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Subject: What's happening? -- April 11th e-mail: "TAKING THE LEAD: Upending the 2018 electoral races with fully-documented, readily-verifiable stories germane to your reporting..."
Attachments: constitutional-provisions.pdf; 3-23-16-2nd-supp-complaint-16th-cause-of-action.pdf; 9-2-16-complaint-9th-cause-of-action.pdf; 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf

TO: Syracuse Post-Standard Reporters Julie McMahon, Mark Weiner, Patrick Lomann, and Chris Baker

What's happening? I have been patiently waiting to hear back from Julie, but have not received any phone call or e-mail from her or anyone else. Have you tried to reach me? And if not, why not?

Is it your news judgment, individually and collectively, that the primary-source EVIDENCE furnished by my April 11th e-mail, with its appended e-mail chain and attachments, is not, as I stated it was, major news, upending the 2018 electoral races and germane to your reporting?

How about your news editors? Have you shared my April 11th e-mail with them? And what about the Editorial Board, whose April 5th editorial, "[NYS budget recap: broken process, broken promises](#)", stated:

"We won't mince words about the budget process itself. It's a joke. The governor, Assembly and Senate propose [their own budgets](#). Hearings are held. Lobbyists lobby. Ralliers rally. It's all for show. The real decisions on spending come down to last-minute horse-trading among the 'four men in a room' - Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and Independent Democratic Conference leader Jeffrey Klein."

As you know from my April 11th e-mail, the "budget process" is more than "a joke". It -- and including "four men in a room" -- is completely "OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS", violating a succession of constitutional, statutory, and rule provisions -- and so-demonstrated by CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, whose FULL record is posted on our website: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>, for independent verification

What have you done to verify the dispositive nature of the citizen-taxpayer action, evident to any layman from even the most cursory review of its verified pleadings. Have you picked up the phone and called any legal and constitutional scholars, such as Zephyr Teachout, or those locally available to you at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs and at its law school. And what about the defendants -- Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, Comptroller DiNapoli, and the legislators, all up for re-election? Have you called them to ask them about the citizen-taxpayer action -- and about my shocking testimony about it and about this year's budget at the Legislature's January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings, the VIDEOS of which would have taken you less than 20 minutes to watch. You've watched them, right?

As time is of the essence, kindly respond expeditiously.

Thank you.

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