

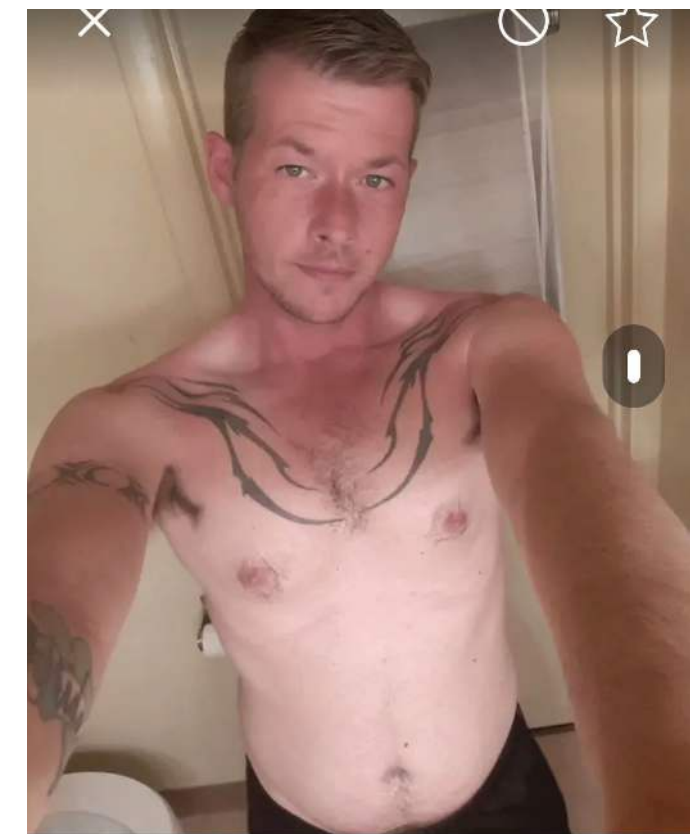
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Mom Catches 40 Year Old Man Half Naked with Her 15 Year Old Son in Katonah; Arrest Made



a screenshot of John Lord from an online sex-meeting site posted before his arrest

By Dan Murphy

Thanks to an observant mother, a 40-year-old Arizona man is under arrest for engaging in sexual acts with a 15-year-old Westchester boy. US Attorney Damian Williams announced the arrest of John Lord, with persuading, inducing, enticing, and coercing a 15-year-old minor to engage in sexual activity. According to the criminal complaint, the mother of the 15-year-old boy went to the Bedford Police Department to report that on Aug. 30 she went looking for her son and found him with Lord in a wooded area in Katonah. Lord was naked and the boy had just his underwear on. The mother recorded the incident on her cell phone; Lord grabbed his clothes and escaped, but not before the mother took a picture of his license plate. The mother and son then reported the incident to Bedford Police, with the boy explaining that he had met Lord online (Snapchat), and that he had met Lord on three prior occasions and on each occasion they engaged in a sex act.

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Summit Club Armonk Gets Approval to Build Westchester's First Residential Golf Community



The 17th hole at the Summit Club

By Dan Murphy

Twelve years after buying the former Canyon Club in Armonk with a vision to build a residential golf community similar to the many golf-live communities in Florida and Arizona, principal owner Jeffrey Mendell has received the approval from the North Castle Planning Board to move forward at The Summit Club.

"I've known this property for a long time, and I have always envisioned luxury residences on the hill, with spectacular views. I have been a golfer all of my life, and like most of us, I have admired golf communities in Florida and Arizona and thought why not in Westchester?"

"That was the premise of this concept, which I know will attract older buyers and empty nesters, who want to sell their house but stay connected to their community. It took longer than we thought but we persevered," said Mendell.

The 156-acre property includes a 18 hole layout on 130 acres. The residences will be built on the remaining 26 acres and will include 72 units in six buildings. Delays in moving forward included questions about how the residential units would be categorized and taxed, and what water system the new units would be connected to.

Mendell said that he received many offers to sell the property, to local developers who were interested in closing the golf course and building more units. "I was committed to this project; it became a labor of love. I didn't want to see the town lose one of its two golf courses."

"The good news is we got the approvals and now have a project that we can move forward with. Nobody else has this in Westchester and Fairfield counties. We are the only one offering this type of living. My vision is to build an active, athletic community here. Not only with golf, but a pool, gym, tennis, pickleball, and with 24/7 security and a guardhouse."

"The units are for residents who want to sell their house but still have a place to stay in the summer. People will be able to enjoy a lifestyle with all amenities without the aggravation of maintaining a home. The Summit Club is being designed as a 21st century lifestyle community with a focus on golf, tennis, fitness and wellness within a resort-like environment,"

Those of us who love golf appreciate Mendell's persistence. We recently played the course and it's in great shape. Noted golf architect Rees Jones recently completed a tweaking of the holes, with the rebuilding of all fairway and greenside bunkers.

Golfers of all handicaps have several different tees to play from, with a 6,700 layout to a par 71 for the back tees. The par-5 14th hole already has been recognized by Westchester magazine as one of the great new golf holes among the county's recently improved or renovated courses. Named Tin Cup, Jones remodeled this hole, stretching it from a par four to a par five with your third shot or approach crossing a creek to get on the green.

Jones also made the 16th hole into a par four and created a new, memorable par 3-17th hole. "The extensive golf course improvements will make The Summit Club at Armonk a place that all levels of golfers can enjoy in a natural landscape that offers dramatic elevation changes and stunning panoramic views of the New York countryside," said Rees Jones.

The Summit Club is a fair test for any golfer. We would encourage you to play a round and consider golf membership. Visit thesummitclub.net for more information.

Nolan vs. Walter-The Rematch: Westchester's Big County Board Race This November



former County Legislator Ruth Walter



County Legislator James Nolan

With less than 45 days until early voting, its time to focus on the November 7th elections. All 17 seats on the Westchester County Board of Legislators are up for election, but only a handful are considered competitive.

