

Assembly Candidate John Isaac: This Election is Close-Vote for Change



“Public Service Should be a calling and Not a Career”

John Isaac-

Pataki Endorses Isaac Page

By Dan Murphy

Assembly candidate John Isaac thanked the voters of Yonkers for the opportunity to meet the people and hear their concerns. Going into the final days before Election Day Nov. 5, Isaac reminded voters what is at stake.

“To all the people of Yonkers that I have met during this campaign I say thank you and I ask for your vote. The hard work that we have done has turned my campaign for Assembly into a very close contest, where every vote will matter.

“Why is my election against Nader Sayegh so close? Because thousands of us in Yonkers don’t want the status quo to continue in Albany. We know that we are not better off today than we were two years, or four years ago. And we need change, and I need your vote to fight for change in Albany.

“Public service should be a calling and not a career. I am not a career politician and never will be. Give me the chance to speak up for you in Albany and then vote me in or out after 730 days.

“When you cast your vote on Nov. 5 or in early voting, remember the issues
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State Senate Candidate Khris Kerr: Don’t Don’t Cancel Me, Let the People Decide

Why are Newspapers Being Stolen in Westchester for Election 24?



“I want the voters to know that I am running against Andrea Stewart-Cousins and that they have a choice. Don’t cancel me, let the people decide. “

State Senate candidate Khris Kerr

By Dan Murphy

Some of the candidates running for office in Westchester this year have noticed that bundles of newspapers are disappearing. Last week, a woman was caught taking all of the few hundred copies of the Westchester Examiner.

When confronted, the woman said she was taking them back to her office. When told the police would be called, she put the papers back into the box and left. The following day, the same box of papers in White Plains was empty.

The papers had ads for republican candidates running in Westchester, including Congressman Mike Lawler, State Senate candidate Khris Kerr and Assembly candidate Alessandro Crocco.

Why the papers were stolen remains a mystery. Kerr, who is running for State Senate in the 35th District against Democratic Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, says that it is an attempt to keep her campaign quiet and out of the public eye.

“I want the voters to know that I am running against Andrea Stewart-Cousins.
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Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblymember Nader Sayegh Announce \$4 Million in State Funding for Yonkers PAL



New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblymember Nader Sayegh announced \$4 million in state funding allocated to the Yonkers Police Athletic League for major facility improvements on Friday. \$1 million was secured by Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and another \$1 million was delivered by the State Assembly, with \$250,000 from Assemblymember Sayegh’s allocation. Governor Hochul matched the Legislature’s contributions, delivering an additional \$2 million in support.

Since its founding, the PAL has offered a wide range of programs free of charge to Yonkers residents, including baseball, basketball, boxing, martial arts,

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Early Voting is Here – Make Your Voice Heard

By Assemblyman Nader Sayegh

As we approach Election Day on Tuesday, November 5th, every voter has the opportunity to play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community, state, and nation. Voting is more than a right – it’s our most direct way to influence decisions and policies that will impact our daily lives. This year, with Early Voting available until Sunday, November 3rd, I encourage every eligible voter to take advantage of this chance, regardless of party affiliation. Now, more than ever, it’s essential to make our voices heard.
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Yonkers Girls Swim Team Wins League Championship for First Time



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Joe Cotter, Major Developer in Yonkers and Westchester, Dies Unexpectedly at 66



Mayor Mike Spano with Joe Cotter

“With great sadness, we share with you that Joseph Cotter passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Friday October 25, 2024 at home in his beloved New York City. Joe, at 66, accomplished so much, developing visionary projects in places and communities that he believed in. Joe was very proud of his family, a great friend who meant much to so many, effortlessly connecting on a personal level. Most importantly, we will honor him by continuing to develop our existing projects and those in our pipeline to create transformative projects,” said Lynne Ward, Co-Founder in National Resources.

Joe was President of National Resources, the New York metro real estate development and investment firm that focuses on the redevelopment of urban and industrial sites. The company is built on a foundation of acquiring key properties and using existing infrastructure, then adding the dimension of sustainability.

Under Joe’s visionary leadership, National Resources has redeveloped over \$2 billion of projects with some of the world’s largest capital partners, creating thousands of jobs in the Tri-State Area. Innovation was central to National Resources’ unprecedented success, developing leading edge real estate that transforms people, communities, and environments. Working with towns and banks over the long-term, Joe and Lynne built a business employing almost 100 people.

Long before major real estate developers discovered the Yonkers waterfront, Joe was a true pioneer, transforming the former Otis Elevator industrial complex in Yonkers into i.Park Hudson, a thriving workplace that includes the new Lionsgate Studios TV and film production complex. Working with their partners at Great Point Studios, the \$500 million Lionsgate project has changed the face of film and television production in Westchester and New York State, with over 16

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Yonkers Charter School’s Flag Football Team Remains Undefeated



The Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE) hosted its Battle of the Hudson Homecoming on October 18, marking an exciting afternoon of athletics and school spirit.

The event’s highlight was the CSEE Owls’ flag football team’s dominant performance, defeating the AECI 2 Charter School from the Bronx with an impressive 41-6 victory. As of October 23, the team had an undefeated record of 5-0.


With such a strong season, the Owls are hopeful for a spot in the City School Sports Association’s championship, set to take place on November 15 at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx.

“The homecoming game attracted an amazing mix of families, students, neighbors and community leaders who celebrated the Owls’ athletic and academic achievements,” said CSEE athletic director Michael DeSimone. “It was so inspirational seeing the outpouring of support for our students, and the love our athletes felt was immensely motivating.”

In addition to the flag football game, the homecoming featured a girls’ volleyball match. Despite a valiant effort, the CSEE volleyball team fell to AECI 2, but their determination and sportsmanship were evident throughout the game.

The K-12 Charter School of Educational Excellence has 21 sports teams in its middle and high schools. Besides volleyball and flag football, the sports programs include soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading and track. Students can participate in several sports through the fall, winter and spring seasons.

The Charter School of Educational Excellence successfully propels student athletes into college, with several former students playing at the NCAA level.



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On This Day in Yonkers History...



*Hemsley Winfield, the
"Father of African American
Modern Dance"*

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Chair of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, November 4th

November 4, 1927: Commander Richard E. Byrd, the first man to fly over the North Pole, addressed Yonkers students and residents at Roosevelt Junior High School.

November 4, 1943: People had to travel to New York City to get needed prescriptions filled Sunday nights because local pharmacists were closing businesses Sunday nights.

After receiving many complaints from Yonkers' residents, Mayor Barnes announced he was taking action! Barnes contacted the Federal Trade Commission to ask the situation be investigated, and asked about the legality of "shutting off the supply of such a necessary service" to Yonkers. He then asked the Council to ensure our City Pharmacist be on duty during those hours so Yonkers residents could get essential prescriptions filled.

Tuesday, November 5th

November 5, 1918: For the first time, Yonkers women exercised their right to vote.

November 5, 1928: The "voice of the sky" was heard for the first time in Yonkers when a tri-motor airplane, equipped with giant speakers and amplifiers, flew over Yonkers broadcasting campaign information for Mayor John Fogarty.

November 5, 1942: Approximately two hundred workers on two 10-hour shifts at Arthur G. Blair shipyards on Alexander Street began converting a 225-foot ship to war use, adding protection against magnetic mines.

Wednesday, November 6th

November 6, 1910: Robert Peary, credited with the discovery of the North Pole, spoke at a First Presbyterian Church Men's Association dinner.

November 6, 1941: The Herald Statesman announced "new sources of information" revealed Westchester County defense work contracts had risen to \$46 million, with Yonkers leading with contracts totaling close to \$17 million. Some of the Yonkers defense companies were Habirshaw Cable and Wire, Otis Elevator, Campbell Hat, NY Engineering, US Industrial Chemical, NY Guild for the Blind, and Cameo Curtains. Other local companies were subcontractors for the larger companies: Graphite Metallizing manufactured gun emplacement brushes and self-lubricating bearings; Jerome Knitting Mills produced gloves; Saunders Plumbing created machine tools; and Joseph Love Inc. (children's dresses) made cloth products.

Thursday, November 7th

November 7, 1924: Lu Chow, head of the notorious Hip Sing Tong, was arraigned before Judge Boote, charged with illegal gun possession. The good judge suspended the charge, pending outcome of more serious charges against Chow in the Big Apple.

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Election Day is Here-I'll Break My Rule!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Friends,

By the time this newspaper comes out next week, The United States of America will have a new President. My conversations around town have indicated a large groundswell of support for one candidate. I hear that candidates name every time I step into my Barber Shop, Rob's Empire Barbershop and Studio on Yonkers Avenue down from Raceway Diner.

I usually don't share who I am voting for President with my readers. I want you to review the candidates, their positions on issues of importance to you, speeches they have made and anything else to help you make up your mind. It's important that we have intelligent people voting on Election Day who understand the issues that affect this country. If you read this column, I know you fit the bill.

In my column of September 26 I indicated to you who the candidates were and how unhappy I was with the selection of both of the major parties. I indicated how important it is that you vote as people have died protecting our precious right to vote.

Up until press time for this column, I was still unsure who to vote for President and if I would share it with my readers. Like many of you I am not thrilled by either candidate, and feel both political parties can do better. There has to be someone out there with a spark of energy who could do a good job turning this nation around and unifying its people.

So as I stated here in September, my vote was one for a candidate to lose as opposed to win. And over the weekend one candidate lost my vote because of the stupidity that came from the candidates campaign and the candidate himself. Stupidity that affected good, hardworking people I know. So here we go.

If I wanted a candidate who could turn the economy around, lower gas prices, keep our people safe and lower the cost of food, I would probably vote for Donald Trump. He is a very smart man who surrounds himself with bright people, for the most part yes men and women. He reminds me of when Alexander Haig, then Secretary of State said, 'I'm in charge here' when President Reagan was shot. He runs the shop!

Remember friends the President is the man responsible for running our country and manages foreign relations with lands all over the world.

Simply put we need a man or woman who takes the job very seriously. I'm sorry to say that I don't think Donald Trump does. His words and language at so many events is not becoming of a President.

To have a comedian make the statement against Puerto Rico as occurred at the Trump rally on Sunday and not immediately condemn that person is disgraceful. I don't care if he didn't know the comedian or what he was going to say. I can't vote for someone who would hire a comedian that appeared at Madison Square Garden on Sunday and let that jokester embarrass himself, a former President of the United States.

Trump's attempt to blame the Jews if he doesn't get elected shows me the man is not of sound mind and body. His health records need to be immediately released prior to Election Day. Just the way I feel about Joe Biden. Biden is not of sound mind and body, and I am glad leaders in the Democratic Party got him off the ballot.

So look who we are stuck with. Kamala Harris. The lady is given the task of dealing with the border and did nothing. She made no important decisions during her tenure as Vice President. You can't stand back and say, 'Wow, Kamala

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Former Gov. Pataki Endorses Crocco for Assembly

40 Year Fugitive Arrested in Florida, Brought Back to Westchester

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CROCCO
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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Former New York Governor, George E. Pataki this week endorsed Hartsdale resident Alessandro Crocco for New York State Assembly in the 92nd District. Pataki, whose strong, measured leadership shepherded New Yorkers and the nation in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, is the last Republican governor in New York.

