-year-old child; a relative of one of the defendants, to steal items from the store. The defendants and the child were found to have concealed stolen items in reusable bags and had the child exit the store without paying for the merchandise. The defendants were arrested and charged with penal law Misdemeanors; Petit Larceny, Criminal Solicitation in the Fourth Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. They were released on their own recognizance and are to return to Eastchester Court to answer all charges.

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Thank You Gov. Hochul, for Signing Save Our Hudson Bill! Protects Hudson From Holtec Toxic Dump: But What's Next?



Legislation (S.6893/A.7208) Will Protect the Hudson River by Restricting Discharges in Connection with Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning

On Aug. 18, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.6893/A.7208) into law, which is intended to protect the economic vitality of the Hudson River Region by restricting discharges of any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant.

"The Hudson River is one of New York's landmark natural treasures, and it's critical we stand together to protect it for generations to come," Governor Hochul said. "My administration remains committed to protecting the economic vitality of the region and working closely with local communities who have advocated so passionately for this cause."

The law aims to safeguard communities in New York's Hudson Valley region. The Administration will continue to work closely with federal regulators, Holtec, local officials and the State's Decommissioning Oversight Board to identify feasible and acceptable alternatives of wastewater disposal so that decommissioning Indian Point can continue, jobs can be preserved, and the site can be cleaned up in a safe, thorough, and prompt manner.

State Senator Pete Harckham said, "Thank you, Governor Hochul, for signing the Save the Hudson bill and protecting one of our country's most important natural resources. This historic, landmark law prevents the release of radioactive wastewater into the river and protects the robust economic vitality of the region.

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PXG Announces \$1M Donation to Help Maui Disaster Relief Efforts



historical reenactor and Algonkian tribe member Drew Shuptar-Rayvis

Learn all about Algonkian culture and history in New York State with a free presentation at John Jay Homestead!

Join historical reenactor and Algonkian tribe member Drew Shuptar-Rayvis (Pekatawas MakataweU “Black Corn”) on Saturday, September 2nd, from 11am to 1pm for a journey through the changing ways of life for local Native Americans during the 18th century. Drew will discuss Algonkian customs of war, adoption and captivity, alliances, and friendships and marriages between Natives, Europeans, and Africans. Best of all, he will be displaying several traditional items and artifacts for guests to examine. Feel free to bring your questions!

This family-friendly event will be held alongside the Homestead’s weekly Farm Market and is a great opportunity for all ages to learn more about early American history. The Homestead will be featuring Living History presenters on the first Saturday of every month through October. This month, we would like to extend a special thanks to Rob Nagel and the Wallace Foundation for their generous underwriting of this exciting program.

For more information visit parks.ny.gov.

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JUDGE CHARLIE WOOD GETS DEMOCRATIC ENDORSEMENT AT JUDICIAL



L-R-Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Judge Charlie Wood, Judge Fran Connolly, Barry McGoey, Yonkers Firefighters Local 628

Attempts by WCLA and Progressives to Block His Nomination Failed
By Dan Murphy

State Supreme Court Judge Charlie Wood received the endorsement of the Democratic parties Judicial convention for the 9th Judicial district, which includes Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties, for his reelection after their judicial convention held this month.

“It is with great honor and humility that Justice Charles Wood accepts the Democratic and Conservative Parties Nominations for NYS Supreme Court Justice in the 9th Judicial District, alongside Justice Francesca Connolly, Judge Rolf Thorsen and Judge Larry Schwartz,” wrote Wood’s campaign in an email blast to supporters on Aug. 18.

For the past six months, Judge Wood endured an attempt to remove him from the democratic line for his reelection. Those attempts came from the Political Action Committee for the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion, WCLA-PAC.

WCLA-PAC falsely accused Judge Wood of not being pro-choice, resulting in Judge Wood clarifying his position in a story in our newspapers and here at [Yonkerstimes.com](https://yonkerstimes.com) <https://yonkerstimes.com/political-agendas-ethics-and-judicial-races-in-westchester/>

Several Westchester democrats pushed back on the attacks against Judge Wood. Robi Schlaff, former Vice-Chair of the Westchester Democratic Party’s Judicial Screening Committee said, “I am disheartened and angered by the attacks on Judge Charley Wood by WCLA Choice Matters. The reality is that Judge Wood is pro-choice and as Chair of the 9th Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee, brought the leading international abortion rights lawyer to present to our committee. He is the number one judge on fairness and gender equity in the court system. I urge women voting in the 9th judicial district to consider his excellent record on women’s issues.”

Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier said, “Judge Wood has always been pro-choice. He has been labeled to the contrary by other groups in an effort to discredit him. They want a preferred candidate that they have in mind. But we don’t blindly endorse incumbents. Judge Wood has been screened by the county democratic judicial committee and was found well qualified. Judge Wood has served the people honorably on the court for the 14 years and will do so for the next 14 years.”

A group of Progressive Westchester Democrats, Citizens for a Democratic

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Town of Greenburgh Interns Come to the Aid of Migrants Living in Hotels in Ardsley & WP

46 Greenburgh Town Hall 2023 Summer Interns, in collaboration with Ardsley Mayor Nancy Kaboolian, Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner, Town Clerk Judith Beville, and Congressman Jamaal Bowman, have completed an initiative to help legal asylum seekers currently residing at the Ardsley Acres Motel and at the Central Motel in White Plains.