One BOL contest that elicits strong opinions on both sides of the political aisle is in the 15th District, East Yonkers, Bronxville and parts of Eastchester and Mt. Vernon. County Legislator James Nolan is running for reelection after serving his first two-year term. In 2021, Nolan defeated Legislator Ruth Walter. Walter has returned to the ballot in a rematch that will be the most watched Westchester election across the county.

We spoke to both Nolan and Walter about the race. "I love what I do, and I bring a sensible voice to the district and to all of Westchester. I have fought for many things in the district, and I want to continue my work," said Nolan who serves as the only republican on the 17 member BOL. (Legislator Margaret Cunzio is a registered conservative and together with Nolan serve as a 2 member BOL minority).

We asked Nolan if its important to have a republican voice on the county board. "Yes, it is important to have another voice and opinion. One party rule is never a good thing. I try to bring a balance and provide both sides of the argument."

Nolan said that he wants to continue "to support the Police and help fund the police and look for ways to reduce crime."

"I have also been able to push through several capital projects that impact my district. Quality of life issues and keeping Westchester an affordable place to live are also a priority, to help constituents with their everyday lives.

"I have no political agenda. I don't do what's best for politics, I do what is best for the people. I'm honest and I work hard for my constituents, not the party," said Nolan.

Part of the reason for Nolan's victory two years ago was his outreach, with both he and his team of volunteers knocking on close to 20,000 doors in the district. No-

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WVOX's Closure Points to a Sad Day for Local Media



William O'Shaughnessy
Vox Populi -the voice of the people

By Dan Murphy

Westchester News and Talk Radio Station WVOX, 1460 AM, quietly ceased operations last week after 55 years. The New Rochelle based station was the genius of Bill O'Shaughnessy, who passed away in 2022.

O'Shaughnessy created Whitney Media, which consisted of the AM station, and a profitable FM station, WVIP 93.5. Mr. O as he was known by those of us who appreciated him, was able to sell time on the FM station to a Caribbean group, and with those proceeds was able to float the AM dial.

Over the summer, the news came out that the FM station was sold by the O'Shaughnessy family to Hope Media Group, a Christian media company that will use 93.5 for Spanish-language music.

After that sale, it was only a matter of time when WVOX 1460 would cease operating. It came quickly, perhaps too quickly and with not enough notice for the staff and the many who had answered Mr. O's call to do a show. The AM station was donated to a west coast company for tax reasons, which is not important.

This reporter did a weekly show for more than 5 years, and more recently did a 10-minute spot on the Dennis & Tonny morning show on WVOX. The Dennis & Tonny pair were the last true Westchester morning show, and they will be missed.

Tonny Guido emailed friends after the closure. "Doing WVOX Radio for 25 years and being part of the WVOX family has been a beautiful adventure of a lifetime. I am so grateful to our beloved Mr. O'Shaughnessy (who recently passed away last year) and the whole O'Shaughnessy family.

Mr. O (as we all affectionally called him) gave all of us the gift of community

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Insulin Maker Novo Nordisk Agrees to \$35 Per Month Cap for Uninsured New Yorkers

NYS DMV Targets Dangerous Drivers with New Proposed Regulations

No one should have to ration their insulin.

AG James Previously Secured \$35 Monthly Cap from Eli Lilly and Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured an agreement with one of the nation’s largest insulin manufacturers, Novo Nordisk Inc. (Novo Nordisk), to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per monthly prescription for uninsured New Yorkers for five years. The agreement also requires Novo Nordisk to implement a program with pharmacies to let uninsured patients know before they pay that they are eligible for the insulin cap. Today’s agreement follows earlier agreements with two other large insulin makers, Eli Lilly and Sanofi, to cap insulin prices at \$35 a month for uninsured New Yorkers.

“New Yorkers who rely on lifesaving medication like insulin should not have to ration their doses or forgo taking their medicine altogether because they cannot afford it,” said Attorney General James. “Today’s agreement will mean that uninsured New Yorkers do not have to choose between taking their insulin and putting food on the table. I will always use the powers of my office to help protect vulnerable New Yorkers, and to ensure no company takes advantage of them.”

More than 10 percent of New Yorkers have diabetes, and it is estimated that 464,000 of them rely on insulin every day. New Yorkers who live in the state’s poorest neighborhoods are 70 percent more likely to have diabetes. In fact, more than 16 percent of New York adults with diabetes have an annual household income of less than \$25,000. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that the list prices set by insulin manufacturers for patients resulted in significant out-of-pocket costs for certain insulin users, causing some to ration their insulin or forgo it altogether. Over the past two decades, the list prices for insulin have increased dramatically, with prices from all manufacturers nearly tripling from 2002 to 2013. For a person with Type 1 diabetes, annual spending on insulin averaged \$2,864 in 2012, and by 2016, nearly doubled to an average of \$5,705. These dramatic cost increases were not driven by insulin manufacturing costs, which by one estimate would be no more than \$133 per person per year.

As a result of today’s agreement, Novo Nordisk is required to cap the price of their insulin products, including Novolog, Novolin, and Fisap, at \$35 per monthly prescription. Additionally, Novo Nordisk is required to implement a streamlined process at the pharmacy counter that would allow pharmacies to automatically advise cash-paying customers of their ability to fill their monthly prescription for \$35 before leaving the pharmacy counter. To do this, Novo Nordisk must contract with a third-party messaging company that would immediately notify a pharmacy or pharmacist that an uninsured patient is eligible for the \$35 monthly cap when they are filling their prescription.