In endorsing Crocco, Governor Pataki said, "I am honored to endorse Alessandro Crocco. The state is in the midst of a crisis caused by Albany's leadership. To fix this, we need leaders with new ideas and fresh perspectives. Alessandro is exactly that type of leader. As an immigrant and small business owner, he knows how to deliver on time and under budget and will break the Democrats' supermajority, which will allow us to fix New York."

Thanking Governor Pataki Crocco said, "I am both humbled and energized by the news of Governor Pataki's endorsement. This affirmation of my candidacy should resonate across all party lines just as the governor's effective leadership supported all New Yorkers as an assemblyman, state senator and ultimately the last great governor of New York."

Alessandro Crocco believes in a streamlined, efficient government and stands in direct opposition to the radical policies and legislation passed and supported by Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky and her mates in the democrat supermajority that dominates the legislature and has infected every statewide office and regulatory body in New York.

Crocco has based his platform on repealing cashless bail laws, ending sanctuary state policies, safeguarding parental control over their children's well-being and keeping the Town of Greenburgh united, and not allowing biological males on scholastic girls' sports teams or in female safe spaces. Visit crocco4ny.com.

The 92nd Assembly District includes a portion of Northwest Yonkers



Noel Hernandez, 40 years ago and today

From the WCPD / Warrant-Fugitive Unit
He should have stayed in the old country.

A convicted robber who fled to his native Nicaragua more than four decades ago has been brought back to Westchester to face the prison sentence he ran from in 1982. He had been a fugitive from justice until his arrest in Florida earlier this year.

Noel Hernandez, now age 64, was charged by the Yonkers Police Department in January 1981 with Robbery 1st Degree. He was convicted at trial but fled prior to his sentencing in June 1982. He was sentenced in absentia to 6.5 to 20 years in state prison.

Initial investigation determined that he most likely returned to Nicaragua. A Bail Jumping indictment was filed by the Westchester County District's Attorney Office. The case was never closed but went cold.

On Feb. 20 of this year, the Warrant-Fugitive was contacted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to confirm that our warrant for Hernandez was still active. That agency had determined that Hernandez re-entered the United States in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 8, 2022. He listed his residence as Nicaragua and his intended destination as Miami. He was initially detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection but then released, apparently due to overcrowding in the federal Bureau of Prisons holding facility.

After follow up investigation by WFU detectives and federal authorities, including the US Marshals Service, a possible address for Hernandez was developed in the Miami area. A request for arrest was forward to the US Marshals Task Force in Miami. On July 9, 2024, members of the US Marshals Task Force in Florida arrested Hernandez at the address.

Hernandez declined to sign a waiver of extradition and a Governor's warrant application was prepared by the WC DA's Office. Following court proceedings in Florida, Hernandez was ordered to be returned to Westchester. He was picked up on Friday by members of the WCPD Warrant Fugitive Unit, flown back to Westchester, and lodged at the County Jail.

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Former Deputy County Executive DeLuca Gets Probation for Hit and Run that Injured Woman



Neil DeLuca

Former Deputy County Executive Neil DeLuca, 75, recently pled guilty in Valto a hit-and-run incident on Bradhurst Avenue last year that left a 66-year-old woman critically injured

DeLuca received no jail time as part of his plea, but will pay restitution to the victim and received one year probation.

The incident occurred in the Town of Mount Pleasant on October 21, where DeLuca is accused of hitting the woman at 7:45 pm on Bradhurst Avenue. Another motorist witnessed the accident and called the police.

An investigation by Mount Pleasant police found a piece of the car that struck the woman. Further investigation identified the vehicle involved and DeLuca was found to be an owner of the vehicle. Police interviewed DeLuca and he was placed under arrest.

DeLuca was arraigned in Mount Pleasant Town Court on October 22 and charged with a felony charge of leaving the scene of a serious injury motor vehicle accident and with unlicensed operation.

The woman was taken to Westchester Medical Center with serious injuries. "As chief of the department, I could not be more proud of all involved personnel to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion culminating in the arrest of this offender," said Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim."

Prior to serving as Deputy County Executive under County Executive Andrew O'Rourke from 1991-1996, DeLuca, 74, served as Yonkers City Manager from 1988 to 199. He is President of the DeLuca Group, a real estate development consulting firm.

Police didn't get to interview DeLuca for 24 hours, preventing DeLuca from being examined for intoxication. He was also charged with driving without a license.

Criminal defense attorneys that we spoke to said that probation is not an unusual sentence because of the difficulty prosecutors would have proving that DeLuca knew that he ran over the woman.

A Strange and Quiet Race for Westchester DA

Susan Cacace vs. John Sarcone

Recent Home Thefts Raised as Issue



John Sarcone



Susan Cacace

By Dan Murphy

The race for Westchester District Attorney in 2024 has been the most quiet race for DA that this reporter has covered. Jeanine Pirro, Janet DiFiore Anthony Scarpino and Mimi Rocah, all ran spirited primary and general election campaigns.

This year's race for DA may have been decided in the results of the democratic primary in June, between Susan Cacace and William Wagstaff. In a hard fought primary, Cacace defeated Wagstaff and is on the ballot Nov 5 on both the democratic and conservative party lines.

The republican candidate for Westchester DA is John Sarcone. Cacace refused a LWV debate with Sarcone because her campaign believed that Sarcone was not running an active campaign, had not raised any funds and has had no social media presence.

In a press release, the LWV-Westchester wrote, "The League of Women Voters of Westchester announces that it will not be holding Candidate Forums for the Westchester District Attorney race.

"With respect to the race for Westchester County DA, Republican candidate John Sarcone had accepted the invitation for the proposed October 24, 2024 forum at the White Plains Public Library. However, Democratic candidate Susan Cacace declined to participate.

"A candidates' meeting with only one candidate present is an "empty chair" meeting, and is not permitted under LWVW rules and its policy of nonpartisanship. LWVW regrets that these important proposed educational events for voters had to be cancelled.

"This is a lost opportunity for the public to hear directly from candidates in person and to address their own questions to them," stated Westchester County League President Kathy Meany. "We strive to run forums in a respectful, non-partisan environment that encourages civil discourse and allows candidates to communicate with the people they are seeking to represent. It is a disappointment that there will be no such in-person opportunity for voters residing in Westchester [for purposes of the U.S. CD 17 and Westchester County DA races."

Cacace's campaign, through a spokesperson, explained that "Susan has always made herself accessible to people all across Westchester and will continue reaching out to voters to discuss her vision for the office and her plans to keep Westchester safe," adding that "Her opponent, on the other hand, has no credible campaign to speak of. He has failed to raise any money, has not produced a website, has no social media presence, and zero visibility. The voters deserve better."

Sarcone has tried to use creative methods to make news in his race for DA. On Oct. 14, at the Homefield Association Candidate's Night in Yonkers, Sarcone was speaking on the disastrous effects of so-called "bail reform" and pointed out that the architect of bail reform, Stewart-Cousins, was in the room.

Stewart-Cousins stood up and disputed Sarcone's comments. At the end of her comments, she said, let's continue the debate.

Sarcone accepted what he viewed as a debate challenge from Stewart-Cousins. "I accept Senator Stewart-Cousins' debate challenge. I will debate anyone anywhere at any time on the revolving door of crime that New York State Democrats have created. New York is becoming too expensive and too dangerous for New Yorkers and voters in Westchester deserve to hear from someone... anyone... in the Democrat party about how they are going to make Westchester more safe. Candidates like my Democrat opponent who refuse to participate and refuse to debate are a threat to democracy," said Sarcone.

Last week, Sarcone highlighted recent incidents of crime in Larchmont and Pelham Manor. "John Sarcone blasted his opponent, Susan Cacace and her Democrat allies like the architect of the disastrous bail reform laws, Senate Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, for allowing dangerous criminals to terrorize yet another Westchester community, this time the affluent Village of Larchmont.

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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.

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Mayor
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did this or that!'

Kamala has what Trump needs. People that keep her away from the public and scrutinize every word that comes from her mouth. And silence her. If you were to ask 10 Random people why they support Kamala, probably the only reason is she is not Donald Trump. We don't know where she is coming from and her plans for this country. And the election is 5 days away.

Most Americans will be voting their pocketbook or wallet next Tuesday. Those folks will probably go with Trump. Kamala may have been an excellent District Attorney, but she's not yet ready for prime time being number 1 on the national stage. She needs to surround herself with intelligent advisors and not Democratic hacks.

When I go to sleep at night I don't want a comedian in charge. I want a person who can make sound decisions pushing any buttons. It's ok if that person has intelligent people advising her. Kamala wouldn't be the first President who didn't call the shots in the White House.

To my friends from Puerto Rico, a place I have visited often, I apologize to you for the Trump mess. He does not represent the American people. To the guys in the Barbershop and Studio, the only way this country will be great is if you participate in the election process by voting or running for office.

No matter who the candidate of your choice for president is, mark the ballot with a black marker, and before you put it in the machine say a prayer for our country. God Bless America!

Briefs:

I lost a long time friend and Yonkers City Hall lost a dedicated, hard worker with the death of Lucia Trovato. If you got a proclamation from Mayors Spencer, Amicone or Spano, the words on that proclamation were probably written by Lucia. Lucia started her career in public service working with Congressman Bruce Caputo. She will be sorely missed, by those at City Hall and by the thousands of people she helped working 1 weekend day at the Yonkers Public Library! And by this writer!

This week we Trick or Treat for Halloween. The days are gone when children carried bags for their candy and little orange boxes to collect money for UNICEF, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. Please go to unicefusa.org and show your support for children around the world with whatever you can afford to give.

A beautiful Simchat Torah, ("Rejoicing of the Torah"), Jewish religious observance held on the last day of Sukkot ("Festival of Booths"), when the yearly cycle of Torah reading is completed and the next cycle is begun was held last week at Chabad of Yonkers. Kudos to Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz and the 'Dancing Doctor' the brilliant neurologist Dr. David Dickoff for a wonderful evening!

Yonkers bridge where Sgt. Frank Gualdino died in a terrible crash named in his memory this week. A fitting tribute to one of Yonkers finest. He is sorely missed by his family and colleagues who came to the dedication.

WELCOME BACK DELITE BAKERY ON YONKERS AVENUE. As a Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El once said, you know you are someone when you get a DeLight napoleon cake for your birthday!

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

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Proposition One-Arguments for and Against

Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Proposition 1 -
to be Considered by Voters on November Ballot

This year's November ballot will include a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution, named the Equal Rights Amendment, which, if approved, would amend the Constitution to protect against unequal treatment on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed, religion, or sex including sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, reproductive healthcare and autonomy. The Equal Rights Amendment would enshrine the right to abortion in the State Constitution. If the amendment is not approved, the state constitution will be left as it currently is.

The Equal Rights Amendment passed both houses of the New York State Legislature in two consecutive sessions, as required by law. The measure now goes before voters for their consideration.

The New York State Constitution currently only provides protections against discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, and religion. This amendment would extend that protection to include age, gender, disability status, sexual orientation, and pregnancy outcomes, among others.

Prop 1 has been endorsed by the New York City Bar Association and the New York Civil Liberties Union. For more information, please visit your local Board of Elections.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I encourage all New Yorkers to make their voice heard on this matter by flipping their ballot over and voting on this constitutional amendment."

