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Beware Political Sign Crooks? GPS Now on Signs Catch Town Employee Removing One!



above: Jason Zeif caught removing a political sign of Jann Mirchandani

By Dan Murphy

Let this be a warning to anyone thinking about removing the political signs of a political opponent. The signs may have GPS on them to help identify persons

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NYPD Cop from Yorktown Gets 70 Months for Helping Boyfriend's Flee After Committing Murder



Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that GINA MESTRE, a former New York City Police ("NYPD") Officer, was sentenced to 70 months in prison in connection with her involvement in obstructing a federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys gang and serving as an accessory after the fact to a murder committed by a member of the gang. MESTRE pled guilty to the charge on December 7, 2023, in Manhattan federal

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US Supreme Court Accepts Case of Public Funds for Private Use-Buffalo Bills Stadium

Case Filed by Westchester Resident Tony Futia and Three Other New Yorkers; \$850 Million of Public Funds to Build New Stadium in Jeopardy

By Dan Murphy

The United States Supreme Court has accepted a case filed against the State of New York by Four NY Residents, objecting to the use of public, taxpayer funds to help pay for a new football stadium for the Buffalo Bills.

The lawsuit, filed by Westchester resident Tony Futia, attorney Bob Schulz and two other New Yorkers, argues, whether the State of New York (\$600 Million) and Erie County (\$250 Million) violated the NYS Constitution, in the use of public funds for the stadium.

Article VII-Section 8.1 and Article VIII, Section 1, of the New York State Constitution, which "prohibits the giving or lending of State and County money "in aid of any... private corporation ... or private undertaking", is the key argument in the case.

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Poll Has Latimer Leading Bowman by 17 Points in Upcoming Congressional Democratic Primary



By Dan Murphy

DMFI PAC recently released the findings of a comprehensive new poll showing Westchester County Executive George Latimer in a strong position

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Two Yonkers Ursuline Students Start "Bear and a Book Project"



Peyton Savarese, right. and Lauren Cullinan, left with their books and bears

By Dan Murphy

We are always looking for positive stories about people in Yonkers giving back and serving others. Two Yonkers high school students, Peyton Savarese

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New Rochelle Man Gets 21 Years for Sex Offenses With Children



Social media photos of Jason Ricketts, from Talkofthesound.com

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Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is Back in Westchester, Through April 21



Spring is here and it's time for Spring 2024 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week. A record number of Westchester eateries are participating in this celebration of the booming culinary scene. Over 78 restaurants from all corners of the County are joining in the fun.

For two delicious weeks, from April 8 through 21, the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with delicious, creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95. (Price does not include tax, beverages, or gratuity.) Prix-fixe menus may be offered for both dine-in and takeout.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is one of those events that makes Westchester a great place to live – and certainly visit. I encourage you to support our local restaurateurs and their staffs by trying a new eatery or revisiting a favorite."

Director of Westchester County's Office of Tourism and Film Office Natasha Caputo said: "Spring is such a wonderful time to explore Westchester and experience a delicious meal. We encourage both residents and visitors to make their reservations and get out and dine."

Catherine Rinaldi, Metro-North Railroad President said: "Dozens of the restaurants participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week are within walking distance of Metro-North stations, making it easier than ever to enjoy the best food and drink that the region has to offer. Metro-North's frequent and reliable service beats sitting in traffic, so make a night of it and leave the driving to us."

The spring kickoff was held at Goosefeather, located in the King Mansion at the Tarrytown House Estate.

Make sure to check out HVRW newcomers, among others: Brothers Fish and Chips in Ossining; Hudson Farmer & the Fish in Sleepy Hollow; Shiraz Kitchen in White Plains; and Tippy Taco Bar in Mount Kisco.

The complete list of restaurants and menus can be found at valleytable.com/hvrw. Reservations are suggested as space fills quickly.

Westchester Real Estate Market Remains Strong with Low Inventory



Ideal Time for Sellers to Realize Their Highest Sale Prices

The residential real estate market in areas North of NYC remains strong and is characterized by robust buyer demand, coupled with historically low inventory levels, which continues to drive prices upward in most segments. It remains optimal for sellers to realize their highest prices, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Q1 Market Report released on April 9.

Despite some pockets experiencing a slight uptick in inventory during Q1 2024, specifically in the higher price ranges, overall conditions remain favorable for sellers and challenging for buyers, according to the report. While home sales were lower for the quarter in most of the markets in areas North of NYC, median sale prices were higher in all of the markets.

"Multiple offers remain a common occurrence, demonstrating the importance of working with a knowledgeable buyers' agent to secure a home. Their expertise can provide invaluable guidance and market insight ensuring that buyers make informed and effective decisions," said Houlihan Lawrence President & CEO Liz Nunan.

Q1 2024 MARKETS AT A GLANCE (Q1 2024 vs Q1 2023)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Homes Sold: Down 9.8%
Median Sale Price: Up 9.4%

New York City Gateway (Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham and Yonkers)

Homes Sold: Down 17%
Median Sale Price: Up 17%

Lower Westchester (Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe)

Homes Sold: Down 15%
Median Sale Price: Up 10%

Rivertowns (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington Ossining and Pocantico Hills)

Homes Sold: Down 15%
Median Sale Price: Up 8%

Greater White Plains (Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains)

Homes Sold: Down 31%
Median Sale Price: Up 8%

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Letters: Animal Rights Activists Want Us to Stop Coverage of Fishing Charters & Hunting

Editor's Note: Over the past few weeks, we have received a large number of Letters to the Editor concerning two Guest Posts on our Yonkerstimes.com website. One post highlighted Fishing Charters in the area, while the second discussed hunting.

Neither of these posts appeared in the print version of Westchester Rising or Yonkers Rising. But our readers submitted letters to the editor for the newspaper, so we have decided to print them.

While we do not agree with either of the arguments presented in the letters, namely that Fishing and Hunting should not be reported on, we do believe in their right to be heard.

Dear Sir:

I read the article about the glories of hunting, it actually made me sick at the stomach. You failed to mention that the end result is a dead or badly injured living beautiful creature that will suffer and die and for what? Hunting is something from the past, men do not have to teach their sons the macho act of having a powerful gun and going out into the small remaining Forrest or woods to search for a beautiful gentle deer to shoot your high powered rifle and kill or maim this beautiful gentle animal that is perhaps the mother of a young deer that needs it's mother to survive. And this is called sport? However, we think of sports as a game of equals that play to win but in this case, perhaps it is far from sportsman conduct as one athlete has a high power rifle and the other one has nothing. A skilled "hunter" shoots to kill but most of today's hunters do not have a skill as hunting is not what it used to be and perhaps the bullet only injures and the animal suffers until it bleeds to death and often it takes a while. I seriously question that there are any good results unless the hunter gains pleasure in seeing suffering and/or death. Surely this is not something you want to encourage your young son to attempt.

You get the picture. Some of us are offended, disgusted angered over your words. What happened to live and let live, the intense beauty of deer, foxes, birds, is extremely meaningful to many if not most of us. There are fewer and fewer animals today--no room for them in our progressive world. They live their lives so beautifully, so different from humans and yet they have their own world. I pity the people who don't realize this and their lives don't include learning of their wonderment--how sad. To know that there are people taking their amazing lives for sport? It is a terrible travesty!!

Connie Mogull
Mamaroneck, NY

Dear Editor Dan Murphy

Please do not run any more articles on the cruel practice of hunting, and at minimum, ethically and fairly publish humane responses to this current spate of animal cruelty-as-entertainment articles.

Sincerely
Tobi Zausner

As a long-time animal advocate, I am dismayed by the continual disregard given to fish. Fish, like all animals, are sentient beings capable of feeling fear, pain and suffering. And if the abject cruelty directed towards these innocent creatures isn't enough to dissuade "adventure-seeking" individuals, the environmental impact of fishing should: it is devastating to the oceans fish call home, and waterways everywhere. I have witnessed "fisherman" polluting the waters with trash and fishing lines that are deadly for many sea creatures. Harming animals, including fish, should not be promoted as an adventure.