Interns have engaged in volunteer work assisting in English language classes, setting up a food drive, and creating an online petition. There is a great community concern and a greater humanitarian need for attention to these asylum seekers. The quality of the food the asylum seekers are receiving from a private contract through New York City (DocGo) has left them sick and hungry. Unable to work due to arbitrary and outdated laws, they have no choice but to live off of the minimal resources the city provides.

County Executive Latimer has already contacted Homeland Security about bringing a Federal Immigration Court to Westchester to address the arrival of immigrants in other Westchester municipalities.

A food drive was held at Ardsley High School last weekend and a picnic for the migrants was held last week.

Westchester County Legislator David Imamura and State Assemblywoman Mary Jane Shinsky. Katherine Wolf of St. Barnabas Church also assisted the interns.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner added that the interns were able to determine that the migrants were seeking better food and bicycles for local travel.

A few weeks ago two student interns appeared before the Greenburgh Town Board advising the Board that the asylum seekers were complaining about the poor quality of the food--which they were told was not eatable. We reached out to DocGo and have some good news to report:

DocGo responded by saying " we will put together something with our marketing team for RFPs. For now, if we can start finding local restaurants that we can start rotating in weekly for special lunches and dinners.

New York City government is paying DocGo to provide meals for migrants with a budget of \$11 per meal.

Feiner has asked for local restaurants to step up and help with food service.

Latin American dishes, Venezuelan dishes, Halal dishes, Spanish dishes, all great options Individual meals are great and preferred, catering cafeteria style is an option, like the picnic.

The migrants are staying at 90 individuals – Ardsley Acres Hotel Court – 560 Saw Mill River Pkwy, Ardsley, and 100 individuals – Central Motel Courtyard-441 Central Ave. White Plains. Another 100 individuals are staying at the Ramada Inn on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers.

If you know of restaurants or caterers who can meet these requirements please email me at pfeiner@greenburghny.com. "We are trying to help the asylum seekers have a better quality of life while they are in our community," wrote Feiner, who has also asked for donations of bicycles for the migrants, writing

"During the picnic that the 46 Greenburgh summer interns sponsored at Macy Park earlier this week, we asked some of the asylum seekers what they would want the most. A few migrants mentioned - a bicycle so they could have mobility and get around. They are currently staying at the Ardsley Acres Motel. Luis Beltran, who works for Town Clerk Judith Beville is the son of immigrants from Chile, speaks Spanish and followed up with the migrants. This is what we need for asylum seekers at the Ardsley Acres Motel. If we get more donations we will reach out to other migrants staying in other locations in Westchester. Federal laws provide migrants with a clear right if they are fleeing persecution to seek asylum in the United States.

"If you have a used bicycle that you don't need and want to donate them please email lbeltran@greenburghny.com. Please copy me at pfeiner@greenburghny.com. We will make sure that the migrants get the bicycles that are donated. When emailing please advise what kind of bicycle you have to donate," wrote Feiner.

The size of bicycles they are in need of are, 29" = 3 men; 27" = 8 men; 26" = 7 (1 men & 6 Women); Kids size = 2 bicycles. Emails can be sent to Feiner at pfeiner@greenburghny.com for donations.

It's Barbie/Oppenheimr Time



By Eric Wolf Schoen

With all that is going on in the world, it's no surprise that the hit movies at your multiplex right now are Barbie, based on the Barbie Fashion Dolls by Mattel and Oppenheimer, the film that chronicles the career of American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

You couldn't pick two more different movies. But by this point in the summer people want something different. Enough with things flying in space. We crave a laugh or something serious.

The Barbie movie plays for the little girls in their pink dresses (yes, clothing worn to the theater) as well as their mothers who have original Barbie dolls hidden somewhere in the house. Barbie and fellow dolls reside in Barbieland; a matriarchal society with different variations of Barbies, Kens, and a group of discontinued models, who are treated like outcasts due to their unconventional traits. The Kens spend their days frolicking at the beach, considering it as their profession. The Barbies hold prestigious jobs such as doctors, lawyers, and politicians. (You have come a long way girl!) Beach Ken is only happy when he is with Barbie and seeks a closer relationship, but Barbie rebuffs him in favor of other activities and female friendships.

At a dance party, Barbie is suddenly stricken with worries about mortality. Overnight, she develops bad breath, cellulite, and flat feet (we should all have it so bad!) Weird Barbie, an outcast due to her disfigurement, tells her she must find the child playing with her in the real world to cure her afflictions. Ken joins Barbie in her search.

Arriving at Venice Beach, Barbie punches a man for groping her (aggressive Barbie) leading to her and Ken's brief arrest. Alarmed by this, Mattel's CEO orders their recapture. Barbie tracks down her owner, a tween girl named Sasha, who criticizes her for encouraging unrealistic standards of beauty. Distraught, Barbie discovers that Gloria, a Mattel employee and Sasha's mother, inadvertently caused a crisis after Gloria began playing with Sasha's old Barbie toys in a similar dysfunctional state. Mattel attempts to put Barbie in the designated toy box for remanufacturing, but she escapes with Gloria and Sasha's help and the three travel to Barbieland with Mattel executives in pursuit.

