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Will NY Have “One Party Rule?” Or Is A Red Wave Coming?



By Dan Murphy

As elected officials in New York State debated a set of 10 gun control bills, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins commented on the lack of participation from most of the republican members of the State Senate and Assembly.

“You know, people talk about one party rule. Good. If that’s what it takes to confront what we now is a public health crisis in our time, good.” said Stewart-Cousins. “We’re in a place where all of us have to work together to raise the consciousness to understand we’re not coming for anyone’s gun, but after a while the guns are coming for us.”

NY Democrats are hopeful that a debate over guns and the overturning of Roe vs Wade will help in the fall election. On the other side are republicans across New York State, hoping for a Red Wave of support as a result of gas prices, inflation, baby formula shortages and crime.

In Westchester, republicans are focused on two congressional races and the race for Governor. In the 17th Congressional district, republican assemblyman Mike Lawlor and Somers Councilman Bill Faulkner are the two leading candidates to face off against democratic congressman Sean Patrick Maloney. The new 17th district includes all of northern Westchester, Putnam and Rockland Counties.

Assemblyman Mike Lawlor solidified his lead in a crowded GOP field for Congress in NY-17 when he picked up the support of Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater and Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville at the Putnam County Courthouse on June 9.

“With news breaking that #NY17 has been rated a ‘toss-up’ race, we are confident that we will win this November and oust Sean Patrick Maloney,” Tweeted Lawlor, referring to Realclearpolitics.com moving NY-17 into the tossup category, meaning the Lawlor, or whoever the republican nominee is, has a good chance of defeating the incumbent, Rep. Maloney.

Faulkner was the GOP nominee to run for Congress in NY-16, against Rep. Jamaal Bowman. But after the courts changed the boundaries of NY-16, and moved it into mid-southern Westchester, Faulkner declined to run for that seat in Congress

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Croton Teens Arrested for Hate Graffiti in Yorktown



Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble, announces hate graffiti arrests
By Dan Murphy

Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble and Yorktown officials held a press conference on June 8 to announce great police work, which led to arrests related to hateful graffiti painted in Yorktown. Four teenagers from Croton were arrested and charged with criminal mischief and criminal impersonation for spray painting racist and anti-Semitic graffiti on Croton Dam Road on May 21.

One of the teens is 18 years old, Lucas Belth, and he was charged as an adult, while the three others are juveniles. Yorktown Police also identified a fourth Croton-on-Hudson teen suspect, who is expected to be charged with similar crimes in the coming days.

“I will not stand for anyone in our community feeling annoyance, alarm, or straight-out fear from graffiti like this,” said police Chief Robert Noble. “The Yorktown Police Department will continue to be the backbone of this community. We’ve got a lot of work to do in society, and we’ll do our best as a law enforcement agency to rally the community together.”

Noble said that police were able to identify the accused because they painted the name and initials of an uninvolved peer in their graffiti in hopes that the peer would be blamed for the crime. The Yorktown Police classified the incident as a bias crime and referred evidence to the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office, which could file additional charges for aggravated harassment, a felony.

“My hope is that this sends a very clear message to anyone who wants to spread vile, racist hate in our community,” said Supervisor Matt Slater. “Our police department and our community will stand up against you every single time. We will pursue you. And we hope, with the assistance of the district attorney’s office, you will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.”

Slater said the vandalism included a swastika, “the N-word,” and the phrase “gas all Jews.”

Councilman Ed Lachterman, whose parents fled Ukraine from persecution more than 100 years ago said, “To me this situation is sadder because we have youth here

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DA Rocah’s Presents Gun Safety Plan; Residents Speak Out Against West. Gunstores



By Dan Murphy

On June 8, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced a comprehensive gun safety plan following a sweeping series of state and local legislation strengthening New York’s gun safety laws in the aftermath of the Uvalde and Buffalo shootings.

“As a mother of two school-aged children here in Westchester, I feel the same fear so many parents experience each day when they send their kids off to school. Recent events around the country have made it clear that we cannot let our guard down anywhere, including here in Westchester County, to keep our children and families, our teachers and first responders, our neighbors and communities safe. So today I am putting forth a five-point plan to highlight how my office is doing—and will do—everything within our power to ensure New York’s strong gun safety laws are used as effectively as possible,” DA Rocah said.

“This epidemic has become so pervasive that, for the first time in our nation’s history, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and adolescents in this country. We simply cannot accept this.”

- DA Rocah’s Gun Safety Plan includes
- I: Getting Guns off Our Streets:** There are more guns in circulation in our country than ever before. We are working to get illegal guns off our streets through:
 - Coordinated operations with our law enforcement partners at the local, county, state and federal levels. The largest operation to date resulted in the seizure of more than 100 guns, including “ghost guns,” body armor and high-capacity drum magazines, silencers, ballistic vests, counterfeit police shields and significant quantities of ammunition.
 - Gun buybacks like the one we had in New Rochelle last year in partnership with the New York State Attorney General and New Rochelle Police Department. We pledge to use office forfeiture funds to continue efforts in the community toward more gun buybacks. We are ready to expand our work with municipal partners immediately.
 - Tracing origins of seized guns used in crimes across our communities, and launch investigations and prosecutions whenever possible.
 - Intelligence and data sharing between federal, state and local law enforcement partners and analysts from our Crime Strategies Center who are embedded with High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)’s Gun Violence Strategy Partnership.
 - II- Prosecuting Gun Crimes:** We will continue to aggressively investigate and pros-

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Feds Sue Harrison Over Discrimination & Retaliation of Female Firefighter



**former
Harrison
firefighter
Angela
Bommarito,
after her
graduation from
the Westchester
County academy
in 2015**

By Dan Murphy

A bombshell lawsuit filed by US Attorney Damian Williams against the Town-Village of Harrison alleges discrimination by the Fire Department against former Firefighter Angela Bommarito, who allegedly was subject to unwanted sexual advances and harassed by another male firefighter.