Christina DeRespiris, New Rochelle

To The Editor:

I am horrified to see the list of "fishing tours"! this is just another inhumane sport and should not be supported. hopefully you'll backtrack on your stand in this matter.

Joyce Baum, New Rochelle

Yonkers City Council: Deal With Deficits Not Ceasefires



By Eric Wolf Schoen

The Yonkers City Council is currently dealing with an \$86 million deficit in the proposed 2004-2005 City Budget. The deficit is caused by the evaporation of Pandemic funds and other one time budget gimmicks.

The budget gimmicks are nothing new. Every year a 'Mighty Mouse' from somewhere comes in to save the day and the poor Yonkers employees who get threatened with layoff notices keep their jobs. This, after they and their families are humiliated by the whole situation. It's truly pathetic.

So then we hear and read of the Council getting involved in the Middle East. Oy, they can't solve the problems of our fair city but they think they have the solutions for solving the problems of the world. A resolution is put on the City Council agenda calling for an end to the Israel-Hamas war while also defending Israel's right to exist.

According to the Jewish Week, after months of discussions and weeks of debate, the Yonkers City Council tabled a Gaza ceasefire resolution that aimed to thread a narrow needle. The council announced that it would table the resolution at the start of the meeting Tuesday night where the resolution had been on the agenda.

The tabling followed opposition from all sides of the equation, and dragging hundreds of passionate people to this week's Yonkers City Council meeting. Thousands of emails flowing through Yonkers servers. I sure hope the Yonkers Parking Authority did not charge these spirited people to park in the City Hall Garage.

Believe me, the last place one would want to be on a nice day like we had on Tuesday is Yonkers Council Chambers with purposely uncomfortable bench seats that were built that way so the public would not stay too long. The Chambers are not air conditioned, the windows are closed to avoid interruptions with the broadcasting of the meeting, and perish the thought that the Council would move their meeting to the Saunders Auditorium when they expect a big crowd for the comfort of the citizenry.

Kudos to the City Council President. Her comments: 'My position is, if the group that asked for the resolution does not support it because it doesn't go as far as they want, and the Jewish community does not support it because they don't want a ceasefire without the release of hostages, which is totally understandable, then why are we bringing this to a vote?' City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy sensible comments to the New York Jewish Week before the meeting.

I'll take it one step further. Why is this issue before the Yonkers City Council, period. The Council has nothing to do with world affairs. With all the problems Yonkers faces, please Yonkers City Council, deal with them and let the folks in Washington, D.C. deal with international issues!

What did you Think of the Eclipse?

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Tech Leaders Share Intel on Leveraging AI at Fordham REI, BCW Forum

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is impacting virtually every industry, offering opportunities to transform business as usual. Understanding the technology and how best to leverage its potential in real estate was the topic of an in-depth forum last week hosted by Fordham University's School of Professional and Continuing Studies and The Business Council of Westchester.

"Revolutionizing Real Estate: The Smart Solutions of AI" was presented virtually April 4 and featured Nikki Greenberg, founder and Chief Innovation Officer, Real Estate of the Future; Ravi Bhatia, Business Development Manager, Skanska USA Civil, and adjunct professor, Fordham Real Estate Institute (REI); Sanjay Gandhi, Senior Managing Director, Property Management, Besen Partners; and Serge Reda, co-founder, AlphaRithm AI, and adjunct professor at Fordham REI and Chair of its Technology Committee. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Joshua Harris, executive director of Fordham REI and managing partner of Magnolia Hill Partners.

Greenberg set the stage by presenting an overview of AI's rapid evolution—including generative AI and the rise of ChatGPT—and how business professionals can leverage technological advancements. "We're at a turning point in terms of where technology is and the impact it is going to have. Is AI revolutionary? I believe it is. But, while the technology is getting better, human beings should not be flatlining – we all have to evolve along with this," she cautioned.

"AI is math, not magic," Greenberg said. "There's an algorithm behind the scenes, a set of instructions. It relies on information it's given to make an analysis. If you give it wrong information, it's going to give you a wrong outcome. We need to be thinking about the quality of data we give to AI to enable it to give us a quality outcome."

Harris asked the panel what will be AI's single, most consequential impact on the real estate world.

"I see great opportunities to improve efficiencies and reduce risk," said Bhatia. "We've all gone through the supply-chain shocks of a post-Covid world. As information becomes more readily available, there's going to be more transparency in pricing, in terms and conditions, and in streamlining contracts. That's huge. If we can reduce transaction costs, improve safety and improve efficiencies in the supply chain, it is going to be game-changing."

Gandhi agreed. "The advantages we see are in automating the mundane, repetitive tasks we do in our industry. A lot of the research tools can be automated, and, if we can reduce transaction costs – that's great. These are exciting times. But, real estate has been traditionally a hand-shake industry and that is going to be one of the challenges."

Reda pointed to real estate investing and development as an area where AI could have a significant impact, in terms of identifying opportunities and reducing risks. "Investing in real estate is an enormous investment so it requires a lot of information and analysis. AI could be extremely impactful in the incorporation of data that humans are just not capable of analyzing on their own. Those who can leverage that kind of capability will have an advantage in the market."

The panel also addressed one of the most common concerns related to AI: potential job loss. "Jobs are going to evolve," said Greenberg. "We're going to learn to use new tools. Some will lean in, others won't. What we're going to see with AI is a combination. AI is great at crunching numbers, analysis very quickly. Humans are great at relationships, trust, and ambiguity. Combine them, and you're super-charged."

"AI can do the back-office work you need to better communicate with your clients, partners and tenants, but it's not going to replace the human interaction," Gandhi said. "You still need to be on top of the game."

To view the forum, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-rnho1AcJA>
For information about the Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies, visit <https://www.fordham.edu/pcs>.

For more information about the Business Council of Westchester, go to www.thebcw.org.

Westchester Parks Foundation to Host Pitch in For Parks April 18-22nd



Record Breaking 1,000+ Volunteers Expected in Earth Day Clean-Up Events

Westchester Parks Foundation is getting ready for its largest volunteer event of the year. Started in the late 90's, Pitch in for Parks is the largest multi-day volunteer event that helps get parks ready for peak season. The event kicks off April 18 and culminates on Earth Day April 22. Park stewards will help with trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Participating local businesses include returning Gold Sponsor, Triton International.

The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester County Parks. Projects for volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, will be held at Willsons Woods Park, Mount Vernon; Muscoot Farm, Katonah; Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers; Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, among others.

Last year, 692 volunteers clocked 2481 hours at 13 parks throughout Westchester for clean-up efforts. They planted 224 flowers, removed 1,544 pounds of trash and painted 3,930 sq ft of fences and buildings.

Pre-registration is required to participate. All tools will be provided, and volunteers should wear clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit <https://www.thewpf.org/events> and scroll down to the park in your neighborhood to sign up.



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Weekend Events at Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290
Small Group Birding, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

A Saw Mill River Audubon bird walk. Reservations are required at SawMill-RiverAudubon.org.

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958
Signs of Spring Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join Parks staff on a walk around Merestead to witness and discuss the seasonal changes in plants and wildlife this time of year. Park and meet at the carriage house. Rain or shine.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466
Take Out the Trash!, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Keep our salt marsh beautiful by collecting trash left by the tides.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268
Making a Bamboo Trellis, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Build one for your garden.

Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/making-a-bamboo-trellis/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268
Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-04-13/>

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7317
Fly-Tying School, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Today is the first class of a four-class series that teaches the basics of fly-tying. It's designed for anglers with at least two to three years of fly-fishing experience. The remaining classes are 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on April 20, May 4 and May 11. Send inquiries to tqia@westchestercountyny.gov.