Meanwhile, Ken learns about the patriarchal system and feels respected for the first time. Returning to Barbieland, he persuades the other Kens to take over, and the Barbies are indoctrinated into submissive roles, such as girlfriends, housewives, and maids. Barbie arrives and unsuccessfully tries to convince Ken and the Barbies to return to the way things were. She becomes depressed (so what did u expect) but Gloria gives an inspirational speech about society's conflicting expectations of women, restoring Barbie's self-confidence.

With the assistance of Sasha, Weird Barbie and the discontinued dolls, Gloria convinces the Barbies to free themselves from subordination. The Barbies manipulate the Kens into fighting amongst themselves, distracting them from enshrining male superiority into Barbieland's constitution. The Barbies regain power. Having experienced systemic oppression for themselves, the Barbies resolve to rectify the faults of their previous society, emphasizing better treatment of the Kens and all outcasts (the happy ending...sunglasses and smiles on please!)

Barbie and Ken apologize to each other, acknowledging their mistakes. Barbie, who remains unsure of her own identity, meets with the spirit of Ruth Handler, Mattel co-founder and creator of the Barbie doll, who explains that Barbie's story has no set ending (expect Barbie the Sequel) and her ever-evolving history surpasses

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LM Lions & Sedona Make Donation to The Fuller Center



Sedona's Bill Jablonski, LM Lion & Fuller Center President Jim Killoran, LM Lion Secretary Diane Oldham

In July, the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions teamed up with Mamaroneck's Sedona Taphouse's Dine Out for Charity program in support of The Fuller Center.

Sedona dedicates a full month of Mondays throughout the year to support local charities and service groups. In the month of July, Sedona raised \$1618 in support of The Fuller Center. The Lions contributed \$1000, making a combined total donation of \$2618.

The Fuller Center for Housing, a local non-profit based in New Rochelle, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations to build, rehabilitate and provide affordable home ownership for people in need. Through their D.A.R.T. program (Disaster Assistance Response Team), the Fuller Center is also front and center in dealing with and responding to local emergencies.

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions, celebrating their Centennial, focus on supporting existing non-profit and community service groups by bringing community service leaders together to determine needs, solutions and resources. The LM Lions are part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service organization of over 1.4 million members. The Lions signature cause is Vision/Blindness, along with Hunger, the Environment, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer and the future of our Youth. They are signatories of the United Nations resolutions on women's and refugee rights, and are currently active in Afghanistan & Ukrainian refugee resettlement. In addition, affordable housing is a local Lions priority.

Bicycle Sundays Return September 10

Head back out to the Bronx River Parkway with us for more Bicycle Sundays, as the event returns, Sunday, Sept. 10 and will run through Oct. 1 for the season!

The last Sundays of the season in which Bicycle Sundays will take place are Sept. 10, 17 and 24 and Oct. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "September Bicycle Sundays are a special time as it feels like an extended summer. I'm delighted to welcome cyclists, joggers and families back to the Bronx River Parkway for the fall installment of the 2023 series."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "Just because summer's over doesn't mean it's time to put away our bikes or running shoes. I encourage folks to get out and ride or jog the Bronx River Parkway to keep moving well into the fall."

Chairperson of the Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF), Seth Mandelbaum said, "Bicycle Sundays embodies the WPF mission to invest, advocate, and enhance all 50 Westchester County Parks. We thank NewYork-Presbyterian and Con Edison for their continued support of this iconic program and look forward to seeing everyone along the Bronx River Parkway this Fall."

During Bicycle Sundays, a portion of the Bronx River Parkway is closed to cars from the exclusive use of bicyclists, joggers, walkers, scooters and strollers. The course runs from the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a round-trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry and exit along the way.

Bicycle Sundays is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners, through generous donations from co-presenting sponsors NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester and Con Edison, with Jen's Cycles in Yonkers as the official Bicycle Sponsor.

Westchester Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, philanthropic organization which provides private support to preserve the County's Park system and improve the quality of life in our communities. Westchester Parks Foundation's mission is to invest in, advocate for, and enhance the over 50 parks of the Westchester County Parks system. For more information, visit <http://www.thewpf.org>

Save the Sound Reaches Settlements with Village of Scarsdale, City of Rye in Clean Water Act Enforcement Actions

Collaborative settlements result in repairs to sewer lines and \$300,000 of Environmental Benefit Payments for local water quality improvement projects

Save the Sound has reached settlements with both the Village of Scarsdale and the City of Rye stemming from a Clean Water Act case filed by Save the Sound in 2015 against Westchester County and 11 municipalities to address pollution from raw sewage discharges from aging sewer pipes.

The settlement with Scarsdale is the seventh to date. Save the Sound previously reached resolution with the City of Port Chester, Village of Mamaroneck, City of White Plains, Village of Rye Brook, City of Rye, and the Town/Village of Harrison. Altogether, the settlements have resulted in more than \$550,000 worth of environmental benefit payments and projects directed toward restoring water quality in Long Island Sound and local waterways and tens of millions of dollars invested to study and repair almost 300 miles of sewer lines with more than 16,000 identified defects.