From the NYC Bar Association

New Yorkers currently have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the New York Constitution: Proposal 1, the Equal Rights Amendment (aka Prop 1).

Prop 1 will be listed on the back of the ballot, so voters need to flip over their ballots to vote on Prop 1.

WHAT PROP 1 WILL DO

WILL establish constitutional protections against discrimination based on ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex—including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy. These protections would be in addition to the current explicit protections against racial and religious discrimination under the State Constitution. When a right is established in the Constitution, it is protected from future legislation that might put it at risk.

WILL protect abortion rights and access to reproductive healthcare, including birth control and IVF, by preventing future State laws banning abortion and/or punishing or prosecuting pregnancy outcomes like miscarriages. Prop 1, which received first passage by the State Legislature in the immediate aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade, does not use the term "abortion" specifically, but this protection is unequivocally covered by the language of the amendment.

WILL protect LGBTQ+ New Yorkers by preventing future State laws from rolling back current LGBTQ+ rights to equal treatment.

WILL protect older, disabled, pregnant and LGBTQ+ New Yorkers from government discrimination in hiring, pay, and promotion.

WILL ensure that older and disabled New Yorkers have the access they need to vote and to use public spaces and facilities.

WILL prevent discrimination against all individuals and clarify that the amendment cannot be used as a basis for attacking programs that are battling discrimination.

WHAT PROP 1 WILL NOT DO

WILL NOT impact parental rights. Prop 1 does not address parental rights, which are governed by other developed areas of State and federal law. Prop 1 does not change existing law with respect to parental consent, or parents' ability to be involved in decision-making about healthcare or medical procedures for their minor children, including gender-affirming care.

WILL NOT change current law with respect to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. Prop 1 does not change existing law and has no explicit provision relating to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 is consistent with Title IX, the controlling federal law that has already been interpreted by federal courts to require young people to play on sports teams that match their gender identity and expression.

WILL NOT impact or change the qualifications for voting. A separate part of the State Constitution governs qualifications for voting based on citizenship status. Prop 1 does not enfranchise any new classes of voters.

WILL NOT change current federal and state law with respect to undocumented immigrants including current law related to taxpayer benefits and the ability of a locality to address matters related to undocumented migrants in their community. It is already unlawful in New York to discriminate against a person based on "national origin" under State Human Rights Law and Civil Rights Law. It is also unlawful to discriminate against a person based on "national origin" under federal law. Prop 1 does not change this at the State or federal level.

NOTE: New York would not break new ground by including "national origin" as part of the equal protection clause in its constitution. Other states that already have "national origin" in the equal protection clauses of their respective constitutions include Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Texas and Virginia.

The NY Daily News, Albany Times Union, Buffalo News, and Syracuse Post-Standard Have Called for a Yes Vote on Prop One.

UNITED NATIONS ISSUES REPORT ON
GROWING 'VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN' IN
GIRLS AND WOMENS' SPORTS

890 Medals Captured by Biologically-Male Athletes

The United Nations has issued a blistering report calling the growing movement of biological males competing in Girls and Women's Sports "Violence Against Women." This comes as New Yorkers prepare to vote on the Prop 1 ballot amendment that could grant biological males a Constitutional right to compete on girls and women's sports teams across New York State, the nonpartisan Coalition to Protect Kids-NY, an official New York State ballot issue committee opposing Prop 1, today said.

The report was issued by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, Reem Alsalem. The groundbreaking study was just presented to the United Nations General Assembly.

"This U.N. report shines the brightest spotlight on political leaders and members of the news media who have been gaslighting the public about the very real threat to Girls and Women's sports in New York and beyond," said Coalition to Protect Kids - NY spokeswoman Ayesha Kruetz. "Girls and women aren't just losing spots on teams, medals, and scholarships, many are being injured on the field of play by naturally larger, stronger, and faster biological males. If Prop 1 passes, and New Yorkers should pray it doesn't, Girls-only high school and college sports will cease to exist in the State of New York."

According to the U.N. report, more than "600 female athletes in more than 400 competitions have lost more than 890 medals in 29 different sports to biological males as of March 2024.

NOTE: PolitiFact has confirmed that Proposal 1 could mandate New York schools to allow boys and biological males on girls' sports teams throughout the state. Voters will decide on Proposal 1 in the upcoming November 5th election.

"It's time for the gaslighting to end, and for the facts about Prop 1 to be put on the table for all New Yorkers to see and hear," said Coalition to Protect Kids-NY spokesperson Ayesha Kruetz. "With one week to go before Election Day, it is imperative that New Yorkers learn what this Constitutional amendment could do to children, parents, Girls Sports, senior citizens, and religious institutions. New Yorkers for Equal Rights has been hiding out for months. We challenge them to explain themselves before the election."

Newsday has called for a No Vote on Prop One, writing

On all ballots this year is the proposed Equal Rights Amendment called Proposition One. It's being marketed as urgently needed to further protect the state's already expansive access to abortion after the Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade and ruled abortion laws were to be determined by each state. But the word "abortion" is nowhere to be found in its text.

Opponents of the measure are equally overwrought but correct about some of its potential excesses. The amendment would not overrule any existing laws or create any new rights in the state. But it would start in motion a legal process to give the courts much more power to determine these outcomes and to resolve cultural and political fights that currently cannot get majority support in the State Legislature. It is part and parcel of a parallel effort by legislative leaders to reshape New York's top court by stacking it with extremely liberal and activist judges who likely will provide favorable rulings on the litigation that's sure to follow.

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Yonkers Girls Swim Team Wins League Championship for First Time

Yonkers History, continued from pg 3-

:Congratulations to the Yonkers Girls Swim Team for winning their league championship for the first time. Prior to the championship, the Yonkers Girls Swim Team continues their undefeated season, with their most recent victory over Mount Vernon, 96-44. Their current record stands at 6-0, with one duel meet remaining against Peekskill High School on 10/23. The team will conclude the regular season with league championships on 10/26, hosted by Yonkers. Other meet wins include: Port Chester 57-35, Pearl River 52-21, Mount Vernon 92-49, Brewster 94-64.

Congratulations to seniors Mia Gordian, Janet Marroquin, Captain Esperanza Aguilar, and Captain Maya Gardner as they competed in their final home meet of their high school swim careers.

Meet Results vs Mount Vernon:

Event winners:

Monica George (YMA) 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard butterfly.

Sara Bowden (YMA) 200 I.M., 100 breaststroke

Rania El-Gamani (YHS) 100 freestyle

Maya Gardner (SHS) 200 and 500 yard freestyle

Amira Nassim (YHS) 100 backstroke

200 Medley Relay: Leah Bowden, Sara Bowden, Monica George, Mia Gordian

200 Freestyle Relay: Janet Marroquin, Eva Stern, George, Gardner

400 Freestyle Relay: Olivia Quinn, L. Bowden, E. Stern, S. Bowden)

2nd place finishes:

Eva Stern 200 I.M, 100 Breaststroke, Esperanza Aguilar (YHS) 100 Backstroke

Amira Gurrero (YMA) 100 Butterfly, Caroline Lopez (LHS) 100 Freestyle

Olivia Quinn (LHS) 500 Freestyle, Rania El-Gamani (YHS) 50 Freestyle

200 Medley Relay: Quinn, Lopez, El-Gamani, Nassim

200 Freestyle Relay: Aguilar, El-Gamani, Lopez, Gurrero

400 Freestyle Relay: Gardner, Gordian, Aguilar, Marroquin.

3rd place finishes:

Mia Gordian 50 and 100 freestyle, Amira Gurrero 100 breaststroke, Janet Marroquin 200 I.M., 100 backstroke, 200 Freestyle Relay: Awatef Darwish (SHS), Amberlee Vanerio (YHS), Alexys Capers (YHS), Jaslene Rivera (YHS)

400 Freestyle Relay: Zohra Rahim (YMA), Rivera, Gurrero, Nassim

Congratulations to Coach Julie Schoenlank and the entire team!

Now its onto the Section I championships at Felix Festa on 11/12 and 11/13.

Good Luck!

Yonkers Homicide Squad detectives took Chow, arrested in a raid at 8 Herriot Street, to Manhattan to face the charge of murdering a Corona tearoom owner with a hatchet. Trailing and guarding the Yonkers Police car were five Hip Sing Tong men in a car; they were afraid a rival gang would try to assassinate Chow to avenge the murder. All arrived at the New York Court without incident.

November 7, 1925: Father John Flynn, Rector of St. John the Baptist Parish, notified Hemsley Winfield, Creator and Director of the Little Theatre, the group had to vacate the former parish church immediately. Father Flynn had rented the vacant building to Winfield's performing group a week earlier; he had to tell Hemsley the community was incensed by the project, and threatened to mob the playhouse.

Winfield, "Father of African American Modern Dance," planned to inaugurate the site by presenting a series of productions featuring well-known artists and celebrities, including New York Globe theater critic Kenneth McGowan, Provincetown Playhouse's Louis Barrington, and African American star Florence Mills; other prominent celebrities promised to lecture. Winfield planned to teach play writing, stage design and diction at the former church. In less than a week, the company sold more than 100 subscriptions to Winfield's debut series.

Friday, November 8th

November 8, 1930: Yonkers Police Department Chief Edward Quirk announced all future applicants for revolver permits would be fingerprinted and photographed, enabling YPD to have a complete record of their identities.

November 8, 1955: Otis Elevator exhibited their new "Elevoice" at the National Hotel Exposition in the Kingsbridge Armory. "Elevoice" made floor stop and directional announcements on Otis' automatic elevators. It also announced if a passenger was blocking doors, preventing them from closing.

Saturday, November 9th

November 9, 1914: George T. Kelly won the contract to build the new YMCA with a bid of \$122,268.

Among the many local buildings Kelly built were Gorton High School, Proctor's Theater, Glenwood Gardens, Church of the Monastery of the Sacred Heart and Yonkers City Hall!

November 9, 1925: International dancing star Bill Robinson headlined Proctor's "good, clean" vaudeville bill. Robinson, touted as "The Dark Cloud of Joy," was one of the "fastest and cleverest dancers on the stage," a great athlete and an excellent comedian. Considered by many to be the most famous African American in show business, he appeared in nightclubs, stage productions, and motion pictures, including films with Shirley Temple.

November 9, 1927: One of the happiest political celebrations Yonkers witnessed followed the election of Thomas Larkin as Mayor. More than two thousand people milled around his Post Street home, then drove him around Yonkers, forming an impromptu victory parade to Yonkers' Democratic Headquarters on Main Street.

Sunday, November 10th

November 10, 1915: Yonkers Women Suffrage Association members unanimously approved this resolution: "Resolved, That to men of Yonkers the thanks of the Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association are given for the splendid vote by which our city—a leader in progress and population in the Empire State—has declared itself for the first and greatest principle of democracy—government for the people, by all the people."

November 10, 1942: Rotary Club Secretary Arthur Witte recommended Yonkers Rotarians giving rides to hitchhiking soldiers, sailors or marines, ask the serviceman for his mother's address. Why? To write a note to the mom, sharing the Rotarian had met her son in Yonkers... and her son looked just fine!

