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BOL Chair Borgia Won't Resign After Dems on County Board Ask, Due to Anand Singh Scandal



Westchester County Board of Legislators Chair Catherine Borgia

By Dan Murphy

The fallout from the scandal involving Anand Singh, former staff member at the Westchester County Board of Legislators who was caught in an online, undercover underage sex sting, continues after 14 democrats on the Westchester County Board of Legislators have called on Board Chair Catherine Borgia to resign.

BOL Chair Borgia, in a statement on April 25, refused to resign. "During my time on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and more recently as Chair, we have indeed passed historic and life-changing pieces of legislation. Make no mistake about it – my record is indeed unprecedented. Additionally, during my time on the Board, I have faced numerous challenges, but none more troubling than the situation in which we find ourselves today.

"Instead of the facts of the situation, some of my colleagues have been distracted by politics and personal advancement. They believe a political witch hunt against me will advance them individually.

"We all agree that the staffer who was fired displayed conduct that was deeply disturbing, that is clear. We have the opportunity to use this situation to make our institution stronger and more resilient, instead it is being weaponized for personal benefit.

"Targeting me is an example of pervasive misogyny and political hubris that will destroy this institution. This is not just about one incident or one individual – it is about a culture of disrespect and disregard for women's contributions and voices.

"I have followed the law. I have upheld the County Charter. I have followed the ethics laws and Rules that govern this body. I am proud of my unparalleled record of legislative accomplishment and leadership in the service of the people of Westchester. I will not resign."

On April 24, the statement from the democratic legislators on the BOL reads," "We, members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, are asking Chairwoman Catherine Borgia to resign from her position as Chair. While she has been a leader that has guided us through historic and life-changing pieces of

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Westchester's New Hidden Gem Golf Course: Harrison Meadows Country Club

An Easter Sunday Tragedy in Westchester: 22-Year Old Killed by Wrong Way Driver



Isabel Steger

On April 9, 2023, at approximately 4:41 a.m., State Police responded to a report of a serious injury crash that occurred on I-87 northbound, near mile marker .48, at exit 1 (Yonkers). A preliminary investigation determined a wrong-way driver of an Acura MDX was traveling southbound in the northbound lane when it struck a Honda Civic head on. Two individuals were injured and transported to area hospitals and a third individual was pronounced deceased during transport to a third local hospital.

The operator of the 2007 Acura MDX traveling the wrong way on the Thruway in the city of Yonkers, has been identified as Qualasia N. Willis, 27, of Brooklyn, NY. Willis was transported to an area hospital where she has remained, for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

22-year-old Isabel D. Steger, of Bedford Hills, NY, was operating the 2020 Honda Civic when it was struck head-on. Steger succumbed to her injuries while being transported to Lawrence Hospital. A passenger in the Honda, Julia N. Ring, 23, of Elmsford, NY, was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where she remains in serious but stable condition.

Isabel Steger was a graduate of Fox Lane High School and was attending Alamama University. A GoFundMe page has been set up in her honor. https://www. gofundme.com/f/isabel-darlene-steger. It reads, "Isabel was taken too soon from this world all because someone made the decision to get behind the wheel and cause something many don't want to believe is true. The devastating reality is Isabel Darlene Steger has passed from this world into the next without living the long prosperous life she desired. In the 22 years Isabel was alive she touched many people's heart and changed many peoples lives, myself in included. I'm proud to call her a best friend, sister and confidant. Isabel's family has lost something that can never be replaced and we need to come together and help however we can. Whether you knew Isabel or not just know she was incredibly funny, sweet to many, caring, adventurous, loving, loud, fun and definitely spontaneous. Isabel is and always will be a one of a kind soul that will always live on in our memories. Don't take loved ones for granted and make sure they know you love them."

Food Insecure Westchester Families:



The 13th hole at Harrison Meadows County Club

By Dan Murphy

Very few local governments can offer their residents the option of joining a full-service golf club, at a fraction of the price of a traditional Westchester club. Currently, three Westchester golf courses are owned by local governments and offered to their residents at a reasonable yearly rate.

The Rye Golf Club and Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester are the two clubs that have been around for decades, and have successfully operated their golf courses, tennis courts, pool and other facilities for their homeowners and families.

In 2021, Harrison Mayor Ron Belmont saw an opportunity to purchase Willow Ridge County Club, which was up for sale and in financial distress. Belmont, and the Harrison Town Board acquired the property through Eminent Domain, paying \$13.65 million for the facility.