Scarsdale

The agreement with Scarsdale was signed by the judge on August 2, 2023, and is the result of negotiations that have been taking place since 2016. The Village agreed to study and repair the 82 miles of sanitary sewer pipe in its town and repair the 755 defects found during the investigation. Because Scarsdale began the work early on in the negotiations, it is now largely completed. Additionally, the Village has modified its sewer management practices to reduce the chances of the system reaching a state of disrepair in the future. Scarsdale also passed a local ordinance back in February to reduce excess flow into the system by requiring inspection, testing, repair, and maintenance of private sewer lines by their owners.

The Village also will pay \$150,000 toward local projects designed to benefit water quality in a Scarsdale tributary to Long Island Sound. A plan for a project to biologically treat stormwater entering Audrey Hochberg Pond is due by December 6, 2023.

Rye

The settlement with Rye, signed by the judge on August 15, 2023, is a new agreement resolving delays in the City's work under the original settlement (issued in February 2021). In the initial settlement, Rye agreed to (1) study and repair 52 miles of sewer pipe addressing more than 5,000 defects that were discovered; (2) study and adopt financial measures in order to cover repair and remediation projects; (3) implement ongoing operational and management measures; (4) perform an environmental benefit project to expend \$150,000 to improve the water quality of Blind Brook (which flows into Long Island Sound) by treating stormwater from the Locust Avenue parking lot. In this new settlement, the City of Rye agreed to a revised timetable to finish the various repairs and commitments and to fund a second water quality improvement project (also \$150,000) at the Rye Recreation Center.

Save the Sound is represented in the litigation by Super Law Group.

Save the Sound Senior Legal Director Roger Reynolds: "We are pleased that the Village of Scarsdale is addressing sewage pollution that has plagued communities across Westchester County for too long, and that the City of Rye has recommitted to completing measures necessary to prevent sewage discharges to local waters. Their actions will directly benefit local waters and Long Island Sound. Aging and inadequate sewer collection systems endanger public health and threaten the environment across the Long Island Sound watershed – risks exacerbated by climate change and storm events that are increasing in frequency and severity. Poorly maintained sewer pipes are a significant reason that beaches are closed after rain and that harvesting oysters and clams in Westchester County bays and harbors is prohibited. Our legal team will continue to take action under the Clean Water Act across the region to ensure that Long Island Sound remains clean, fishable, and swimmable."

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Also thank you to the many residents, environmental advocates and colleagues who fought with us so passionately to arrive at this outcome. The culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work and collaboration, Governor Hochul's signing of the Save the Hudson bill is one of the great environmental victories in state history. We stand ready to work with all stakeholders to find alternative solutions to this challenge and to continue the timely and safe decommissioning of the Indian Point power plants."

Assemblymember Dana Levenberg said, "The signing of this bill comes as such welcome news to so many people in my district and far beyond. Today I say thank you to Governor Hochul and her office for carefully considering this legislation, and to my colleagues at the federal, state and local levels for their support. I am also incredibly grateful to the advocates who dedicated countless hours alongside us legislators working to get this legislation passed. So many people in the Hudson Valley showed up to this fight determined to protect the river that defines our region, and we will continue working together in the coming years to ensure a safe and successful decommissioning of Indian Point."

Representative Jamaal Bowman said, "Dumping 1 million gallons of radioactive waste into a river with a basin home to more than 8 million people is never an option. Polluting facilities shouldn't be allowed to run roughshod over the voices of our communities and push through waste disposal plans without their consent. I'm pleased that Governor Hochul is taking the action needed to protect New Yorkers by signing A7208/S6893 to ban decommissioned nuclear plants from dumping waste into the Hudson River. We must take every precaution when it comes to protecting the health of our communities and we must always put democracy over convenience."

Representative Mike Lawler said, "Over the past eight months, I have heard from numerous constituents, environmental organizations, and local officials concerned about the plan to discharge radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River as part of the Indian Point decommissioning. We have worked closely with them to raise awareness and seek alternative solutions. As such, I am glad to hear that Governor Hochul is signing legislation into law that will prevent the discharge of radioactive wastewater from Indian Point into the Hudson River. I look forward to the Governor working with federal, state, and local officials, as well as organized labor, local environmental activists, and Holtec, to determine an environmentally safe and fiscally sound solution to eliminating the wastewater on-site. Protecting the Hudson River and our communities that utilize it is of paramount importance — we must work together to find a workable solution for all involved."

County Executive George Latimer said, "Today marks a monumental stride forward in safeguarding our majestic Hudson River and the Hudson Valley region. I commend Governor Kathy Hochul for her leadership in signing this legislation, and I also thank Senator Pete Harckham and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg for introducing this vital measure. Today, we take a stand and shield the Hudson River from potential harm during Indian Point's decommissioning – prioritizing the environment and human well-being above all other considerations."

Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan said, "This critically important legislation will prevent Holtec International, the company responsible for decommissioning Indian Point, from dumping over 1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River. The bill sends an important message to New Yorkers: The Hudson River is the source of our collective prosperity, not a dumping ground for industrial waste. The people of the Hudson Valley offer their deepest thanks to Governor Hochul for her continued, steadfast leadership in protecting the Hudson River and the many communities that rely on it for their health, recreation, and economic prosperity. We also recognize and applaud bill sponsors Assemblywoman Levenberg, Senator Harckham, and their colleagues, as well as Riverkeeper for its dedicated and highly effective advocacy."

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NY Judge Extends Ban Against New Cannabis Licenses:

A New York State Supreme Court Judge has issued a preliminary injunction for New York's Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licensing program. Albany State Supreme Court Judge Kevin Bryant of the Albany ruled in favor of four service-disabled veterans who claim that the Cannabis Control Board ("CCB") unconstitutionally created a conditional license for "justice involved" retailers that does not exist under the states' Cannabis statute.

No additional Cannabis permits can be issued until the case is resolved or the injunction is lifted.

New York's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act ("MRTA") gives priorities to disabled veterans, but the five veterans suing argue that only "justice involved" applicants have benefitted from priority status in obtaining licenses.

So far, 24 operational retailers have opened dispensaries in NY State, and none in Westchester County. Several license holders have received approval and a CAURD but have not yet opened. It is unclear whether the injunction allows them to continue to move towards opening.

Included in Judge Bryant's order was, "It was Defendants that decided to move forward and accelerate the CAURD program in the face of unresolved litigation and they were undeniably on notice of the alleged constitutional defects at issue." "Despite this notice, Defendants encouraged potential licensees to incur significant expenses in reliance on a program that Defendants knew was at issue in pending litigation."

While Justice Bryant states in his Order that the entire CAURD program could be in jeopardy due to the legal challenges and the exclusion of priority groups specified in the MRTA, he directed that the state can request exceptions to the Order by motion, and such motions will be determined on a "case-by-case basis" taking into consideration: (1) "the extent of potential licensee's reasonable reliance on OCM policy with regard to the CAURD program and applicable regulations," (2) "the precise timing of the actions" and (3) "expenses in relation to the pending litigation and the extent to which the expenses at issue would be necessary in order for the potential CAURD licensee to submit an application for an adult use license once Defendants finalize applicable regulations." Justice Bryant ordered the OCM to provide a list of CAURD retailers that qualify as exempt from the Order by August 22, 2023. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for August 25. The CCB has also been instructed to finalize applicable regulations for Adult Use Cannabis Licenses, as outlined in Article 4 of the MRTA, on an expedited basis.

Prince, Lobel, a law firm with offices in Westchester, (Purchase), sends out an email newsletter with information about the Cannabis industry in New York. We enjoy reading it, at princetonlobel.com.

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Judiciary, circulated a petition against Judge Wood receiving the democratic party line, and Westchester Indivisible also opposed his reelection.

But in the end, the vast majority of Westchester democratic leaders, including Westchester Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger, backed Wood's nomination, based on his 14 years of experience as a State Supreme Court Judge, and the overwhelming support he received from the legal community made his nomination at the convention not in doubt.

"My two takeaways from this whole fight are that Judge Wood is well deserving of the democratic party's nomination for reelection. And once you become a State Supreme Court Judge and they are qualified and respected as Judge Wood is, they are tough to beat," said one Yonkers democrat.

"I would also challenge the WCLA PAC and Progressive Democrats of Westchester and Indivisible Westchester for their failed effort to remove Judge Wood. I think this whole escapade backfired in the end."

Judge Wood, who also has the Conservative Party line, still has to win election in November against a slate of Republican candidates. We will highlight all of the candidates for State Supreme Court next month.

220,000 Pound of Water Chestnut Removed from Tibbetts Brook Lake



The Westchester Parks Foundation, the only organization dedicated exclusively to promoting and supporting Westchester County Parks, continued with its multi-year Lake Revitalization Project at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. 222,246 pounds of water chestnut and other aquatic invasive species were pulled from the ten-acre lake over the past month in an effort to return the lake back to its prominence. Volunteers worked alongside two Truxor Multifunction Amphibious Workhorse machines to help with weed control in hard-to-reach areas.

The project kicked off in July 2018 and is part of a planned effort to sustain the lake over the course of the next few years and restore it to its original state for recreational use. Since the clean-up started over fourteen acres of Water Chestnut was removed by the machine and 82,078 pounds by hand.

Joe Stout, Executive Director of WPF stated: "Westchester Parks Foundation is thankful for Xylem and G.A Fleet, who continue to support the Lake Revitalization of Tibbetts Brook Lake along with our new sponsors Osaka Gas USA Corporation and our board member Glenn Pacchiana and Thalle Industries. We hope that people who enjoy the park daily have noticed a difference in the water and are excited as us to see this project continue this successful path to provide recreational use to residents of Yonkers and Westchester."

The Foundation's mission is to invest in, advocate for, and enhance the over 50 parks of the Westchester County Parks system. For more information about Westchester Parks Foundation, visit www.thewpf.org.

