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## Westchester & Guns: What More Can be Done?



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By Dan Murphy

The business community in New York State has come forward to call for the Federal Government to reinstate a Ban on Assault Weapons. Usually, business councils and chambers of commerce try to stay out of controversial debates for fear of angering customers who support the other side of the argument.

But the recent shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas have resulted in The Business Council of Westchester joining five other business organizations in New York to call for an assault weapons ban. During both tragedies, the shooters used an AR-15 type weapon to kill innocent Americans.

“The massacre in Buffalo not only underscores the hate festering in some, but the irresponsible and needless access to weapons of war designed to kill as many people as possible as quickly as possible,” said Dottie Gallagher, President & CEO of the Buffalo Niagara Partnership. “As representatives of employers across New York, we have a responsibility to stand up and fight for policies to help keep our places of business, employees, customers, and communities safe.”

The original federal ban on assault weapons expired in 2004. Efforts to renew the ban since then have floundered under the leadership of both political parties. Meanwhile, assault weapons are increasingly the weapon of choice of mass shooters and domestic terrorists because of their lethality.

According to research cited by Everytown for Gun Safety, if the United States still had a federal Assault Weapon Ban, the country would see 70 percent fewer mass shootings deaths. The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence reports that 155 percent more people are shot in incidents where assault weapons or high-capacity magazines are used.

Another reason the business community in NY called on an Assault Weapons Ban is that many mass shooting occur in the workplace. According to The Violence Project, current or former workplaces of perpetrators were the most common sites for mass shootings. Most of the shooters had been fired.

“Since the horrific Buffalo shooting just a few weeks ago similar tragedies continue to happen across the country,” said Heather Briccetti Esq., President & CEO, The Business Council of New York State. “When such acts of violence occur, the impact and suffering for extended families and entire communities linger. Unfor-

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## Trump Holds Fundraiser for Future VP? Elyse Stefanik at Briarcliff Golf Club without Protest



By Dan Murphy

On June 6, Former President Donald Trump hosted a GOP fundraiser for NY Congresswoman Elyse Stefanik at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor. Trump has called Stefanik “a rising star” in the republican party, as she has risen up the ranks of GOP leadership in the House to become republican conference chair, the 3rd ranked position.

The event was the fourth fund raiser that Trump has held for Stefanik, including an event at Mar-a-Lago where Trump predicted that Stefanik could be the republican nominee for President in 2028. “I want to congratulate Elyse on her success. Man is she moving fast. That means at this rate she’ll be President in about 6 years,” said Trump in Jan. 2022.

Last year, Trump held a fund raiser at his Briarcliff club for the NYGOP which resulted in confrontations from his supporters and opponents, who were kept on opposite sides of the street along the route to the golf club by Briarcliff Police. Supporters of the President included members of the Proud Boys.

We spoke to Briarcliff Police, who told us that the June 6 event was quiet, with only a dozen people coming out to support or oppose Trump. After the event, Congresswoman Stefanik posted, “Amazing event tonight! We raised over \$1 million dollars for our effort to flip the House, fire Nancy Pelosi and SAVE AMERICA! Thank you President Trump!”

Those in attendance for the event, which had a \$1,000 per person price with a \$25,000 VIP option included, Rudy Giuliani and Andrew Giuliani, republican candidate for Governor, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, and Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety.

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## Property Tax Rebate Checks in the Mail Early

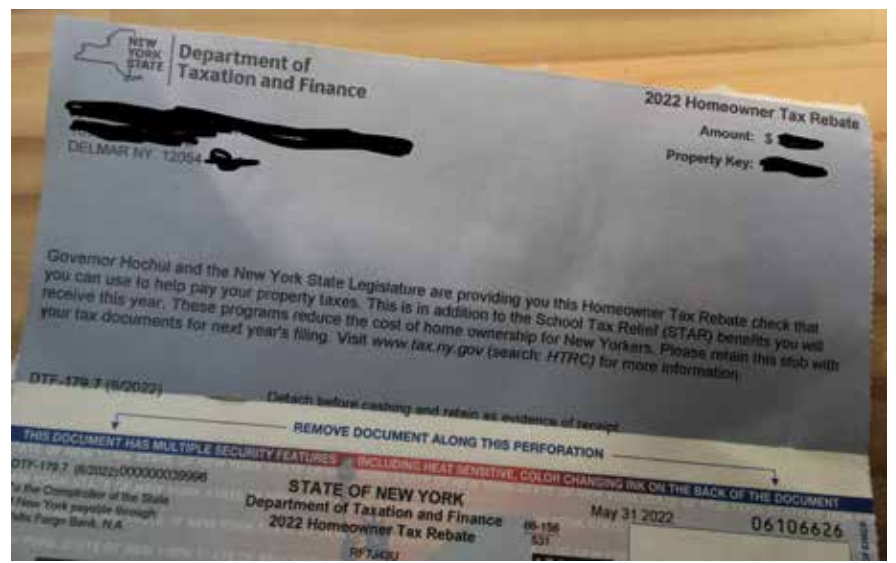


Photo of a 2022 Homeowner Tax Rebate Check received on June 3 by WSJ Reporter Jimmy Vielkind, photo from Twitter

By Dan Murphy

As part of a NYS budget deal agreement reached in April, about 2.5 million NY homeowners will receive a rebate check for the property taxes, as part of the Homeowner Tax Rebate check program.

While the checks were set to be mailed out in the fall, homeowners can expect the checks to come this month (June). Governor Kathy Hochul’s spokesperson, Hazel Crampton-Hays explained the timing saying, “Gov. Hochul worked with the Legislature to secure tax relief for New Yorkers in the state budget, and given rising costs and national inflation, the Department of Tax and Finance has been working to deliver these benefits to eligible homeowners as quickly as practicable and not delay relief at a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling.”

Governor Hochul who is running for re-election this year, including a democratic primary for Governor on June 28, has been accused of playing politics with the rebate checks. One of Hochul’s democratic opponents, Long Island congressman Tom Suozzi called it bribery.