Additional bonding was made for improvements and the first players teed off at the Town of Harrison owned Harrison Meadows in the spring of 2022.

I had the pleasure of playing Harrison Meadows this Spring and enjoyed the layout, friendly staff and condition of the course. It is a hidden gem that deserves your consideration for a golf outing or membership.

Harrison Meadows sits between two other country clubs: Westchester County Club, and the Apawamis Club. This location offers golfers the serenity of a large area of greenspace in the middle of Westchester County.

Like most country clubs in the Harrison-Mamaroneck-Rye area, some of the holes at Harrison Meadows run next to large Harrison private homes, which added to the ambiance of my round.

Harrison Meadows is a fair test for the average golfer. Measuring 6425 yards from the gold tees, the 18-hole layout rewards a straight drive on the fairway, with most 2nd and 3rd shots to well protected or elevated greens.

I especially enjoyed playing the 6th hole, a par four with a second shot over water. The 9th and 18th holes are also memorable; both are uphill Par 5's that take you back to the clubhouse and the restaurant.

Water is a factor in several holes that require an accurate wedge or short iron onto the green. And even though it was early in the golf season, the greens were *continued on pg 5-*

"This is Not Enough"



By Dan Murphy

Tens of thousands of Westchester residents and families are "Food Insecure," which means that they are unsure where their next meal will come from?

We recently received a message from Feeding Westchester and their distribution manager

NO LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...

By Peter Pozo, Mobile Food Pantry Manager, pictured above

We were at a distribution in Shrub Oak. It was a drive-thru, and we asked each vehicle, "How many families do you have?" We often need to measure ourselves because the line keeps on getting longer as time passes. One particular SUV had five families. We couldn't give them what they needed.

The gentleman driving was very frustrated. He said, "This is not enough."

People are already frustrated because they can't make ends meet. Now, they come to a distribution where they think they'll get enough food and there's not always enough. And they need it. It was upsetting. It's hard to say, "No."

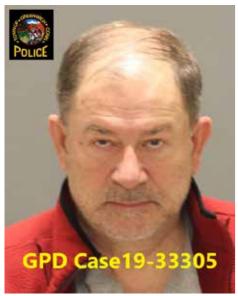
The lines are getting longer, by about 30%. Some places a little bit more. The SNAP benefits have been cut and this lady was receiving almost \$300 per month. Now she's receiving \$66. What can you buy with that? It's a sad situation. No light at the end of the tunnel as of now. This is not something that everybody sees. It's unfortunate. Hopefully we can get more people to support us," writes Pozo.

Every Sunday, on our way to church, my wife and I drive by the Peekskill-Cortlandt 7th Day Adventist Church in Cortland Manor. This Feeding Westchester mobile food pantry gives away a food bag every week, and we have noticed the lines of cars starting earlier and stretching longer.

And food insecurity for many Westchester families is expected to increase now that emergency SNAP benefits has now come to an end, after two years of additional benefits during and after COVID.

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Former Teacher-Tutor from Tuckahoe Sentenced to 25 Years for Enticement of a Minor



John Mueser, left also pled guilty to possession of child pornography

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JOHN MUESER was sentenced to 25 years in prison by United States District Judge Vincent Briccetti for his enticement of a sevenyear-old minor to engage in sexual activity and his possession of child pornography. The sentencing today followed MUESER's guilty plea on January 10, 2023.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "To the world, John Mueser presented himself as a dedicated teacher. But in reality, Mueser exploited the trust placed in him as an educator in order to gain access to the victim's home and to carry out his sickening abuse. As today's sentencing underscores, we will continue to use every tool available to law enforcement to prosecute and punish those who exploit children."

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in related court proceedings:

On May 1, 2019, JOHN MUESER, a private school teacher and a private tutor at the time, induced a 7-year-old minor ("Victim-1"), whom he was tutoring, to engage in sexually explicit conduct and used his iPhone to record the activity.

MUESER's iPhone was found to contain hundreds of images, many of which were sexually explicit, of Victim-1.

In addition to the numerous images of Victim-1 found on MUESER's phone, MUESER's phone was also found to contain numerous sexually explicit images and videos of other prepubescent children.

Years before his abuse of Victim-1, MUESER sexually abused two other children. With respect to both of those victims, the abuse continued for years.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Briccetti underscored that the defendant's criminal conduct was "truly reprehensible," asking "Is there anything more evil than sexually abusing small children for your own sexual gratification?" Judge Briccetti recognized that the defendant's "abuse of these children spanned decades." He said that the sentence he imposed "might amount to a life sentence," and "that does not trouble me at all."