Get details and register at <https://www.cwctu.org/fly-tying-school>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851
Signs of Spring Walk, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Walk around with us to see and discuss the seasonal changes in our plants and wildlife. For all ages.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us for an exploration of the microscopic worlds that surround us. We'll discover the hidden details behind natural materials we might otherwise overlook.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720
Manursing Lake Travelogue, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We'll travel along the lakeshore to look at its formation and observe the creatures, plants and ecosystems of which they are a part.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005
Naturalist Choice Hike, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join our staff to see what's happening out on the trails. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-04-14/>

Letters to the Editor:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR – WESTCHESTER RISING

Yes, New York's recent Presidential primaries were a disaster, and there are many ways to fix them in time for 2028

April 9, 2024

To the Editor:

I read with great interest Dan Murphy's Op-Ed column in the April 5, 2024 edition of Westchester Rising. Indeed, the recently concluded Presidential primaries left a lot to be desired, even after taking into account that the presumptive nominees of both parties had effectively secured their respective nominations several months before this summer's conventions.

Here's what I suggest can be done to make the 2028 Presidential primaries more competitive and cost effective:

- Move the date of the New York Presidential primary earlier in the calendar to say February or early March. For example, the 2008 Presidential primary was held on February 5, 2008 as part of the "Super Tuesday" primaries. This would make New Yorkers' votes more pivotal in the nominating contests;

- Combine the Presidential primary with state Federal and legislative primary contests; this was done for many years during the 1960s and 1970s. While it might dilute the effect of the New York primary on the nominating conventions (then again, with a competitive contest, it wouldn't), the taxpayers would be saved substantial amounts of money by holding only one primary, and not two, as will be the case later this year;

- Some states this year, for example, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nevada, Iowa and Missouri, are holding caucuses to select their candidates. In previous years, Maine, Texas and Arizona also used a caucus system, (as a matter of fact most states used a caucus/convention method prior to 1972). A caucus would be ideal if a party is nominating an incumbent President; and likely reduce the cost of holding statewide primaries.

To make this work, the reapportionment of Congressional and state legislative district lines (mandated every 10 years due to the census) would have to be accomplished without litigation and on a truly fair basis.

But it is worth trying and needs to begin now.

Stephen R. Rolandi
Larchmont, NY

(Mr. Rolandi, an Independent Republican, served in executive positions in the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations, as well as for the State of New York. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Pace University and City University of New York and active with Principles First and Republicans for the Rule of Law)

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW —AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 88 ELLIOTT AVENUE AND 90 ELLIOT AVENUE

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: April 10, 2024

VEE'S CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail process to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C., LLC filed with SSNY on 08/29/23. Office: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: 200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of MYLILWRKSHOP.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State on 3/6/2024. Office located in Yonkers, NY. Hector Jimenez has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 237 Roberts avenue, Yonkers NY 10703, principal business location of the LLC, purpose: any lawful business activity.

Notice of formation of Mixed by Maya, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 45 Inverness Rd New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Northern Lights Massage Therapy PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 409 North Broadway Apt 38 Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Bosco Home Improvements LLC , . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 716 Loomis Ave Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Intentional Journey Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/24. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against PLLC to 1374 Midland Ave, Suite 410, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of EM SLEEP CONSULTING LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2024. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 53 Windsor Place, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of KW Services NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/30/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 875 King Street Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company Lee & Mazie's LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 04/02/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : Lee & Mazie's LLC 1 Sherwood Terrace Apt 5D Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecchi, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Washy LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/24/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 224 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of SurgeExpand, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 324 Palisade Ave -1F, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

Be honest, what did you think of the once in a lifetime eclipse we experienced on Monday. Among my friends things blow 2 ways. Half of them think viewing the Eclipse was the greatest thing since sliced white bread. The other half were not impressed with what they saw.

So there I was, on Executive Boulevard in Yonkers on Monday at 2:00 pm. With several other scattered eclipsers. I was heading in that direction so I figured I would view the eclipse from the parking lot for the office building and Bank across from Applebees. Nice tree free area, high enough in Yonkers and fairly close to the highest point in Yonkers by Sacred Heart Church. I had my special glasses remembering from my day camp days and an eclipse that took place where we were told not to look at the sun as our eyes would burn. I was Mr. Astronomy.

I looked at the sky glasses on for 5 minutes before it's peak to 10 minutes after. I expected the sky was going to go dark and all of a sudden it was going to get very cold. Didn't happen. I saw the moon covering the sun but it didn't look like it was 100% covered. Maybe I wasn't in the best spot in America to view the eclipse.

Should I have gone to Buffalo where the Governor was? Niagara Falls? Canada side, the best side to see the falls on? I went to Niagara Falls once. In 15 minutes I was over it. Bottom line is a trip to Niagara Falls to view the eclipse was not worth it to me. If you enjoyed it like so many friends did, I am happy for you. But if you didn't,

Did You Feel the Earthquake?

I was on the beach in Southern California when I felt a little movement many years ago. It was a 1.6 earthquake. I felt it, put my transistor radio on and the broadcaster confirmed it. I had gone through my first earthquake. Little did I know at the time that the worst place to be when an earthquake hits is on the beach.

We've had various earthquakes in Yonkers and Westchester, none close to the 4.8 one last Friday. I felt them, the pictures on the wall shook, and within seconds everything was fine.

It was a Friday in Philadelphia about 10 years ago. I was driving my car, heading to Denny's for an order of 2 pancakes for \$2 when I really felt an earthquake shake my car. It was probably one of the the biggest earthquakes Philly had ever had. I remember being afraid to park my car in an underground parking lot. So I parked at a meter putting quarters in every 3-4 hours.

So we had a 4.8 earthquake last Friday. I was in an office building on Waters Place in the Bronx. Fairly new building, it probably has features that allows it to withstand an earthquake far greater than 4.8. I felt nothing and would not have known about it unless I heard people talking about it or from the radio.

Eclipses, earthquakes? Maybe I'm just not impressed with these things anymore. Fortunately, our buildings are built to withstand earthquakes so there was very little damage. Lately we see so many residential and commercial buildings rise so quickly. Sometimes too quickly. And I wonder if another, bigger earthquake hits, will these buildings be able to withstand the stress? Don't you?

Some briefs:

A delay of 3 hours for the Powerball numbers for the big drawing last weekend. Do you realize the chaos it caused, all of us staying up to watch our winning ticket numbers pop up on the screen? Those games monitored by big accounting firms should be perfected by now with none of this delay nonsense.

There was a mistake on one of the courts in the regional round of the N.C.A.A. women's basketball tournament. For five games, the line at the top of the 3-point arc was nine inches shorter than the same line at the other end of the court at Portland's Moda Center. The N.C.A.A. blamed a "human error" by a company contracted to finish the court. And you know that company was paid a lot of money for those lines.

With the power Yonkers has in the Assembly and Senate in Albany, we should not have to wait another year to find out if Yonkers will have a full fledged casino!

Councilperson Tasha Diaz' punishment for her potty mouth remarks? 'Sensitivity/communication training' and 'workplace violence training' for all Council-members? Are you kidding me! You know if those words came from a City of Yonkers non-elected official the punishment would be greater!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

TRUSTEES NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY **MARIE K. (GEORGETTE) MOORE**

USSC Bill Stadium, continued from pg 1-

Trustee Kathy Whately, of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST and of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST, II, has identified MARIE K. MOORE a/k/a MARIE GEORGETTE K. MOORE a/k/a MARIA GEORGETTE KOUMLIKIS MOORE, born on or about April 30, 1947, Daughter of Rosa Lee Whately Koumlikis and George James Koumlikis, mother of Cheryl Marie Moore, as a Beneficiary of the Trusts entitled: HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST and HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST, II. The said Trustee has used diligent efforts to locate the Beneficiary with last known addresses being in Yonkers, NY and Bronxville, NY. This Notice shall serve as the last measure by the Trustee to locate the Beneficiary, or her heirs, and demands that she contact the Trustee's attorney at the below address on or before July 8th, 2024, or Beneficiary shall be deemed to have waived her interest under the Trust and the Trustee shall proceed in disbursement of the Beneficiary's interest in accordance with the Trust terms or pursuant to Virginia Law.

