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NYS SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN
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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the August 13 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings this week:

- Andrew Cuomo resigns as the 56th Governor of New York
- Senator Jim Tedisco and I wrote a joint letter to Assembly Judiciary Chair Charles Lavine asking for Cuomo's immediate impeachment
- I partnered with the American Red Cross and hosted a blood drive in Columbia County
- Honoring wounded veterans on Purple Heart Day

Other important news:

- A place every racing fan should visit: The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame
- Celebrating a 43rd Senate District resident's 100th birthday!
- Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony
- Celebrating 100 years of Kentucky sales at Fasig-Tipton
- Saratoga Springs City Center is Hiring
- NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your chance to help make history
- Celebrating the Grand Opening of Lush Lounge Salon

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

Andrew Cuomo Resigns as 56th Governor of New York



On Tuesday, Andrew Cuomo resigned as the 56th Governor of New York; however, many unanswered questions remain as Andrew Cuomo packs his bags...

- Sending COVID-19 positive patients into nursing homes
- Underreporting nursing homes deaths by the thousands
- Profiting off of the pandemic with a \$5.1M book deal
- Using government staff on government time to write his pandemic book

We must continue the push for truth and transparency. Resignation is an important step forward, but an investigation and accountability must follow suit. New Yorkers demand – and deserve – accountability and answers as to the whole host of ongoing investigations of the many scandals & alleged criminality of Cuomo.



NEWS

from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan

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**Statement from New York State Senator Daphne Jordan
(R,C,I-Halfmoon) on former Governor Cuomo's
resignation – and the need for continued local, state,
and federal criminal investigations into Cuomo's many
misdeeds and reported criminal conduct**

"The groping Governor is going"

"The groping Governor is going. Andrew Cuomo's announcement that he will finally resign as Governor is a GREAT day for New York State. Andrew Cuomo has revealed himself as a bully, thug, creep, and coward. However, today can't be the last word on this disgraced former Governor. His – and his staff of enablers – incompetence, criminality, cover-ups, and corruption must be investigated by local, state, and federal law enforcement. The courageous women that Cuomo sexually harassed and abused who came forward to share their experiences and hold him accountable deserve our admiration and true justice, both in criminal and civil court. In addition, we must never forget the more than 15,000 senior citizens we tragically lost because of Cuomo's reckless, foolish mandate that forced nursing homes to take in COVID-19 positive patients. Today closes a painful, sordid chapter in our state's history and Andrew Cuomo's name will forever be synonymous with disgrace and shame. I offer incoming New York State Governor Kathy Hochul my best wishes and prayers."

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Anthony to write a new narrative
Davis is old by NBA standards or maybe a very experienced team, depending on your view.

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BUSINESS



Google limits targeted ads

The search giant limits ads targeting teens in a series of changes to improve privacy.

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LOCAL

Big payday for city treasury

The sign the city is improving, Hudson receives a record-breaking \$208K in sales tax checks.

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CUOMO RESIGNS

Gov. to leave office Aug. 24



Gov. Andrew Cuomo gives a virtual COVID-19 briefing July 28 in the state Capitol in Albany.

By Kate Lika

ALBANY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned Thursday in wake of the state attorney general's damning report for sexually harassing at least 11 women and fostering a toxic culture in the Executive Chamber, and the Assembly's swift action to impeach him within the coming weeks.

Cuomo's resignation will go into effect in 14 days, on Aug. 24, he said during a virtual briefing Tuesday streamed from the state Capitol.

"The state Assembly yesterday outlined a series of process that will then lead to a vote of resignation — time and money would be wasted," Cuomo said. "This is one of the most challenging times in government in a generation. Government really needs to function today. Government needs to perform."

"I think given the circumstances the best way I can help now is to focus on the government get back to governing."

Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, will take Cuomo's place, and become the state's first female governor through Cuomo's third term, which expires Dec. 31, 2022.



Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks last month near the Ontario Lake shore.

Hochul is smart, Cuomo said, adding his confidence the transition will go smoothly.

"I agree with Gov. Cuomo's decision to step down," Hochul said in a statement. "It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers."

"As someone who has served at all levels of government and been in the line of succession, I am prepared to lead as New York State's 57th governor."

One week ago, Attorney General Letitia James's office released a 368-page report that

Political fallout

Cuomo allies exposed for helping discredit accuser A5



Jordan: 'The groping governor is going'

By Natasha Vaughn

ALBANY —

State and local officials call Cuomo's resignation the "right thing to do."

A number of different state and local elected officials from different sides of the political aisle all seemed to be in agreement that Cuomo's resignation, an announcement Tuesday was a good thing in New York.

Tuesday morning Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced he would be resigning from his position in 14 days, on Aug. 24. The governor's announcement came a week after New York Attorney General Letitia James released a report by independent investigators that found the governor had sexually harassed multiple women and violated state and federal laws.