“This is just the newest demonstration of what a phony she is. She’s bribing the voters before the election ... if it’s not illegal, it should be illegal,” said Suozzi. “Kathy Hochul’s cynical attempt to buy primary votes does nothing to address the fact that NYS has the highest taxes in the country. She’s worried about losing the primary, and w/ failing grades on crime, taxes, economy, the Buffalo Bills and Brian Benjamin, she should be.

Accompanying the checks will be a memo that reads, “Governor Hochul and the NYS Legislature are providing you this Homeowner Tax Rebate Check that you can use to pay your property taxes.” Most New Yorkers won’t be reading the top of the check. They will be quick to tear off the stub and deposit the check.

Prior NY Governor’s including republican George Pataki and democrat Andrew Cuomo have used different kinds of tax rebates check to improve their chances at re-election.

The \$2.2 Billion program was adopted to help New York homeowners struggling economically from COVID and inflation.

How much each NY homeowner will get will depend on their families income and whether they receive the STAR program. The check is in addition to the STAR and enhanced STAR rebate programs.

Visit the NYS Department of Finance at this link <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/homeowner-tax-rebate-credit.htm> to determine your eligibility. New Yorkers with earnings of less than \$250,000 will receive a rebate check ranging from \$110.00 to \$1000.00, based on their 2002 State income tax filings.

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## Kayla Green’s Family Wanted Murder Charge for 15-Year Old Killer, But Gets Manslaughter



By Dan Murphy

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced last week that a 15-year-old Mount Vernon resident was indicted in connection with an April stabbing that killed one teen and injured another in Mount Vernon.

The 15-year-old Juvenile Offender was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Manslaughter in the First Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, all felonies, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a misdemeanor. The defendant was arraigned on May 31, 2022, and is being held without bail.

“First and foremost, our thoughts are with the victims and their families in what continues to be an extremely tragic and difficult time. Violence and the disregard for human life among our youth continues to be among the most troubling issues that we face as a society and I will continue to work with all of our government and community partners to try and find ways to prevent such senseless loss of young lives,” DA Rocah said. “Pursuing justice on behalf of all victims has been, and continues to be, paramount to the work of my office. We remain committed to vigorously prosecuting violent crimes and will seek to hold the defendant accountable within the bounds of the law that have been put in place in relation to juvenile offenders.”

The Juvenile Offender is charged with fatally stabbing 16-year-old Mount Vernon resident Kayla Green on Gramatan Avenue in Mount Vernon at approximately 3:55 p.m. on April 8, 2022. The victim was transported to Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, where she was pronounced dead. The Juvenile Offender is also charged with stabbing a second victim, Mainece Simpson, 15. She was taken to the hospital for treatment of a puncture wound and other injuries.

The Mount Vernon Police Department arrested the Juvenile Offender following an investigation, with assistance from the Westchester County Department of Public Safety and the FBI’s Westchester Safe Streets Task Force.

Family and friends of Kayla Green and Mainece Simpson have held rallies to call for a more serious charge for the teen age killer. They called for murder

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# Twelve Westchester High School Scientists Win Regeneron Scholarships



*Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, with Regeneron Scholarship Recipients*

Westchester County Executive George Latimer applauded a dozen local high school scientists for their pioneering ideas at the 2022 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair. In total Westchester students received more than \$25,000 in scholarship money for their innovative projects. Latimer said: “We are confident these students will make waves in the science world and remain on the cutting edge of their chosen fields. These projects are a testament of how engaged our educators are with our students. We are looking forward to seeing what they accomplish in the future as leaders and as role models.”

Co-founder, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., said: “As someone who got his start by doing a high school science project, I fully appreciate the critical importance of our supporting the next generation of young scientists, via programs like the Regeneron Science Talent Search and the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, or ISEF. This year’s ISEF finalists are some of the brightest young minds from around the world, and provide hope for addressing global existential challenges from future pandemics to climate change. I am continually impressed by and proud of the strong showing from our Westchester community, with 25 students earning a spot at this year’s ISEF. I congratulate them for their hard work and am eager to see what they achieve in their scientific journeys.”

The Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (Regeneron ISEF), a program of Society for Science for over 70 years, is the world’s largest global science competition for high school. Through a global network of local, regional and national science fairs, millions of students are encouraged to explore their passion for science. Each spring, a group of these students are selected as finalists and offered the opportunity to compete for approximately \$8 million in awards and scholarships. ISEF alumni have gone on to have world-changing careers in science and engineering and earn some of the most esteemed honors, including National Medal of Science recipients, MacArthur Foundation Fellows, National Academy of Sciences Members and National Academy of Engineering Inductees.

The award winners from Westchester County schools are: Edith Bachmann, Byram Hills High School, Armonk, Ariella Maia Blackman, Harrison High School, Mai Blaustein, Harrison High School, Ritika Brahmadesam, Ossining High School, Emily Dodd, Somers High School, Jack Kelly, Harrison High School, Anisha Musti, Edgemont High School, Scarsdale, Noah Nager, Hackley School, Tarrytown, Anika Puri, Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, Olivia Reiff Pollock, Pelham Memorial High School, Aaron Song, Ossining High School, Katelyn Wasilenko, Ossining High School.