The suit claims that the Town-Village “are alleged to have unlawfully discriminated against a female firefighter by creating a hostile work environment and terminating her employment after she reported that a male senior firefighter had harassed and stalked her.”

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “Sexual harassment in the workplace is abhorrent. All employers, including government agencies, must ensure that sexual harassment is prohibited—not ignored or followed by illegal employment actions against victims, as we allege occurred at the Town of Harrison. This suit seeks to remedy the civil rights violations committed by the Harrison Fire Department and the Town of Harrison, and ensure that Harrison protects its employees’ rights in the future.”

The complaint alleges that Bommarito, hired in 2015, was subject to unwanted sexual advances by senior firefighter Henry Mohr, including repeatedly following her and calling her on numerous occasions. Further, Mohr used sexually demeaning expletives to describe Bommarito in front of other firefighters.

The suit further claims that leaders in Harrison and in the Harrison Fire Department learned of Mohr’s harassment, including through reports by Bommarito. After those officials failed to take any employment action against Mohr and the harassment persisted, Bommarito filed a report with the Harrison Police Department. In response, Harrison’s then-Police Chief (Anthony Marraccini) told Mohr, in a recorded interaction, that Bommarito’s presence at the firehouse was a “temptation,” which was “hard to resist sometimes,” and that the Police Chief

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County EMS Comms Specialist Honored for 3rd Baby Delivery



County Executive George Latimer, right, with Westchester EMS specialist Matt Hollis and members of the department

On Thursday, June 2nd, a nervous husband in Tuckahoe dialed 911 to report that his wife was about to have a baby at home. County Department of Emergency Services Emergency Communications Specialist Matt Hollis answered this call and began to give pre-arrival instructions to the expecting father on how to assist his wife with this imminent child birth. As Hollis coached and comforted the extremely nervous “Dad-To-Be” on how to help his wife, fellow ECS Monique Holowach dispatched Eastchester EMS and the Eastchester Fire Department. Hollis, no stranger to aiding callers with their at-home child births over the phone, continued to provide instructions and reassurance to the dad as his baby girl made her surprise arrival on the floor of their Tuckahoe apartment. The panicked tone of the call went to the sounds of shared joy and celebration by everyone on scene, and the cries of this tiny little girl brought both smiles and relief to all involved.

This was the third time in about three years that Hollis aided in a successful childbirth over the phone. Hollis, just like all of the other personnel assigned to our Emergency Communications Center, is a certified Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD), capable of giving pre-arrival medical emergency instructions for a variety of situations, such as this. County Executive George Latimer is honored to host Hollis and congratulate him on another job well done. Hollis will receive his third “Stork Pin” – the award given to EMDs when they assist with a baby’s delivery.

White Plains Democrats Urge City to Settle Chamberlain Death Case



Kenneth Chamberlain Sr.

By Dan Murphy

White Plains Democratic Party urges the City to settle with Chamberlain family over Wrongful Death in 2011

In a first of its kind vote, members of the White Plains Democratic Issues Committee, passed a resolution, urging the City of White Plains to settle a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of Kenneth Chamberlain.

The story of the death of Kenneth Chamberlain is now more than 10 years old, but has never been properly explained or resolved. On November 19, 2011, Chamberlain, a retired Marine and a Westchester County Corrections Officer, had his life aid medical go off, resulting in a response from the White Plains Police.

When WPPD Officers arrived at his apartment, they demanded he open the door, despite Chamberlain telling them that he did not need assistance. After he refused to open the door WPPD broke the door down, resulting in Chamberlain asking “Why do you have your guns out?” Those were his last words.

According to Police, Chamberlain charged at them with a knife, after which he was tasered and fatally shot. A documentary titled The Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain, was released in 2019.

The actions of some members of the White Plains Democratic Committee are unusual, to request that the City of White Plains, the Mayor and Common Council settle the lawsuit filed by the family and accept responsibility.

The resolution passed by the WP Democratic Issues Committee reads, “The City of White Plains has never acknowledged the culpability of its police officers as being directly responsible for the Nov. 19, 2011 killing of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr. in his home and has failed to account for their unconscionable and unwarranted actions. Accordingly, we call on the city to issue a formal apology to the family and the residents of the City of White Plains notwithstanding any pending legal actions.

“II. We view the investigation undertaken by the City and its subsequent findings following the killing of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr. to be a woefully inadequate response to the officers’ unlawful entry, excessive force, and violent response to a medical call as spelled out in the US Court of Appeals decision of May 29, 2020. (Footnotes 1-6.)

“III. We urge the City to enter into a reasonable and adequate settlement with the Chamberlain family, in which the City acknowledges the officers’ culpability in the matter, which we hope will provide closure and justice for Mr. Chamberlain Sr. and his family.

“IV. We urge the Common Council to exercise its oversight responsibility and powers by conducting a prompt, item-by-item review with respect to the implementation to date of the recommendations of the Final Report of the Police Reform Committee, March 2021, and issuing a public report regarding the findings of that review.”

The resolution goes to the White Plains Democratic Committee for a vote of all members. The court litigation of Mr. Chamberlain’s death includes:

On July 2, 2012, Kenneth Chamberlain Jr., the victim’s son, filed a federal civil suit for \$21 million against the City of White Plains and the White Plains Police Department.