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yo

DA's Race, continued from pg 5-

John Sarcone said, "New York Democrats' radical agenda continues to terrorize Westchester residents. Democrats are nowhere to be found, while the consequences of their radical agenda literally terrorize Westchester residents. I am urging Westchester voters to vote like their lives depend on it, because they do."

Sarcone referenced a Village of Larchmont Facebook page posted about criminals breaking and entering people's homes in search of keys to steal people's cars right from their garages, and a post from the Village of Pelham Manor police department to be on high alert after an uptick in break-ins, including one that occurred while an entire family slept upstairs.

We endorsed Cacace during her democratic primary race against William Wagstaff. We are not endorsing candidates in the general election. But we are disappointed that Cacace did not engage with Sarcone in a series of debates. Even though she may be well ahead and may very well become the next DA, the people of Westchester deserved to hear more about her plans

But we also take umbrage with Sarcone's pursuit of Stewart-Cousins. If he wanted to debate Stewart-Cousins, he could have run for that office.

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KHRIS KERR

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OUR CHILDREN,
NO ON PROP 1**

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**EQUAL RIGHTS
FOR WOMEN,
NO ON PROP 1**

Why I'm Running for New York State Senate

The question I get asked most often, as I campaign for New York State Senate in the 35th District, is, "Why are you putting yourself through all the trouble and grief that running for public office brings?" The answer is simple: as a proud American and native New Yorker, I want to rescue our beloved state from the tyranny of the incumbent's supermajority before it's too late.

Where Did the Love Go?

Our slogan used to be "I Love New York." Now, it's not hard to see where the love went. Good people and essential businesses are leaving New York in droves. We lead the country in out-migration! They have had enough. Clearly, those people know they deserve better, and I hope they find it—although some decent pizza, I don't know. However, along with many like-minded folks I've met, I've decided to stay and fight.

Albany's Corruption

It is very clear that Albany is rotten to the core. Their tax-and-spend antics, criminal-friendly policies, and five billion dollars of sanctuary laws (\$5,000,000,000 where, like the progressives, that's a lot of zeros) at taxpayer expense are just a few examples of how our state house has been corrupted by Albany's all-powerful woke "I've-been-brake supermajority.

We are all familiar with the saying, "a fish rots from the head down." I could not let Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins go unchallenged. She isn't just a state senator; she's the head of the Democrat majority—the top Democrat in the state behind Governor Hochul. The people don't just deserve a choice in senator; they deserve an alternative to the fat cat monopoly that is now "in with the bricks." Letting the leader run unopposed was not acceptable.

Real Change is a Must

Real change is a must, and it must happen now! Out-of-control crime, high inflation, high energy costs, sanctuary policies, and cashless bill laws have wreaked havoc in our communities, taken a chunk of our treasure, and diminished everyone's quality of life. We need to make positive changes. Once elected, I will:

- Fight to repeal cashless bill
- Implement of base-first policies
- Fully fund our schools
- Establish a parents' bill of rights
- Work with anyone, regardless of party, to reduce taxes and energy costs
- Support our police
- Ask for the immediate removal of district attorneys who favor criminals and do not follow the law

These are the issues that keep us regular citizens up at night. Please realize that your vote will make a difference. One thing for sure, I truly care. With your help, we will restore New York so that each of us can once again proudly say, "I Love New York!" That is why I'm asking for your vote.



I love my friends and neighbors -even those I have yet to meet! I believe we must all stand up for our sisters and brothers in need, especially disabled individuals, seniors, veterans and vulnerable families. A volunteer since my youth, I recently devoted much time to volunteering for the Community Emergency Response Team and Westchester Emergency Volunteer Reserves, to help community members during times of disaster and emergencies.

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RIGHTS MATTER,
NO ON PROP 1**



My dogs Hope and Hotchi are not just pets. They are family members. They give unconditional love to everyone they meet and make me smile every day. I volunteer and donate to animal causes to ensure that no pet or service animal is ever left behind. Mahatma Gandhi said: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."



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Working to create better-paying jobs

Nader knows working men and women are the backbone of our economy. He supported Carlos' Law to crack down on employers who oversee unsafe construction sites. Nader also joined picket lines to rally for safe staffing for nurses, supported a \$3,000 bonus for frontline health care workers during the pandemic and secured hourly raises for home care workers.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

FRIDAY NOV. 1

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Unveiling of USS Westchester Memorial, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/unveiling-of-uss-westchester-memorial/>

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Fireside Nature Storytime, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Cozy up around our outdoor fire to enjoy some children's stories. Meet at the nature center.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This is a great way for anyone interested in birdwatching to learn some basics. Bring binoculars and your love of birds! Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Here Comes Trouble! A Look at the Effects of Climate Change on Horticulture, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A horticulturist and plant health care expert discusses the changes and the effects on growing plants. Free. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/hercomestrouble/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2/2024-11-02/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Old Time Music Jam, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or listen; enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: Dec. 7.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050. Westchester Fall Home Show, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.. \$10 general admission, \$8 senior, 12 and under free. Also: Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Get details <https://countycenter.biz/event/westchester-fall-home-show-3/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Coexisting with Coyotes, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Join us for an indoor presentation about the eastern coyotes that call Westchester home. We will look into their behaviors, environmental role, and what to do if you encounter one of these interesting and important keystone species.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Hit the Road, Jack (-o-Lantern), 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.. Stop by the farm and learn how to dispose of your Halloween and fall pumpkins sustainably. Get some ideas on how to cook leftover pumpkin, repurpose Jack-o-lanterns or compost gourds effectively. Free. Make a reservation <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hit-the-road-jack-o-lantern-tickets-1039095351167?aff=oddtcreator>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. In Search of Clay, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.. We'll harvest natural clay from habitats within the Sanctuary. You can create items of your choice (pots, animals, etc.) and take them home.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Camouflaging Creatures! Live Animal Program, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Now you see me, now you don't! You'll have to look closely to find these hidden animals. Discover why, where and how animals camouflage. Play our camouflage challenge game. Meet live animals from around the world.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Volunteer Event: Winter Garden Prep & Planting, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Help us close our garden for the season and prepare for winter. You will assist in planting winter crops such as flowering bulbs, garlic and cover crops, ensuring our garden is ready to thrive in the coming months.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.. A gentle discovery of the amazing benefits of a yoga practice. \$25 through \$180. Also: Nov. 10, 17, 24. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2024-11-03/>

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

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. History Hike, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Learn about the lake's rich history by going on a 2-mile trek. Hiking shoes recommended.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-11-03/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Shrubs with Four-Season Interest, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join a walking tour to explore shrubs that provide interest throughout the year. Meet at the green entrance gate off of the upper-level parking lot. Free. Registration isn't necessary. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/shrubs-with-four-season-interest/>

Croton Point Park Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290. Archaeology Speaks, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy programs and discussions about new discoveries and ancient history, presented by the Lower Hudson Chapter of New York State Archaeological Society. Free. For more information, call (914) 862-5297.

Remembering Lucia Trovato

“We mourn the loss of Lucia Trovato, a cornerstone of Yonkers City Hall for over 30 years. Lucia was deeply involved in city events, from flag raisings to veterans affairs, and was our City Hall historian, sharing her knowledge with many. She was known for her vibrant spirit and deep pride in her Italian heritage, contributing significantly to the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade. Lucia’s passing leaves a void in our hearts and our community. We extend our deepest condolences to her family as we remember her remarkable impact. Rest in peace, Lucia.” Councilman Mike Breen

“Lucia was a behind the scenes expert. I had the pleasure of working with her when I was on the city council and for the last 5 years as a colleague in the mayors office. She was the “proclamation queen”. She had the knack of getting information on those being honored and turning it into something special to read and cherish. She organized most of the events in the mayor office among many other tasks. She loved to travel. A few years ago she went to France and was going to the cemeteries in Normandy. I told her my Uncle Lou (Ludwig) was buried there. He was killed in the Battle of St. Lo in Aug 1944. Without hesitation she said give me his name I will look him up. Well she did. Took a picture of his grave and brought back to me an American and French Flag that was on his grave. This is who she was tough at times on the outside but warm and loving on the inside and would do anything for her friends and family. Rest easy Lu you will be so missed. Love Ya -Former Councilman Michael Sabatino

Editor’s Note: I worked with Lucia for 16 years. She would send me legal notices for the City, and I would see her at the Will Library when I was delivering the papers. She was deeply involved in her city and was an important part of so many things. I enjoyed and will miss our phone conversations and will always remember her dedication to the people of Yonkers. God Bless -Dan Murphy

c *Joe Cotter, continued from pg 2-*

soundstages and the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, a public high school for Grades 6 through 12, on the former Leake & Watts property.

The transformative impact of National Resources innovative projects is felt throughout the region, from Westchester and the entire Hudson Valley to Nassau, Fairfield, and Bergen Counties. National Resources has played a key role in the development of the Hudson River waterfront including the 24-acre Hudson Harbor community in Tarrytown, NY and the 26-acre Edgewater Harbor in Edgewater, NJ. In addition, National Resources is well-known for its signature i.Park campuses in Yonkers, NY; East Fishkill, NY; Ulster, NY; and Norwalk, CT

Joe’s success has been recognized by many business and real estate publications as well as universities and business organizations. Last year, he was honored at the Business Council of Westchester’s Annual Hall of Fame program receiving the prestigious Entrepreneurial Business Success Award while he and Lynne have received several awards from Urban Land Institute and NAIOP.

There will be a private family service held and details on a public memorial will be shared in the days ahead.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, “It was devastating to learn of the sudden passing of my friend Joe Cotter. Joe was a Yonkers native who gave his heart and soul to the City. As a developer, he saw Yonkers’ potential, and he was involved in every step of our revitalization and our evolution into Hollywood on Hudson. His legacy will remain with our City for generations to come. We were blessed to have known him and been touched by his vision. My deepest condolences to his family.”

Proud Boy from White Plains Found Guilty of Jan. 6 Crimes



FBI DOJ Photo of Joseph Pepe

On Oct. 23, a New York man was found guilty today of felony and misdemeanor charges related to his conduct during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election.

William Joseph Pepe, 35, of Beacon, New York, was found guilty of a felony charge of tampering with records, documents, or objects, obstructing, impeding, or interfering with law enforcement during a civil disorder and misdemeanor charges of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, and tampering with records, documents, or other objects.

Pepe was convicted following a bench trial before U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Kelly. Judge Kelly will sentence Pepe on March 11, 2025.

According to evidence presented during the trial, on the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, Pepe met a group of approximately one hundred Proud Boys members in Washington, D.C., near the Washington Monument at approximately 10:00 a.m. Shortly after, the group marched away from the rally that was taking place near the monument and toward the U.S. Capitol building. Pepe and the group arrived at the Peace Circle, at the edge of the restricted portion of Capitol grounds, at approximately 12:50 p.m.

There, members of the crowd violently disassembled and trampled the metal bike rack barriers blocking further entry into Capitol grounds. The crowd, with Pepe at the front, charged over the fallen bike rack barriers and advanced toward the West Plaza of the Capitol. As they advanced, Pepe and the crowd encountered another set of metal bike rack barriers at the West Plaza, behind which was a line of police officers. Behind the officers was a waist-high black metal fence. Pepe dragged away a segment of the metal bike rack barriers, as did other rioters.