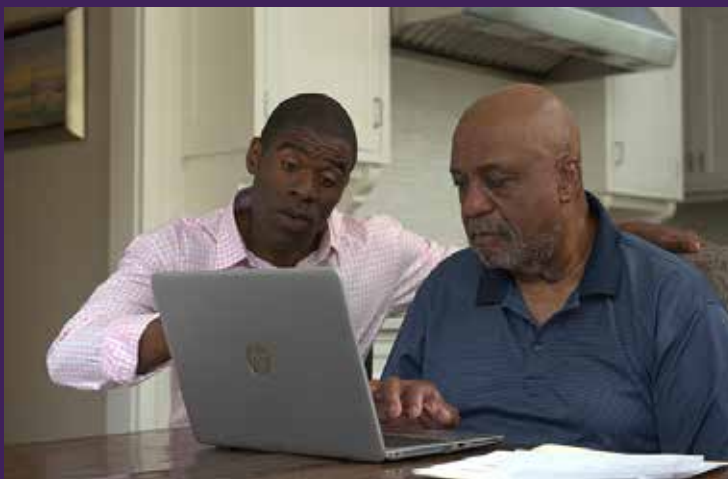
13 other Westchester High School students qualified to presented their science projects: Jack Blackmar: Behavioral and Social Sciences – Byram Hills HS. Michael Clarke: Environmental Sciences – Westlake HS. Gabriella Colabello: Cellular and Molecular Biology – Byram Hills HS. Tista Goswami: Medicine and Health Sciences – Mamaroneck HS. Christina Kelly: Cellular and Molecular Biology – Westlake HS. Maxwell Lee: Environmental Sciences – Hackley HS. Julia Meyerson: Engineering – Pelham Memorial HS. Joseph Nadol: Physics and Astronomy – Hackley HS. Orlando Osgood: Behavioral and Social Sciences – Ossining HS. Blake Rappaport: Medicine and Health Sciences – Ardsley HS, Charlotte Rubin: Neuroscience – Hastings HS, Leah Sherbansky: Medicine and Health Sciences – Pelham Memorial HS, Benjamin Wang: Medicine and Health Sciences – Horace Greeley HS.

For more information on the award winning projects, visit: <https://www.societyforscience.org>, and [projectboard.world/isef/](https://projectboard.world/isef/).

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Professor of Public Health sciences and Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest School of Medicine



**Carl V. Hill, Ph.D., MPH**  
Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Alzheimer’s Association



**Dr. Dozene Guishard**  
Director of Health and Wellness Initiatives at the Carter Burden Network



This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

## Latimer Names Raynor Acting Westchester Police Commissioner



**Acting Westchester County Police Commissioner Terrance Raynor**

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has appointed Terrance Raynor acting Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety. Raynor previously served as the Department's Deputy Commissioner under then Commissioner Tom Gleason.

Latimer said: "Terrance has an extensive career in law enforcement, starting as a police officer and leading up to Commissioner of the Mount Vernon Police Department. He has served several administrations as Deputy Commissioner and as Acting Commissioner, he will lead the Department ably in the weeks to come.

Raynor, a Mount Vernon resident, graduated from Virginia State University and joined the Mount Vernon Police Department in 1984. Raynor spent time in patrol, uniformed task force and the Motorcycle Unit. Raynor has been promoted in the Department numerous times serving as a Sergeant, Lieutenant and as Captain. In 2002 Raynor was appointed the Acting Chief of the Mount Vernon Police Department, the following year he was appointed as Chief. He served as the Police Department's Chief until he accepted a position as Chief Criminal Investigator for the Westchester County District Attorney in 2006. In 2013, Raynor returned to the Mount Vernon Police Department to serve as Police Commissioner.

Raynor has received law enforcement training from the New York City Police Department, the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Raynor is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's 201st National Academy. Raynor has been with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety since 2018.

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety, also known as the Westchester County Police Department, is committed to protecting County parkways and County properties, including Westchester's vast parks system and key facilities such as the Westchester County Airport. In addition, it conducts municipal patrol operations in Mount Kisco and Cortlandt, and has School Resource Officers assigned to four schools in the northern part of the County. County Police serve as a resource for local law enforcement in Westchester, especially pertaining to the Forensic Investigation Unit and the Special Operations Division, which covers the Aviation Unit, Hazardous Devices Unit, Marine Unit, Canine Unit and Special Response Team. County Police are also at the forefront in protecting our citizens and critical infrastructure from acts of domestic and international terrorism.

More information on Raynor from the Mt. Vernon Police Association. Raynor, born and initially raised in Brooklyn, moved to Mount Vernon as a young teen. While in Mount Vernon Commissioner Raynor coordinated and supervised the Police Department's Community Policing Unit, was responsible for creating the department's Special operations Division and creating and supervising the department's Internal Affairs Unit to investigate allegations of police misconduct and corruption. A former member of the department's Motorcycle Unit, he also led the Dare Unit, Quality of Life Task Force, School Resource Officers Program and the Community Affairs and Crime Prevention Units.

## Farewell to HoJo's, Fried Clams, Fish and 28 Flavors



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

The machers (Yiddish for 'people who are supposed to get things done') in Washington, Albany and Westchester claim the taxes on gasoline are going down. As you are so well aware, \$5 a gallon for regular is the 'new norm.' The Royal Family couldn't even get a high chair like you see in orthopedist and other medical offices for the Queen to sit on as she stood in discomfort at the window of Buckingham Palace watching the celebration of her 70 years on the throne!

Chaos in the world and what got the most hits when I posted it on Facebook this week? The closing of the last Howard Johnson's restaurant in Lake George, New York. Though you probably couldn't afford the gasoline to get go there this summer, the owners of the last Howard Johnson's restaurant, the one many of you would nostalgically visit on your trek in the summer traffic to Lake George announced they would not be opening for the summer season this year and closing permanently.

Howard Johnson's. At one time we had four in Westchester all under the orange roofs. One on Central Avenue in Yonkers across from Cross County Shopping Center where Burger King currently stands. One in Tarrytown right off the Cross Westchester Expressway as you would get off the Tappan Zee Bridge southbound. One in Elmsford where Starbucks currently exists across from Burger King. And one in Mamaroneck, which we didn't get to very often.

Howard Johnson's was known for their fish fries, all you could eat of their tender golden filet served with french fries and cole slaw and a roll. That was usually served on a Friday night when our Catholic friends would not eat meat. Clam fries, big and little pieces of fried clams and later on Chicken fries, tender pieces of fried chicken were served on Mondays and Wednesday nights, quiet nights in the restaurant business. Dad was a picky eater, but he loved those fish fries. Always a special treat for a Friday night.

My sister and a group of camp counselors from Pinsky Day Camp operated by the Jewish Community Center in Yonkers would walk down Broadway from the camp to the Howard Johnson's in Tarrytown for the various fries. The staff would panic as they knew these young people would eat the restaurant as they say 'out of house and home' consuming large quantities of whatever fry was being offered that day.