MARIE K. MOORE, or her heirs, Contact:

Whitaker R. Johnston, Esq.
 Attorney for Kathy Whately, Trustee
 20580 Timberlake Rd.
 Lynchburg, VA 24502
 1 (434) 237-6458

New York Courts have rejected this argument, with a lower court dismissing the case and NY Appeals Courts denying the motion to reargue.

The USSC asked for a rebuttal to Schulz and Futia's filing to the State of New York. Barbara Underwood, the Solicitor General for NY, filed a document waiving New York's right to submit a response.

While this is good news for Futia and Schulz, it is still not clear whether or not the Nine Justices on the US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on this case, and when that would be if they agree to hear the case.

"In my 45 years of working on these types of cases, I have never felt so confident. The USSC only hears cases that are unique, where important Constitutional rights and arguments have not yet been made. I feel very confident that they are going to hear the case," said Schulz.

The USSC has put the case on a docket with court #-231058. Now they must decide whether to hear arguments and when. If they decide to hear the case, they will ask for briefs from both sides and then an oral argument before the court. Nobody knows when that might happen. If time is of the essence, the Justices might hear the case before their summer recess. Or they could decide to hear it next year or decline to move forward.

The case may have some urgency because work has already begun to build the new stadium for the Bills in Orchard Park. "Any public funds that have gone into the new stadium may have to be replaced. This will require a shifting of resources, to the owners of the Bills. They may have to cut back," said Schulz.

One theory has the Justices interested in hearing a case that involves the overreaching by government. And the current makeup of

the court has a conservative majority more inclined to believe in strict adherence to the Constitution and opposed to the unlawful overspending or misuse of taxpayer funds.

What is also noteworthy is that many New Yorkers of different political views oppose this use of public funds for private use. Schulz and Futia are conservatives, but progressives also do not want their tax dollars going to subsidize the billionaire owner of the Bills, Terry Pegula.

New York Unions have also objected to the giveaway to the Bills, instead preferring the money be used for state employees.

Bills fans are also outraged after hearing that they will have to pay between \$15,000 to \$50,000 for a personal seat license fee. This gives you the right to purchase your Bills home game tickets, and nothing else.

So, if you are a longtime Bills fan, with season tickets in your family for generations, and you have 4 good ticket locations, at \$50,000 per PSL, that's \$200,000. We wonder how many Bills fans will be able to afford this.

And why are they charging PSL's after the State allocated \$600 Million and Erie County \$250 Million?

The State funding for the new stadium was included in last year's state budget.

Futia, who we have featured in our newspapers and online during his ongoing battle with the IRS, said most New Yorkers do not understand that the public financing for stadiums used for private use is illegal in our state.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF _____) Case Action Number: _____
 _____)
 a child under the age of 18 years.)
 D.O.B.: _____)

PUBLICATION ORDER

TO: _____, PUTATIVE FATHER OR ANY PERSON CLAIMING PARENTAL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO _____; AND TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTY

A petition having been filed in this Court on behalf of the Madison County Department of Human Resources, requesting the Court to grant it custody of _____; said Department having further filed a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights with respect to that child; and the Court having set a hearing to be held on _____, to determine whether parental rights should be terminated and to determine whether the child should be placed in the permanent custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the purpose of adoptive planning, you are hereby notified that at said date and time, you may appear in Judge Patricia Demos' Courtroom, Room 529, 5th Floor of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 North Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, and show cause, if any you may have, why the permanent custody of said child should not be given to the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources as requested in said petition. Inquiry may be made as to this matter by contacting Kimberly C. Brown, attorney for the Madison County Department of Human Resources, or this Court prior to the hearing.

DONE this ____ day of _____, 2024.

 Patricia Demos
 JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

Foregoing to be published in _____ for four consecutive weeks on the following days: _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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"There is a plot in this country to enslave every man, woman and child. Before I leave this high and noble office, I intend to expose this plot."

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Whether or not President Kennedy actually said those words seven days before his assassination, as has been alleged, We The People are in fact being governed not by our State and Federal Constitutions as intended, but by a ruling class with its love of power and money.

Thus, We The People have been dumbed down by a lack of civic education in our schools. Most do not know they have both a State and a Federal Constitution which created a government “republican in form,” placing the ultimate power in the hands of the People, while empowering and restricting the government for the sole purpose of securing the Rights of the People.

In oversight, We The People never organized for the purpose of institutionalizing civic education and holding Government accountable to our Constitutions. Unfortunately, we have learned that *individuals and small groups cannot prevail.*

Thus, the ultimate power in America is shifting from the People to the ruling class/Government where it was not intended to reside.

Popular sovereignty is clearly being replaced by governmental sovereignty. We The People are becoming subjects.

We need to put America back on course. That requires a plan that at least 2.5% of the State’s population agrees is the way to go. There is such a PLAN, well thought out and practical.

Join us this year at local meetings of We The People of New York Inc. In the Westchester County area that will be advertised in this newspaper to learn more about the plan.

Now is the time for all good people to come together in defense of their State and Federal Constitutions.

Anthony Futia Jr.

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Alexa Robinson, Hendrick Hudson HS, Named A Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Lexi Robinson

Congratulations to Lexi Robinson, a Senior at Hendrick Hudson High School, for being named a Con Edison scholar-athlete of the week. Robinson is the leader of the HHS Girls Lacrosse team, and is a tremendous three sport athlete, on the Varsity Girls Soccer team, Basketball team and Lacrosse team. She recently led the Girls Basketball team to the Section One Championship game.

As the team captain of the Lacrosse Team, where she has played for four years, Lexi has been named All League twice.

Coach Rob Porter called Lexi, “the ultimate team player. Her presence is not necessarily felt with points. She is, by far, the team’s best defender. This past week, Lexi received the honor as the NYS Athletic Administrators Female Scholar Athlete of the year.

“In Hen Hud’s opening Girls Lacrosse win over perennial power, Tappan Zee, Lexi just did what she always does. She doesn’t have the flashy stats. She welcomes being the best defender on the field, and she welcomes the leadership that she provides. In the opening 13-2 win, it was Lexi’s defense that led to the dominant effort. She controlled the entire defense for the entire game.”

Lexi is an honor roll student, with a 98% GPA. She has completed several Advanced Placement courses, and is a student with an exuberant amount of extra-curricular and volunteer activities, including:

Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Puppy Socializer and Trainer, Town of Cortlandt Youth Boys Basketball Coach, Church of the Holy Spirit Food Pantry/Peekskill Soup Kitchen/Feeding Westchester, Volunteer of Rescued Paws, Animal Adoption.

She is A Member of National Honor Society, the Member of Mathematics

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YONKERS OCA CLEAN-UP

Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park
Saturday, April 20, 2024

JOIN MAYOR MIKE SPANO
and local volunteers in beautifying our section
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CONSENT FORMS REQUIRED FOR THOSE UNDER 18.