The police line then reformed behind the black metal fence. As Pepe and rioters approached the black metal fence, Pepe looked directly into a nearby camera and yelled, “Let’s go! This is what we came for, yeah!” Officers began to deploy pepper spray and other crowd control measures to get the crowd to disperse. Pepe was pepper sprayed, and he posted a selfie-style video in which he declared, “Yo, the cops pepper sprayed me and Hooks. Me and Hooks got f—ing maced. Storming that Capitol, baby!”

At 2:16 p.m., Pepe entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Door. During his time in the Capitol, he recorded a video and sent to fellow Proud Boys where Pepe stated, “We did it.” Pepe was inside the building for approximately 38 minutes, exiting at 2:54 p.m. through a broken window beside the Senate Wing Door.

The FBI arrested Pepe on Jan. 12 2021, in White Plains, New York.

This case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice National Security Division’s Counterterrorism Section. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.

This case is being investigated by the FBI’s New York and Washington Field Offices. Pepe was identified as BOLO (Be on the Lookout) # 4 on the FBI’s seeking information images. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 45 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,532 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 571 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement, a felony. The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or visit tips.fbi.gov.

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The Electoral College Protects Democracy

OP-ED by Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

One of the least understood aspects of our presidential election system is the Electoral College. It is singularly important because the President is the only public official elected by the entire nation.

From the Founding era till now, American states have been diverse, with different climates, geographic features, industries and cultures, ranging from cities to farmland to frontier settlements. The needs of people living in a city differ from those living on a rural farm or ranch or small town.

It is neither fair nor just nor freedom-promoting for a few large population cities to rule over people in rural areas whose needs are different, overwhelming them by the sheer number of ballots they can produce. For example, those who live in a large city might not need a car because they could get where they need to go by walking, bus or train. But in rural or suburban areas, people must have a car to get to work, school, grocery shopping, or medical appointments. The price of gas and the tax rate affects both, but has a disproportionately negative effect on one group. The Electoral College pushes a potential President to meet with and understand the needs of diverse groups, not just stack up votes in large cities and ignore those who grow our food and produce the resources everyone needs. Allowing a few large cities to control who becomes President, as relying on popular vote would, skews his perspective and is grossly unjust, effectively disfranchising everyone else.

The Electoral College Forces Candidates to be More Moderate

“Objections to the Electoral College ...are virtually all rooted in the assumption that unfettered “democracy” is the only ideal which should characterize all major governing principles. The founders believed in consent of the governed. But they were also aware that unfettered democracy was and is a substantial, potentially lethal threat to freedom and individual liberty...in order to protect against majoritarian abuses...[which] might bring to power a popular demagogue [who] might be able to manipulate the opinions and attitudes in major population centers so that those centers swamp the more diversified interests of the country at large....The founders were well aware of such risk and designed an ingenious system to protect the individual citizen from the potential crushing power of an oppressive national government. They crafted a combination of democracy, direct government, and republic, representative government.” (The Electoral College: Critical to Our Republic, Josiah Peterson.)

All our citizens, rural or urban are important, disfranchising some by focusing only on large cities is not only unjust, but damages everyone by enabling unbalanced policies that reflect only the interests of large population centers. This would be akin to taxing the tips of service workers but not the bonuses of CEOs and financial traders. When bad economic policies raise the cost of food, it hurts the ordinary worker but not government officials who make far more and vote themselves massive raises and expense payments. If gas is high and the roads are a mess, those who pay for their own cars and gas suffer but for pols who voted themselves free cars and gas at the taxpayers’ expense, it doesn’t hurt at all. And when it doesn’t hurt at all, they have no incentive to change their actions.

Thomas Jefferson noted in his First Inaugural Address: “...[F]or that will (of the majority) to be rightful, it must be reasonable, that that minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to violate which would be oppression.” To be reasonable and just, a majority and a President must take into account others’ needs and interest. Pure majorities can be, and often are, tyrannical, and must be checked and balanced. (Venezuela provides an overwhelming example of the devastating impact that a powerful, popularly elected, centralized government can create.)

Without the Electoral College, Many People’s Votes would Not Count

A presidential election must be more than a popularity contest that enables mob tyranny. The Electoral College is a built-in self-check so that low population but important states that produce our food and resources for products also get to choose. People in rural areas are more independent and individualistic than people in cities. In many aspects of life, such as growing their own food and being able to fix things—even roads and fences, they are less dependent than city dwellers, who rarely have the skills or the equipment to take care of things they depend on someone else to do. These practical experiences build differences in perspective on how government should function; the Electoral College forces presidential candidates to hear both perspectives and figure out how not to burden one group at the expense of the other. Without it, the voices of people in rural areas and smaller states would be overwhelmed by mere numbers and their essential perspective ignored.

Rural people understand more about the essential processes of life: working for months to prepare ground, plant, nurture, water and protect before even seeing a sprout. Those who only see the fruits of months of labor packaged, wrapped and ready to cook and eat do not understand how regulations and forcing unreliable energy sources (which take up farmland with massive arrays) lower production and strips the profit from small farms, often destroying them.

New York used to be much more agricultural, one of the largest dairy and peach states; well into the 20th century there were potato farms on Long Island. Now, one party dominance with no built-in feature to counterbalance has overdeveloped what was farm land on Long Island, separated city residents from those diverse communities, and made those products come from farther away. State policies dominated by New York City thinking damaged rural areas. Because of the tax system, rural New York was diminishing in population even before crime-facilitating bail and sanctuary city policies pushed hundreds of thousands out of lower New York—reducing our congressional delegation and thereby Electoral College votes.

America is a diverse country; we must keep the Electoral College because it results in better polices for all of us. And it is time to develop more checks and balances in the New York State legislature. A one party system is always tyrannical.

For Further Reading: The Electoral College: Critical to Our Republic - Josiah Peterson;

Enlightened Democracy: The Case for the Electoral College - Tara Ross

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – WESTCHESTER RISING

*The Case for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in this Year’s Presidential Election
October 30, 2024*

To the Editor:

“Sometimes party loyalty demands too much”

John F. Kennedy

“Facts are stubborn things”

Ronald Reagan

Our nation will make what is probably the most consequential election choice since 1860 and 1932 this fall. Like many Americans, I did not get my first choice for the 2024 general election (I actively supported this past spring the candidacy of Ambassador/former Governor Nikki Haley for the Republican Party presidential nomination).

Indeed, however, a choice must be made and the quotations attributed to our 35th and 40th Presidents should serve as a guide in making that choice. For me, it is a vote for Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz on the Democratic Party ticket:

- Kamala Harris has the resume for the nation’s highest office. She has demonstrated experience and a solid record of public service at every level of local, state and Federal government. As a prosecutor in California, she won battles against transnational criminals, for-profit colleges, home foreclosures and corporate polluters. She has more national experience as a Senator and Vice President than did Presidents Clinton, George W. Bush, Obama and Trump when they were elected;

- Vice President Harris is a consensus-oriented pragmatist. While it is true that she had a very liberal voting record as the Senator from California, she learned to broaden her appeal to the center of American politics during her tenure as Vice President and now as a Presidential candidate. Her commitment to include prominent Republicans in her cabinet is evidence of that appeal;

- Vice President Harris would be a far better fiscal and economic steward than her Republican opponent. While she needs to give her proposals greater specificity, most economists and fiscal analysts believe her policies would achieve lower rates of inflation and interest rates as well as provide a better return on public investment. The same cannot be said for the Trump-Vance team.

Lastly, and the most compelling reason for me – and countless numbers of prominent Republicans – is that Vice President Harris stands for the rule of law and our Constitution. Many Republicans and independent voters view this election as a choice between democracy and autocracy. Kamala Harris warrants election as our next President.

Stephen R. Rolandi

Larchmont, NY

(Mr. Rolandi, a lifelong Republican, served in executive positions in the Koch, Giuliani, Bloomberg and Paterson administrations. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Pace University and City University of New York and active with Principles First and Republicans for Harris).

Vote Like Your Future Depends On It—Because It Does

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

As a 29-year-old millennial, I often hear the argument that voting doesn’t matter. I found myself in a heated debate with someone around my age who dismissed the importance of casting a ballot. It got me thinking about the countless sacrifices made by those who came before us—especially my ancestors who labored on the Mexico Plantation in South Carolina and toiled on farms in Greenwich, Connecticut. For them, the ability to vote was a distant dream.

To honor their legacy and keep them proud, I am committed to voting. It’s not just a right; it’s my duty—just like paying taxes and serving on a jury. This is more than a civic responsibility; it’s about participating in the decisions that shape our communities and our country.

Consider this: in the upcoming 2024 elections, approximately 41 million members of Generation Z will be eligible to vote, according to research from Tufts University’s CIRCLE. This statistic is not just a number; it represents the collective power we hold as young voters. If we mobilize and show up at the polls, we can influence the future in ways that matter to us—whether it’s climate change, education, or social justice.

The stakes have never been higher. As millennials and Gen Zers, we face unique challenges that require our voices to be heard. We must challenge the narrative that our votes don’t count. Each election brings an opportunity to advocate for the issues we care about deeply. It’s our chance to make a difference, to shape policies that will impact our lives and those of future generations.

Voting is serious business, and it’s time we treat it like that. We owe it to ourselves and to those who fought for the rights we enjoy today. So, let’s stop acting dumb and step up. We are the future, and it’s our responsibility to seize our right to vote.

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Westchester County Household Recycling Day at Playland and WC November 2 and 9

County Residents Can Safely Dispose of Household Chemicals, Electronics, and More on Saturday, November 2, and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) event on Saturday, November 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Playland Park in Rye and Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westchester Community College campus, 75 Grasslands Rd., Lot 11, in Valhalla. The upcoming events in Rye and Valhalla will be the final HRD events of 2024, allowing residents across the County to conveniently and safely dispose of their household wastes.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the HRD Events. Residents should place items in their trunk or backseat and remain in their vehicles while staff unload vehicles in the drop-off area.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labelled household chemicals, such as:
 - o Household cleaning products
 - o Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, not motor oil)
 - o Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
 - o Metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
 - o Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
 - o Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- Batteries – only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell
- Textiles- footwear, clothing, linens, leather, and handbags
- Latex and oil-based Paint, wood stains
- Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs, Fire extinguishers
- BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.)
- Mercury-containing devices (thermometers and thermostats)
- Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription
- Personal documents for shredding limit (4) fi boxes per household
- Tires (with or without rims) up to four per household

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call the Recycling Helpline: (914) 813-5425. To avoid waiting in line, you can dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf> or call (914) 813-5425.

Khris Kerr, continued from pg 1-

Most people don't know who I am or that she has an opponent.

"I put ads in the paper to help inform the voters that I am running and that they have a choice. When the newspapers disappear, it cancels my campaign. Let the people decide.

Khris Kerr ran against Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins in 2022, and said she decided to run again because she and other New Yorkers are fed up with the way New York and our Country are being run.

"New York's slogan used to be "I Love New York," but with the increase in crime, defunding police, inflation, illegal migrants, utility costs, and failed bail reform, all under Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins' watch, all you hear now is "I'm Leaving New York." We need to make a change now.