In addition to the \$35 monthly cap for any uninsured New Yorker, Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering free insulin to the neediest consumers who meet income thresholds tied to the federal poverty line. Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering its Immediate Supply Program, through which it offers an immediate, free supply of insulin to consumers at risk of rationing due to financial hardship. For uninsured New Yorkers below the federal poverty level who do not seek reimbursement from any federal or state health care program, Novo Nordisk will also offer insulin at no cost. More information on Novo Nordisk’s affordability programs can be found at <https://www.novocare.com/>



Proposed Regulatory Amendments Open for Public Comment Through November 6, 2023

In response to Governor Kathy Hochul’s 2023 State of the State proposal to take high-risk drivers off the road, the Department of Motor Vehicles proposed changes to DMV regulations to bolster the ability to remove drivers who engage in risky behavior from New York roadways and make it more difficult for persistent violators to get back their driving privilege back.

These regulatory amendments represent a multi-pronged approach to address dangerous driving behavior that puts everyone at risk.

Mark J.F. Schroeder, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and Chair of the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, said, “The message is simple: If your actions behind the wheel put others in danger, you don’t belong in the driver’s seat. That’s why we are proposing significant and aggressive actions to protect other drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians and children. Everyone deserves to feel safe regardless of how they choose to commute or enjoy our roads.”

The proposed changes will:

Increase the number of points associated with dangerous driving. The long-established Driver Violation Point System gives the New York State DMV a way to identify and take action against high-risk drivers. The DMV assigns points for certain traffic violations.

DMV is proposing to add point values to violations that currently have none. Violations include alcohol- or drug-related convictions, driving without a license, and any violation involving speeding in a work zone, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, or striking a bridge. DMV has also proposed to increase the point value for certain violations such as passing a stopped school bus.

Decrease the threshold at which dangerous drivers are disqualified from holding a license. Currently, if a licensed driver accumulates 11 points in an 18-month period, their driver license may be suspended. The DMV is proposing to amend that regulation to keep more habitual offenders from driving. The proposed amendment will increase the time frame that administrative action can be taken against a persistent violator from 18 months to 24 months.

DMV is also proposing changes to the point system used to evaluate requests for re-licensure after drivers have been convicted of multiple reckless driving and similar violations. These changes will make it more difficult for drivers with many convictions to regain their driving privileges.

DMV is proposing to reduce the number of alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions or incidents that would result in a permanent denial of a driver license application. Currently, where regulations stipulate that an application for re-licensure be denied if a driver has five or more alcohol or drug-related driving convictions, the DMV is proposing to lower that number to four or more alcohol or drug-related convictions.

The DMV is also proposing to change regulations to allow for permanent license revocation after three alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions plus one or more other serious driving offense.

Other proposed changes will empower the DMV to deny an application for re-licensure for two years if the applicant has three alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions and no serious driving offense. Other applicants who meet the same criteria but have a current license revocation for an alcohol- or drug-related conviction will face a five-year revocation.

All proposed changes can be reviewed in the New York State Register and will be open for comment for 60 days.

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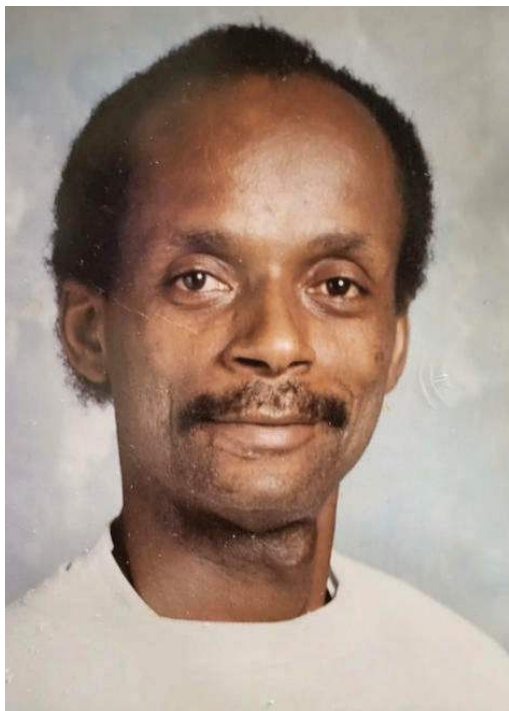
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Westchester DA Rocah and Innocence Project Help Exonerate former Greenburgh Resident



Leonard Mack, left, from a 1975 photo. Mack was improperly convicted of rape, but was exonerated by a Judge last week.

NYS Supreme Court Judge Anne Minihan vacated the conviction of Leonard Mack at the request of Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah and the Innocence Project last week. Mack, 72, who now lives in South Carolina served more than seven years in a New York prison for a 1975 rape in Greenburgh that he did not commit. New DNA testing conclusively excluded Mack as the perpetrator and identified a convicted sex offender, who has now confessed to the rape. This is the longest wrongful conviction in U.S. history to be overturned by new DNA evidence, according to

DA Rocah said: "We were able to prove Mr. Mack's innocence, in large part, due to our independent Conviction Review Unit's commitment and Mr. Mack's unwavering strength fighting to clear his name for almost 50 years. This exoneration confirms that wrongful convictions are not only harmful to the wrongly convicted but also make us all less safe."

Susan Friedman, the Innocence Project's attorney for Mr. Mack said: "Mr. Mack has lived with the stigma of this wrongful conviction for nearly five decades. His courage and determination are why we now have indisputable scientific evidence that proves he is innocent. Mr. Mack's case had many of the hallmarks of a wrongful conviction, including multiple witness misidentifications. We are grateful that the Westchester County District Attorney's Conviction Review Unit investigated Mr. Mack's case and reached similar conclusions."