In addition to the prison sentence, MUESER, 72, of Tuckahoe, New York, was sentenced to a lifetime of supervised release.

Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst May 7



Congressman Lawler Visits Taiwan

Stresses Importance of Defendng Against Chinese Aggression



Congressman Mike Lawler, right, meets Taiwanese officials

Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler recently wrote about his trip to Taiwan. Rep, Lawler writes, "In combating communism and promoting democracy, Ronald Reagan employed the doctrine of "peace through strength" — a policy that helped end the Cold War, bring about the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Berlin Wall, and put America on the path to global superiority.

"Today, with military and economic threats emanating from the unholy alliance of Russia, China, North Korea and Iran, America must once again lead to preserve peace, ensure prosperity, and advance democracy.

"When Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine in February 2022, he did not anticipate the unified economic and military response of the United States and our NATO allies or the resolved determination of the Ukrainian people. The consequences for this unjust war have been severe, with crippling economic sanctions and a depleted and demoralized Russian military.

"But Russian aggression didn't begin in 2022 and the invasion was hardly a surprise. Had America and our allies acted sooner to arm Ukraine and firmly pushed back against Russia, Vladimir Putin would have thought twice about such an invasion.

"We cannot allow history to repeat itself, especially in dealing with the threats and challenges emerging out of the Indo-Pacific. China continues to ramp up global economic coercion, aggression in the Strait of Taiwan, and espionage efforts against the U.S. and our allies. Meanwhile, North Korea threatens U.S. and international security by engaging in arms deals with bad actors and testing missiles within range of nearby countries. These provocations create a unique opportunity for America to strengthen our relationship with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, India, and Taiwan — an opportunity we cannot afford to squander.

"That is why I, along with House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul, R-Texas, and a bipartisan group of colleagues, recently traveled to the Indo-Pacific on a 10-day tour of Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hawaii, and Guam.

"After meeting with heads of state, foreign ministers, defense officials, and legislators, as well as our own military leaders in the Indo-Pacific Command, the 7th Fleet, and the DMZ, it is abundantly clear that the United States and our allies in the region must implement a clear strategy of deterrence against China and North Korea and create stronger economic and trade relations amongst ourselves — in other words we must implement a policy of peace through strength.

"In recent months, Japan announced plans to double the size of its military and increase defense spending to over 2% of GDP; South Korea increased defense capabilities and announced an expanded role in the Indo-Pacific region; the Philippines signed a maritime framework; and Australia agreed to expand defense cooperation with the United States.

"These actions by our allies are no accident, and they must be the beginning of greater cooperation and hopefully the framework for a NATO-like military alliance in the Indo-Pacific. It's the only way to effectively deter North Korea's and China's blatant military aggression.

"As with Ukraine, some Americans may wonder why it is important for the United States to be involved in these conflicts. The answer is simple: Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Make no mistake, freedom and democracy are worth fighting for and a prosperous America requires it.

"With over 60% of global trade navigating through the Strait of Taiwan and over 90% of the world's semiconductors being manufactured in Taiwan, any military invasion or blockade in the region would grind America's economy to a halt and have severe ramifications worldwide. It is in our national interest to ensure that never happens. "During our meeting with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, which came two days after her historic meeting with Speaker Kevin McCarthy and a bipartisan congressional delegation in California, she outlined a clear course of action — increased defense training and cooperation, delivery of critical weapons systems, and a unified coalition in the Indo-Pacific to deliver a clear and unambiguous message to China and any other would-be bad actors: don't even think about it. "China is our greatest geopolitical adversary and is the single most unifying issue across America. In the 118th Congress we have already seen the passage of significant bipartisan legislation on China, with more to come. "The time to act is now. America must lead with strength, boldness, and courage. With an eye towards peace and prosperity for all, our Indo-Pacific allies are ready and willing to unite.

Westchester's Favorite Festival Returns! Find handmade and uncommon items from 250 makers you can't find anywhere else in the area!

Spring Crafts at Lyndhurst returns on May 5-7, 2023! Visitors can spend the day with family and friends shopping for original fashions, accessories, jewelry, home décor, furniture, photography and fine art; as well as functional and sculptural works in ceramics, glass, metal, wood, mixed media and more!

Plus they can enjoy gourmet specialties, tastings from local distilleries, craft demos and family activities!

Experience fun family activities like interactive puppet theater, face painting, storytelling craft demos.