Khris Kerr was a lifelong Democrat. "I walked away from the Party when the Party left me." By trade, Kerr is an electrical engineer who successfully designed and implemented the first E-ZPass system worldwide at 7 bridges and 2 tunnels for the MTA. Her professional experience also includes being a public school STEM teacher, a criminal justice college professor, working for the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, and the Yonkers Office of Emergency Management.

"My parents are Army Veterans, who were willing to give their lives for this country. I want to fight to save new Yorkers from what our state and country have become.

"Some people might be afraid to publicly get involved in my campaign, but nobody knows how you vote in the end. I ask you to vote for your future. I am a common sense, law and order candidate who will fight to fix the mess in Albany!

"My opponent has been in office for 17 years. What will change if she is elected again? She can't defend her record. But they should not have control over who reads the newspapers. The democrats have absolute power in New York. If they are doing such a good job, why try to cancel me and take the papers away?

Kerr moved to Elmsford after living in Yonkers.

"I'm proud to support Khris Kerr in her race for State Senate against Andrea Stewart-Cousins. It was Stewart-Cousins who ushered in cashless bail, imposed billions in new taxes on New Yorkers, and sent billions of our taxpayer dollars to NYC to fund free healthcare, education, food, clothing, and housing for illegal immigrants. Enough is enough - we must elect commonsense Republicans up and down the ballot to get our state back on track." - Congressman Mike Lawler

Editor's Note: We are disappointed at the woman who was caught stealing newspaper in White Plains. While the papers were not ours, we understand and appreciate how difficult it is to get out the news for readers, and how financially difficult that can be today. We also hear the concerns from both sides about how our media today isn't informing the public. We hear about Fake News. Here we have an example of someone stealing the news from the people-literally. Shame on you.

Working Families Party's Visit to Anthony Frascone's Home Backfires

By Dan Murphy

"My Platform is Jesus Christ"

Correction: In a prior story on the race for Congress in NY-17 and WFP Candidate Anthony Frascone, we incorrectly posted a photo of a person who is not the same Anthony Frascone running for Congress. We removed the photo and did not include it in our print edition once we were contacted by A. Frascone, and we apologize for this error.

On Oct. 21, the New York Working Families Party paid a visit to Rockland County home of Anthony Frascone, the WFP candidate for Congress in NY-17, in one of the most watched and contested congressional races in the country, between Congressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones.

Frascone collected signatures and appeared on the WFP ballot for a June primary against Mondaire Jones. Frascone beat Jones in the primary, 287-197.

When they knocked on his door, Anthony Frascone opened and conversed with the leaders of the NYWFP. While Frascone's answers were not satisfactory to the NYWFP, we found him to be a normal suburban voter and candidate.

He was friendly and shook all of their hands and was smiling to the cameraperson, who was recording the entire incident. Frascone, could have declined to be interviewed or filmed and could have simply closed the door. But he engaged politely is a brief political conversation.

Specifically, here is the Q&A between Frascone and the members of the NY-WFP.

Q-Hello, I wanted to learn more about your platform.

A-My platform is Jesus Christ. I want to serve the people in holiness truth, and honesty because, in this world, everybody needs help, including me.

Q-Honesty-WOW

A-We are in a fallen and broken world. And we need the presence of God

Q-We heard that you used to be a registered Republican, and then you switched to the Working Families Party. So tell us, what about the Working Families Party values that attracted you, and what do you want to do to win this election?

A-My election is based on serving each other.

Q-How come we haven't found any information on you online? People want to know that you're on the ballot line.

A-The finance is very hard to do all of that. I'm not raising money; I'm doing everything myself.

Q-Do you support taxing the rich? That is one issue that we really care about.

A-I support that everyone should pay their fair share, no matter what level you are on. God has given everyone the ability.

Q-Interrupting-But you are running on the Working Families Party line

A-If you ask a question you have to allow the person to answer. Everybody has the ability to pay their fair share, so we can help people who don't have it.

We have to come to this country legally, according to the Constitution, and that's all I'll say. I have to go.

Q-We want to have a real conversation with you. This is not a joke. This is a real election with real consequences for the country. You chose to launch a campaign for a party in the state of New York, presumably with the intention of representing the people of this district, but you have done absolutely nothing to make the case, to talk to people, to actually reach voters. And you know that the role that you are playing is to spoil the election in one of the tightest districts in the country. So, we want to understand what your intentions really are.

A-You are completely incorrect. My intention is to spread the love of God through the way the gospel teaches me and to show them how much I love each other. I won't speak anymore, you are being very forceful with me. No more questions, I support Jesus Christ.

Watch the entire video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MliTRGey_CE

After the home visit, the WFP issued a press release which included:

"The WFP line is how progressive New Yorkers vote their values—that's why our vote totals have exploded across the state since the rise of the MAGA threat, including in CD-17. Dirty tricks like the one pulled by Lawler and Frascone do deep harm to voters' trust in our democracy," said Ana María Archila Co-Director of New York Working Families Party. "That's why WFP is encouraging voters to vote up and down the Democratic line in this congressional district."

"Nobody knows who the candidate is who is on the Working Families Party line, and that is a cheap trick to confuse the voters. Anything that is being done to confuse voters or make it harder to actually vote your values and your beliefs is not pro-democracy. We need pro-democracy candidates and that's why we need Mondaire Jones to win CD-17," said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

"Anthony Frascone is a fake candidate who is NOT trying to win the seat he is on the ballot for. He has no campaign staff and no campaign volunteers. You will see not a single lawn sign for him in this district. He has not raised a cent for this campaign, and he has not spent a cent for this campaign. Because he does not want to win," said Jennifer Cabrera, NYWFP Westchester-Putnam Chapter Chair. "That is voter disenfranchisement. We will not stand for it. Voters deserve to know that the people on the ballot are all people who actually want to do the job of representing them. They deserve to know that the winners of elections have won honestly, not through deceit."

Last week, NYS Supreme Court Judge Janet Malone dismissed a lawsuit filed by several democrats and WFP voters in the district who sought to have Frascone removed from the ballot. Mail in ballots have already been mailed to thousands of voters with Frascone's name on it. But the legal argument, that Frascone misdeemeanor conviction, and the fact that he was a "subversive" candidate, did not win the day as Judge Malone rejected the suit and kept Frascone on the ballot.

A recent Emerson Poll has the race for Congress in NY-17 at 45% for Lawler, 44% for Jones, and 3% for Frascone. Less than 1,900 voters in the district are registered WFP. In 2022, 8,300 votes were cast on the WFP line for Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, who lost to Lawler by 1820 votes.

Let Cuba Live, Legislators And Advocates Demand End To Embargo



On October 27th, legislators, community advocates and organizations held a rally at Grand Central Station in NYC calling for the U.S to let Cuba live without the destructive embargo imposed by the U.S. Hundreds of advocates attended the event, organized by the Cuba Si coalition, in preparation of the annual United Nations vote, held October 29th and 30th, where each year the world overwhelmingly votes to end the blockade imposed by the US government on Cuba.

At the rally NY state Senator Jabari Brisport, emphasized that part of the U.S policy has served as a way to strangle Cuba and prevent U.S citizens from seeing the successes of the Cuban project, stating “The US is afraid of a government that actually fights for its people instead of billionaires and multi billionaires that run this country. I stand in solidarity with Cuba and will keep fighting with those who support Cuba.”

This rally comes at a time when Cuba faces an increasingly difficult situation under the accumulated damage of the US embargo. Over the past few days there has been a disastrous nationwide power outage and a destructive hurricane. Community advocates and legislators came together to support the island nation and demand that the U.S ceases its endless economic and political war on Cuba and removes obstacles to the delivery of direct assistance.

Gail Walker the executive director of IFCO Pastors for Peace, a faith based organization in the United States, described the harsh reality Cubans face due to the recent blackout and overall blockade, saying “Cuba is facing hell right now and we know what’s behind that, the blockade, the policies, and an overall attempt to dismantle the nation.”

Pataki Endorses Isaac for Assembly

On Oct. 28, Governor George E. Pataki endorsed businessman John Isaac of Yonkers for the New York State Assembly. Pataki, a respected leader who served as a mayor, assemblyman and state senator before leading New York as governor from 1995 to 2006, remains a leading national conservative figure.

“I am very pleased to endorse John Isaac to be the next assemblyman to represent the 90th District . Thanks to mismanagement and terrible judgment by the supermajority currently in control, New York is looking at an uncertain future. Now, more than ever, we need a competent, measured approach to governance and John Isaac possesses the skills and the temperament to provide such leadership. In the great tradition of New York, John came here as an immigrant and having been afforded so many opportunities, he wishes to give back with a focus on making the American Dream possible for all Yonkers families.”

“Governor George Pataki is one of the most respected leaders in the history of our great state. To have his endorsement is indeed an honor, and I am committed to making him proud as the next assemblyman, fighting the good fight for families in the 90th Assembly District in Yonkers.”

John Isaac, a husband, father and businessman from Yonkers is running on a platform to break up the democrat supermajority in the assembly. Isaac is committed to save girls’ sports by ensuring safe spaces and shielding female athletes from injuries caused by competition with biological males; safeguarding parental rights to oversee their children’s health and well-being; ending sanctuary policies; eliminating cashless bail laws, and fully funding Yonkers schools.

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that we are all facing in Yonkers and in New York State. Crime is up. We spent \$5 Billion on cell phones, debit cards and hotels for migrants.

“We can all think of how our City of Yonkers could have used that \$5 Billion. How about for our schools and more services for our children? How about to pave our roads? Or to help our police to fight crime?”

“Four years ago, we were just coming out from COVID, and inflation was starting to hurt us all. Families were hurting and it was going to be a tough Christmas for many. At the same time, Nader Sayegh voted to give himself a 30% pay increase.

“This is the worst example of Nader Sayegh being a rubber stamp for the super majority democrats in Albany. He could have voted against the pay hike and come home and told the people of Yonkers why he did it. Instead, in the middle of the night they all gave themselves a raise.

“People in Yonkers are hurting and we are concerned about the future of our children. I want my children and grandchildren to live in Yonkers and appreciate the city that I love.

“I came to this country as a legal immigrant to have a chance at the American dream. I have been able to live that dream with hard work and the love of family.

“Give me your vote so that I can bring back the American dream to the people of Yonkers and all New Yorkers.

“Ask yourself when you cast your vote, why is this election between Nader Sayegh and myself so close? And what vote can I take to make a difference.”

“We all know we have a problem in Albany. Let’s do something about it.”

New York Child Missing for Four Months



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is seeking the public’s assistance in locating missing 15-year-old, Allison Brooks. Allison went missing from Pleasantville, New York on June 29th, 2024. Authorities believe that she may have traveled to the Brooklyn, New York area. Allison is described as 5’3”, weighs 158 lbs., and has brown eyes with brown hair. If you have any information about Allison or her disappearance, please contact NCMEC at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or the Mount Pleasant Police Department (New York) at 1-914-769-1941. NCIC# M797954354

Stewart-Cousins and Sayegh Deliver \$4 Million for Yonkers PAL, continued from pg 1-

and family engagement initiatives, ensuring that children and families can access recreational and educational resources regardless of financial means. The state investment will fund renovations across more than 10,000 square feet of the PAL facility, including roof, ceiling, wall, flooring, ventilation, bathroom, and shower facility upgrades.

