

9/5/18-EVERY WATER WELL IN THE STATE WILL HAVE TO BE TESTED FOR WATER QUALITY AND POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW LAW BEING FLOATED BY GOVERNOR CUOMO IN ALBANY. THE PROPOSAL COMES AFTER STATE OFFICIALS DID NOTHING FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION WAS DISCOVERED IN THE SMALL TOWN OF HOOSICK FALLS. UNDER THE MEASURE WELLS WOULD HAVE TO BE TESTED AT THE OWNERS EXPENSE WHENEVER A PROPERTY IS SOLD OR RENTED OUT.

9/6/18-THE STATE HELD IT'S FIRST HEARING ON LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE IN ALBANY LAST NIGHT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS WAS MAKING SURE THE MARKET DOESN'T END UP BEING CONTROLLED BY BIG BUSINESS. MULTIPLE SPEAKERS EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE LEGALIZATION COULD RECREATE THE MODEL USED BY CRAFT BREWERS, WITH MANY SMALL PRODUCERS INSTEAD OF JUST A HAND FULL OF COMPANIES. SPEAKERS ALSO EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO GROW THEIR OWN MARIJUANA.

9/7/18-THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS LAUNCHED AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO SEXUAL ABUSE BY MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH. OFFICIALS ISSUED SUBPOENAS TO EVERY DIOCESE IN THE STATE. THE INVESTIGATION IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE AT LEAST TEN CATHOLIC PRIESTS WHO SERVED IN THE UTICA AREA. THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY NAMED IN A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SYRACUSE DIOCESE COVERING ABUSE CASES FROM THE 1950S RIGHT UP UNTIL 2014. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ALSO ESTABLISHED A HOTLINE TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AT 800-771-7755.

9/7/18-NEW YORK'S PRIMARY ELECTION IS JUST DAYS AWAY, BUT WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON IF THERE WILL BE A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR THE 119TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. CHRISTOPHER SALATINO WAS TAKEN OFF THE BALLOT LAST MONTH AFTER HIS PETITIONS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED IN SUPREME COURT BY FELLOW DEMOCRAT MARYANN BUTTENSCHON. TODAY A JUDGE WILL HEAR HIS APPEAL AND DECIDE IF HE CAN RE-ENTER THE RACE. IF HE'S UNSUCCESSFUL BUTTENSCHON WILL FACE OFF AGAINST THE WINNER OF THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BETWEEN DENNIS BOVA AND FREDRICK NICHOLS

9/12/18-HOW MANY SEX OFFENDERS WILL BE VOTING TOMORROW? EARLIER THIS YEAR GOVERNOR CUOMO ISSUED PARDONS TO THOUSANDS OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS RESTORING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE. THAT HAS SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS WORRIED, SINCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE USED AS POLLING LOCATIONS ACROSS THE AREA. SEX OFFENDERS ARE BANNED FROM BEING NEAR SCHOOLS, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS IN ORDER TO VOTE. ONEIDA COUNTY HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PROPORTIONS OF LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDERS IN THE STATE THANKS TO THE MARCY PSYCHIATRIC CENTER.

9/13/18-PRIMARY DAY IS HERE. VOTERS WILL BE HEADING TO THE POLLS TO DECIDE WHICH CANDIDATES WILL BE REPRESENTING THEM ON THIS FALLS ELECTION BALLOT. THE BIGGEST RACE IS THE DEMOCRATIC LINE FOR GOVERNOR, WHERE INCUMBENT ANDREW CUOMO IS BEING CHALLENGED BY ACTRESS CYNTHIA NIXON. REPUBLICANS WILL BE DECIDING THEIR CANDIDATE FOR THE 119TH ASSEMBLY SEAT, CHOOSING BETWEEN DENNIS BOVA AND FREDERICK NICHOLS. YOUR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WILL HAVE A FULL LIST OF PRIMARY RACES AND VOTING LOCATIONS. POLLS OPEN AT NOON.

9/14/18-YESTERDAY'S PRIMARY VOTING SAW NEAR RECORD TURNOUT, AND A FEW SURPRISES. DESPITE A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN DEMOCRAT ANDREW CUOMO DEFEATED CHALLENGER CYNTHIA NIXON BY A 65-34 PERCENT MARGIN. RACHEL MAY DEFEATED INCUMBENT DAVID VALESKY FOR

THE DEMOCRATIC LINE IN THE 53RD SENATE DISTRICT. AND DENNIS BOVA DEFEATED FREDERICK NICHOLS FOR THE REPUBLICAN LINE FOR THE 119TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, BUT THE TIGHT MARGIN IN THAT RACE MAY LEAD TO A RECOUNT. FULL PRIMARY VOTING RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR COUNTY ELECTIONS WEBSITE.

9/18/18-SHOULD NEW YORK LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA? AND HOW SHOULD IT BE DONE? YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN ON THOSE QUESTIONS NEXT MONTH. STATE OFFICIALS CONSIDERING THE IMPLICATIONS OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS HAVE SCHEDULED FIFTEEN LISTENING SESSIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO GET PUBLIC FEEDBACK. THAT INCLUDES ONE BEING HELD OCTOBER TENTH AT THE HOLIDAY INN AT THE UTICA BUSINESS PARK. YOU CAN PRE-REGISTER FOR THE SESSION AT EVENT-ZILL-DOT-NET.