Tibbetts Brook Park is critically important to the community in Yonkers, as one of the largest parks in New York State's fourth largest city. Additionally, parks and waterways serve a key role in urban areas to give residents access to needed green space. Westchester Parks Foundation's efforts at the lake will eventually bring this area back to regular use over the next decade. Thalle Industries is an environmentally responsible supplier of highquality virgin and recycled aggregate, asphalt products and brownfield fill for the construction industry. For more information visit <http://www.thalleindustries.com>

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SCHOOL TAXES

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2023. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2024.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadient/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

Rates of Penalties SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAX LAW PENALTY SCHEDULE

	First Half Due Sept 1st	Second Half Due Jan 1st
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During OCTOBER	2 Percent	-
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Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Lime-killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 54 TOWER PLACE LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/2023. Office: Westchester County. RAED M ALAMMARI designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 54 TOWER PLACE YONKERS, NY 10703 Purpose: Real Estate.

Formation of OFF THE MILL LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Desmond Clarke, 1271 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, Plaintiff AGAINST MAXINE LANSKY-TEJADA, ALEJANDRO TEJADA, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 16, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY on September 11, 2023 at 10:30AM, premises known as 94 Jervis Road, Yonkers, NY 10705. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, Section 1, Block 73, Lot 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$234,256.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #59161/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WESTCHESTER County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Syma Funt, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 20-001206 77099

Notice of formation of JJMB PROPERTIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/27/2023. Office location, County of Westchester. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to:, c/o Incorp Services, Inc - 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful act.

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

X Index No.

Date Summons Filed:

FENNY OKOMO-OWIDI.

Plaintiff. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is Plaintiff's residence.

-against-

BRIAN OCHEING OWIDI aka CRAIG BRIAN OWIDI.

Defendant.

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ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: 11/7/2022

Shirani Ponnambalam, Esq

Pace Women's Justice Center

Attorneys for Plaintiff

78 North Broadway, White Plains NY 10603

(914) 422-4069

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between parties, on the grounds: DRL Section 170 subd. (7)-the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is:

That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. The Plaintiff is not seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guidance Maintenance.

That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts fees and expenses.

That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper.

The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

(Form UD-1-1/25/16)

NOTICE OF ENTRY OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236) Rev. 1/13

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE ORDERS MAY BE DEEMED A CONTEMPT OF COURT

PURSUANT TO the Uniform Rules of the Trial Courts, and DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW Section 236. Part B. Section 2. both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which have been entered against you and your spouse in your divorce action pursuant to 22 NYCRR Section 202.16(a). and which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of this action, unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties:

(1) ORDERED: Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, with the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fee in connection with this action.

(2) ORDERED: Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or n any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401k accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court; except that any party who is already in pay status may continue to receive such payments thereunder.

(3) ORDERED: Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual housing expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(4) ORDERED: Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) ORDERED: Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: After service of Summons with Notice or Summons and Complaint for divorce, if you or your spouse wishes to modify or dissolve the automatic orders, you must ask the court for approval to do so, or enter into a written modification agreement with your spouse duly signed and acknowledged before a notary public.

**NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF
HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

(Required by Section 255(1) of the Domestic Relations Law

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or may not continue to be eligible for coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan.

Notice of guideline maintenance

If your divorce was commenced honor after January 25th 20 sixtheme this notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your. Divorce was filed to comply with the maintenance guidelines law

Because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mein that your spouse. The person you are married to is seeking or offering an award of maintenance in this action. Maintenance means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support. After the divorces final

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That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts fees and expenses.

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DiNapoli: Local Sales Tax Collections Increased by 3% Compared to Last Year

Local sales tax collections in New York state grew by 3% in July compared to the same month in 2022, according to an analysis released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Overall, local collections totaled \$1.82 billion, up \$53.3 million compared to the same time last year.

“Local sales tax growth in July continued at a moderate pace, similar to growth rates from before the pandemic,” DiNapoli said. “This may be slower than some local officials anticipated after two years of more robust growth, making careful cash flow monitoring especially important.”

For July 2023 compared with July 2022:

New York City’s collections totaled \$777 million, an increase of 0.2%, or \$1.4 million.

County and city collections in the rest of the state totaled \$935 million, an increase of 5%.

Nearly all (54 out of 57) counties experienced some year-over-year increase.

Lewis County experienced the strongest growth at 28.1%. Orleans County had the largest decline at 12.1%.

These monthly sales tax collections are from the cash distributions made to counties and tax-imposing cities by the state Department of Taxation and Finance, and the amounts are based on estimates of what each municipality is due. In the third month of each calendar year quarter, these distributions are adjusted upward or downward, so that the quarter as a whole reflects reported sales by vendors. The next quarterly numbers (for July to September) will be available in October.

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her roots. After the Barbies, Kens, and Mattel executives bid Barbie goodbye, she decides to become human and return to the real world. Sometime later, Gloria, her husband, and Sasha take Barbie, now going by the name “Barbara Handler”, to her first gynecological appointment. Barbie is all grown up! Riveting!

The other hot movie for a slightly more mature crowd (though folks are seeing it as a double feature with Barbie) is Oppenheimer. My advice. See it another day. And for a kid under 16, this 3 hour movie though well done will be torture.

In 1926, 22-year-old doctoral student J. Robert Oppenheimer studies under experimental physicist Patrick Blackett at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge. He is homesick and suffers from anxiety while struggling with the required lab work (sounds like kids back to college this week).