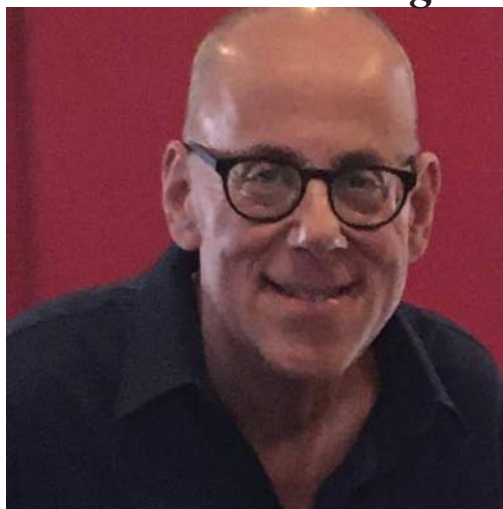
Mack was accused on May 23, 1975 of forcing two high school students at gunpoint into the woods and tying up, gagging and blindfolding them before raping one of the girls twice, and attempting to sexually assault the other.

Hours after the attack, Mr. Mack was arrested by then-Westchester County Parkway Police on the Bronx River Parkway who indicated that Mr. Mack fit a suspect description of a Black man with an earring and wearing a hat. After an investigation conducted by the Parkway Police and the Greenburgh Police Department, Mr. Mack was charged with rape, and other related charges.

Asserting his innocence, and presenting alibi witnesses, Mr. Mack proceeded to trial and a jury found him guilty of Rape in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. He was sentenced on April 27, 1976, to seven-and-a-half to 15 years in state prison. While incarcerated, Mr. Mack made multiple challenges to his conviction in the 1980s, which were opposed by the Westchester DA's Office and denied by the courts.

The investigation found that eyewitness identifications were tainted by problematic and suggestive procedures used by the police. A search in the state and local DNA database returned a match to a Westchester man who was convicted of a June 1975 rape in Queens, just two weeks after the rape in Greenburgh, and a 2004 sex crime in Greenburgh. When interviewed by a District Attorney's Office investigator, the man confessed to committing the 1975 Greenburgh rape. NY's statute of limitations bars the prosecution of this individual for the 1975 crime, but he remains in custody on another charge.

America's Quintessential Community Station Has Signed Off



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Last Thursday was a typical Thursday. It was my day to present the Westchester Rising Radio Show on WVOX 1460 AM. I got up 5:30 in the morning to put the show together. Little did I know it was my last show, in fact the last day on the air for what the Wall Street Journal has referred to as, 'America's Quintessential Community Station.'

After nearly 70 years of broadcasting to listeners in WESTCHESTER, The Bronx, Connecticut Rockland County and yes, Yonkers and a little over a year after it's founder Bill O'Shaughnessy's passing, management decided to cease operations. In radio technical terms, the decision was made to donate and sell the station.

WVOX featured hosts from Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner to former White Plains Mayor and State Assemblyman Adam Bradley with County Executive George Latimer always ready to put microphone in hand. During my bi-weekly hour I would discuss issues in WESTCHESTER Rising newspaper, the crazy political climate of Yonkers, where to get a \$1 cup of coffee or the best vanilla ice cream cone. Listeners liked that I steered away from what they heard on every other radio station and to learn that last Thursday morning Starbucks was running a BOGO on seasonal drinks.

The beauty behind WVOX is that no one ever told hosts what you could or could not say. Callers to the station were free to talk about whatever they wanted. On my last show which focused on back to school tips the conversation quickly changed from bus etiquette to children changing their sex without their parents knowing.

Republicans, Conservatives, Democrats and Liberals all had shows on WVOX allowing a broad range of opinions to be shared. Sometimes things would get hot and heavy as they did one day when I was preceded by several candidates for Mount Vernon Mayor. I always made a habit of listening to the show before mine because you never know when the hot and heavy conversation would jump into your show.

There was no formal training on how to be a radio host at WVOX. The door to the broadcast studio would open and Don Stevens would say 'your up.' There was a headset, a microphone and the cough button which allowed you to communicate with your engineer. If the engineer had particular expertise on the subject you were discussing, he or she would be invited to participate and give their thoughts.

I will always be grateful to Bill O'Shaughnessy and his family and the wonderful staff headed by Don Stevens for giving me the opportunity to accomplish something on my bucket list: radio talk show host. Kudos to the engineers and behind the scenes folks for a job well done. Credit must also be given to Dan Murphy, Editor of these newspapers for connecting me with the good people at WVOX putting me on the air.

We lost a gem last week when WVOX went off the air. The song has ended, but the beautiful memories linger on!

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Slater and State Republicans Call for Special Session to Address Migrant Crisis

New York State Assemblyman Matt Slater (R,C-Yorktown) joined his Republican colleagues in the state Senate and Assembly to call on Gov. Kathy Hochul to convene a special session of the Legislature to address the ongoing migrant crisis. During the last year, more than 100,000 migrants have traveled to New York state after crossing the southern border causing an increase in homelessness, reports of violent crime and imposing an unprecedented burden on state and local government services.

“Last week I joined my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate in calling for an extraordinary session to address the ongoing migrant crisis,” said Assemblyman Slater. “Our state continues to create safety concerns as well as detrimental impacts on hardworking taxpayers. This crisis cannot be resolved through the media but with thoughtful legislation to deal with the crisis head-on.”

In the letter from Assembly Republicans, Slater and his colleagues wrote, “With the lack of appropriate action coming from Washington D.C. and little reason to believe immediate help is on the way, the duly elected representatives of New York have a responsibility to take matters into their own hands.”

As introduced by Slater, one of the bills Assembly Republicans called to be placed on the agenda is A.7319-A, which would require New York state to register all migrants in order to assist with background checks and monitor refugees seeking asylum in the state. If it had been in place, Slater’s bill would have helped prevent the violent sexual assaults committed by migrants relocated to suburban Buffalo by New York City Mayor Eric Adams.