"The groping governor is going," Sen. Daphne Jordan R-43 said in a statement. "Andrew Cuomo's announcement that he will finally resign as governor is a great day for New York state. Andrew Cuomo has revealed himself as a bully, rap, creep and coward. However, despite the fact he was on this disgraced former governor. His and his staff's enabling — incompetence, criminality, cover-ups and corruption must be investigated. By local, state and federal law enforcement. The outrageous women that Cuomo sexually harassed and abused who came forward to share their experiences and hold him accountable deserve our admiration and true justice, both in criminal and civil courts."

Jordan also noted the controversy surrounding the governor's handling of COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in nursing homes over the past year.

"We must never forget the cancer that 15,000 people

patients are tragically lost because of Cuomo's reckless, brutal mandate that forced nursing homes to take in COVID-19 positive patients," Jordan said. "Today gives a painful, vivid chapter in our state's history and Andrew Cuomo's name will forever be synonymous with danger and shame. I offer, according to how New York State Gov. Kathy Hochul has her ethics and propriety."

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado said it was a "right decision" by Cuomo to resign.

"Gov. Cuomo made the right decision to resign," Delgado said in a statement. "Our leaders need to be held accountable for their actions. And New York needs its elected officials focused on fighting this pandemic and managing New York's economy back."

Assemblyman Chris Tague R-Schoharie said he has been calling for the governor's resignation since March of last year.

"This is the time when New Yorkers heal, we can move forward, we'll have a new governor in 14 days and I am looking forward to working with him, and helping to move New York forward," Tague said. "I think that this is the first time probably since I've been in political life that the governor and I actually agree on something that he's doing. I think that he did the right thing by resigning today."

More than 75% of New Yorkers were calling for the governor to resign, Tague said, adding this is a perfect example of democracy working and people's voices being heard.

Sen. Michelle Hatchery D-46 thanked the women who came forward during her investigation.

See G10B on

City ponders restaurants in residential zone

By Sam Houston

ALBANY —

The Hudson Common Council voted in its meeting a local law Monday that would allow some businesses to operate in an area zoned for residential use.

The law would add an amendment to the zoning law, which governs the "three-story multiple residence district" west of Third Street, by allowing "eating and drinking establishments" to operate in the area.

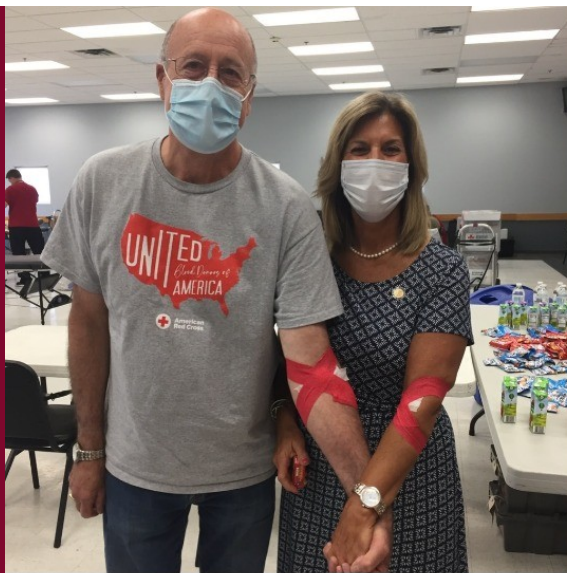
report, approval by the planning board and the county planning agency, a public hearing before the council, and approval and a public hearing by the mayor before the council. Hudson City Attorney Jeff Baker said.

If adopted, the law would allow businesses to apply for a conditional-use permit from the planning board, which requires "heightened" review from the board and mandates a public





I Partnered with the American Red Cross and Hosted a Blood Drive in Columbia County



I partnered with the American Red Cross Eastern New York to host 2 blood drives in the 43rd Senate District. On Thursday, we were in Hudson, Columbia County from 1-6pm at the Elks Lodge. We had a huge turnout and it was a great success! Thank you to all who came out to give! Currently, there is a nationwide blood shortage. Your giving will surely impact the life of another.

Neal Westendorf (pictured in the burgundy shirt) reached his SEVEN GALLON donation and my husband, Phil Jordan, reached his FIVE GALLON donation! Thanks to you both for your giving on Thursday and over the years!!

The next blood drive will be Thursday, September 23 in Saratoga and I hope to see you there!

A Visit to The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame



You gotta go! The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs is another gem in Senate District 43. And let's remember that this is a *national* museum.

Thank you to John Hendrickson, President of the Board of Trustees, Victoria Reisman, Curator and Cathy Marino, the Museum's project manager for the Hall of Fame Education Experience campaign, for the personal tour.

The history of thoroughbred racing in America is depicted beautifully with fine art, sculptures, trophies, photographs, memorabilia, and state of the art interactive exhibits. The special exhibit through the end of this year is Women in Racing. Did you know that women have been involved in racing for the past 100 years, even though it continues to be a male dominated sport?