Oppenheimer, upset with the demanding Blackett, leaves him a poison-laced apple but retrieves it before consumption. Visiting scientist Niels Bohr is impressed enough by Oppenheimer’s intellect to recommend that he should instead study theoretical physics in Germany, where Oppenheimer completes his PhD. He later meets theoretical physicist Werner Heisenberg at a conference in Switzerland.

Oppenheimer returns to the United States, wanting to expand quantum physics research there. He begins a teaching career at the University of California, Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology, starting with a mere one student. He meets his future wife, Katherine “Kitty” Puening, a biologist and ex-Communist, and also has an intermittent affair with Jean Tatlock, a member of the Communist Party USA.

In 1938, Nazi Germany’s progress in nuclear fission research spurs Oppenheimer and his colleagues to replicate their results. In 1942, amid World War II, U.S. Army General Leslie Groves recruits Oppenheimer to lead the Manhattan Project, the goal which is to develop an atomic bomb after he gives assurances that he has no communist sympathies.

Oppenheimer, who is Jewish, is particularly driven by the Nazis’ potentially completing their nuclear weapons program, headed by Heisenberg. He assembles a stellar scientific team including Edward Teller and Isidor Isaac Rabi in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and also collaborates with scientists Enrico Fermi and David L. Hill.

After Germany surrenders, some project scientists question the bomb’s relevance, while Oppenheimer believes using it will quickly end the ongoing war in the Pacific, saving Allied lives. However, he and Albert Einstein had discussed the small possibility that an atomic detonation could trigger an atmospheric chain reaction and destroy the world.

President Harry S. Truman orders Hiroshima and Nagasaki to be bombed, forcing Japan’s surrender. Oppenheimer is thrust into the public eye as the “father of the atomic bomb”, but the immense destruction and mass fatalities caused by it haunt him. He urges Truman to restrict further nuclear weapon development, which Truman dismisses.

As an advisor to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Oppenheimer advocates against further nuclear research, especially the hydrogen bomb proposed by Edward Teller. His stance becomes a point of contention amid the tense Cold War with the Soviet Union. Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss resents Oppenheimer after he dismissed his concerns about exporting radioisotopes, publicly humiliating him, and for recommending arms talks with the Soviet Union.

At a hearing intended to eliminate Oppenheimer’s political influence, Strauss exploits Oppenheimer’s past associations with Communist Party members. Despite allies testifying in his defense, Oppenheimer’s security clearance is revoked, damaging his public image and neutralizing his policy influence.

At Strauss’s later Senate confirmation hearing for Secretary of Commerce, Hill testifies about Strauss’s personal motives in engineering Oppenheimer’s downfall. The U.S. Senate votes against his nomination. Get the popcorn. Two end of summer movies you will enjoy! Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday’s from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at thistooisyonkers@aol.com.

Annual Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale Carnival

Thursday, August 31, 2023 – Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4, 2023

The Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale will hold its Annual Carnival Fundraiser at Richard Presser Park/Webb Field, Central Avenue, Hartsdale, NY during Labor Day weekend –Thursday, Aug. 31 through Monday, Sept. 4. The Carnival will feature a variety of rides, food, and arcade games. It has always provided family fun during the holiday weekend. The hours of operation are: Thursday and Friday from 5 pm until closing each night; and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 2 pm – until closing each night.

Money raised at the Carnival helps The Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale sponsor a number of community projects including donating backpacks filled with school supplies to elementary school children, Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts to local families, donations to local food bank and charitable community organizations, scholarships awarded to Woodlands high school students, as well as luncheons for senior citizens.

Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale celebrates its 67th year serving our community. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Carnival.

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telecommunication, social media, investment, health care services, and internet service providers. For instance, on Jan. 4, a BreachForums user posted the names and contact information for approximately 200 million users of a major U.S.-based social networking site. Further, on Dec. 18, 2022, another BreachForums user posted details of approximately 87,760 members of InfraGard, a partnership between the FBI and private sector companies focused on the protection of critical infrastructure. As part of the scheme, Fitzpatrick allegedly supported the activities of cybercriminals by creating and operating a “Leaks Market” subsection that was dedicated to buying and selling hacked or stolen data.”

Fitzpatrick went by the name of poppompurin online, and drew the attention of the FBI when he hacked into their system in 2021.

BreachForums operated as an illegal marketplace where its members could solicit for sale, sell, and purchase and trade hacked or stolen data and other contraband, including stolen access devices, tools for committing cybercrime, breached databases, and other services for gaining unauthorized access to victim systems.

An individual could access the BreachForums website without a membership. However, the website required an individual to sign up for a membership to solicit items for sale, with different tiers of membership. BreachForums included a “Marketplace” section that was dedicated to the buying

and selling of hacked or stolen data, tools for committing cybercrime, and other illicit material.

Fitzpatrick offered a “middleman” service in which he acted as a trusted middleman, or escrow, between individuals on the website who sought to buy and sell information. As of March 7, 2023, the official section purported to contain 888 datasets, consisting of over 14 billion individual records. These databases included a wide variety of both U.S. and foreign companies, organizations, and government agencies.

