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Dear Friend:

Happy Good Friday, and welcome to the April 2 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

It's been a busy week leading up to the NYS Budget deadline (April 1). Although the deadline has come and gone, an official budget is not yet released and the minority c media platforms for all the latest updates. I will make sure to keep you posted!

BIG happenings this week:

- New nursing home visitation guidelines and new vaccine eligibility guidelines were released (check below for all the specifics).
- There was a NINTH accuser that came forward with sexual harassment allegations against Governor Cuomo.
- Legislation passed legalizing recreational marijuana. Below, I explain why this is dangerous for New York.

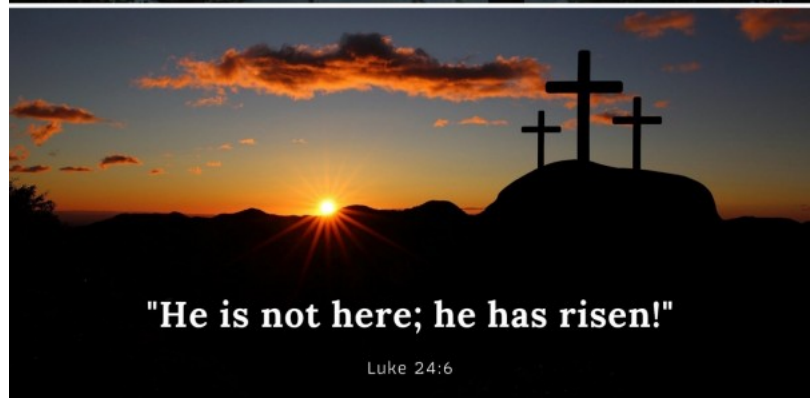
Other important news:

- Many people are experiencing UI fraud. I explain what to do below.
- A cop-killer was given power over police reform in Ithaca. My colleagues and I are standing against this complete and utter nonsense.
- Governor Cuomo is sitting on \$1.3 billion in federal aid for landlords and tenants.
- Shenendehowa CSD launched a new STEM program for students.
- We honored our Veterans on Vietnam War Veterans Day.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter Weekend! As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

Happy Easter!



I hope that you have a wonderful long weekend and are able to spend it with the ones you love. Good Friday and Resurrection Day!

New nursing home visitation rules



Late last week, new nursing home visitation rules were released that include “visitation at all times and for all residents,” with “limited exceptions” including areas with “low vaccination rates.” See the [Spectrum News article](#) here, and the [official guidance](#) here.

Important message about unemployment fraud



My office has been getting several calls where constituents are reporting that UI benefits have been attempted to be filed under their name.

The following is a statement from the Department of Labor regarding what to do:

The best and fastest way to report and resolve issues related to fraud is to report the fraudulent activity on our website and with the FTC. This will put the fraudulent activity under review and the constituent will receive an email confirmation that the matter is being handled. Websites below:

<https://www.labor.ny.gov/agencyinfo/report-fraud.shtm> (the on-line form is the best way)

<https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

NYS DOL will only contact the constituent if the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) needs additional information about the reported fraud.

⚠️ Be aware that fraudsters may target individuals who they know are working and would not need to file for benefits. Check your mail regularly and open all letters from the post.

⚠️ Be proactive in protecting yourself from becoming a victim of unemployment fraud by engaging in best practices online, never sharing your SSN on social media, and being cautious of unsolicited calls or emails.

Vietnam War Veterans Day



On Monday, we recognized the service and sacrifices made by our Vietnam Veterans. We honor these fellow Americans for their bravery, courage, and heroism. May we a Country, and treat our United States Veterans with the upmost respect.

New vaccine eligibility guidelines



Photo by the Associated Press

All those over the age of 30 are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning this Tuesday, April 6, all those over the age of 16 are eligible to receive the vac click [here](#).

Accuser number NINE



On Monday, a woman named Sherry Vill accused Governor Cuomo of grabbing her face and kissing her in front of her home four years ago. Vill said that Cuomo's action uncomfortable."

This is the ninth sexual accusation against Cuomo, and the first one involving a woman who did not work for him, but instead, he visited her house "on the job."