My hosts also treated me to a private showing of the film "What it Takes: Journey to the Hall of Fame" in the Hall of Fame. The movie is a 360 degree experience and draws you into the life of thoroughbred racing... the noble horses, their trainers, their owners, their races and for the less than 1% in the sport, their induction into the Hall of Fame.

I enjoyed my visit to the museum so much that I renewed my membership and

can't wait to take my husband Phil on a field trip!

Visit their website below!

National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame

Honoring Purple Heart Veterans

National Purple Heart Day

AUGUST 7, 2021



DAPHNE JORDAN
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR | SD - 43

Our nation wouldn't be what it is today without the sacrifices made by so many brave men and women. Today is Purple Heart Day and I'd like to acknowledge all our heroic Purple Heart recipients, who put their lives on the line and made a profound physical sacrifice to protect our freedoms. Because of you, America is a beacon of hope across the world.

I am proud to be a member of the Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, and to have sponsored legislation ([S.2279](#)) designating "New York as a Purple Heart State" to recognize the heroic sacrifices that America's military members have made to protect our country.

My 43rd Senate District includes 60 municipalities, 50 of which have become local Purple Heart Communities – with more on the way!

All four counties in my district – Saratoga, Rensselaer, Washington, and Columbia – successfully passed local resolutions and have become Purple Heart Communities and Counties.

Thank you again to our brave men and women who have fought for the best country on earth. To learn more about this legislation, click below:

[Learn More](#)

Also on Purple Heart Day, I had the honor of celebrating Bob Darling, a resident of the 43rd Senate District, on his 100th birthday! What an honor it was to celebrate Bob and to present him with a New York State Liberty Medal and Proclamation for all his service to both the country through WWII, and community for years before and thereafter. Bob is surrounded by a loving family who had heartwarming stories of his love and generosity to others throughout the years. Truly an honor to meet Bob and his family and so happy I could join the celebration!



Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony



On Monday morning in Rensselaer County, family, friends, and local officials honored United States Navy Veteran John R. Reitano at the Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony. Thank you to my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop, for presenting a Senate Proclamation, on my behalf, recognizing Seaman First Class John R. Reitano's service to our Country. Seaman First Class Reitano was also honored posthumously with a New York State Liberty Medal, the State's highest honor, presented to citizens who have merited special commendation for their action on behalf of their fellow New Yorker's and their community. God Bless our veterans and their families.

Celebrating 100 years of Kentucky sales at Fasig-Tipton



On Monday afternoon we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kentucky sales at Fasig-Tipton in Saratoga Springs! Fasig-Tipton formed in 1898 and is the oldest thoroughbred auction house in North America. I'm proud to live in Saratoga County and to serve as Ranking Member on the Senate Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee, where we work to keep racing and all that goes with it alive:

1. The racing Industry Statewide has a \$3B annual economic impact and provides 19,000 jobs across the state.
2. In a broader sense, the equine industry has a \$4.2B effect on the State's economy and generates 33,000 full time jobs, resulting in \$187M in state and local taxes.
3. Right here in Saratoga County, the Saratoga Race Course supports the employment of approximately 2,350 full time and part time seasonal workers, and generates an economic impact of nearly \$240M throughout the 9-County Capitol Region.

Thank you to Fasig-Tipton Company and Kentucky Sales for being a generator and big part of the racing industry right here in Saratoga Springs for the past 100 years. Happy Centenary Anniversary!

Pictured above are: Boyd Browning, President and CEO Fasig-Tipton; Todd Shimkus, President of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce; Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner; Meg Kelly, Mayor of Saratoga Springs; and Darryl Leggieri, President at Discover Saratoga - Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau.

Saratoga Springs City Center is Hiring



The Saratoga Springs City Center is looking for a full time event manager. Please share with anyone that may be interested and follow the link below for the Event Manager position on their website:

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NY's future is on the LINE: Here's your
chance to help make history



Reform gives citizens a greater say in reshaping our government

An historic reform is changing the way NY draws its legislative and congressional district maps—a once-a-decade process that helps decide who will represent you in the halls of state and federal government for the next 10 years.

A new, voter-approved Independent Redistricting Commission will rely on input from citizens—not politicians—to decide how best to divide the state into the required number of Senate, Assembly and Congressional districts while ensuring that individual neighborhoods and communities are fairly represented.

This new process will ensure that no region, special interest or political party gain an unfair advantage or too much power at the expense of the others. But it only works if citizens like you join with neighbors, friends and communities to get involved and make your voices heard.

The Commission is planning a series of hearings and any group, community or individual may submit testimony, either in person, or through its website, www.nyirc.gov. This is your chance to learn more and get involved.

Please consider submitting testimony related to how redistricting will affect you, your family and your community. This feedback is critical and is your chance to help steer the future of New York and speak out for the concerns of our communities.

I hope you will visit the Commission's website to see the schedule of hearings and to learn more.

New York State Independent Redistricting Commission



Lush Lounge



Congratulations to Lush Lounge, owned by Stephanie Villano, on your grand opening this week! Lush Lounge is a full service salon located at 1798 Route 9. Go check them out for a fresh cut!

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