In September of 2016, a federal judge, Cathy Seibel, dismissed most of the claims contained in the lawsuit and excused several of the original defendants including police officers.

On November 17, 2016, a Westchester jury unanimously rejected the wrongful-death suit, with claims of battery, assault, and excessive force brought by the family of Chamberlain against the city and officer Anthony Carelli, who fired the fatal shot.

The Chamberlain family filed an appeal of Judge Seibel’s 2016 decision dismissing some of the claims. Some of the claims were reinstated by an appeals court, and the matter is presently in litigation, with a decision pending.

Attorney Andrew Quinn of White Plains, who represents officer Carelli believes the remaining claims will be dismissed. “In our opinion, while the outcome of this encounter was obviously tragic, we steadfastly maintain that officer Carelli’s actions and the actions of all officers on the scene was justified and lawful.”

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Maria Regina HS Valedictorian's Speech Reminds us of Three Truths



Megan McVeigh

Megan McVeigh, of Hartsdale, delivered the Maria Regina High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian address on June 3. She will attend Georgetown University in the fall. "Good evening, members of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Parra, Mrs. Carozza-McCaffrey, Administration, Faculty, Staff, families, and friends. First, I want to extend my congratulations to my classmates. We have all come so far in four years. I am honored to be standing here representing the Maria Regina High School Class of '22.

The greatest minds in human history have contemplated the nature and necessity of truth. Benjamin Franklin declared, for example; "Half a truth is often a great lie." Thomas Jefferson wrote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all... are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." Martin Luther said: "Peace if possible, truth at all costs."

But, the most memorable of these ideas for me is not from any famous inventor, president, or theologian, but is instead from our own Ms. Judith Furnari. Throughout my ninth grade English Honors class, Ms. Furnari fervently emphasized to us that our theme for the year was "Everyone must bear witness to the truth." This statement was hung in bold letters on bright orange paper in the back of her classroom, reminding me to make that connection in all of my writing.

Four years later, I had completely forgotten about this, until I walked into Ms. Furnari's room just a few weeks ago and saw the sign still hanging in its place on the wall. I have spent the past several weeks reflecting on this and contemplating the truth in my life, and I would like to share some of the most important truths I have learned during my time at Maria Regina.

Truth Number One: the importance of advocating for ourselves.

Maria Regina has constantly pushed us to use our voices to support the things we are passionate about. Throughout my time here, I have learned how to stand up for myself and push back against injustice. This is a skill that will serve us all well as we continue through life. As we enter the next phases of our lives, continue to do so. We should be leaders, fight for what we believe in, and forge a path to wherever our passions lead us. From experiencing a global pandemic to issues including racial and gender equality, we are currently witnessing times of great change, rife with adversity and injustice.

We should use this opportunity not only to advocate for ourselves, but also to advocate for the rights of those who cannot do so for themselves. We must uphold this principle throughout our lives.

Truth Number Two: the importance of seeking knowledge.

One thing I have thoroughly enjoyed about my time at Maria Regina has been the opportunity to explore subjects I am interested in. From topics in biology to anatomy and physiology, I am entering college with the knowledge of what academic areas interest me, and I am excited to continue to investigate these and many others during the rest of my academic experience.

But academic knowledge is not the only kind that has significant value, and Maria Regina has emphasized this through the many extracurricular opportunities we have been encouraged to participate in. In fact, just a few weeks ago, Mr. Thomas Muratore shared Thomas Huxley's advice to "try to learn something about everything and everything about something," with me, and I wish to relay the same advice to everyone. In the future, whether it's astrophysics or basketball or baking, continue to find things that excite you and seek all of the knowledge you can about that subject. Be curious, ask questions, and learn as much as you can.

Truth Number Three: the importance of serving others.

Nearly every aspect of a Maria Regina education places a special emphasis on what we can do to help those around us. I fondly remember experiences such as creating care packages for women at the Samaritan House Women's Shelter this spring. I have learned so much about being grateful for the many things that I consider basic, but many consider to be privileges. We should carry this lesson with us as we move through life. We should consider how our actions impact others, and always make an effort to improve someone else's situation. Service to others is often one of the most fulfilling experiences we can have. And, I think it is important to acknowledge those who have served us. On behalf of the class of '22, I would like to thank our teachers who have been our mentors these past four years, and who have guided and encouraged us to become the best versions of ourselves in all of our endeavors. Thank you to the administration and the staff for dedicating yourselves to our wellbeing and making Maria Regina the best it can be. Thank you to the friends we have made here at Maria Regina. I am incredibly glad that I have made so many new friendships during this past year, something I was not entirely expecting. Most of our brightest and most treasured memories at Maria Regina have been those spent with our classmates. Our friends have the power to shape who we are as individuals, and I am confident that I have picked some great ones to shape me.

Furthermore, to my parents, thank you for everything you have sacrificed that has led to me standing here today. Through every adversity I have faced, you have always been my greatest supporters. And to my sister, Kaitlyn, thank you for being my best friend and for always believing in me and pushing me to succeed. I think I speak for all of my classmates when I say that we would not be where we are today without the support of our families, so thank you to all of the parents, siblings, and family members in attendance tonight.

Before I conclude, I would like to offer some final words to my classmates. As we embark on this new journey in our lives, we must always remember to bear witness to our own truths. We should take the lessons we have learned from our time at Maria Regina and change the world around us. Fight for what you believe in, advocate for yourself and others, and above all, become the quintessential versions of yourselves, and be unapologetically you. We are all on constant journeys of self-growth, so continue to give yourselves the room and the opportunity for discovery. These three truths have helped us develop our senses of self, and if we honor our responsibility to remain faithful to them, I am confident that we will leave the world a much better place than how we found it."

