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Working Families Party sues to oust 20 members

Case a test of antispoiler law ahead of contested state Senate primary

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ALBANY — The Working Families Party this week filed a lawsuit against 20 of its own members, accusing them of disloyalty in a case that seeks a court order stripping them of their enrollments.

The case was filed as a battle is unfolding for a state Senate seat that includes parts of Rockland County. The primary is June 23 and incumbent state

Sen. Bill Weber Sr., a Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Joseph Rand, who also has the Working Families Party line and was endorsed by the party.

But Working Families Party officials said they believe Republicans are behind an effort to wage a sham write-in campaign for the Working Families Party line in that race. They told the Times Union recently they planned to pursue disenrollment proceedings against

those they believed were involved.

Among the individuals targeted in the petition filed this week is Anthony Frascone, who secured the Working Families Party ballot line in 2024 in a congressional race that featured Democratic candidate Mondaire Jones and U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler, who won the race. Working Families Party officials at the time accused Republicans of backing Frascone on

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Coby Lobaugh, center, one of 20 defendants in the lawsuit, poses next to U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler and House Speaker Mike Johnson. The photo was included in the lawsuit brought by the Working Families Party.

Supreme Court in Rockland County

Fitz, Fans and Fast Horses



Indie pop, neo soul band Fitz & the Tantrums brought thousands of people out on Wednesday night for the Belmont on Broadway concert in downtown Saratoga Springs. The event welcomed music lovers and horse racing fans alike to town for the five-day Belmont Racing Festival at Saratoga Race Course, built around the 158th running of the Belmont Stakes on Saturday.



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Colonie officer won't face prosecution

Attorney general says charges not justified in off-duty fatal Latham crash

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ALBANY — The state attorney general's office said its investigation of a fatal motor vehicle incident last year involving an off-duty Colonie police officer has determined that "criminal charges are not warranted in this case."

The police officer, Jason Tusch, was driving southbound on Old Loudon Road in Latham when his four-door sedan collided with 65-year-old John Bonds, who was struck from behind as he was pushing a shopping cart in the middle of the driving lane.

Bonds was walking with his back to traffic in the southbound lane, wear-

ing nonreflective clothing in a darkened section of the road between two streetlights. Bonds died on June 2, 2025, five days after the collision. Moments before Tusch's vehicle struck Bonds, an SUV drove around him in the southbound lane.

The attorney general's office said

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Trump's \$1.8B fund survives 1st vote

Senate GOP fights off Dems' effort to bar payouts for J6ers

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans cleared the first hurdle on Thursday as they are struggling to pass legislation to fund President Donald Trump's immigration enforcement agencies, narrowly beating back a Democratic effort to permanently block Trump from creating a \$1.776 billion settlement fund for payouts to allies who claim they were persecuted by the government.

Republicans still face a gauntlet of Democratic amendments before the bill can advance, setting up a daylong test of party unity. More votes on the settlement fund are planned, including proposals from Republicans, and it

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Working adults with no degree: SUNY wants you

Fewer high school grads applying

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SUNY is leaning into its effort to lure working adults back to college as the pool of fresh high school graduates gets smaller and smaller.

In his State of the University address on Wednesday, SUNY Chancellor John King Jr. outlined 10 initiatives aimed at students ages 25 and up.

Last fall, 22% of college students in New York were at least 25 years old, he said. There are 1.25 million New Yorkers who earned some college credits, but not a degree, and a multitude of others who have never enrolled in higher education,

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