WHEN

8:30 AM Registration – Walnut Street at Old Croton Aqueduct
9:00 AM Press Conference
9:30 AM Clean-up Aqueduct

WHERE

Meet at Walnut Street at Old Croton Aqueduct
Event will take place Rain or Shine
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Residents Oppose Proposed Lithium Battery Storage Facility

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Attention residents, businesses & concerned citizens of Mahopac, Baldwin Place & Somers: Proposed Lithium Battery Storage facility @ 24 Miller Rd poses grave risks to

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Stand Together
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New Rochelle Man Gets 21 Years for Sex Offenses With Children

Defendant preyed upon victims, with whom he engaged in repeated sexual acts that he filmed over a four-year period; he threatened to publish the videos on social media DA's Office investigation began after state police identified suspect from national reporting center's alert of child sex abuse material uploaded online in Westchester

On April 4, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a New Rochelle man was sentenced to 21 years in state prison for sexual acts involving three children in Westchester County, as well as for the possession and creation of images and videos of children engaged in sexual acts, between 2019 and 2023.

DA Rocah said: "After years of preying upon children and inflicting unspeakable trauma on his victims, this defendant has been brought to justice and removed from our community. I thank the brave survivors for their courage in working with our Office, and the multiple agencies who partnered with us on this case to secure this conviction. We will continue to support the victims throughout their healing and offer further assistance in any way possible."

The defendant, Jason Ricketts, 23, pleaded guilty on Jan. 29 to two counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree, and Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, all felonies.

The defendant appeared before New York State Supreme Court Judge James McCarty and was also sentenced to 20 years of post-release supervision. He is also required to register as a sex offender.

The defendant first met his victims in person at locations where children gather and befriended them by deceiving the children and their parents into believing that he was younger than he was. The defendant methodically gained the trust of his victims, even using substances with them before engaging in sexual acts with his victims, which he filmed. When the victims tried to leave or stop engaging, the defendant indicated that he would post the videos and images to social media accounts.

The sexual abuse began in 2019, when the victims were 12 years old, and continued until 2023.

The DA's Office Cyber Crimes Bureau and High Technology Crimes Unit launched an investigation in October 2022 after Dropbox Inc., a file hosting service, filed a Cyber-Tipline Report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) about an uploaded video file containing minors engaged in sexual acts.

Upon receiving NCMEC's notification, the New York State Police developed a suspect in Westchester County and the DA's Office obtained a search warrant in January 2023 for the defendant's residence in New Rochelle.

With assistance from the New Rochelle Police Department, the DA's Office investigators seized multiple devices from the defendant's home. The defendant admitted to using Dropbox.

Subsequent forensic analysis of the defendant's phone revealed a photo vault disguised as a calculator app containing dozens of videos and photos of the defendant performing sexual acts on children, which led investigators to identify three child victims in Westchester County.

The Child Abuse Bureau and the Special Prosecutions Unit located the three minors and their families, who agreed to work with the DA's Office.

The DA's Office arrested the defendant on Feb. 2, 2023, and seized an additional device, which revealed internet searches regarding how to remotely wipe devices, whether a person's age can be determined through a video, and attorneys who specialize in defending individuals charged with sex offenses.

The defendant has remained in custody at the Westchester County Jail since his arrest.

John Shehan, Senior Vice President of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Exploited Children Division & International Engagement said: "In 2023, NCMEC received more than 36 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation and made them available to law enforcement. The staggering volume of reports underscores the pressing need for ongoing collaboration in a shared mission to safeguard children and ensure a safer online environment. NCMEC applauds the relentless efforts of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and collaborating law enforcement agencies for their hard work on this case and commends the bravery of the survivors who have courageously come forward."

Steven G. James, New York State Police Superintendent said: "Mr. Ricketts had no regard for the wellbeing of the victims in this case. The evidence gathered, and work done by the New York State Police and our law enforcement partners, ensures the defendant will serve time for his deplorable acts. We have zero tolerance for those who prey on innocent children. This sentencing reflects the severity of the crimes committed and our commitment to finding justice for our most vulnerable victims."

Robert Gazzola, New Rochelle Police Department Commissioner said: "The collaborative efforts between multiple agencies in Westchester County have culminated in the successful arrest and prosecution of Jason Ricketts, who has been sentenced to 21 years in prison. This outcome reflects the dedication and synergy of our law enforcement community in upholding justice and safeguarding our neighborhoods."

In a statement to the court, one victim stated: "I met you when I was 8 years old, and then you became a constant in my life when I was 11 years old.... You stole years of my life from me.... Not only did your actions affect me, but you affected others who once called you their friend; but you weren't really a true friend, you were a wolf in sheep's clothing... a predator. You deserve all the time in prison you're getting; you need to be far away from kids."

Addressing the defendant, a second victim added, "You are a disgusting human being. You took away years of my life that I can't get back. I wish every day that I never met you... I was 12 years old... I would walk around afraid all the time.... Every time I tried to make a new friend, you would blackmail me and try to scare me.... I am not afraid of you anymore. After today, I hope I never see you again."

Anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other possible victims of the defendant can contact the DA's Office Special Prosecutions Division directly at (914) 995-3000. Language assistance is available.

The District Attorney thanked the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline Reporting team, the New York State Police, the New Rochelle Police Department, and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program—a statewide coalition of law enforcement investigators, analysts, and prosecutors.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL C. PETRE, PROPOSED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE AND INDIVIDUALLY; Any unknown heirs to the Estate of HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; ALLAN B. PETRE, JR.; ROBERT E. PETRE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.)

Defendants.

Filed: September 28, 2023

Index No.: 67861/2023

SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 4 Whittier Hills Drive a/k/a 4 Whittier Hills Road North Salem, (Town of North Salem) NY 10560

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of March 9, 2016, executed by Heather Petre to Bank of America, NA to secure the sum of \$140,000.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County on March 22, 2016 in Control Number: 560823249. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial.

The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 40 Block: 1356 Lot: 54 DATED: September 26, 2023 Rochester, New York NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure a c - tion.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO: 63831/2023

D/O/F: 07/18/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Property Address: 120 First Street, Yonkers, New York 10704

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RELIANT TRUST, SERIES HPP,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Unknown heirs at law of MARY MACAGNONE, her next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; NICHOLAS MACAGNONE A/K/A NICHOLAS P. MACAGNONE A/K/A NICOLAS P. MACAGNONE A/K/A NICK P. MACAGNONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, FRANK MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANK V. MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANCIS V. MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANK MACAFNONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, GAIL BRUNO A/K/A GAIL M. BRUNO, SR. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, DONNA BORRELL A/K/A DONNA M. BORRELL A/K/A DONNA M. MACAGNONE A/K/A DONA M. BORELL AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, VINCENT

RASCONA A/K/A VINCENT ROBERT RASCONA, SR. A/K/A VINCENT A. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, ANTHONY RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY RASCONA, SR. A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA III A/K/A ANTHONY R. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY C. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY RASCONS A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASOUNA A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA JUNIOR A/K/A ANTHONY S. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

“JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES”, said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Paul I. Marx, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered March 26, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on Nov. 10, 2004 in Control No. 442650041, covering premises k/a 120 First Street, Yonkers, NY 10704 a/k/a Section 6, Block 6252, Lot 60.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq.
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who may be removing them.

Jann Mirchandani, the democratic candidate for Yorktown Supervisor, had her sign removed from outside her house by a Town of Yorktown employee, Jason Zeif. But Mirchandani had GPS on a few of her signs, and one she realized that her sign outside her home was moving, she took the photo of Zeif caught in the act.

The sign was later retrieved – along with 5 additional signs – by using a GPS tracking device. A police report was filed, and the response will only result in more questions.

When Zeif was questioned by Yorktown Police, the report states that Zeif “stated that the campaign sign was located on Town right of way property, and Zeif explained that campaign signs cannot be on Town property.”

Zeif also claimed that the sign was in the grass on the edge of the roadway and not obviously associated with any residence” and that “he was performing an act in his official role as Yorktown Code Enforcement officer. He added that he has taken thousands of signs off town property over the years, and that he has taken signs from both side of the campaign. Recently Zeif has been placing signs next to the dumpster at Town Hall.