Same for the Yonkers HoJo. Students from Yonkers High School would have fish, clam and chicken eating contests, driving the staff equally wild. Nothing they could do. It was advertised as all you can eat so they had to serve them all they could eat. And in all times times I went I never remember them running out!

My favorite birthday party took place at Howard Johnson's. My parents (mom was one of the first moms to drive) loaded up my friends in our cars for a trip to New York City to take the NBC Studio Tour. They would take you through all the studios from where the local newscasts were broadcast to where Johnny Carson recorded his show. I was little so many shows were still broadcast or recorded at the NBC studios at '30 Rock' before the mass exodus to sunny California.

After the party we came back and had a late lunch at the HoJo on Central Avenue in Yonkers. As one Facebook friend pointed out, it was something special to be invited to a birthday party at Howard Johnson's. I don't remember what we ate (probably a frankfurter, clam roll or 'child' friendly food) but I do remember the Cake and Ice cream. Now you can't have a birthday party without a cake and even though there were was a vast selection of ice cream to chose from i remember a coconut cake with white icing, my favorite.

So many 'Facebookers' commented on the ice cream. Why was it so good? Howard Johnson's 28 flavors of thick ice cream had double the butterfat of most competitors' products. There was a steady list of flavors and an addition or two or three every month. I came to like their Heath Bar Crunch ice cream. I didn't even know what a Heath Bar was but it was so good.

By the way, the ice cream was only served if my memory is correct in sugar cones. They didn't have cake cones. What is the purpose of a cake cone? To save some calories. Ice cream like HoJo's loaded with butterfat had so many calories to begin with. I doubt the fewer calories in a cake cone would make a difference.

Their original 28 flavors included black raspberry, burgundy cherry, butter pecan (Dad's favorite), butter crunch, butterscotch, caramel fudge, chocolate, chocolate chip, coconut, coffee (my aunt Muriel would sit at the counter and be in ecstasy with her coffee milk shake), frozen pudding, fruit salad, fudge ripple, lemon stick, macaroon, maple walnut, mocha chip, orange pineapple, peach, pea-

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### BID ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Eastchester Public Library will receive sealed bids for RESTROOM AND ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM RECONSTRUCTION- EASTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, New York 10709, in accordance with the Documents prepared by the office of Lothrop Associates LLP, Architects, 333 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY 10604.

All proposals shall be on a lump sum basis and include all Restroom and Elevator Machine Room reconstruction work under a single Contract. Segregated proposals will not be accepted. In general, the work includes demolition, excavation, new foundations, interior renovations, and related mechanical, plumbing and electrical work.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site on June 20, 2022 at 10:00 AM local time.

Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time on July 6, 2022 at the Office of The Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid documents will be made available at 9:00 AM on June 13, 2022 and may be obtained from the Architect as follows:

All prospective bidders must register with Lothrop Associates LLP via e mail in order to obtain the bid documents. The following information is required:

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3. Fax number (optional).
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Send the above information via e mail to: [vlsanti@lothropassociates.com](mailto:vlsanti@lothropassociates.com)

Upon receipt of this information, a password will be sent to the registered prospective bidder via e-mail and prospective bidders may then download the bid documents. Bids will be accepted only from registered bidders. Only registered bidders will be notified of addenda availability via the FTP site or Drop Box.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid.

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain Insurance and Bonds required for the Work.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract Amount.

All bids shall be submitted either in person or by mail in an opaque, sealed envelope clearly marked "RESTROOM AND ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM RECONSTRUCTION - EASTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY", addressed to: Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709. Unless otherwise permitted by law, no bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening.

Time of Completion: 90 calendar days from Notice to Proceed.

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## LM Lions Induct New Leaders & Welcome 6 New Members



2022-23 Lion President Jim Killoran, left with new members John Lyons, Theresa Colyar, Stacey Harris, Pat Allen, Rev Tami Burks, Carol Barrella

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions inducted their 2022-23 slate of officers and initiated 6 new members. The new officers include President, Jim Killoran; 1st VP, Lina Pasquale; 2nd VP, Coralie Joseph; Secretary & Treasurer, Diane Oldham; Recording Secretary, Carolyn Gallaher; Membership/Service, Phil Oldham and Directors, Alan Hoffman, Marie Moreno, Dena Schumacher. They will serve from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The Lions also welcomed in 6 new members: Pat Allen (sponsor Diane Oldham), Rev Tami Burks (sponsor Nicole Alifante), Theresa Colyar (sponsor Jirandy Martinez) and Carol Barrella, Stacey Harris, & John Lyons (sponsor Phil Oldham). Unable to attend, yet to be welcomed Sarah Coady (sponsor Meg Kaufer).

The inductions took place at the Clubs June 2nd lunch meeting at Orienta Beach Club.

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions 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 nearly 1.5 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.

### Trump Stefanik, continued from pg 1-

Several media reports claim that Trump has whispered to his supporters that if he runs again for President in 2024 he will pick a female vice-president, and Stefanik's name is now being circulated as a possible VP pick.

Newsmax owner and friend of Trump Chris Ruddy said, "President Trump thinks very highly of Elise Stefanik. ... She has been talked about in circles close to him as a potential vice presidential. And there's a feeling among a lot of people on the Republican side that they need to have a woman on the ticket this time."

Stefanik was one of Trump's strongest defenders during his impeachment in 2019 and in January 6, 2021 she voted no on certifying the 2020 election results.

Former Trump advisor Boris Epshteyn was at the fund raiser and said, "President Trump was in vintage form, and went through election integrity, the border, and how we need to bring honor, strength and America first back to The White House."

### Rebate check, continued from pg 1-

One reason that the checks were planned for the fall was to coincide with the payment of school property taxes by NY homeowners. Those earning less than \$75,000 will receive the most rebate -\$1000.00.

In April when she announced a State budget deal, Hochul said, "Outside of New York City, the average benefit will be nearly \$970."