Shop til you drop then stay to have lunch with options like BBQ and seafood, plus favorites like hamburgers and ice cream and vegetarian options too; taste small batch gourmet specialties; and enjoy NYS distillery and winery tastings! Also, new this year: a mobile beer & wine truck!

Visit the craft show then enjoy Lyndhurst's 67 sprawling acres (included in craft show admission) with breathtaking scenic views of the Hudson River, a carriage house, rose garden and the nation's first steel-framed conservatory. Tours (for an additional fee) are available to experience the magnificent Neo-Gothic mansion museum and one of America's first bowling alleys!

Show hours are Friday, May 5, from 10am-5pm, Saturday, May 6, from 10am-6pm, and Sunday, May 7, from 10am-5pm. General admission is \$12, seniors are \$11 (62 & up), children 6-16 are \$4 and children under 6 are free. Advanced online ticket purchase available and strongly encouraged. Tickets available soon at www.artrider. com.



Letter to the Editor:

As a former member of the Westchester Independence Party, I am OUTRAGED that Governor Hochul and State legislators outlawed the name Independent or Independence from any future political party in New York State. They passed this law, while at the same time, leaving the almost insurmountable obstacles for minor party to now get on the ballot in New York State. Last year, the Libertarian Party, Green Party and UniteNY Party tried, and failed to get on the ballot. I hope that you will report on this, and hold our legislators feet to the fire. Instead of banning one word from political party names, how about giving minor parties a real chance to get on the ballot again? *Thanks Paul Zigfried, Peekskill*



FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023- WESTCHESTER RISING -PAGE 3 Walter Cronkite Has Left The Air !

By Eric Wolf Schoen

Philpse Manor Hall Presents: FDR in Westchester



"Nothing to Fear: FDR in Westchester" Sunday, April 30, 2023 | 2:00 PM | FREE In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY A LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER

"Nothing to Fear: FDR in Westchester" a program by Anthony Czarnecki, co-hosted by Westchester County Historical Society will be presented on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site in Yonkers. Learn more and reserve your spot at www.philipsemanorhall.com

Throughout his long career in public service, Franklin D. Roosevelt made many visits to Westchester County. One of his favorite places to deliver a speech was Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers.

Over his long career in public service, FDR made 24 official visits to Westchester County. One of his favorite places to deliver a speech at was Philipse Manor Hall, in Yonkers.

The speeches he delivered are well represented by the three events that took place at Philipse Manor Hall: A November 1, 1928 campaign address as a candidate for NY State Governor; an October 28, 1930 re-election campaign address as NY State Governor; and a June 14, 1931 Flag Day celebration with members of the Yonkers-based National Guard Unit. At this event he praised the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for their efforts to maintain and preserve historic sites like Philipse Manor Hall.

In this compelling illustrated talk, Anthony Czarnecki reveals his extensive research into FDR's many connections to Westchester County. This in-person program is sponsored by the Westchester County Historical Society and hosted by Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. "Nothing to Fear" is free to the general public.

Seating is limited, reservations recommended. Call (914) 231-1437 or email bdavis@westchesterhistory.com to reserve your spot.



Television seemed so simple when Walter Cronkite and Chet Huntley and David Brinkley presented the evening newscasts years ago. None of this fighting, no conservative and liberal labels, just straight news.

Well friends, that's not the case anymore. Television is as competitive as the horses at the racetrack, particularly now that there are some 400 channels on the television to choose from. Anchors and reporters are in a constant competition that you reach the point where you wish for the simpler days of a Walter Cronkite!

CNN canned Don Lemon and FOX NEWS did the same to Tucker Carlson earlier this week. Lemon was an egotist who never had good ratings whether it be at night or in the morning. He said some bizarre things on the air which irritated woman and many men. His dismissal is no loss to CNN viewers.

Tucker Carlson at Fox replaced Bill O'Reilly after O'Reilly's behavior at the station toward women and his colleagues became public. He went conservative to improve his ratings. I was never much of a fan and didn't care for his presentation which ran the gamut from confrontational to egomaniacal. His program lost the lively nature of O'Reilly's, and got boring at the first commercial break. He was also involved in scandals related to January 6 which cost FOX millions.

So are you crying your eyes out over the loss of Lemon and Carlson. They will find other platforms I am sure, and just like Chris Cuomo and all those before him will be distant memories in several weeks. That's the nature of television news in 2023, and it looks like it will get more cut throat as the years go by. Walter Cronkite was worth crying your eyes out over. Not these clowns of the moment like Lemon and Carlson which today are yesterday's news.