There are no reports to verify that Zeif has taken signs from other candidates.

Mirchandani went to the dumpster at Town Hall and found a few of her signs, and other signs for professional services.

“I asked to have the report amended to include trespass as part of the original complaint; Mr. Zeif came onto my property to remove the sign. The town code does not authorize him to take my property, even if a violation were to take place,” said Mirchandani.

“I am also including photos of my signs in the dumpster that belie Mr. Zeif’s assertion that he is applying town codes in an unbiased manner. You can clearly see that there are no Ed Lachterman signs.

“Additionally, where it indicates that “no further action taken or requested” – I want to pursue this. Mr. Zeif came on my property and took a sign which he had no right to do. He is improperly applying town codes and is doing so in a biased manner.”

Mirchandani got the idea to use a tracking device for her signs from the story of Town of Fishkill Councilman John Forman. Forman was the Republican candidate for town supervisor in 2023 and had been charged after collecting 30 signs that opposed his campaign. One of the signs was equipped with a tracking device.

“I will stay focused on the issues and leave the politics as usual to the politicians.”

Mirchandani spoke to an attorney about this matter. Richard Abbate wrote that in his opinion, a “Vote for Jann Mirchandani sign is clearly a temporary opinion sign, and is therefore authorized by the Town Code. Therefore, the Town Code Enforcement Officer (Zeif) did not have the authority to remove a temporary opinion sign.”

Mirchandani does not live on a heavily trafficked road. She lives in a residential area of Yorktown, and the sign had no impact on vehicle safety. Which makes the so called explanation by Zeif less believable.

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Feds Charge Convicted Sex Offender Who Fled to Mexico with Sexploitation of a 12-Year Old

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Victim from Putnam County

Persons with information can contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

Mug shot of Kennedy Carter in 2020, in Oregon, before he fled to Mexico

On March 22, SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced that Kennedy Carter, a convicted sex offender who had fled to Mexico from probation in Oregon following a conviction for encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree in that state, was arrested and charged with sexual exploitation of a child and other child sex offenses. On March 21, 2024, CARTER was deported from Mexico by Mexican immigration authorities and arrived at San Francisco International Airport, where he was arrested by the FBI upon arrival. CARTER was presented in San Francisco federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler.

U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS SAID: "THE CHARGES UNSEALED TODAY REFLECT THE TENACITY OF THE CAREER PROSECUTORS OF THIS OFFICE AND OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS WHO TRACKED DOWN THIS ALLEGED RECIDIVIST SEX OFFENDER TO MEXICO AFTER HE FLED FROM PROBATION IN OREGON. THE DEFENDANT WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ALLEGED UNCONSCIONABLE ACTIONS, BUT WE RELENTLESSLY PURSUE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL FACE THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE LAW, NO MATTER WHERE THEY MAY HIDE."

As alleged in the Complaint: From at least on or about May 20, 2023, through at least on or about May 29, 2023, CARTER knowingly induced, enticed, and coerced a 12-year-old female minor located in Putnam County ("Victim-1") to engage in sexually explicit conduct, to take sexually explicit photos and videos of herself engaging in such conduct, and to transmit them over the internet to CARTER. In addition, from at least on or about May 20, 2023, through at least on or about May 29, 2023, CARTER knowingly distributed material that contained child pornography, including photographs and videos of another minor female ("Victim-2") to Victim-1 over the Internet. Finally, because CARTER is required by federal or any other law to register as a sex offender, and is so registered, and has committed a felony offense involving a minor in engaging in sexual exploitation of a minor, he is also subject to an enhanced penalty as charged in the Complaint.

Any individuals with information concerning KENNEDY CARTER and any individuals who may have encountered someone using the WhatsApp username 5215591447960@s.whatsapp.net or the aliases "Mikey Portuguese Perez" or "Javed Montero," please contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

CARTER, 27, previously of Corvallis, Oregon, is charged with one count of sexual exploitation of a child, which, because of his prior state conviction in Oregon for encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree, carries an enhanced mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison; one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography, which, again due to his prior conviction, carries an enhanced mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison; and one count of penalties for registered sex offenders, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison to run consecutive to any sentence imposed for the underlying offense of sexual exploitation of a child.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Williams also thanked law enforcement partners in Mexico, the Benton County Probation Office in Benton County, Oregon, the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California for their assistance.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Margaret N. Vasu is in charge of the prosecution.

to defeat incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman in the June 2024 Democratic primary race. Conducted by The Mellman Group, this survey offers important insights into the perspectives of voters in New York's 16th Congressional District.

"To put it plainly, Congressman Bowman's constituents are very unhappy with him but very impressed with County Executive Latimer. The combination of Latimer's sterling image and voters' distinctly negative assessments of Bowman may cost the incumbent congressman his seat. Bowman's constituents are even divided on whether he even cares about them, but the vast majority believe Latimer meets that central test," said DMFI PAC Chairman Mark Mellman. "It's simple: George Latimer is highly regarded, while Jamaal Bowman is widely unpopular.

"On Israel issues, the data are clear – Congressman Bowman is out of touch with his constituents. A majority of primary voters in his district approve of the job President Biden is doing handling the war between Israel and Hamas and want the U.S. to support Israel.

"With a robust campaign, George Latimer is in strong position to unseat the now unpopular Congressman Bowman."

This analysis represents the findings of a survey of 400 voters in New York's 16th Congressional District representing the likely June 2024 Democratic primary electorate. The survey uses a registration-based sample, with interviews conducted via landline, cell, and text-to-online from March 26-30, 2024. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 4.9% at the 95% level of confidence (higher for subgroups).

Key Highlights from the Poll:

Latimer has a 17-point lead in the horse race, with 52% of the Democratic primary vote, compared to 35% for Bowman, 0% for Farber, and 13% undecided.

Among those who vote most often in primaries (3 or 4 of the last 4), Latimer is even stronger, leading Bowman by 56% to 35%.

Latimer's double-digit lead results from his substantial image advantage. For example, while voters are quite positive about Latimer's performance in office (68% positive, 18% negative) they judge Bowman's performance quite negatively (36% positive, 55% negative)

Bowman is out of touch with its constituents on Israel issues. By 59% to 28%, Democratic primary voters approve of the job Joe Biden is doing handling the war between Israel and Hamas. In addition, 62% of Democratic primary voters want the U.S. to support Israel in the current conflict while a mere 5% want the U.S. to back Hamas.

For more detailed poll results and analysis, please click [here](#).

One of Latimer's democratic supporters in the Sound Shore said, "After finding out about this poll, George (Latimer) went out and campaigned with us at 8 events. There is no complacency in George Latimer and in those of us supporting his election to Congress."

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Honor Society, and the National Mathematics Honor Society.

Lexi was awarded the Samuel H. Topper Chemistry Scholarship, given to the top chemistry student in Northern Westchester.

HHHS Athletic Director Thomas Baker said, "Lexi can be counted on, at all times, to go above and beyond the call of duty. Her involvement in the district is second to none. Hendrick Hudson High School has been lucky to have Lexi Robinson walk its halls.

"Lexi has epitomized the term "student-athlete." In our team's run to the Section One Championship game, Lexi was the one making big play after big play in the biggest moments of the game. Very simply, she wanted the ball in that moment and knew she would be successful. Already, in our girls' lacrosse season, the same characteristics are being seen. She wants the ball in the biggest situations!



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and Lauren Cullinan, epitomize the ethic of paying it forward with their Bear and A Book Project.