The person who broke the news that the checks were coming out early was Wall Street Journal reporter Jimmy Vielkind, who received his check in the mail on June 3, and Tweeted, "Instead of arriving three weeks before the November election, my New York state property tax rebate check has this year arrived three weeks before the primary election. I'm sure that's just a coincidence, as always. #VoteTammany"

## Letters to the Editor:

June 8, 2022

Dear Editor,

In the wake of the impending likelihood that Roe v. Wade will be overturned by the Supreme Court, it is all the more important than ever that we protect abortion rights in New York State and in our local communities. That includes making sure people who go to abortion clinics are safe and do not fear for their lives when they need medical assistance.

Recently, three men by the names of Christopher Moscinski, Matthew Connelly, and William Goodman went to a clinic and refused to leave and intimidated and pressured patients and staff.

They were arrested and found guilty of criminal trespassing in March of this year but they are awaiting their sentence. It is my belief that they should receive the full sentence for their crimes which would be three months in jail and a fine of \$500.

If they were to be let off with minimal or no punishment, then it would be a waste of everyone's time, energy, and money... and even more of a waste when the same thing would occur a few months or even weeks later. These men have been arrested before and they are part of a group called Red Rose Rescue that aims to attack and terrorize abortion clinics and the people who go to them. We should not disregard the choice that lies before us: to uphold our community's standards of safety and the right to private medical appointments or to sit back and let our justice system wither away while we make no move to support it.

We have a responsibility to keep people safe and to foster an environment where violence and browbeating are not tolerated. We must fully sentence people like Christopher Moscinski, Matthew Connelly, and William Goodman who have committed multiple crimes and will not stop without intervention.

Sincerely, Kate Oxtan, Mamaroneck

### To the Editor:

The idea of justice in our society is a recurring theme. What is justice? How does one obtain justice? Is justice delayed, justice denied? While I toy with these ideas daily, I see the justice system failing individuals, marginalized groups, and communities daily.

On November 27, 2021, a women's healthcare facility in White Plains, New York (Westchester County) was invaded by three domestic terrorists who were answering the call from their organization, Red Rose Rescue. RRR is a group that invades women's healthcare facilities and intimidates those who provide and receive healthcare services.

RRR acts out with zero regards for trespassing and patient privacy laws as they believe that they are fulfilling their god-given duty to prevent abortions from taking place.

The three terrorists, all repeat offenders, were eventually arraigned by the White Plains Police Department after their two-hour stakeout inside the clinic. A jury found the three men guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree and they are set to be sentenced in July 2022. They face a \$500 fine as well as a possible 3-month jail sentence.

What is different about the November 2021 attack, is that in this instance, all three of the perpetrators were detained and are facing legal consequences. In so many of these cases, district attorneys and prosecutors tend to turn a blind eye to these attacks for a multitude of reasons, including their own personal interests.

Without trials and consequences for these actions, justice is being denied to all of those affected by these heinous acts against those who rely on or work at women's healthcare facilities.

The lack of consequence for these terrorists allows for them to repeat their crimes over and over again. In doing so they waste taxpayer dollars on legal fees as well as make the justice system look like a failure.

It is time that the justice system works to defend everyone and not protect those who are acting out against women's basic healthcare rights.

Thank you,  
Charlotte Baron, Hartsdale

### To the Editor:

We write to express our opinion that the three defendants who were found guilty of criminal trespass for invading the All Women's Health & Medical Services on November 27, 2021 must be given the maximum sentence allowed by law: 3 months in jail, and each ordered to pay a fine of \$500 when they are sentenced in White Plains in June.

Christopher Moscinski, Matthew Connelly, and William Goodman entered the clinic during business hours, refused to leave, and harassed and intimidated staff and patients. They have engaged in the same unlawful behavior many times before at various other locations. But they have suffered few, if any, consequences, leaving them with no motivation to stop such behavior, or to reform their disregard for both established law and patient privacy. They are members of Red Rose Rescue, an extremist anti-abortion group, which operates all over the country.

Besides their egregious intimidation of patients engaged in accessing healthcare services to which they are entitled by law, these defendants waste taxpayer money and make a mockery of the legal system. They must not continue to get away with their utter disregard for the law and for the trauma inflicted by their actions.

Judy Fletcher, (Riverdale) Deborah Swiderski, MD, Elizabeth de Bethune, Caroline Stern, Eileen O'Connor, FNP, (from Yonkers).

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## Gilda's Club Westchester Welcomes New Executive Director Julia Schwartz-Leeper



**Julia Schwartz-Leeper**

The Board of Directors at Gilda's Club Westchester is pleased to announce the appointment of Julia Schwartz-Leeper as the new Executive Director. Julia is a seasoned Executive with experience in all aspects of running a non-profit agency and is passionate about working together with other organizations, to improve the lives of people in their communities. Julia most recently served as President/CEO for Meals on Wheels in Rockland County.

Like so many of us, Cancer has profoundly affected her family growing up and she is passionate about the Community that Gilda's Club provides to families and people experiencing Cancer. "I appreciate the board's confidence in me, and I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work with such a talented and passionate staff. After many months of remote only programming, we at Gilda's Club Westchester are excited to welcome our members back in person and expanding our program offerings."

Julia has earned a BA in Psychology from the University of Colorado and an MSW from Columbia University. Julia has been practicing and teaching Yoga and Meditation for several decades. In her free time, she loves hiking and just being outdoors in nature, especially with her puppy, Pearl. She has lived in and worked Westchester for many years.

The mission of Gilda's Club Westchester is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. Gilda's Club Westchester provides individual counseling, support groups, workshops, education and social activities all FREE of charge. Their innovative programs are an essential complement to medical care, providing individual counseling, support groups, workshops, education and social activities.

For more information, visit [Gildasclubwestchester.com](http://Gildasclubwestchester.com).

## Latimer Announces Reopening of South County Trailway



**Walkers, bikers and joggers can now expect a smooth experience on the South County Trailway as it has been fully paved.**

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Westchester County is a destination with several assets that have been in need of repair. Over the past few years we have been able to take what we already have and enhance it. I'm thrilled to add the South County Trailway to this list."