In addition, the letter from Assembly Republicans specifically identified the following legislation for consideration:

- Legislation requiring the state comptroller to examine and audit all state and federal funds received and appropriated for humanitarian aid in New York City or any municipality.
- Legislation protecting counties and municipalities from “Right to Shelter” confusion by requiring local governing bodies in New York state to opt-in to accept migrants from other jurisdictions.
- Legislation ensuring funding is not used to shelter migrants in schools, daycare centers or community-based organizations.
- Legislation reversing the Executive Order of 2017 that prohibits law enforcement from cooperating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law. This would end New York’s status as an illegal immigration sanctuary.
- Adoption of a resolution calling on the federal government to provide financial assistance to the state and properly address the border crisis it created.

Assemblyman Slater concluded, “Because of the Biden Administration’s decision to functionally open our southern border and the failed pro-illegal immigrant policies that have made New York City and New York State magnets for migrants, the state Legislature must act to protect our communities. Gov. Hochul has a responsibility to bring all 213 state legislators back to Albany to take up our comprehensive agenda.”

Westchester County Airport (HPN) to Host TSA Precheck Enrollment Event Starting September 18

Westchester County Airport (HPN) will be hosting a TSA PreCheck® enrollment event in collaboration with IDEMIA, a TSA PreCheck authorized enrollment provider. Travelers will be able to enroll at the terminal arrivals area near the baggage claim carousel at Westchester County Airport, located at 240 Airport Road in White Plains, from Monday, September 18 through Friday, September 22 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. each day. The program is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and lawful permanent residents.

The enrollment process is quick, convenient and even faster when the application is completed online beforehand. The in-person enrollment requires that applicants provide proof of identity, proof of citizenship, fingerprints and a photo. IDEMIA offers TSA PreCheck enrollment for \$78 and if approved, travelers get a five-year membership with the program.

Following the in-person enrollment appointment, most applicants receive their Known Traveler Number (KTN) in about three to five days. The KTN number must be added to flight reservations to enjoy TSA PreCheck benefits.

TSA PreCheck was created in December 2011 as a way to provide low-risk travelers with a smoother experience through airport security. It’s a great option for travelers looking to save time. Enrolled members do not need to remove shoes, laptops, 3-1-1 liquids, belts, or light jackets. They also access TSA PreCheck dedicated screening lanes at over 200 participating U.S. airports nationwide.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “We are excited to bring back this opportunity for local community members to enroll in the PreCheck program right here in our own centrally-located County airport. We saw an abundance of interest when we offered this in March, and know that this limited-time event is something that many more locally will want to take advantage of.”

If you are unable to make the Westchester County Airport enrollment event, but are still interested in enrolling in TSA PreCheck, please complete the application online and schedule an appointment at one of the 560+ enrollment centers nationwide.

Designated parking at Westchester County Airport will be located on the right side immediately after the passenger terminal during the enrollment period. Please look for the message board reading “TSA PreCheck registration parking only.” Click on the “Airport Operations” intercom button and proceed to an open parking space to your immediate left. This parking is free of charge.

Local Philanthropists \$500k Gift Helps Northern Westchester Hospital Expand Surgical/Cardiac PACU



The Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Post Anesthesia Care Unit will enhance the hospital’s advanced surgical services

Cross River residents Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan, pictured above, named a new post anesthesia care unit (PACU) at Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH), part of Northwell Health. Called the Adam R. Rose and Peter R. McQuillan Post Anesthesia Care Unit in honor of their \$500,000 gift, the new unit will support the hospital’s advanced surgical services, as well as cardiac procedures performed at its Seema Boesky Heart Center.

The new PACU accommodates a wide array of post-surgical patients, including those recovering from neurosurgical, orthopedic, bariatric, and thoracic surgeries, as well as advanced cardiac catheterization and electrophysiology procedures. The PACU will connect to the existing PACU and include: 13 additional recovery bays; a new operating room control room; an isolation room; two new nurse workstations; supply, storage and medication rooms; and ancillary support areas.

“Adam and Peter are well-known in our community for their extensive philanthropy,” said Derek Anderson, MPH, FACHE, executive director of the hospital. “We are grateful and humbled by their support and interest in expanding surgical services, which offers advanced healthcare, close to home. This gift and their engagement in our community inspires us and others to invest locally.”

The couple is already celebrated for creating and donating the AP Farm Athletic Fields to the Katonah-Lewisboro School District and they also have made significant donations to the Westchester Land Trust, the Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the Lewisboro Library, the Jacob Burns Film Center, Jazz Forum Arts, the New York Botanical Garden and more. Adam is a retired residential real estate developer and Peter is a retired sergeant with the New York City Police Department. Their other activities include funding jazz, collecting art and auditing classes at Yale University where Adam serves on the Board of the Yale Art Gallery. He is also a Trustee of the New York City Police Foundation as well as the National Policing Institute.

“We have dedicated ourselves to improving the community in which we have lived for over three decades,” said Mr. Rose, “Peter and I consider Northern Westchester Hospital to be one of the most significant local partners in helping this part of the county grow and improve. By supporting this expansion, advanced medical and surgical procedures can take place locally, saving our community the expense and stress of obtaining these treatments further south.”

For more information about the Northern Westchester Hospital’s surgical services or to request a consult, visit <https://nwh.northwell.edu/surgery>. For more information about the Seema Boesky Heart Center visit <https://nwh.northwell.edu/heart>.

Letters:

To the Editor:

Two separate groups of everyday Americans, fulfilling their civic duty by serving on a grand jury, have now issued two separate indictments of Donald Trump for his efforts to overturn the will of voters, even after he knew he’d lost the 2020 election. These are the most serious indictments thus far because they deal with a conspiracy to overturn the foundation of our democracy: the vote of the American people.

There can be no more serious crime than a conspiracy to overturn the foundation of our democracy itself. It’s shameful how many MAGA Republicans are now rushing to defend Trump instead of standing up for our democracy and our freedom to vote. Many of them are trying to rewrite history, so it’s important to understand what Trump is accused of and why it matters.