“Our commitment to the PAL is an investment in the future of Yonkers,” said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “This funding will transform the PAL’s facility, allowing it to better serve our community with expanded programming and safer, updated spaces for children and families. PAL’s free youth sports, after-school programs, and family engagement opportunities provide invaluable support to our children and their families, and with this funding, PAL will continue to break down barriers and build up our community.”

“I’m thrilled to see \$4 million in State funding going to the Yonkers Police Athletic League, a vital organization that provides constructive development and athletic programs for our City’s youth,” said Assemblymember Nader Sayegh. “This investment will ensure that our young people have access to opportunities that promote personal growth, leadership, and a positive path forward. The PAL is a cornerstone in our community, and this funding strengthens their ability to continue to make a lasting impact on our future generations.”

“This summer I met with Assemblymember Sayegh and the Yonkers PAL on my Annual Statewide Tour to discuss what they need to give even more young people access to life-changing recreation and education opportunities,” said Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. “This funding is incredible news and will ensure New York families have access to all the resources needed to provide a brighter future for their children. I want to thank Assemblymember Sayegh for his unwavering dedication to New York’s families as the Assembly Majority continues to work with our state and community partners to provide opportunities for all children to grow and learn with their peers.”

“Thank you to our State leaders for investing in our city and children’s future,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “By upgrading the Yonkers PAL, we are upgrading the services, programs and opportunities provided to our families. The PAL has long been a home and safe haven for our youth and this injection of funding promises to continue that for years to come.”

The announcement took place during a tour of PAL’s facility at 127 N Broadway in Yonkers. PAL representatives highlighted the need for capital investment in significant renovations on the organization’s ability to support local youth and thanked Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assemblymember Sayegh for delivering crucial funds to empower the project.

“In 2021, when I took over as executive director, from the moment I walked through the building, the conditions were very concerning. Here we are today, filled with gratitude to Gov Kathy Hochul, Sen Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh and the Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, for their support,” said Yonkers PAL Executive Director Marisol Mancebo. “Our young people need us now, they need leaders who are willing to do more than talk, but are ready to act. I want to thank each one of you for being part of this journey. Together, we can help our youth make a brighter future, a brighter city and a brighter nation.”

“\$4 million for the PAL is unprecedented. On behalf of the Board of the PAL, thank you Sen. Stewart-Cousins, thank you Assemblyman Sayegh, and thank you to all of the legislature for your support,” said Yonkers PAL Executive Board Member Lenny Spano.



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Former President Trump: Boogeyman for the Left or Biblical Golem of Antiquity?

No, Our Bedrock for 2024 and Beyond!

By *Stephen Mayo*

Everybody needs a Golem once in a while. Explanation: Jewish legend dating to 6th century Prague (present day Czech Republic) records a powerful being, an imitation of a man, even a monster of sorts created from matter, earth or soil. This mystical force, called a Golem, was conjured to battle threats, including pogroms and blood libels (false accusations of ritual murders and other crimes) to Jewish Europeans according to Rabbis at the time. People today will recall a version of this village horror tale in Frankenstein, a novel by early Victorian author Mary Shelley which helped usher in the genre of scientific and technological dystopian terror at the beginning of the modern industrial age.

If you follow the press coverage of the present presidential race, you might perceive the 45th President, Republican Donald J. Trump, as a boogeyman; you might construe him (mistakenly, I would argue) as a manifestation of the Frankenstein monster. As the mild-seeming, attractive and pleasantly tempered Democrat nominee Kamala Harris enjoys a fair “pass” by the established legacy media’s scandalmongers and slanderers, Trump has drawn all species of accusation, insult and name-calling (abetted, undoubtedly by his coarse manner, bombast, indelicacy of phrasing and rhetorical excess). This week we heard accusations of a truly poisonous nature of his alleged fascism and Nazism from former office-holders and military “brass,” DC insiders, and shop-worn political pundits (mostly Democrats, and disaffected GOP “hands,” “out-in-the-cold” policy bureaucrats and disgruntled former Trump allies and employees; now outlawry in their old circles!). These charges have been unreasonably, factually unfounded and to this student of history, thoroughly out of line.

For established, experienced Democrats to associate Trump with the disgraceful, 1930s-era pro-Nazi, German-American “bund” and liken him to Adolf Hitler, is beyond the pale.

No physical, documentary or textual basis has been offered for these gross lies. Nothing even ancient - perhaps from the former president’s even more undisciplined and silly time in prep school, college or graduate school - term papers, crib notes or third-party (and likely hearsay-based) reports of any late-night dormitory blather. Yet, the widely leftist, print news sources deliver the slander with no mild comment or even superficial examination. And never mind civically-virtuous suggestions of “bi-partisan” DC cooperation between right and left, while Harris’s supporters and media boosters never miss an opportunity for tendentious references to Trump’s MAGA fans and allegedly radically-rightist, populist political base. This, despite the fact that polling and research indicate that traditional Democratic sectors, including public servants, middling bureaucrats and, of course, increasing proportions of the African-American and American Spanish-surnamed communities generally, are embracing Trumpian values. The unfortunately shrinking population of workers in manufacturing and related trades must be accounted in Trump’s favor; especially since Globalism and free and unfair trade practices have worked their havoc on our once-glorious American Industrial Revolution legacy.

That this bare-knuckled, mildly (by any standard of analysis) conservative advocate has earned the enmity and distain of the American cultural, artistic and academic quarter is no surprise. Since my student experience four decades ago, the scholastic and campus left has never been charmed by Trump’s naked entrepreneurial zeal and brazen material display. It certainly will not welcome Trump’s rhetorical bluster delivered plainly and with a bedeviling simplicity that sometimes, unfortunately, suggests a lack of seriousness and deliberation. Too bad; since his practical, sensible and often-brilliantly imaginative choices for our national direction could be broadened to attract moderates, members of the “chattering classes” and other’s of a subtler disposition;

But with the media’s soft handling of the democrat standard-bearer, what is there to compare to? The 2024 campaign deserves a serious examination of immigration, the economy, the challenge of foreign totalitarian states and Islamist terrorism – but do not expect it from today’s cultural and intellectual media-sphere.

Now, back to our Golem. After contemplating the Democrats’ feverishly over-characterized nightmare boogeyman Trump, consider another view. He is an epochal power-force. Delivered for our benefit; the sum-force of our unique, world-liberating philosophical, economic and cultural evolution as a nation. Not likely to be repeated. With the world on the brink of Middle Eastern conflagration; traditional European states in disarray, without a hint of their future destinies apart from a survival dependent on the favor of one of the world’s few remaining superpowers. What choices remain to American voters?

The GOP pick is no gentleman and no charming, Western European dandy, bleeding-heart humanitarian or even a student of history; but he is no “Hun” or “Mongol” of antiquity the Dark Ages. He has proven survivalist instincts. Hewn from the native, naturalist and immigrant narrative of the nearly three American Centuries. He is an experienced operator, an old business-hand with a long record of success, failure and yes, recovery. He has dealt with Uber-avaricious competitors, all manner of underworld and under-handed capitalist and labor extremism. He has endured all kinds of politicians and bureaucrats; his former Democrat “playthings” and his present Republican buds! Since his first term as president he has survived foreign provocations, two assassinations plots, two groundless and witless impeachments and managed to not get his country into a single military conflict of any size. He has promised to not get stuck in a European ground war that does not have immediate importance to the United States; but has promised to help our selves and our best allies, among them the State of Israel, stamp out genocidal threats to their peoples’ existence and the peace of the Free World. I believe him!

He has promised to deter worldly organized and uncontrolled and un-organized threats (read: the recognized borders of our American Democratic Republic) to the United States’ independence and sovereignty from Asia, Eurasia, the Southern Hemisphere, and especially from Iranian Islamist irredentism.

The Golem was crude with no speech or personality according to the Kabbalistic texts I’ve scanned, This is the near-universal portrayal of candidate Trump today too. Just like these biblical characters; devoted and single-purposed to their own survival and that of their creators and sponsors. Similarly, Trump’s allegiance to the Constitution and our sovereign nation and government (to which he has previously signed an oath of office!) is logical, self-preservationist and obvious. This deeply flawed, often jester-like figure; an American mediocrity, just what our founder-doctors enabled within our federalist design. No perfect choice to be sure; but what other American figure is more prepared to confront our multiple international competitors and collaborators, antagonists and allies, enemies and dependencies? One tough schm**k to be sure. But whom else are we to call to handle the even greater schm**s in today’s World.

The sources inform us: the Golem of Antiquity was made from a base, earthly substance. Former developer Trump’s background in development may be especially relevant for the 47th presidency. His composition may be said to be greater than soil or clay; this property buyer, excavator, contractor, pourer of concrete, erector of steel, glass, stone and mortar; this employer of men and women on for the 47th presidency Former President Trump is made from sterner stuff; New York City bedrock.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to urge my friends, neighbors, and all citizens to vote for Khris Kerr for New York State Senate. Our current representative, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, embodies many of the issues that are misguided and dangerous for our state. As we face critical challenges, it is essential to choose a leader who represents change and prioritizes the needs of the people over political interests.

Under Stewart-Cousins’ leadership, we have seen a one-party supermajority that has contributed to many of the problems facing New Yorkers today. The implementation of cashless bail laws has jeopardized public safety, while Sanctuary State policies have strained our resources. Additionally, relentless tax increases have burdened working families.

The over-regulation of businesses has stifled economic growth, pushing many New Yorkers to seek opportunities in more business-friendly environments. Perhaps most concerning, Stewart-Cousins is leading the charge to pass a poorly written and alarming ballot measure, Proposition 1, which would allow biological males to compete on girls’ sports teams and access female safe spaces, such as locker rooms and changing areas. It is staggering that a leader would prioritize such legislation over the rights and safety of young women.

In contrast, Khris Kerr is a dedicated private citizen who has stepped up to challenge the status quo. She is not a career politician, but a compassionate individual who understands the struggles of everyday New Yorkers. By entering this race, she is sacrificing her time and resources to bring fresh perspectives and accountability to Albany. Khris’s commitment to her community and her understanding of the real issues we face make her an ideal candidate for the Senate.

She prioritizes public safety, economic growth, and the protection of our state’s resources. Her focus on restoring accountability and transparency in government is exactly what we need to break the cycle of ineffective policies that have persisted for far too long.

Supporting Khris Kerr is not just about voting for an individual; it is about endorsing a vision for New York that prioritizes its residents over partisan politics. It is about creating a state where businesses can thrive, families can feel secure, and our communities can prosper.

As we approach the election, let us choose a candidate who is committed to representing our interests and making meaningful change. Let’s support Khris Kerr for New York State Senate and pave the way for a brighter future.

-Gerald Longarzo, Hartsdale

Nader Sayegh-Early Voting, continued from pg 1-

For generations, people have fought for the right to vote – a right that some today may take for granted. Yet, casting a ballot is one of the most powerful ways we can all contribute to our constitutional republic. It’s our opportunity to shape the policies that affect our communities, from schools and roads to healthcare, taxes, and public safety. It’s a way to influence everything that helps define the quality of life where we live, work, and raise our families. Voting is about values, priorities, and accountability, and in each election, we choose the leaders who will uphold these commitments on our behalf.