BreachForums had approximately 333,412 members as of March 14, 2023. It was the largest English-language data breach forum of its kind at the time it went offline. Fitzpatrick and his co-conspirators gained at least \$698,714 through his now admitted criminal conduct.

In September 2022, a BreachForums user sought advice on how to monetize a breached e-commerce database that included approximately 16 million records. Fitzpatrick used BreachForums private message to reply that “[I]’d try getting money out of them first, and if they refuse try selling it.” FITZPATRICK then explained that he would value the database at about “a few thousand” after the user sought pricing guidance.

Law enforcement performed a digital forensic examination of Fitzpatrick’s devices which revealed he had saved child pornography in two folders. Many of the files had file names and phrases indicative of child pornography, such as “14yo,” “15yo,” and “Hebephilia.”

Based on the volume of hacked accounts found, many of our Westchester readers may have had their personal information hacked. The Department of Justice has created a victim form to individuals to fill out, at the following link:

https://www.justice.gov/d9/2023-06/potential_victim_form_0.pdf

Eastchester, continued from pg 1-

On 08/03/23 at 7:15 p.m. the two subjects pictured below entered Walgreens located at 370 White Plains Road in Eastchester and stole approximately \$5000.00 worth of over-the-counter medications. They then fled the scene in a 2020 Hyundai Elantra. With the assistance of the Westchester Real Time Crime Center the subjects were quickly located. They were stopped by the NYPD and taken into custody.

Our investigation revealed that in addition to the medication stolen in our jurisdiction, they were also in possession of approximately \$8000.00 worth of other assorted over-the-counter medications which were believed to be the proceeds of larcenies in other jurisdictions. Velvet Jefferson was charged with Grand Larceny in the third degree and remanded to the Westchester County Jail. Ernesto Serrano was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree as well as False Personation. Initially Serrano provided officers with a false name and date of birth.

Upon properly identifying Serrano it was learned that he had an active bench warrant from Kings County N.Y. for numerous charges including attempted murder, assault and weapons possession. Serrano was also remanded to the Westchester County Jail.

Two of the shoplifters arrested were from Tuckahoe; the other two were from NYC. But the message for all was the same. Don’t come to Eastchester to Shoplift!

Tony quote--

Rocah O’Keefe, continued from pg 1-

Project Veritas’ coffers began to fill as its popularity grew under O’Keefe, with \$22 Million in donations in 2020. O’Keefe’s salary also grew to \$430,000 in 2022.

The Nation story writes, “According to sources close to Veritas, the Westchester DA began fanning out investigators and issuing subpoenas last April, in response to the Veritas board’s public claims of O’Keefe’s inurement.”

In response to The Nation story, O’Keefe’s lawyer, Jeffrey Lichtman, told te AP that Rocah’s investigation was based on “disgruntled former employees of Project Veritas who had a problem with their CEO using too many car services to pay for fundraising efforts which paid their salaries.” and “We were told by the new Project Veritas CEO that the investigation had ended,” Lichtman said. “If it’s not, we will crush it in court.” (<https://apnews.com/article/james-okeefe-project-veritas-westchester-investigation-9ba0592a335c00c8579c0e33a4968fc9>).

And finally, back to The Nation’s intriguing reporting, “nearly all of Project Veritas’s staff has just been laid off, leaving a whole bunch of newly unemployed dirty tricksters out on the street seeking new venues to vent their frustrations.”

After leaving Project Veritas, James O’Keefe founded O’Keefe Media Group (OMG).

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Latimer Appoints Rachel Simon as Chair of LGBTQ+ Advisory Board

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Rachel Simon, the Director of the Office of Gender and Sexuality at Pace University Pleasantville

Westchester County Executive George Latimer is honored to announce the appointment of Rachel Simon as Chair the County's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board. The appointment comes after years of dedicated service by past chair Christopher Oldi.

Latimer said: "Rachel has already worked closely with the County on a myriad of issues advancing the needs of the County's LGBTQ+ community and I look forward to working with them as we continue to find ways to improve the lives of all Westchester residents."

Simon said: "As the incoming LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Chair, I am humbled by the opportunity to collaborate with County Executive Latimer during this pivotal moment for LGBTQIA+ rights around the nation and in our Community."

Simon, the Director of the Office of Gender and Sexuality at Pace University, is an accomplished educator, prolific author, awardee of numerous grants and has been recognized for their exceptional LGBTQIA+ advocacy work. Now, Simon will continue their efforts, alongside the Advisory Board, with this new added role.

Oldi said: "I am delighted that Rachel Simon will assume the role of Chair of the Westchester County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board. Rachel has been a stalwart member of the Board for many years, and her contributions not only to the Board but to Westchester's LGBTQ+ community are immense. Rachel has always provided excellent insight and input while a Board member, and with her in a leadership role, the Board will continue to provide the County Executive with cogent and reliable guidance on LGBTQ+ issues and concerns. Congratulations, Rachel."



Last weekend, Aug. 19, Yonkers Police Officer Joseph Nolan, Sergeant Javier Lugo, and Police Officer Enza Palanca departed Stewart Air National Guard Base as members of the Army National Guard.

They will each be embarking on nine-month deployments in the Middle East.

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