According to both indictments, Trump deliberately lied about voter fraud and pressured local officials, like the Georgia secretary of state, to illegally overturn election results and manufacture fake slates of electors. When Vice President Mike Pence refused to toss out the legitimate results and count fake electoral votes, Trump incited an attack on our Capitol in a last ditch attempt to stop the certification of the election and cling to power.

These are serious charges. Our elected leaders of all parties must allow the trial to unfold without political interference and let a jury of everyday Americans do their job. No one is above the law, and Trump should be treated like everyone else and held accountable for his crimes against our country.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Weaver, Yonkers

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ICS Expanding Services into Westchester County, Including Yonkers



Independence Care System (ICS), the first and only Health Home program in New York State with specialized expertise in supporting people with physical disabilities, is continuing the expansion of its Health Home to provide disability-competent care coordination and essential services to residents of Westchester County. ICS's Health Home program focuses on keeping individuals as healthy as possible and out of the hospital and emergency room.

ICS has served adults with physical disabilities for more than two decades, ensuring they receive critical services, equipment, and supplies to enhance their health, mobility and independence. ICS began the first phase of its expansion in the spring in Richmond County, Staten Island.

"We are excited to continue our expansion and to now serve the Westchester County community," said ICS President and CEO Regina Martinez-Estela. "People with disabilities across New York lack important equipment, services and supports, and we will now be a source of support for them. As one of the most underserved and vulnerable populations, people with disabilities can now turn to ICS and receive support through our disability-competent care and expert specialized services."

ICS is a nonprofit organization founded in 2000 as a pioneering, innovative community of professionals dedicated to serving people who, prior to ICS, were often forced to spend their lives in institutions.

People with disabilities have turned to ICS for more than 20 years because of our expert, disability-competent staff who help them to improve their health and avoid hospitalizations, achieve goals, improve their quality of life, and be active members in the community. Our foundational pillars — health, mobility and independence — ensure for true health equity for people with disabilities so they can thrive while receiving the quality care they deserve.

We have developed a model of care designed to address the vast health disparities experienced by our members and those in underserved communities. We continue to work alongside our members and advocate for their specialized care, because we have seen the effects of a healthcare system that fails to address their needs. ICS offers disability-expert care coordination, educational and recreational programming that enriches members' lives, and is a premier provider of specialized mobility assessments for wheelchair users through our comprehensive On a Roll wheelchair program.

To learn more about the ICS Health Home, email CommunityEngagement@icsny.org, call 646.653.6230 or visit www.icsny.org.

Croton Man Rescued After Being Trapped in Turkish Cave for 10 Days



Mark Dickey

Cave researcher and Westchester resident Mark Dickey was grateful to be alive after being rescued from a cave in Turkey where he fell seriously ill. Dickey was trapped for than 3,000 feet in the depths of the cave for 10 days.

More than 190 experts and emergency personnel helped pull Dickey to safety on Sept. 11, from one of the largest caves in Turkey's Taurus mountains. Dickey, who is also a leader of a New Jersey based cave rescue group got sick on Sept. 2 with stomach bleeding.

"Hey everyone! I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and well wishes. I am out of MORCA and in an intensive care unit. It has been a scary experience and the closest to death I've been yet. I truly appreciate all the people involved in both saving my life and helping me escape from so deep inside a cave. Immediate shout-out to Jessica 'Jvo' Van Ord who literally saved my life with her speed and dedication in getting out from -1000m and returning with the critical initial fluids required for me to live," said Dickey, 40.

Dickey's parents were also grateful. "The fact that our son, Mark Dickey, has been moved out of Morca Cave in stable condition is indescribably relieving and fills us with incredible joy. It is, we know, an event that all involved in the extensive rescue effort worked so significantly hard for. Mark is strong, and we believe in his strength, but fully knew that he was in dire need of tremendous and immediate support. It has been a tremendous outpouring of help from the international caving community, including cave rescuers and doctors working on-site and those significantly contributing to the rescue effort off-site. We are also appreciative of the support from the Turkish government and for knowing that Jessica, Mark's fiancée and fellow caver, has been there with him. Our prayers have been, and are, being answered"

Upcoming Events from Hudson River Audubon Society

The Wilding of Westchester: Dana Goin, Program Coordinator and Wildlife Educator at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY, will discuss ways to foster peaceful coexistence between people and local wildlife.

Wednesday, September 27; refreshments 7:00, talk 7:30-8:30. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers. Also by zoom: email info@hras.org for invitation.

Hudson River Audubon Society Hawk Watch

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Search the skies for hawks migrating south. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers. Meet behind the Lenoir mansion

Falconry show

Master Falconer James Eyring will introduce and demonstrate his trained hawks, owls, and falcons. Weather permitting, he will fly one of them over the field behind the Lenoir mansion Saturday, October 7, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

The Big Sit

Join anytime to help find as many species of birds as possible from a single location behind the Lenoir mansion. Bring a chair and refreshments.

Sunday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

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Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Limekiller, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

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Notice of Formation of Hanyst RX Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/2/23. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 35 Florence Street, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Pharmacy Consulting

Notice of Formation of RyPlunk LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 104 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecchi, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Eastchester in the County of Westchester and State of New York for the year 2023 has been completed and verified by the undersigned Assessor and a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said town on the 15th day of September 2023 where the same will remain open to the public inspection until the 1st day of October 2023.

Dated the 15th day of September 2023

Michelle Liscio
Assessor of the Town of Eastchester

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BRIEFS

SCHOOL DAY #1

The major complaint I got about the first day of school is that there was no air conditioning in many classrooms and offices. Believe it or not some districts closed for the day or sent students home early.

Now when I was a boy no classrooms had air conditioning and it was a rare school office that had a window unit. We went to school, drank a little extra water from the fountain, opened the windows in the classrooms and had perfectly normal school days.

Remember in Yonkers the school buildings are quite old and were built before the advent of air conditioning. The buildings have to be rewired to accommodate window units, a major expense. Central air. Also very costly.