This election cycle, Early Voting is more accessible than ever before, giving all of us the flexibility to vote at our convenience and helping to ensure that more voices can be heard. By taking advantage of Early Voting, we may have more time to cast our ballot, potentially shorter wait times at the polls, and added accessibility for those with busy work schedules. Whether you’re a student, a working parent, or someone with a challenging schedule, Early Voting can make it easier to participate in this essential process. Every community member who votes early helps to reduce long lines and congestion on Election Day, making the voting experience better for everyone involved.

Moreover, our elections represent more than just a contest between political parties – they’re a chance to address critical issues, find solutions, and advance shared goals. This is especially true on the local and state level, where elections often come down to the narrowest of margins, meaning that every single vote counts. Local and state elections have a real and tangible effect on the decisions that impact us daily, from how well our roads are maintained to the quality of our schools and the safety of our neighborhoods. Your vote matters, and your participation is what makes a difference.

Consider this: local and state elections have historically low turnout rates, and this is where individual votes have the most immediate impact. Issues that might seem small at the national level can be enormous in our own communities. When we vote in local and state elections, we’re telling our representatives what’s important to us – and they’re listening. We’re saying we want schools that are well-funded, roads that are safe, and policies that reflect our community’s values and concerns.

I also encourage everyone to see voting as an opportunity to engage friends, neighbors, and family members in the democratic process. Voting is about community as much as it is about personal choice. By voting, you’re not only fulfilling a civic duty, but you’re also contributing to a culture of engagement and active participation. Talk to the people around you about voting. Remind them about Early Voting, and encourage them to make a plan. Bring a friend, a colleague, or a family member to the polls with you. This isn’t just an individual act – it’s something we do together as a community.

We’re also fortunate to live in a time when we have access to information about candidates and issues. Use these resources to educate yourself on what’s on the ballot this year, and what Propositions are on the back of your ballot. Don’t just vote blindly – vote informed, knowing what each candidate stands for and how each ballot measure will affect your community.

Voting is a privilege and a responsibility that we should all take seriously. And this year, with Early Voting available until November 3rd, we have all the chances to be part of the process in a way that works for our schedules. I urge you to make a plan to vote, encourage those around you to vote, and to remember that every election counts, every vote matters, and every one of us has a role to play in shaping our community and our future.

Your participation strengthens our democracy. Our government only works when we work together to make it reflect the will of the people. So this year, let’s do just that – let’s show up, vote, and make our voices heard for a better tomorrow.

You can find more information about Early Voting by visiting <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/early-voting-2024>.

Two Hardfought Games in Yonkers HS Football
Eastchester 28-Brave-26; White Plains-27-Force-16

Yonkers Halloween Pet Parade & Fashion Show



Keba Cassie, left, had three touchdowns against Eastchester

By Phil Foley

It was a wonderful day for HS Football last Saturday as both of our Yonkers teams were in action, with both teams prepared and playing hard.

In the first game the Yonkers Force lost to White Plains HS by the score of 27-16. Thanks to coach Joe Venice for sending over the stats.

In the game Nazir Fields threw 2 TD passes! One 32 yard TD pass to Jacob Henry and one 53 yard TD pass to Josh Testamark. On defense for the Force Elijah Clarke had an interception!

The Force plays Ramapo Wednesday at Ramapo. KO time is 4pm. This is the last game of the season for the Force, Right now on the season they stand 4-4. A real big improvement from last season. Congrats to our Yonkers Force!

It was nice to hear from the Yonkers Brave Coach Doug Hogue as his team lost a real hard fought game to Eastchester HS this past Saturday at Lincoln HS Field by the score of 28-26.

In the game once again Keba Cisse was the star of the game for the Brave. Keba ran for a total of 156 yards. He accounted for 3 TDs in the game. 2 rushing TDs and 1 TD pass. To top it all off he scored on a 2 point conversion after a TD.

There were 2 TD passes in the game for the Brave.. One was a 90 yard TD pass to Zahir Wright. The other was 69 yard TD pass to Da'Mari Dixon.

The Brave play this Friday at Pelham HS Field. KO is at 5:30 pm. Good luck Coach Hogue this Friday in the last game of the season! It has been a wonderful season so far!



Photos by Donna Davis. Above Mayor Mike Spano, Councilwoman Deana Robinson and YDWBID Exec. Director Sara Brody Director. Below, contestants in the Pet Parade



Thank you to all the furry pets and their parents for joining us this past weekend at the Yonkers Halloween Pet Parade & Fashion Show Contest! A huge shoutout to our judges, Eleanor Lennon, Yonkers Animal Specialty Center and Councilwoman Deana Robinson District 1, for their support!

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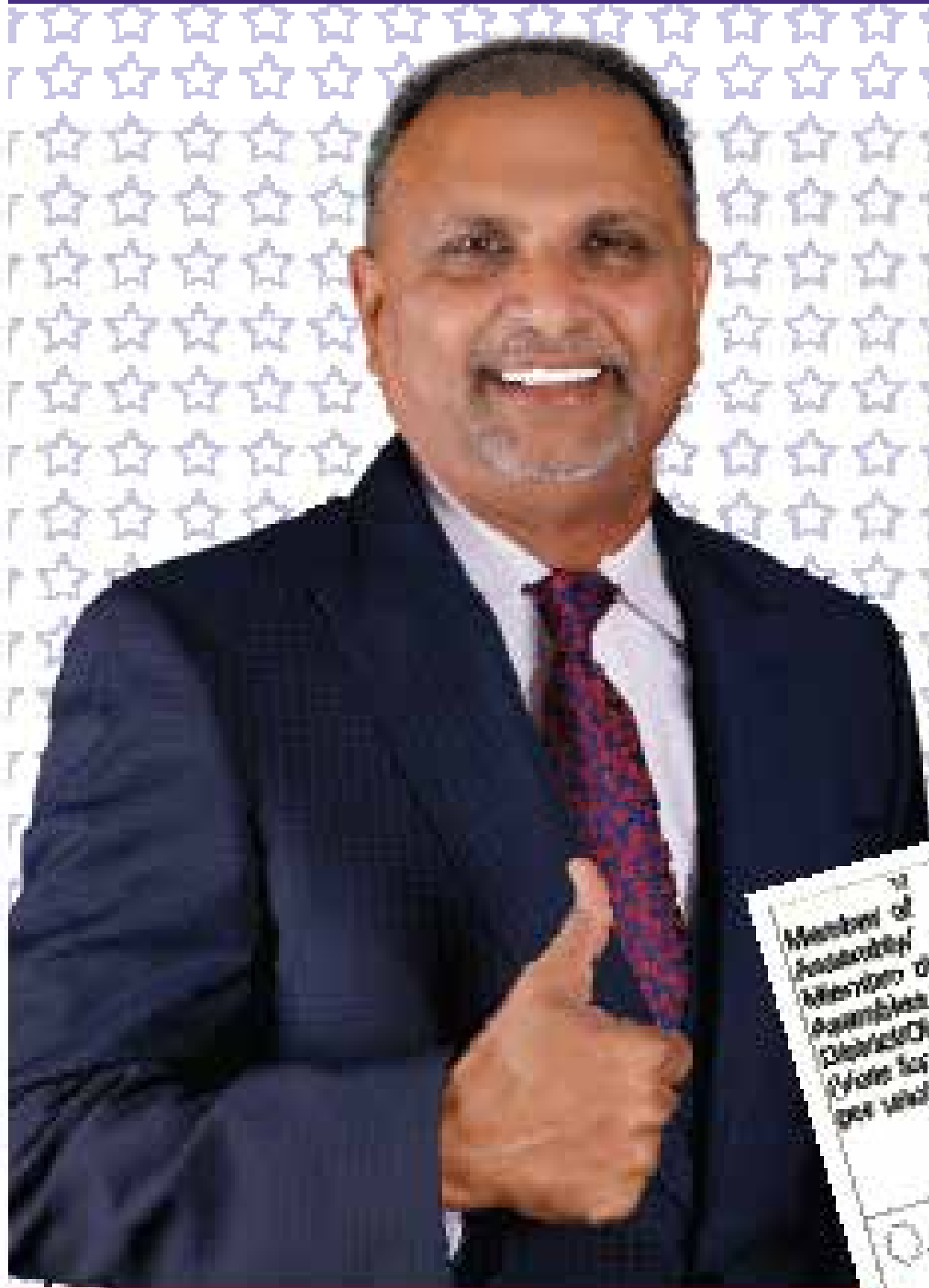
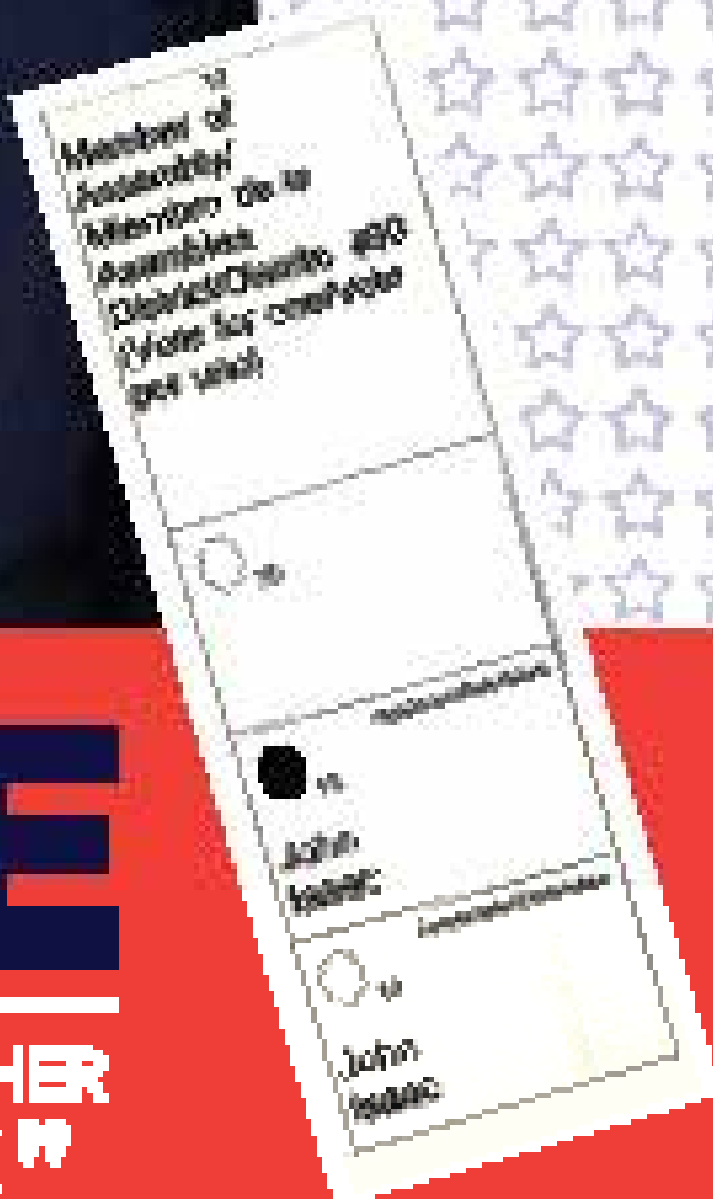


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