While the paving portion of the project is complete, additional work along the trailway is still in progress including dressing the edges with topsoil, seeding as well as gates and signage installation. Bikers can expect to dismount when approaching job sites.

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Kathy O'Connor said, "The Westchester County trailways are the most utilized facility in our parks system. I look forward to the community enjoying the updated trailway for years to come."

The \$3.1 million capital project kicked off last spring, completely rebuilding the 6.4-mile portion of the trailway from Barney Street in Yonkers to 119 in Elmsford. In addition to paving, draining, piping, fencing, crosswalks, gates and parking lots were all rebuilt.

## BCW Reactivates the Coalition for Westchester County Airport As County holds public forums on new Master Plan

With County Executive George Latimer resuming his efforts to create a new Master Plan for Westchester County Airport, the Business Council of Westchester (BCW) has reactivated its Coalition for Westchester County Airport.

The Coalition was founded in 2017 to present a clear focus for the interests of the business community in planning the future of the county-owned airport. When Latimer took office in 2018, he announced that he would conduct a new review of the operations and develop an updated Master Plan. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the public discussion was put on hold and is only now re-starting. A series of public forums conducted by the county are underway, including tonight from 6-8pm at Manhattanville College in Purchase.

BCW Executive Vice President and COO John Ravitz, who heads the Coalition said: "We have advocated for a modern, safe and appropriately sized airport to serve what we refer to as the three C's: the Traveling Community, the Business Community and the Neighboring Community. Each of these distinct constituencies has a stake in the airport and its operations, and their preferences deserve to be weighed and balanced."

He noted that the airport plays a vital role in the transportation system and economy of the county and is essential in attracting and retaining businesses. Additionally, it is a major employer providing more than 1,500 workers with a wide range of skilled, high-paying jobs.

The Westchester County Airport has been the subject of lengthy debate, and myths often compete with facts. One enduring myth is that Westchester County Airport is in danger of becoming LaGuardia North. Necessary improvements to existing facilities, like installing modern, technologically advanced services and systems that minimize noise, reduce unnecessary fights, and protect the environment are often portrayed by opponents as signs that LaGuardia is on its way.

Aircraft noise also veers from fact to fiction. When the county installed advanced noise monitoring devices to identify levels and violations, a small number of neighbors used electronic devices to flood the county monitoring office with thousands of automated complaints.

Environmental concerns including runoff into streams and the Kensico Reservoir have also been a battle ground between fact and myth. County Executive Latimer recently stated that there is no runoff or contamination reaching the reservoir from the airport, and to say so "is a lie."

"The Coalition recognizes that the airport provokes strong emotions. We respect the concerns that are expressed, while seeking to deal with facts rather than emotions. We will continue to do our part to present the facts and have an open, mature discussion on how to enhance—not expand—this key element in our transportation network and economy," said Ravitz.

## United Way, Local Businesses to Host FREE E-Waste Event June 15, in White Plains

Local nonprofits, schools, and government agencies are invited to participate in a FREE electronic waste recycling event Wednesday, June 15 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hosted by United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Progressive Computing and Upcycle, the event will take place at the offices of United Way, located at 336 Central Park Ave. in White Plains. Appointments are required and can be scheduled online at [uwwp.org/ewaste](http://uwwp.org/ewaste).

"The cost of disposing of old electronic equipment is burdensome for many of our partners," said United Way of Westchester and Putnam CEO Tom Gabriel. "By offering this service to the community for free we are ensuring that the agencies can increase their capacities while also arranging for the secure and environmentally safe way of discarding the broken or antiquated equipment."

Upcycle specialists will do the heavy-lifting and loading—participants are responsible for bringing old, broken or retired equipment to the event.

To protect participants' privacy, Upcycle will provide a blanket certificate of data destruction ensuring that each hard drive is wiped using a Department of Defense and HIPAA compliant software. Serialized or shredded destruction, however, require additional fees. The following list of equipment will be accepted and recycled free of charge. If an item is not listed, call 973-575-5800 x 3500 with any questions.

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### Kayla Green killer, Continued from pg 1-

charges to be filed in the stabbing death of Green and attempted murder in the stabbing of Simpson. Nicole Duncan, the mother of Mainece Simpson, said her daughter was "mentally destroyed and physically still hurting from her wounds. My daughter's life has changed forever. I want justice."

Kayla Green's family is represented by former Mayor Richard Thomas.

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## Guns Westchester, continued from pg 1-

Unfortunately, these incidents and the anguish they leave behind are not unique to this state, which is why federal legislation would be an appropriate step in addressing this continuing crisis across America."

"The tragic, brutal, and senseless shootings that we have witnessed over the last two weeks must be a final wakeup call that new federal legislation has to be adopted to finally address the glaring holes in the criminal justice system," said John Ravitz, Executive Vice President & COO, Business Council of Westchester.

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman David Cicilline have introduced legislation banning assault weapons in the United States. The legislation: Bans the sale, manufacture, transfer, and importation of 205 military-style assault weapons by name. Owners may keep existing weapons; Bans magazines and other ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, which allow shooters to quickly fire many rounds without needing to reload. Owners may keep existing magazines; Requires a background check on any future sale, trade or gifting of an assault weapon covered by the bill; Prohibits the transfer of high-capacity ammunition magazines;

Exemptions to bill include: The bill exempts by name more than 2,200 guns for hunting, household defense or recreational purposes; The bill includes a grandfather clause that exempts all weapons lawfully possessed at the date of enactment.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed a law last week which requires the posting of notices warning of the dangers of weapons or firearms at the point of sale and at the point of the issuance of a firearm license. Latimer said: "We all know that the key driver of gun violence in the United States is the wide availability of firearms. When a gun is easily accessible, the risk of homicide, suicide, and unintentional shootings rises dramatically. We as a County are limited as to what we can do when it comes to preventing access to firearms, but as we banned the gun show at the County Center we can take steps to strip away the glorification of weapons. Similar to the Surgeon General's Warning on cigarettes, this warning will remind people just how dangerous guns are."