Bottom line is drink water and dress light when the temperature hits 95 degrees.

PARKING AT RIDGE HILL

Parking at Ridge Hill is a complicated mess. Prior to Covid you paid credit card or cash. During Covid parking was free. Many stores including Lord and Taylor and smaller stores closed. Several months ago they introduced a parking system where you pay with your smart phone.

What happens if you don't have a phone? Or if your phone is broken and you are bringing it to the Apple Store. Or if you don't know how to text. Whenever I am at Ridge Hill it's always mature adults having a hard time.

If you don't pay they put a parking ticket on your car. Is this legal? Problem is the only way to pay the ticket is by money order. There is no place to call with your credit card or you can't send it with your credit card number to an office or post office box.

Please put the old system where you paid with credit card or cash back. And City Hall. Check out the legality of the parking tickets they are putting on cars.

TARGET

It seems like overnight the Target at Cross County came to life. The windows have been uncovered and all the outdoor signage is in place. They are hiring at all levels. I say between Halloween and Thanksgiving the store will open.

Now if we can only get a Walmart in Yonkers!

9/11 Was 22 Years Ago?

Can it be 22 years? I was a Yonkers Public Schools administrator, the Superintendent of Schools was addressing a Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, and as I left the room heading to my car one of my colleagues said a plane had hit the World Trade Center. It was early on so no one knew how bad the situation was.

I went to my office. Everyone was gathered around a rabbit ear television set as the building was not wired for cable. Telephone communication was iffy. All Central Office Administrators were gathered. We knew we had to communicate with parents and guardians. This was done by a letter to parents that Administrators dropped off at schools. I brought a copy of the letter to Cablevision studios and Janine Rose put me live on the air. Cablevision. Our major means of communication as radio and television antennas were down.

We set up a school with beds and supplies and staff in case at the end of the day a child was not picked up at school or at the bus stop. We had 26,000 students to worry about. Fortunately all of our plans worked.

We pray for the people who lost their lives on 9/11. And pray that a tragedy like this never happens again.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@aol.com, follow him on Twitter (X) @ericyonkers or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!



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land says this election will not be different. “We are ahead of schedule and our team of volunteers is working hard. We have more union endorsements this year and now that I have a record to run on, the people know who I am.”

Nolan also agreed with the view of some that as an incumbent, he now has the political advantage over Walter. “Two years ago, the voters in the district elected me, and I did what I said I was going to do to represent them. I don’t see the voters changing their minds two years later.”

“She (Walter) had her chance to represent the district, and she is running on a socialist platform that is not in the people’s best interest. Her views don’t fit with the constituents.

“She is running on a self-promotion, self-centered platform, and she is going after the guy who is a sanitation worker that is addressing the needs of the average person in the district. She is more about politics, while I am running to defend the police and control taxes.

“Sometimes when people get elected, they stop showing up. Very few people come close to my work ethic and every day I’m out here working for the people.

“I have fought hard for projects that will help my district and Westchester. But I’m not afraid to open my mouth when I disagree. I am asking the voters not to look at the party but the person,” said Nolan, who in addition to his BOL post works for the Yonkers Department of Public Works.

One capitial project that Nolan points to is the Sprain Ridge Park Pool. “It is an honor to announce that I was able to obtain in this year’s 2023 Budget funding to replace the Sprain Ridge Park Pool building. This is one of my accomplishments in my first term which I am proud of because as a kid this is where I would go to the pool with friends and family. Since I was elected infrastructure has been a priority of mine especially because it was ignored by the previous representative. Fixing a building that was originally built in the 1970s was no longer the answer and I made sure that the entire building would be replaced.”

Two notable votes that Nolan took in his first two years were his vote against a ban of Menthol Cigarettes in Westchester (which was vetoed by County Executive George Latimer), and his vote against the Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Access Act.

Nolan said that the Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Act, which passed 15-2, could be challenged in the courts, and that is what has happened, with a lawsuit headed to the US Supreme Court and the BOL changing this bill by removing the 8 foot ‘bubble zone’ that prevented protestors from approaching women entering a clinic.

While Nolan called Walter a socialist, Walter challenged Nolan’s ethics and whether his “MAGA” views represent the district. “I want to do better for the district. I don’t put myself in every picture.”

“I am not a socialist or a communist. I am a local business owner. I employ people and make a profit. That is the definition of capitalism. My business contributes thousands of dollars in sales tax to the county.”

“But I do believe in the importance of county government, to protect the consumers and keep us safe and healthy. I have proposed installing noise-cameras in the district.

“I am the former Court Clerk in the Village Justice Court, and the granddaughter of a police captain in Boston. I support the Police in their efforts to combat crime and bring criminals to justice. I would never defund the police, and as chair of the cyber security taskforce, I want the police to educate the public on the dangers of cyber bullies and bank account theft,” said Walter, who focused on three issues where she differs with Nolan: The environment; gun violence protection, and protecting the right for woman to have an abortion.

“We recently saw another flash flood in Yonkers. I am fully supportive of decarbonization. Our planet is warming, and these storms are going to get worse. Trump got people not to trust the science, but its just the facts.

“We have so many guns in our society and some are not illegal. Guns are the #1 killer of kids and of suicide. I don’t want to take away anyone’s 2nd amendment right, and we have good gun laws. But it’s important to recognize that people want better gun laws.”

“My opponent voted against the health clinic access bill. I am a woman and I have been pregnant. I come from a catholic family of 8 brothers and sisters so this wasn’t an issue in my family. But you don’t personally have to access a facility to understand that other people should have the right to do so without interference.

“My values represent the majority of the views of the district,” said Walter, who claimed that Nolan is “hiding the fact that he is a republican. He scrubbed it from his website, and if he were confident that this is a republican district he would be saying that. He may switch parties again.”