We found out about Peyton and Lauren from City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, who welcomed them to a recent council meeting. “We had the pleasure of being joined by high school sophomores Lauren Cullinan and Peyton Savarese, who graced us by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. These remarkable young women are the founders of A Bear and A Book Project, initiated in fall 2023, aimed at nurturing a love and confidence for reading among young children. Their approach involves visiting Pre-K to 2nd grade classrooms, sharing stories, and encouraging kids to read aloud to their peers, adults, and even their teddy bears. To make this experience lasting, they conclude their visits by gifting each child a new book and a teddy bear. The cost of each gift bag is \$6, typically for classes of around 28 students. This wonderful initiative is supported by local businesses sponsoring classrooms and generous donations from individuals. Those interested in sponsoring a classroom or donating to the project can do so by sending an Amazon gift card to bearandbookproject@gmail.com,” writes Collins-Bellamy.

We wanted to learn more and share their story with our readers. Peyton and Lauren have been friends since the 4th grade. Both attended Paideia School 15, and now attend Ursuline High School.

The idea behind A Bear and a Book Project is that for those students who don’t have someone to read to at home, can read to the Bear that they are given along with a book.

“This idea started when we were studying. We were taking a break and were just talking. Since we’ve met, in fourth grade, we have always wanted to make a difference together. We have always shared a common interest in reading and writing, therefore, we wanted to incorporate those passions into our project. So, we began brainstorming and came up with the idea of reading to children, then giving them a bear and a book so that they can practice reading if they do not have anyone else to read to. And then a Bear and a Book was born,” said Peyton

“So far, we have visited 28 classrooms and 15 different schools, reaching over 600 children. We have read to schools in Yonkers, the Bronx, Queens, Mahopac, Mamaroneck, and Cheshire, Connecticut.

“For school visits, we begin by introducing ourselves, explaining a little bit about our project, and asking if anyone already likes to read. Then, we read them a story that is age appropriate, while we hold our own teddy bears, named Candy Bear and Sprinkles named by two previous pre-k classes. We ask them questions regarding the book to keep them engaged throughout the activity. At the end of the book, we reflect on the lessons and the main idea throughout the story. We finish off by distributing the goody bags that include a bear, a book, and a flier, containing information regarding the project. We walk around, talking to the students, and reinforce the importance behind reading their book to the bear,” said Lauren

The cost of the Bears, Books and Bags have been paid for through generous donations from local businesses in Yonkers. “We have been very fortunate with donations from small, local businesses. If they want to donate, we give them a specific amount that will cover the fees of one class; therefore, each company sponsors one or more classes. Also, we have been fortunate to receive donations from generous individuals, such as teachers from prior classes, friends, and our school.”

While the Bear and the Book Project is only 5 months old, the response has been positive. “Most importantly, the children have been engaged and appear to have been very receptive and excited about the project so far,” said Peyton

Both Peyton and Lauren are proud Yonkers residents and “feel very lucky to have received a Yonkers Public School education. Not only did it help us become friends, but it helped to inspire our project as well.

“We both attended Paideia School 15, Peyton from Pre-k through 7th grade and Lauren from 4th grade to 6th. We always had very encouraging teachers that helped set us up for future success, and always cheered us on.

“We would both say that our 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Tiffany Soares, is 15’s best example of this. She always cared about helping us grow, and she very much stressed the importance of reading and being well educated. She always told us, ‘use it or lose it’ to encourage us to keep up our skills, and her focus on Shakespeare through putting on a play really helped make the stories come to life.

“Another very important inspiration to us is another Yonkers native, our freshman English teacher at Ursuline, Ms. Tonia Bellomo. She was always helping us to improve our writing, which we both love, and helping us to get a very deep and profound understanding of the texts we were reading in class. Most importantly, she really cared for us and helped fuel our drive and ambition to improve our literacy skills.

“Something that has been important to us from the start is getting to read in School 15, and on April 2 we were able to make this come true. It was really important to us to give back to such an amazing school that was very good to us. We also have been fortunate enough to have been welcomed into two more Yonkers Schools, and we hope to get into many more in the future. We will be in the Yonkers Public Library in the 2nd week of April,” said both Lauren and Peyton.

What is their ultimate goal? “Something very important to both of us, is dreaming big and making those dreams come true. With our hard work and dedication towards this project, comes aspirations. We hope to reach 2500 bears and books distributed by June of our Senior Year in high school. However, high school is not where this project ends; we plan on continuing Bear and a Book all throughout college, and even bring it to our college towns. We hope to bring this project to the national and international level, specifically Ireland, where both of Lauren’s parents and her relatives are from. One day, we wish to fulfill our dream of writing a children’s book of our own, revolving around how we met at school 15, and tying in key ideas from a Bear and a Book Project. Lastly, we hope that one day we will be invited to share our project and read at the New York Public Library. Our dreams and aspirations are fueled by the support of our community and continue to grow alongside our service project. “

Who taught you to give back to others in this way?

“Giving back to our community is something that has been instilled in both of us since a very young age. The importance of looking out for one another has always been emphasized by our parents throughout our lives. Both of our families have always fostered this.

Peyton’s mom helped her to organize a laptop drive during the coronavirus outbreak so that children in her school community whose families could not afford laptops could still attend online lessons and get their assignments.

Lauren fostered these ideas of generosity for the community by running a toy drive for the Primera Hispana Church in downtown Yonkers to show support for struggling families during the holiday season. She has been operating this toy drive since the 7th grade.

Some of the schools that the girls have visited have young students who are living in shelters, or do not have a parent in their lives. And those are exactly the kids that both Lauren and Peyton want to impact with A Bear and a Book Project.

“I remembered hearing about how using toys and reading to toys can help young students read, so why not give them a teddy bear and a book. If they don’t have a family member, they can read to the bear.

“That was the idea, they can always count on their bear to be there and listen to them read. That way they always have someone to read to

Donations can be made by going to the Bear and a Book Project Wish List, which can be accessed on Amazon’s ‘List or Registry’, and finding Gift List-Peyton Lauren or by sending an Amazon Gift Card to bearandbookproject@gmail.com.

The girls give out age-appropriate books to all students, in consultation with the teachers. The hope is to give out several different books to each class and maybe the students can trade with each other after reading.

“It feels really good to see their reactions. In some classes, they begin reading right away,” said Peyton

“It makes us feel grateful. Even though it’s a small bag and a book, it means a lot to them. The bear isn’t just some toy, they can go home and read to the bear for support,” said Lauren

Peyton attends St. Eugene’s Church and Lauren attends St. Barnabas. Peyton hopes to be an entertainment lawyer in the future, and Lauren is interested in a career in finance or law.

Westchester County Golf Courses Open for Season

Golf Courses Are Open; Tee Time Reservations Available

Westchester County’s six golf courses opened Friday, March 15. The tee time reservation system is also available.

The county golf courses are Mohansic in Yorktown Heights; Maple Moor in White Plains; Saxon Woods in Scarsdale; Hudson Hills in Ossining; and Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake, both in Yonkers.

The tee time reservation system became available as of Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. by calling (914) 995-GOLF (4653) or online at westchestergov.com/golf. The first day of available reservations will be March 13.

Greens fees for 18 holes with a Westchester County Park Pass are the same as 2012: weekends and holidays, \$35; weekdays, \$31; seniors and juniors (weekdays only) \$24. Greens fees without a park pass are: weekends and holidays, \$45; weekdays, \$41. Twilight, super twilight and nine-hole discounts are available. Golf cart fees are separate. Fee structure for Hudson Hills is available online at hudsonhillsgolf.com.

Any remaining available E-Z Reserve spots will be sold at the courses. E-Z Reserve enables golfers with a Westchester County Park Pass to block out a regular Saturday or Sunday tee time for a period of 25 weeks.

Go to www.westchestergov.com/golf.

Editor’s Note: We will shortly begin our Golf coverage of local Westchester Golf Courses and County Clubs.

If you would like to have your home course featured, contact us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

This year we also hope to feature stories of legendary golfer Bobby Jones, and the Westchester golf courses that he played on.