Councilman Merante's Ignorant Comments



By Eric W. Schoen, pictured above at the Yonkers Pride Festival

The 5th Annual Yonkers Pride Festival took place last weekend in downtown Yonkers. Congratulations to Steve Cruz and those involved for a wonderful, fun event. One Yonkers City Councilman, Anthony Merante's comments before the event were not only ignorant but should be considered insulting to every Yonkers resident.

Councilman Merante said that kids should stay away from the LGBTQ+ Pride Festival. His comments: LEAVE THE KIDS OUT OF THIS EVENT- I strongly feel that children do not belong in this environment. If a parent wants to teach their children about the LGBTQ community that is certainly fine but children's activities at an event with "Drag Queens" is not. Drag was created as a bawdy art form with both innuendo and explicit performances for adults. Regardless of there being music, face paintings and bouncy houses adjacent to this event, kids should not be included at an event with Drag Queens!

Nothing in law forced children to attend the event. Children attend with their parents. If the parents do not want their children to attend the event they simply don't bring them. I have enough confidence in the parents of children in Yonkers to make that decision. They certainly don't need Mr. Merante to be the one giving them motherly advice.

And I don't know where Mr. Merante gets his information from. Merante's comments: 'Drag was created as a bawdy art form with both innuendo and explicit performances for adults.' I attended the event on Saturday and there were no 'explicit performances for adults.' Maybe he got his definition of drag from a conservative talking points memorandum or an 18th Century encyclopedia. Nothing could be father from the truth.

Mr. Merante voted for the City of Yonkers budget. City funding including monies from the City Council Majority Leader's funds (he did vote for the current Majority Leader) partially paid for the event. If he was so concerned about that he should have as the CPA that he is have brought the issue up during budget negotiations. Not at the last minute attempting to ruin an event that takes place in many communities in Westchester.

This is the second controversy Merante has been involved with in less than 2 months. St. Ann's Church had wanted to rent out their empty school to the former Leake and Watts organization to provide a place for learning for immigrant young people, many of them treated poorly in their countries of origin. Staffing ratio would have been 2 young people to 1 adult. The young people would have had background checks to make sure they were not involved in any illegal activities in their country of origin.

And St. Ann's Church would have received \$500,000 for rental of the school, money desperately needed. All of my friends who go to that church tell me of the need for funds by the church. And the building would not sit vacant. All of those staff members would have spent money for food, etc. in the Midland Avenue shopping district. The church pastor was a big supporter. And yet again, we see Mr. Merante rallying the troops against it

The sad thing is that this episode occurred during and around Holy Week where we pray for those in need and to help the hungry and homeless. Enough pressure was put on the Pastor of the church and the Archdiocese to kill the proposal.

Now you have to understand a little of what's behind Merante's comments. He has the desire to run for higher office and for some crazy reason feels these moves are going to help him achieve his goal. Yonkers as a whole is very different than the Yonkers of 30 plus years ago that fought the Housing Desegregation case. He would like to be Mayor when current Mayor Mike Spano's term ends. Or City Council President if the current City Council President, a nice lady who has been very quiet in the 5 months since her inauguration decides that instead of her current 4 year job she wants to be on the Yonkers City Court when and if there is a vacancy after the election in November.

How this works for those who do not know is that the Mayor appoints a judge to fill the remainder of the term if a member of the Yonkers Judiciary gets elected or appointed to a higher level court. Which may be the situation come November. If the Mayor appoints City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy to fill the vacancy on the Yonkers City Court, he will also have the opportunity to fill the City Council President seat. If he fills the City Council seat from current City Council members, he will be able to fill their seat too!

After his ignorant statements about the Pride Festival I doubt Mr. Merante will receive the appointment from Mayor Spano. But he can run for the office when the election for City Council President takes place. And you never know. Merante has been a 'loyal puppy' to Mr. Spano during his tenure. You never know what's going to happen in Yonkers.

That is if he hasn't run for Mayor in the interim. What can I say. Remember you read it here first kids, you read it here first!

Anthony Merante owes an apology to the hard working parents in Yonkers who he insulted. And to the Yonkers Pride Committee. And to Drag Queens who he insulted with his archaic comments. There is no room at the inn for elected of-

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White Plains Condo Changes Name from Trump Tower to The Tower at City Place



The board of the former Trump Tower City Center announced today that its new name, The Tower at City Place, has taken effect. Spearheaded by Board Member, Brian Price, and the building's branding committee consisting of 20 residents, the team took a thoughtful approach to reach the decision and worked closely with its design partner to implement the changes, including new branding and signage at the building's 10 City Place address.

"This revitalization was an owner-led effort," said Board President, Anthony Schembri. "It is not just about a new name but an identity that aligns with the atmosphere we have created here. We feel this evolution adds value, reflecting the personality of our community."

The Tower at City Place, part of the City Center at White Plains development, is a 35-story property comprised of 212 residences with one- to three-bedroom homes and three commercial real estate spaces. The residences offer sophisticated fixtures and features, such as oversized windows with panoramic views, spa-inspired bathrooms and gourmet chef-style kitchens. Owners enjoy amenities such as a one-of-a-kind rooftop recreational deck with an Olympic-size swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, outdoor entertainment spaces with BBQ grills, and a bar. Indoor amenities include a health club and spa, and a resident lounge perfect for large parties. The building is nestled in an ideal downtown location with access to over 1 million square feet of premier shopping, dining, culture, and green spaces.