I’m proud of the work that I did and I’m confident of winning in November. I think people are upset about the Trumpy turn republicans have taken here and across the country

I’m building a case of a person who is not doing the right thing. He would say I’m elitist, I would say he’s MAGA. I grew up the youngest of 8 kids in a middle class family. I run a store not a hedge fund.

He is the only republican, but what about the 17,000 democrats in the district? Should they bow to him?

I notice that my opponent only attacks me, not the County Executive or the Mayor, both of whom are Democrats.

Both Nolan and Walter agree on one thing: This is the biggest BOL race in the county, and it is also a bellweather of the political divide in the country.

More on the local elections in your community, and other BOL races, in the weeks to come.

A search of the boy’s phone by Bedford Police found text messages incriminating Lord, and the fact that the boy told him that he was 15 years old.

Lord was arrested by the Putnam County Sheriff’s office and during his interrogation he said he thought the victim was of age. Lord was charged in White Plains Federal Court.

US Attorney Damian Williams said, “This case underlines the urgent need for law enforcement to continue its efforts to protect children from those who prey on them. As this arrest shows, we will use every tool available to law enforcement to investigate and prosecute those who sexually exploit children.”

FBI Assistant Director in Charge James Smith said: “Lord’s alleged actions, enticing a vulnerable member of our society – a child – for sexual activity, are abhorrent. The FBI takes the alleged crime very seriously, we are tireless in our efforts to investigate and hold accountable any person who harms a child.”

Bedford Police Chief Melvin Padilla said: “The safety and security of our residents is our primary focus, and thanks to the diligent work of our officers and the cooperation and assistance from our federal partners, the defendant was quickly identified and apprehended.”

Mr. Williams stated that the investigation is ongoing. Mr. Williams requests that any individuals who may have encountered JOHN LORD or whose children may have had any communications with LORD to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or tips.fbi.gov.

Editor’s Note: We received several emails from persons with a sexual history with John Lord. One noticed that he was still posting on social media sex sites seeking out young boys. The photo on the front page was emailed to us from a screenshot taken recently.

radio for 55 years! And what a gift it was, as it enriched the lives of many. He was all about uplifting communities and all their organizations. He was one of a kind.

I am so grateful and thankful to all the WVOX Staff, who have always been so kind to us, our loyal coffee crew and the guests and all the listeners and a special thank you to all our callers, who really made “Good Morning Westchester” a great success.

I thank my husband Carm for all his support and love and encouragement and for always listening to every show! I am also grateful to all my family and friends for their love and support...

And last but not least I thank Dennis Dion Nardone, who had this little dream of one day being a radio host and for making that dream come true and letting me come along for the ride. Dennis is a man of warmth and kindness, a great talent and wonderfully generous to all who has crossed his path.

WVOX will be greatly missed by many. WVOX has been a beautiful adventure of a lifetime and one I will never forget!”

While some of the WVOX family were not happy with the way it ended, at least the O’Shaughnessy family, and Westchester Radio President David O’Shaughnessy, kept the doors open for more than a year since Mr. O’s passing. The only complaint from the large WVOX family is that we didn’t have the time to say goodbye and have one last show on the air, in the studio.

What the closure shows is how difficult it is to run any media company in today’s online, I want it now, climate. If 1460 were profitable, it would have been kept open.

It was a special trip to WVOX to do a show. It was a professional operation and a real radio studio, with a board operator (My Op was Debbie Schechter-thank you) phone calls and newsbreaks.

You were given a CD of your show on the way out to listen to and critique on your way home before the next show.

Many of my readers and friends in Northern Westchester may not have listened to WVOX, but in the lower half of the county, it was a place to hear about local news, what people were talking about, and what our local elected officials wanted to tell their constituents.

Nobody was paid to do a show -and some people paid to get on the air. It was a big deal and it was a gift to the community.

And everyone was welcome. Mr. O had a gift of bipartisanship. His favorite elected officials were Mario Cuomo, Andrew Cuomo, but also Donald Trump. He endorsed Rob Astorino but then endorsed George Latimer.

Mr. O was down the middle-Paul Feiner called It democracy at its best.

“During the past 25 years I have had a weekly radio show on WVOX radio (1460 AM). On Thursday I learned that the station has discontinued programming-effective September 7. What a loss! The station is going out of business. This station, founded by the late Bill O’Shaughnessy over 68 years ago, was celebrated by the Wall Street Journal as “America’s Quintessential Community Stations.”

“The station featured shows from Republicans, Democrats, Conservatives and Liberals. Former Governor and Vice President Nelson Rockefeller even comman-deered a WVOX mobile unit on one of his last nights on the campaign trail. Nelson, who called WVOX “my hometown station,” gave WVOX his last question of his final Albany press conference:

“What made WVOX so special is that no one ever told the host of a program what to say. Everyone with differing opinions could express them to the listeners of WVOX. And if listeners disagreed with what was being said - they could call in and express themselves. Democracy at its best,” said Feiner.

The lesson learned from WVOX’s closure is that our local media is hanging on by a thread. Enjoy it while it lasts, and help it survive.

Some of the weekly shows were appointment listening. Phil Reisman was my favorite.

Chris, a “never Trumper” once called into my show with a poem, Trumpty Dump-ty. My daughter drew a picture of Trumpty and I printed it with the poem.

One of my favorite Mr. O columns was 101 Reasons why Trump won. Find it on Yonkerstimes.com

Podcasts have replaced radio, but there was something about walking into WVOX, being greeted by Don Stevens, who was the glue that kept it all together, with an occasional appearance by Mr. O. That feeling, and good vibe, I will always remember and can never be replaced.

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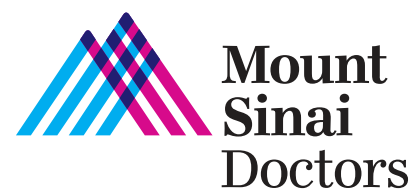
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