New York State Legislators and Governor Kathy Hochul passed and signed into law ten bills that will raise the age from 18 to 21 to purchase a semiautomatic rifle; prohibit the Purchase of Body Armor with Exception of Those in Specified Professions, eliminates Grandfathering of High-Capacity Feeding Devices, Requires Social Media Companies to Improve Response to and Reporting of Hateful Content, and expands the Red Flag law.

Many republicans, including NYGOP Chair Nick Langworthy oppose many of the measures. "In typical Albany fashion, Kathy Hochul is following in the footsteps of her mentor, Andrew Cuomo, and focused on making cheap headlines for her primary instead of making New Yorkers safe..This package of bills does nothing to actually address the underlying mental health crisis at the center of the problem nor does it invest in securing our schools," said Langworthy.

"Thoughts and prayers won't do it, but strong action will," said Hochul urged, adding "Heaven help you if you look at those images and don't have a change of heart."

The Red Flag law in New York will be expanded to allow more people, including health-care professionals, to file risk orders that could lead to weapons confiscations from potentially dangerous people. And it requires, rather than allows, law enforcement to seek an order if credible information is provided.

"We will be ready to defend these laws against challenges," Attorney General Tish James said."The Second Amendment is not absolute."

"We never want a tragedy like Buffalo to happen again. We had red flag laws. We don't understand what happened," said State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins "That's why we're making sure that we close that loophole so that more people can apply for extreme risk protection orders."

## Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

nut brittle, peppermint stick, pineapple, pistachio (I could never understand the allure of pistachio ice cream), strawberry, strawberry ripple and boring vanilla. Another friend liked the butter brick ice cream.

I learned the secret to a proper ice cream 'dip' at HoJo. The scoop had to be clean. Then they had to dry it off otherwise those nasty ice crystals nobody liked would form.

My research showed 28 flavors but why do I remember 31. Maybe the extra 3 flavors were the special additions of the month. I remember having a banana split one time. So good! After they closed I went to Haagen Dazs at Cross County Center for a banana split. Not only was there no place to sit but It didn't taste like HoJo. I would have preferred a pop the balloon for your price Woolworth's banana split than the overpriced Haagen Dazs creation. (The Woolworth Lunch Counter and the fact we had 2 Woolworths at Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers? We will save that story for another day!)

One friend spent her wedding night at the Tarrytown Hilton and remembered dining at Howard Johnson's across the street. Her husband had the blueberry pie and she had a hamburger. This was 42 years ago. Another friend commented that her grandmother would make her eat until she fell off her feet. Several friends raved about the coffee.

One friend remarked that Howard Johnson had the franchise on the New York State Thruway. That would be a welcome treat to the overpriced crap sold at Thruway Rest Areas today.

One friend on Facebook had an aunt who had a special freezer stocked with every flavor. Boy would I want an aunt like that. Another friend who worked at HoJo on Central Avenue reminisced about having to answer the phone, 'Howard Johnson's Ultra Lounge.' At night some Howard Johnson's became an early version of a discotheque. A precursor to Studio 54?

The only Howard Johnson's you can visit now are motels, part of the Wyndham chain. The Elmsford Howard Johnson's had a hotel with a pool. They had a day rate. You could rent a room during the day and enjoy the swimming pool and takeout from the downstairs restaurant.

As my sister pointed out, the television show Mad Men had several episodes featuring Howard Johnson's. John Hamm's girlfriend had some kind of aversion to Howard Johnson's.

I wonder why? Howard Johnson's. This, Too Was Yonkers! They, Too Were America!

An Editorial Note: I received a big response to my column last week about the boss, William O'Shaughnessy. WO always referred to people including their middle name. In his honor I will start my column with my complete name. By the way Wolf is my grandmother's maiden name!

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistoisonyorkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoisonyorkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericynkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.**

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## Katie Couric Helps Open Hair House in New Rochelle



Katie Couric, with Hair House owner operator Dana Fiore

On May 31, award-winning Journalist Katie Couric, pictured above with owner Dana Fiore, came to New Rochelle to help open the City's newest high-end hair salon, Hair House, located in RXR Realty's, 360 Huguenot building in New Rochelle's downtown.

A number of elected officials and dignitaries attended the ribbon cutting, but Katie Couric stole the show, attending to support Hair House owner Dana Fiore, who has 17 years experience as a hair stylist for celebrities including Couric. "Dana is such a talented hairdresser. She knows how to work with so many different types of hair and almost has a sixth sense when it comes to figuring out what's right for a client," said Couric.

Fiore's work has been featured in magazine's including Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Glamour, and on the TV show America's Next Top Model.

Karel Littman, Executive Director of the New Rochelle Downtown BID said, "Our New Rochelle Downtown transformation continues with increased beauty and lifestyle choices for those who live here and visit. Hair House is a boutique salon offering haircuts, color, styling, manicures, pedicures, and makeup with quality techniques found only in Manhattan's most exclusive salons and is now located in Westchester and in the City of New Rochelle."

Fiore said, "We are so excited to be located in downtown New Rochelle and be a part of the newfound energy and vibrancy of the city. Our team is ready to bring the NYC experience north to Westchester County."

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A vibrant poster for Yorktown Pride. It features a large rainbow graphic on the left. The text "YORKTOWN PRIDE" is at the top in bold, white letters. Below it, "LOVE IS LOVE" is written in colorful, stylized letters. A QR code is present with the text "Scan for Info". At the bottom, it says "Join us for a full day of Pride on SAT JUNE 11". The poster is divided into three sections: "MARCH" at 1pm at Yorktown Town Hall, "CELEBRATE" at 3pm at Yorktown United Methodist Church, and "PARTY" at 7pm at Yorktown Grille. It also lists performers: Angel Elektra &amp; Kitty Ka-hoodlez.