"AKAM is honored to be the management partner for The Tower at City Place and we are proud of their efforts," said Michael Rogoff, President of AKAM. "We are excited to help usher in this new chapter, which illustrates the values of this exceptional property."

For more information on The Tower at City Place, please visit www.toweratcityplace.com.

Westchester County Executive Latimer Announces Summer Service Changes to Bee-Line Bus System

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that service changes will take effect on the Bee-Line Bus System beginning June 20, 2022. In order to improve operating efficiencies and accommodate the needs of riders, there will be schedule changes on the following routes. Trips will be restored that had been suspended due to driver shortages. Service to Playland on the Routes 13, 75, and 91 will resume. Riders should consult timetables for specific details about each route.

Routes: 1T, 1X, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 20, 30, 40, 41, 42, 45, 53, 60, 62, 63, 78

For a full list of all the summer service changes and new bus schedules, visit www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus or call the Bee-Line customer service center at (914)-813-7777, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Automated information is available 24 hours a day.

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of Jewish descent that tried to weaponize the tools of the Nazis to work against their friends or classmates."

The Croton-Harmon school district issued a statement which read, "We are reviewing this matter and will address it in accordance with the district's code of conduct. We want to reiterate that this incident is contrary to our values as a school district, and as a community."

The Town Board is moving forward with plans to paint a unity mural over the graffiti and adopted a "Hate Has No Home" resolution

"If you don't think for a second that there are consequences for the disgusting and vile hatred that people are poisoning this society with, you're wrong," said Supervisor Slater.

A spokesperson for Campaign Against Antisemitism said: "This grotesque graffiti, revelling in the Nazi genocide of millions of Jewish people, is a reminder to us all that antisemitic hatred endures. Everyone has a responsibility to be vigilant and combat anti-Jewish racism whenever it arises."

Millie Jasper, from the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center in Westchester saidm, "When Juvelines do things like this usually it is not from malice but from ignorance. We endeavor to teach these students why this is offensive and wrong."

The HHREC held a Gather Against Hate rally in White Plains on June 15.

Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Honors Greenburgh Resident Carmine DiPasquale for Veterans Hall of Fame



New York State Senate Majority Leader honored Greenburgh Resident Carmine DiPasquale as her selection for the State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame on Tuesday June 7 at the Town of Greenburgh Town Hall. DiPasquale served in the U.S. Navy aboard the Destroyer USS William Keith. During the height of the Cold War, DiPasquale's ship participated in the Cuban naval blockade. He suffered permanent hearing loss due to the cannon blasts in the gun turret he manned. DiPasquale was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Forces Medal.

Recognizing the devastating consequences of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, DiPasquale helped form the Greenburgh Veterans Advisory Committee, whose primary mission is veteran suicide prevention. He is also an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion.

Karin Hablow Appointed Westchester County Commissioner of Finance



Karin Hablow

Westchester County Executive George Latimer has appointed Karin E. Hablow as Commissioner of Finance. Hablow previously served as the Commissioner of Finance of Orange County in Goshen.

Latimer said: "Karin has had a long, and highly accomplished career in managing the financial operations and accounting for significant organizations, including most recently as the Commissioner of Finance in Orange County. With more than 15 years of progressive experience in budget development, fiscal operations and financial reporting, we are sure that she will serve the Finance Department well in her new role as Commissioner."

Hablow said: "I am thankful to County Executive Latimer for this great opportunity to serve the residents of Westchester in such an important role. I'm excited to lead the team of talented fiscal professionals in the Department of Finance as we provide innovative and efficient governmental financial services."

Hablow received her Masters of Business Administration from New York University's Stern School of Business. As Commissioner of Finance in Orange, Hablow managed an \$830 million budget, including payroll, accounting, tax, real property and taxation, debt issuance/management, capital plan and investment functions for Orange County.

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Editor's Note: This event was rescheduled from June 15

Harrison Female Firefighter lawsuit, continued from pg 1-

Chief "want[ed] to broker a deal with the Town to make sure this whole thing dies" so that he could get Mohr "out of this situation." Bommarito subsequently signed a resignation letter prepared by the Police Chief after he threatened to arrest her and report her other relationships to Harrison's Fire Commissioners. Soon after, Bommarito attempted to withdraw the resignation, but the HFD proceeded with the termination of her employment.

Following Bommarito's departure from the Harrison Fire Department, Mohr continued to harass and stalk her. Mohr was eventually arrested for his harassment of Bommarito and pled guilty to harassment in the second degree. A family court judge also entered an order of protection against Mohr.

Title VII authorizes the Department of Justice to commence an action in the United States District Court against Harrison and the HFD to remedy discrimination on the basis of sex and retaliation in violation of Title VII. The United States' complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as compensatory damages on behalf of Bommarito.

Bommarito and Mohr did have a consensual, sexual relationship. According to the suit, "Around the time of this exchange, (2015) Mohr and Bommarito had sex for the first time. For the next approximately two months, Mohr and Bommarito would regularly have sex. Mohr would also, on regular occasion, send Bommarito aggressive text messages demanding loyalty"

"In approximately mid-August 2015, Bommarito initiated efforts to terminate the relationship with Mohr. Bommarito told Mohr that she felt verbally and mentally abused by him...In the Fall of 2015, Bommarito stopped having sex with Mohr. In response, Mohr sent Bommarito numerous text messages, repeatedly called her, and repeatedly drove by her house.

On or about May 3, 2016, Mohr was arrested for his harassment of Bommarito, and July 19, 2016, Mohr pled guilty to harassment in the second degree. An order of protection was filed against Mohr on behalf of Bommarito, mandating that Mohr stay away from Bommarito.