9/19/18-GOVERNOR CUOMO HAS FORGOTTEN ABOUT UPSTATE NEW YORK. THAT WAS ONE OF THE MESSAGES DURING AN APPEARANCE BY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MARC MOLINARO LAST NIGHT. HE WAS IN UTICA FOR A TOWN HALL WITH VOTERS, BUT IT WAS FELLOW REPUBLICAN ANTHONY PICENTE WHO HELPED MAKE NEWS ACROSS THE STATE BY ENDORSING MOLINARO EARLIER IN THE DAY. FOUR YEARS AGO PICENTE NOT ONLY ENDORSED ANDREW CUOMO, BUT ACTUALLY APPEARED IN A CAMPAIGN COMMERCIAL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR.

9/20/18-AN INTERNAL MEMO FROM THE CAMPAIGN OF REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDIA TENNEY HAS CRANKED UP TENSIONS IN THE ALREADY STORMY RACE FOR THE 22ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. IT WARNS CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS TO BE WARY OF HER OPPONENT STATE ASSEMBLYMAN ANTHONY BRINDISI'S FAMILY, SAYING THEY HAVE A CRIMINAL HISTORY. THE MEMO WAS FIRST REVEALED IN THE NEW YORK POST, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CONDEMNED BY THE BRINDISI CAMPAIGN. SO FAR THE TENNEY CAMPAIGN HASN'T PRODUCED ANY EVIDENCE OF THE INCIDENTS DETAILED IN THE MEMO.

9/21/18-NEW YORK'S LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA WAS THE FOCUS OF A ROUNDTABLE HELD BY STATE SENATOR JOE GRIFFO YESTERDAY. THE MEETING BROUGHT TOGETHER ADVOCATES, ELECTED OFFICIALS, PROSECUTORS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS WAS HOW TO POLICE DRIVERS AND OTHER SUSPECTS UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITHOUT AN ACCURATE TEST. GRIFFO ALSO RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT UNREALISTIC REVENUE PROJECTIONS, COMPARING THE PROMISES OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAX REVENUE TO THE DISAPPOINTING RETURNS FROM NEW YORK'S LEGAL CASINOS.

9/24/18-NEW YORK'S BET ON CASINO CAMBLING IS COMING UP SHORT. THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW FIGURES FROM THE STATE. REVENUE FROM ALL THREE OF THE CASINOS THAT OPENED AFTER LEGALIZATION IS FAR BELOW THE ORIGINAL PROJECTIONS. THOSE NUMBERS HAD THE TRIO INJECTING CLOSE TO 6-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS INTO STATE AND LOCAL COFFERS. BUT THE REALITY IS FAR DIFFERENT, WITH JUST OVER 2-HUNDRED MILLION DUE IF CURRENT TRENDS CONTINUE. THEY'VE ALSO TAKEN A BITE OUT OF MONEY FROM EXISTING CASINOS LIKE THE TURNING STONE.

9/25/18-THE RACE FOR THE 119TH ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CAME DOWN TO 64 VOTES. THAT'S ACCORDING TO ELECTION OFFICIALS, WHO DECLARED DENNIS BOVA THE OFFICIAL WINNER YESTERDAY AFTER A RECOUNT OF THE BALLOTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13TH PRIMARY. THE FIRST TIME POLITICAL CANDIDATE NARROWLY DEFEATED FELLOW POLITICAL ROOKIE FREDERICK NICHOLS 992 TO 928 VOTES. HE'LL NOW FACE OFF AGAINST DEMOCRAT MARYANNE BUTTENSCHON IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION TO REPLACE RETIRING ASSEMBLYMAN ANTHONY BRINDISI.

9/26/18-PEOPLE AREN'T LEAVING NEW YORK BECAUSE OF HIGH TAXES AND A LACK OF JOBS. THEY'RE ACTUALLY LEAVING BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER. THAT'S ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR CUOMO. HIS COMMENTS CAME AFTER HIS REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER MARC MOLINARO SAID

UPSTATE NEW YORK CONTINUED TO LOSE POPULATION BECAUSE OF NEW YORK'S TAXES AND A LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. A RECENT STUDY FOUND NEW YORK LEAD THE NATION IN OUT MIGRATION, WITH MORE PEOPLE LEAVING THE STATE THAN ANY OTHER.

9/27/18-IT'S NOW A CRIME TO SKIP OUT ON PAYING FOR YOUR HAIRCUT. GOVERNOR CUOMO SIGNED A MEASURE INTO LAW YESTERDAY THAT MAKES FAILURE TO PAY FOR SERVICES FROM A BARBER, SALON, OR BEAUTY PARLOR A CRIME. STIFFING ALMOST EVERY OTHER BUSINESS FOR SERVICES RENDERED HAS BEEN AT LEAST A MISDEMEANOR FOR YEARS, PUNISHABLE BY FINES AND POTENTIAL JAIL TIME. BUT A LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW MEANT BARBERS AND SALON OWNERS HAD TO GO TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT IN ORDER TO COLLECT.