[View the article here.](#)

Why I voted 'no' on the legalization of recreational marijuana ([Watch my video here](#))



During our Senate Session on Tuesday, I voted against Senate Bill [S.854A](#), legislation that would legalize the use of recreational marijuana. I voted against this controvers

Recreational marijuana poses a serious public safety risk, especially in the critical area of traffic accidents where impaired driving is an issue. According to the Journal of Medicine), traffic fatalities rose in Colorado since it legalized the use of recreational marijuana. Since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in 2014, there have been accidents, on average, annually.

In states such as Oregon and California, the biggest challenge after marijuana was legalized has been roadway safety and how to properly hold accountable people who en impaired by marijuana. Studies show that marijuana adversely impacts reaction time, hand-eye coordination, depth perception, and increases sleepiness – and accurate roa

Law enforcement has also shared that other states have seen increases in violence and crime since legalizing marijuana and that it's also spurred illegal black-market activ become a gateway drug that opens the door to other forms of substance abuse.

This legislation ignores input from law enforcement and district attorneys and fails to effectively address the issue of people driving while impaired, potentially placing liv

This bill will dramatically increase the chances that young children will be exposed or have access to marijuana, a fact that has been demonstrated in other states that have

The bill also fails to include adequate safeguards to ensure workplace safety.

I'm not alone in expressing these serious concerns. The New York State Sheriff's Association, the New York State Parent Teacher Association, the Medical Society of the legalizing recreational marijuana and have said that this harmful legislation is counterintuitive.

Supporters of this bill point to the tax revenue expected to be generated by recreational marijuana sales. To that, I say: What is the price of negatively impacting public hea

It's for all of these reasons that I voted for public health and public safety by voting against the legalization of recreational marijuana.

Shenendehowa launches new STEM program



I was so happy to see Shenendehowa High School launch a brand new STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program, providing students with the o
them for careers in these fields! For all the details, read the [full article here](#). Thank you to Shen Superintendent Dr. L. Oliver Robinson and High School Principal Ron Ag

Standing up for Law Enforcement



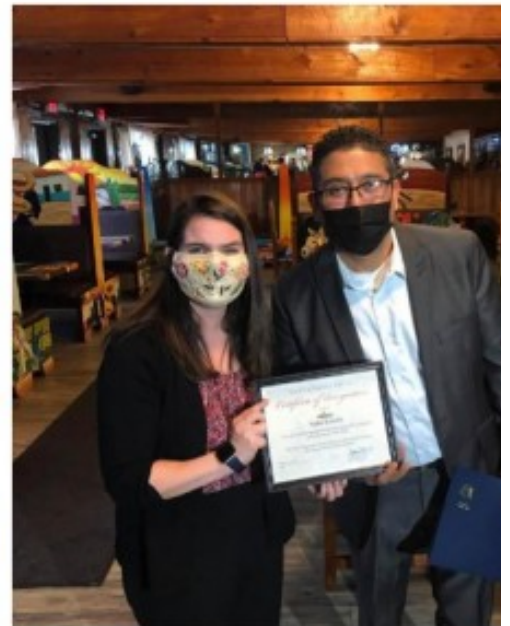
Yesterday morning, I stood alongside my colleagues advocating for our men and women in blue. Richard Rivera, who murdered a police officer/husband/father-of-4, is the police reform in Ithaca, New York. He NEEDS to be removed from this position IMMEDIATELY.

Governor Cuomo sitting on \$1.3B in federal aid for landlords and tenants



On Wednesday, I stood alongside my colleagues advocating for our New York State landlords and tenants. We have \$1.3 BILLION in federal aid sitting in Governor Cuomo's office, yet it hasn't gone anywhere. It's long past due for this to be pushed through the door. We will keep fighting for you!

Celebrating the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Salsa Latina in East Greenbush



Sharing these photos from Salsa Latina Restaurant's grand opening Wednesday afternoon! Congratulations on your new location in East Greenbush!

Recognizing the first Female Varsity Football Player at Ichabod Crane



Abby Dolge is the first girl at Ichabod Crane to participate in a varsity football game, helping the team reach their victory on Saturday against Taconic Hills. Dolge is al
Senate Certificate of Recognition for all her hard work. Way to go Abby! Her coach, a good friend of mine and Ichabod Crane Technology Teacher also deserves a shout-o

Stay up to date with me throughout the week on social media!



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