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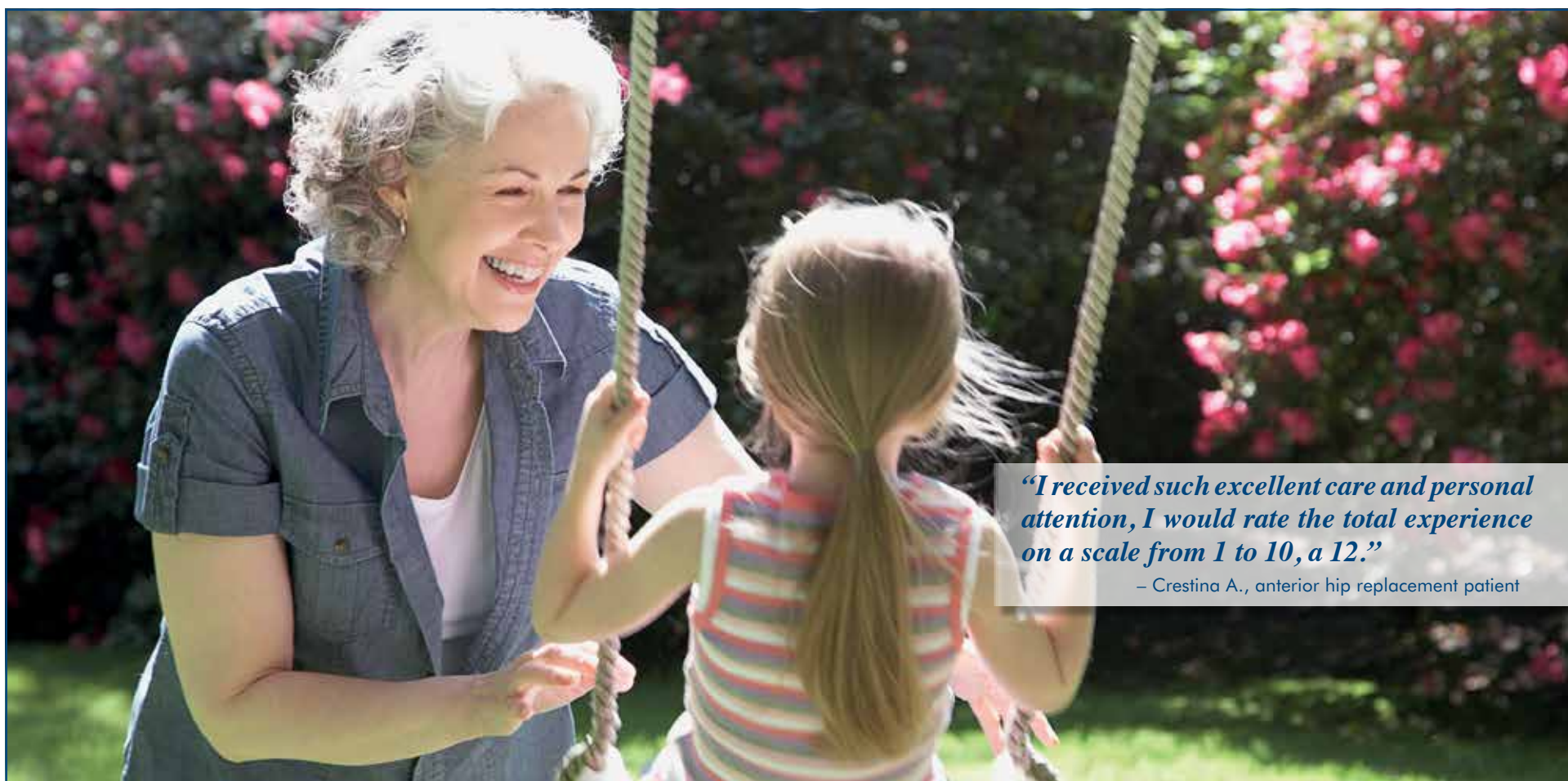
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# TAXPAYER BEWARE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SCHEMES, SCAMS, AND CONS

- Freedom is not being taken away from us at gunpoint. Instead it is accomplished by removing one piece of information at a time, one regulation at a time and one small silencing at a time.
- Politicians are the only people in the world who can create problems and then campaign against them.
- Have you ever wondered if both the Democrats and Republicans are against deficits, why do we have deficits?
- Have you ever wondered if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes why do we have inflation and high taxes?
- You and I don't propose a federal budget. The President does.
- You and I don't have the constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.
- You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.
- You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.
- You and I don't control monetary policy, the private unconstitutional Federal Reserve bank does.

100 senators, 435 congressman, one President, all elected, and nine appointed Supreme Court justices equate to 545 human beings out of 332 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I exclude the members of the private Federal Reserve board because that problem was created by the Congress in 1913. Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private central bank.

I exclude the IRS as it is not a Constitutional organization within the United States department of the Treasury. After much research, the IRS appears to be a collection agency working for foreign banks and operating out of Puerto Rico under the color of the federal alcohol administration ("FAA") but the FAA was promptly declared unconstitutional inside the 50 states by the US Supreme Court in the case of U.S. v. Constantine, 287 (1935). At foot note 23 in the case of Chrysler Corp. v. Brown 441 U.S. 281 (1979), The US Supreme Court admitted that no organic act creating the IRS could be found after they searched for such an act all the way back to the Civil War, which ended in the year 1865.

I exclude all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason, they have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician a million in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 536 elected officials spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits (The President can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to except it.)

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives soul responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the current speaker of the house? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party. She and fellow house members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 332 million cannot replace 536 people who stand convicted-by present facts-of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 536 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 536 people exercise the power of the federal government then it must follow that what exist is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, unconstitutional and corrupt it's because they want it unfair, unconstitutional and corrupt.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.

If they do not receive Social Security but are on an elite privileged retirement plan not available to We The People, it is because they want it that way.

There are no unsolvable Government problems.

Do not let these 536 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, who's gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take back this power.

Above all do not let them con you into the belief of the existence of disembodied mystical forces like the "economy", "inflation", or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an "oath of office" to do.

These 536 elected officials and they alone, are responsible. They and they alone have the power and should be held accountable by "We The People" who are their bosses. Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees... we should vote them out of office and clean up their mess!!!

An oath of office is required by the peoples state and federal constitutions upon being elected to public office. The oath of office is a contract between the person elected and "We The People" in exchange for \$ consideration. Violate your oath of office and you no longer represent or work for "We The People".




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