Former Police Chief Marraicini, who is mentioned in the suit, was sentenced to 18 months in prison in 2019 for tax evasion.

Seven Independent Political Parties Submit Petitions for Governor for 2022 Election in NY

By Dan Murphy

In a sign of great political fortitude, seven minor political parties in New York State submitted petitions to the NYS Board of Elections to place candidates for Governor on their party line.

Congratulations to the seven parties for collecting the 45,000 signatures now required to get a candidate for statewide office on the ballot. UniteNY, the Libertarian Party, Green Party, People's Party, Freedom Party, Independence Party, and New Vision party met the May 31 deadline.

Unfortunately, according to UniteNY, "In a blatant attempt to stifle voices of independent voters, Democratic party insiders are seeking to keep seven different independent organizations from attaining ballot lines in the race for Governor of New York in the November 2022 general election."

UniteNY collected signatures for Harry Wilson to run on their party line for Governor in November. "Showing a brazen, Cuomo/Trumpian effort to maintain power and stifle competition, two Democratic party insiders have challenged the independent nominating petitions of every organization seeking a ballot line for their gubernatorial candidate this year, Underlings of Democratic State Chair Jay Jacobs and Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan filed challenges to each petition filed for candidates running in competition with NY Governor Kathy Hochul. The intended outcome of these challenges would result in depriving voters from being able to choose anyone beyond the winners of the two major party primaries.

"This especially dubious action comes on the heels of former Governor Cuomo's assault on third parties seeking to build their following. In 2020, as part of an emergency Covid relief bill, the disgraced Governor (with approval of his then-Lt. Governor Hochul) successfully forwarded legislation tripling the signature and vote requirements needed to qualify and maintain a statewide ballot line – legislation which resulted in five of New York's seven minor parties subsequently losing their statewide ballot line status.

Currently, only four political parties in New York State are guaranteed a ballot line in November; the Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Working Families Parties. The seven other parties that filed petitions are trying to force their way on the ballot, or back on the ballot after years of appearing as a choice for New York Voters.

"After the Democratic controlled legislature drew unfair, heavily gerrymandered new district lines that were ruled unconstitutional by New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, a special master drew new, more fair district lines. These lines were still being created while the independent petitioning process was already underway, making compliance nearly impossible. This failure has thrown the election cycle into pure chaos and placed additional hurdles on groups who are trying to give voters another voice at the ballot box," writes UniteNY.

"Still not satisfied with their efforts to allow a free and open election with competing candidates on other lines, Democratic party insiders are now attempting to bully these independent petitioners off the ballot, challenging the nominating petitions circulated on behalf of gubernatorial candidates seeking to run on the Independence, Green, Unite, Libertarian, Freedom, New Visions, and Parent lines.

Unite NY Founder Martin Babinec said, "New York's 3.5 million unaffiliated voters (not enrolled in a party) are the second largest and fastest growing block of voters in the state. Not surprisingly, more people signed independent nominating petitions for Governor than at any time in New York's history. As reflected in our statewide polling across all categories of voters to construct the Voter Empowerment Index, a strong majority are clamoring for more choice than simply picking "the lesser of two evils" by seeing only winners of the two major parties under our closed primary system. The Democratic Party's blanket challenge across the entire field of minor party candidates sends a clear and unequivocal message: We're in charge and will do all in our power to thwart others from competing with us." Learn more at www.UniteNY.org.

The Green Party of NY has appeared on the ballot in New York State for decades. Their candidate for Governor, Howie Hawkins, has run for NY Governor before and for President on the Green Party line. "The Democratic leadership is fundamentally anti-democratic. Instead of letting the voters choose, they passed the most restrictive ballot access law in the country to eliminate their competition. They passed this exclusionary ballot access law with super-majorities in both chambers of the legislature. Party suppression is what authoritarian governments do. It is what the Democrats now do in the one-party state of New York. Shame on the Democrats," said Hawkins.

Hawkins and his Lt. Gov. running mate Gloria Mattera, pointed the finger of blame at Jay Jacobs, the former Chair of the NYS Democratic Party under Andrew Cuomo. "We are not surprised that the objections were filed by Nassau County minions of the chair of the Nassau County and State Democratic committees, Jay Jacobs. Jacobs has been on a crusade to wipe the Green Party off of New York ballots. I don't want to hear anymore hypocritical crocodile tears from anti-democratic Democrats like Jacobs about Republican attacks on voting rights. Party suppression is a form of voter suppression. It's what authoritarian governments do. It is what Jacobs and the Democratic Party are doing," said Hawkins.

The petition signature requirement to get back on to the ballot was tripled from 15,000 to 45,000. That requirement is the most difficult in the nation because there are only 42 days to collect the signatures. Most states have no time limit on collecting ballot access petition signatures. Richard Winger of Ballot Access News has noted that "in 2020, not one independent candidate, and not one minor party, successfully completed any petition anywhere in the nation that exceeded 5,000 signatures, for any office."

"Not being on the ballot hurts us, but it will not stop us," Hawkins said. "We will be fighting to change these exclusionary ballot access laws and for inclusionary election reforms, including ranked choice voting for statewide offices and proportional representation in the state legislature. We want to make New York an inclusive multi-party democracy."

The Libertarian Party of NY, another long standing name on the ballot for generations, collected signatures to get Larry Sharpe on the ballot for Governor. The Parent Party of New York New York has endorsed the republican slate including Lee Zeldin as its candidate for Governor. The other reported parties that filed petitions for Governor are the Independence Party, Freedom Party, and New Visions party.