Anyone with information for our “Bobby Jones Played Here in Westchester” series can also contact us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

I Say No More to Sexual Abuse Walk April 27

On Saturday, April 27th, the #YoDigoNoMas (I Say No More) movement, in collaboration with the Yonkers Public Schools District, City of Yonkers and Goya Cares, is hosting its Third Annual Walk Against Sexual Abuse of Our Children. This “silent pandemic” continues to affect millions of children and families.

Together, we can make a difference. This walk aims to raise awareness and break the silence and the cycle of sexual abuse affecting our children through prevention and education.

The Walk begins at City Hall in Yonkers and concludes at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School, where supporters will enjoy complimentary food, music, and family activities.

Visit



The City of Yonkers and The Toby Project
Are Offering
A Free Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic in Yonkers
For Feral/Abandoned/Homeless Cats

**Saturday, April 13th, 2024
8:00 AM**

You must be a resident of Yonkers to participate.
Capacity is limited, spots must be reserved by calling 646-306-2728
This free clinic in the Toby Project’s mobile surgical truck is only for feral cats, no owned animals/pets.
Cats must be in traps. No walk ins, by appointment only.
Vaccines, snap tests, revolution etc available on the day of surgery.
Recovery space must be provided by rescuers.
Call to reserve your spot! Address in Yonkers will be given when booking appointment

www.tobyproject.org



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court before U.S. District Judge Denise L. Cote, who imposed today’s sentence.

U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS SAID: “GINA MESTRE BETRAYED AND ABUSED THE TRUST PLACED IN HER BY THE NYPD AND THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK. SHE SWORE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BUT INSTEAD PARTICIPATED IN SIGNIFICANT CRIMES OF HER OWN BY PASSING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO A GANG LEADER AND HELPING HIM EVADE CAPTURE FOR THE MURDER OF A RIVAL GANG MEMBER. FOR VIOLATING HER OATH TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK CITY AND HER FELLOW POLICE OFFICERS, MESTRE HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO SPEND MORE THAN FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON.”

According to the allegations in the Indictment and other documents filed in federal court and based on statements made in public court proceedings:

MESTRE was an NYPD Officer assigned to the 52nd Precinct’s Public Safety Unit. In the summer of 2020, a major focus of both the precinct and the Public Safety Unit was the reduction of gun violence in the area. Much of that violence was attributed to members of the Shooting Boys, a violent street gang based in the University Heights section of the Bronx.

In or about June 2020, MESTRE began communicating with Andrew Done, a/k/a “Caballo,” the leader of the Shooting Boys. MESTRE and Done communicated through secret social media accounts and phone numbers and eventually began an intimate relationship, during which MESTRE provided Done and other gang members with confidential, non-public law enforcement information about the federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys.

MESTRE warned Done, and other gang members, that federal investigators were preparing to bring a federal indictment against the Shooting Boys. MESTRE also warned Done about impending law enforcement operations, which enabled Done and other gang members to dispose of weapons and conceal other criminal activity before law enforcement arrived on scene. In addition, MESTRE disclosed the identity of a cooperating witness who provided information about the gang to law enforcement. Armed with this information, Done and other Shooting Boys assaulted the witness to prevent the witness from further cooperation and to send a clear message within the gang that the punishment for cooperation would be severe.

On or about November 5, 2020, Done shot and killed a rival gang member (“Victim-1”) as Victim-1 sat in his car on Cromwell Avenue in the Bronx. NYPD Detectives investigating the murder recovered security camera video (the “Video”) capturing Done’s commission of the murder. Several members of the 52nd Precinct, including MESTRE, were tasked with identifying the shooter in the video. In fact, MESTRE was ultimately one of several officers who actually identified Done as the perpetrator.

Despite identifying Done as the shooter and ostensibly participating in the NYPD’s efforts to apprehend him, MESTRE sent Done a copy of the Video to his phone and secretly communicated with Done the day of the murder and in the weeks afterwards. Specifically, MESTRE warned Done about law enforcement’s efforts to capture him, allowing Done to eventually flee from the United States.

In March 2022, 10 members of the Shooting Boys were charged in a 15-count indictment with various federal crimes, including racketeering conspiracy and murder. Done was charged with the murder of Victim-1 and was apprehended in the Domini-

Real Estate, continued from pg 2-

Sound Shore
(Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck) Homes Sold: Down 13%
Median Sale Price: Up 5%

Northern Westchester
(Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers)
Homes Sold: Up 6%
Median Sale Price: Up 13%

Northwest Westchester
(Croton-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Lakeland, Peekskill and Yorktown)
Homes Sold: Up 10%
Median Sale Price: Up 14%

PUTNAM COUNTY
(Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac and Putnam Valley)
Homes Sold: Down 14%
Median Sale Price: Up 11%

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| |) | FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT |
| COUNTY OF RICHLAND |) | |
| Tracy Fall, |) | |
| |) | |
| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | |
| vs. |) | SUMMONS |
| |) | |
| Willa Castle, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | Case No.: 2024-CP-40-00086 |

TO THE DEFENDANT LISTED ABOVE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the Plaintiff’s Attorney below listed. Your Answer must be served on the Plaintiff at the below address within **thirty (30) days** after the service of this Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The original Summons and Complaint were filed with this Court on January 5, 2024. The original Notice of *Lis Pendens* was filed with the Richland County Register of Deeds on the same date, assigned a File Number of 2024-LP-40-000023, and identified the property as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the county of Richland, state of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot Number Five (5) on a plat of Wilds Acres prepared by James C. Covington, dated September 12, 1949 and recorded in the office of the Richland County Clerk of Court in plat book N at page 137. The parcel was further identified on that certain plat prepared for Thelma T. Jackson by Isaac B. Cox, dated October 5, 1971.

This being the same parcel conveyed to Willa D. Castle by deed of distribution from the estate of Thelma T. Jackson in Richland County Probate File No. 97-ES-40-220, dated January 29, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Richland County Clerk of Court in book R13 at page 704.

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Life Scout from Yonkers Raises Money to Build Little Free Libraries for Eagle Scout Project-Troop 19-Tuckahoe



Nina Khrapunova

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers resident and Life Scout Nina Khrapunova has created a GoFundMe page to help raise funds for her Eagle Scout Project, which is to build three 'Little Free Libraries' in her community. Nina writes, "I am a Life Scout in the BSA and an active member in Troop 19 Tuckahoe, in which I am currently the Outdoor Ethics Guide. I have been involved in Scouting since the beginning of 2019, when the first girls' BSA Troop was founded in Westchester County. I have created timeless memories and countless friends through Scouts, my favorite of which being those at my job at the Curtis S Read Scout Reservation in upstate New York.

"As my scouting journey nears the end, I have started to look towards becoming an Eagle Scout. Only 6% of all Scouts achieve this Rank, and only 2.5% of those are women. Like any Life Scout who aspired to achieve the Rank of Eagle, I am currently working on my very own Eagle Project.

"For my Eagle Project, I will build three free-standing "take a book, leave a book," libraries, located at playgrounds throughout Yonkers, NY, namely Kardash Park, H. Boo Wilson Park, and Welty Park. I am personally a very avid reader and know of many people, especially young children, who are as well but just don't get the opportunity. I believe that these libraries will be a great boon to the community and will be very helpful to the children who frequent these playgrounds. "My goal is to raise \$ 1,000 in order to cover project costs and make it possible for these libraries to exist for a long time. Your donation will help me tremendously in order to make this project possible. And, if you are unable to donate, sharing this fundraiser further, to spread the word would be of great help," writes Nina, whose GoFundMe page can be found at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/eagle-scout-project-take-one-leave-one-libraries>.

The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Our mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book-exchange boxes.

"Our vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. We believe all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space, or privilege," writes Little Free Library on their website, littlefreelibrary.org.

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