Editor's Note: The SAM Party of NY (Serve America Movement), also lost its ballot status as a result of the Cuomo -Jacobs changes to ballot requirements in 2020. In 2018, SAM-NY ran a fusion ticket of democrat Stephanie Miner for Governor and republican Michael Volpe for Lt. Gov. and received more than 50,000 votes, the then threshold to qualify for automatic ballot status for four years.

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I haven't learned a lot about the January 6th events at the White House from the hearings other than it will forever be a dark day in the history of this country.

The debates for Governor, Democratic and Republican? Even though criminal charges have not been brought, I am shocked that none of the Democrat or Republican candidates brought up the fact that the current Governor was second in charge and a member of the team of the 'hands on Governor' forced to resign from office. I cannot believe that Governor Hochul didn't know what was going on or with the thousands who died when they were returned to Nursing Homes. How quickly we forget!

Don't touch a folded bill of any denomination. Some sick person is putting substances in the bills that can kill. The substances tested positive for methamphetamine and fentanyl, an upstate Sheriff's Department said. Fentanyl can kill the person who comes in contact with it.

How do candidates for elected office get my cell phone number and who gives them the authorization to text me? I have been receiving texts from the gubernatorial candidates and their supporters. Something the Attorney General should check out.

Helicopter flight noise complaints are increasing in and around our area. What percentage of them are coming from traffic helicopters that gather at accident sites. I understand free speech and freedom of the press. But the noise of helicopters particularly early in the morning is getting pretty annoying, more annoying than from sightseeing helicopters which don't fly often around our area.

In this paper last week, our distinguished Editor Dan Murphy referred to Congressman Jamaal Bowman as 'well known in Yonkers and having participated in the community for years.' I respectfully disagree with him. As Mayor Spano said to me before he had his tiff with Bowman, 'Who is this guy? Where did he come from?' He certainly has not been active in the Yonkers I live in or since his election to office!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericnyonkers. 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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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO SEWER RENTS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor

Date: June 8, 2022

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Westchester Youth Compete in The Salvation Army's Music & Creative Arts Talent Contest



winners of the Salvation Army Star Search included Yeffersson Mejia, left and the Youth Chorus, below, both from White Plains



More than 200 young people from grade school to high school involved with The Salvation Army Greater New York Division's Corps Music & Creative Arts programs recently competed in the Star Search music & creative arts talent contest.

Started in the 1990's to encourage arts and music development for young people, Star Search highlights the talents of NY youth in a huge range of areas: dance solo, guitar solo, brass solo, drum solo, piano solo, vocal solo, drama monologue, youth bands, youth chorus, singing company, timbrel brigade, dance troupe, and drama troupe. Winners of the various categories will go on to compete with other regional Corps in Hershey, PA on Saturday, June 11.

Most people don't know that The Salvation Army is the #1 provider of free or reduced cost music and creative arts instruction for students of all ages, outside of public schools. After months of practice and perseverance, the most talented performing young artists in the state competed in The Salvation Army's signature youth event.

The following are the first place winners and categories from local Corps: White Plains

Jenny Alarcon - Level 2 Piano Solo
Yeffersson Mejia - Level 3 Bass Guitar Solo
1st Place Youth Chorus

Yonkers

Jessica Patrice - Level 2 Drama Monologue
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DA Rocah's Gun Safety Plan, continued from pg 1-

ecute crimes involving guns and gun violence, including violent gang cases and firearms trafficking.

- Launched the Gun & Gang Initiative in August 2021 to prevent violent crime utilizing a precision policing and prosecution model focusing on violent offenders through short- and long-term violent crime investigations, in partnership with federal, county and local law enforcement.
- Continue our investigations into the proliferation of untraceable "ghost guns" and utilize traditional and non-traditional investigative techniques to prevent prohibited persons from possessing guns.
- Prosecute those who make threats of violence knowing how these threats terrorize and traumatize our communities.

III- Promoting Safe Firearm Storage and Red Flag Law Education: During the last 17 months, our office has proactively worked with partners across Westchester to increase community awareness about gun safety.

• Launched the Safe Storage Program, in partnership with Moms Demand Action and Westchester school districts, to help reduce the risk of school shootings and gun suicides among young people. The program provides valuable resources on gun safety to Westchester school districts, which includes sending every student home with information on the importance of keeping guns safely secured and out of the hands of children and teens. As part of the program, the countywide Be SMART virtual training focuses on increasing awareness of safe firearm storage practices and highlighting ways families can help reduce the number of child gun deaths.

• Held numerous trainings for law enforcement departments and school districts, and partnered with federal law enforcement, experts and advocacy groups to increase awareness of New York's Red Flag Law, which allows authorities to prevent individuals who show signs of being a threat to themselves or others from possessing or purchasing guns through Extreme Risk Protection Orders (also known as ERPOs). This valuable law has now been strengthened and we will expand our efforts to ensure greater understanding and use of the Red Flag Law with health care workers, who are now covered under the law as petitioners and may apply for an ERPO, as well as youth sports organizations.

IV- Early Intervention and Mental Health: Together with the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health and other community partners, we will focus on diversion and treatment for first-time, non-violent misdemeanor offenders, expanding our successful Fresh Start initiative countywide this month. We are also working with our partners in the court system to launch a misdemeanor mental health court in Westchester County later this year. Data shows that treatment and early intervention prevent first-time offenders from turning into violent felons down the road.

V- Fighting Extremism: We will continue our valued partnerships with county organizations that work to combat extremism. We will continue our trainings for law enforcement to ensure they have the information they need to understand extremism when they see it. Our Crime Strategies Center will work with our law enforcement partners to monitor extremism on social media where warranted. We have also assigned one of our investigators to be embedded with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force for the first time in nearly a decade.

Katherine Schowalter, from Mom's Demand Action, Westchester said, "DA Rocah has done an amazing job and is working well with local law enforcement, and with local school superintendents to get out information for parents on gun safety. She has also been aggressive in trying to stop gun trafficking and getting guns off the street."

According to Yelp, there are more than six gun stores in Westchester County. We will provide the website or address, but one gun store that has drawn letter to the editor is in Yorktown.

Town Councilman Sergio Esposito is the owner operator of American Arms. When he ran for Town Council last year, we received letters asking "Do We Want our Elected Officials Selling Guns?"

After the recent shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas, the same letters have been emailed into our paper, with the request that we reprint, with the understanding that while Mr. Esposito is certainly in his legal right to own a gun store and hold public office.

"Do we want our elected officials selling guns? Councilman Sergio Esposito sells guns and runs a gun business right here in Yorktown. The name of the company is AMERICAN ARMS. This is alarming to me given the amount of school shootings and gun violence across our country. Residents want to know how a gun store contributes to our community?"

"As a Mother concerned about gun violence in our schools, with Sandy Hook being a mere 45 minutes from our town, how could anyone want a gun selling candidate on the Town Board making decisions?" writes Yorktown resident Trish Sullivan-Rothberg.

Yorktown resident Wendy Frank writes, "Should there be a policy on how far away a gun store should be from any downtown in NY? As you might know Sergio Esposito the gun dealer / council member has a weapons shop in the center of Yorktown. It is not far from the cultural center, museum, track, soccer field, nursery school, empire trailway, and is situated right along the parade route on Commerce Street. Should there be a public list a bit like sex offenders list where local law enforcement agencies release information on where the gun shops are in a town/village/city? Should there be notification to communities of the status of a gun/weapons shop in a community in their downtowns? Do you want a gun dealer on your main street where you live? "

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where he does not live. Instead he has chosen to run in NY-17, which is the district that now includes Somers.

We spoke to Faulkner who said that he intends to run in the Republican primary for NY-17 on August 23, but left his options open after that. Currently, there is no republican candidate to challenge Bowman in NY-16, except for a "placeholder" republican who is expected to be replaced later in the summer or fall.

Many republicans in Westchester view Faulkner as a rising star, and someone who could run for countywide office in the future. That is why many Westchester republicans want him to run against Bowman in NY-16, because as one GOP leader told us, "it would help Bill with his name recognition in southern Westchester if he chooses to run for County Executive in the future."

Apparently, there may be a mechanism this year to remove one candidate for Congress and replace him or her with another candidate, without that candidate moving out of state or dying.

Lawler's advantage in the race for Congress in NY-17 is that he is well known, and represents Rockland County in the Assembly. Rep. Maloney has not represented Rockland County during his 10 years representing northern Westchester county, Putnam County, and the Hudson Valley.

In the republican race for Governor, a WCBS NYTV debate between the four candidates, Lee Zeldin, Rob Astorino, Harry Wilson and Andrew Guiliani resulted in Wilson and Astorino on the attack against Zeldin, who is the endorsed candidate of the NY GOP and is leading in the polls. Prior to the debate, a multi-million dollar ad buy from Wilson, which highlighted Zeldin's prior association with, and fondness for, former Governor Andrew Cuomo, when Zeldin was a state senator in 2014.

Many of the political pundits thought that Zeldin should have had an answer for the charges levied against him by Wilson's TV ads for the debate. But most came away unimpressed with Zeldin's response to the challenges and his demeanor.

Zeldin pivoted away from the criticism's and constantly called Astorino "Rolex Rob," a nickname that very few people outside of Westchester are aware of and even fewer republican voters have knowledge of. Zeldin also called Wilson a "Never Trumper" a dozen times during the debate for the fact that Wilson voted for former SC Governor Nikki Haley in 2020 and not Trump. Wilson also explained that his work with former President Obama in 2008 was to help save American corporations, and American jobs, after the financial crisis.

Westchester republicans we spoke to thought Astorino and Wilson won the debate. Wilson had a prepared response and looked reasonable; Zeldin looked "flustered," nervous and uncomfortable," and "Zeldin did not look like a governor on the debate stage," and "Zeldin was on the ropes through all the debate. He called Wilson a "Never Trumper" too many times," said Westchester and Putnam republicans we spoke to.

Astorino had one of the best quotes, picked up by the NY Media, when he said "This year is going to be the revenge of the normal people and I'll tell you why: because congestion pricing is another back breaker on the average New Yorker. All this does is it crushes the outer boroughs. It crushes the middle class," Astorino also attempted to walk the fine line on Trump, by calling Jan. 6th "a horrible day in our nation's history," and added that Trump bears some responsibility" for the attacks on law enforcement. But Astorino also said that the Jan. 6th hearings were political theater.

For most of the debate, Andrew Guiliani was the outsider, starting with the fact that he had to participate remotely because he was unvaccinated. Guiliani's debate highlights included vowing to bring back the stop and frisk police policies of his father (Rudy), and promising to rehire NYC employees who were fired because they were unvaccinated. One Westchester republican we spoke to said he was disappointed in Guiliani's performance



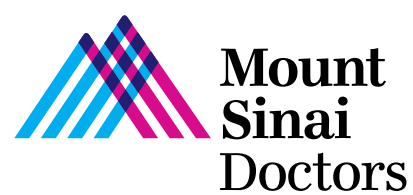
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