Biden Announces

Totally unimpressed with the Biden Presidential announcement on Tuesday morning. What has happened to this man in a short period of time? As Vice President he impressed us, standing for hours at the casket of his son who died greeting those paying their respects. His energy level just isn't there like it was in the campaign and his years in the Obama administration. The announcement had little energy and was accompanied by weird music.

But then you have Trump. Can our country put up with 4 more years of his behavior. Dividing and causing chaos on a daily basis.

Strange thing that both men are involved with family members in so many investigations you wonder where this is all going to go. But hark, here comes Robert Kennedy, Jr., son of a prominent family announcing he is going to primary Biden. A bigger meshugah over the vaccination process one could not find. He has little party support, those supporting his father long gone. I would vote for Biden over Kennedy any day.

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Submachine Gun Found After Arrest Made in Stolen Car Chase



Two Connecticut men were arrested on weapons charges, and a submachine gun and a semiautomatic handgun were recovered, after a stolen vehicle fled from Westchester County Police on Monday afternoon.

One suspect was taken into custody immediately when he ran from the stolen car in Mount Vernon. The other was captured in Scarsdale after an hours-long search involving multiple law enforcement agencies.

"I would like to commend our officers and all of our law enforcement partners for their coordinated response, effective communication and contributions to taking these two suspects into custody yesterday and removing these deadly weapons from our streets," Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said.

The incident began about 1:35 p.m. when the Real Time Crime Center notified patrol units that a stolen black Audi was traveling near the Pelham-Mount Vernon border. A County Police officer canvassed the area and located the stolen car on East Sandford Blvd.

When the suspects saw the police vehicle approaching, the Audi abruptly turned into Union Avenue where a male passenger jumped out sprinted away, dropping a semi-automatic handgun as he did so. That suspect was captured after a foot pursuit with the assistance of Mount Vernon police officers.

Knowing that the Audi had been reported stolen from Westport, Conn, a County police officer anticipated the potential path of the suspect vehicle and set up on the northbound side of the Hutchinson River Parkway. A short time later, the officer spotted the fleeing Audi being driven recklessly, weaving in and out of traffic. As he caught up to it, the stolen car sideswiped a motorist near the Weaver Street exit. The officer stopped to render assistance to the occupants of the struck vehicle who suffered minor injuries.

Other responding officers located the Audi abandoned near the Mamaroneck Road exit in Scarsdale.

A check of the vehicle revealed a "MAC-10" style submachine gun with an extended magazine on the back seat. This weapon, and the Ruger handgun recovered in Mount Vernon, were later determined to be stolen.

Multiple police agencies responded to search for the second suspect, including the Scarsdale Police Department, Town of Mamaroneck Police Department, New Rochelle Police Department, MTA Police Department and members of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force. Westchester County Police also deployed its Aviation Unit helicopter, its tactical team (known formally as the Special Response Team), and a tracking canine/bloodhound.

With assistance from an observant foursome playing golf at a nearby golf club, officers were able to obtain a more detailed description of the suspect, including that he was without any shoes on his feet. They also reported that the man had fled into a wooded area east of the parkway. With help from Westchester County Emergency Management personnel, an incident command post was set up as multiple officers flooded the area for a search.

Scarsdale Police Chief Andrew Matturro and Town of Mamaroneck Police Chief Paul Creazzo were instrumental at the command post, providing officers to assist with establishing a perimeter and putting out information to residents in the adjacent neighborhoods. That proved valuable later in the evening when a Scarsdale resident spotted a shoeless man in his neighborhood and promptly called police. Scarsdale PD found the suspect and took him into custody.

Westchester County Police charged Jariel Agron, 19, and Jose Garcia, 18, both of New Britain, Conn., with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd and 3rd Degree, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th Degree. Additional charges are likely. They were held overnight at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne pending arraignment today in Mount Vernon City Court.

Letters to the Editor:

Most American Citizens Have No Legal Obligation To File Returns Or Pay The Personal Income Tax.

Why is the federal government in cooperation with the federal judicial system working so hard to deny me a jury trial through motions to dismiss???

In my opinion, it is because our government officials refuse to respond to five questions. More than 500+ questions have also been developed by tax professionals, attorneys, and IRS whistleblower with over 25 years of research. Our federal government refuses to answer or respond to, a jury trial would demand a response.

Five of the basic questions that would require an answer are:

1.) Why is the government unable to cite the specific US law or regulation that legally obligate every American citizen to file returns, or makes them liable for the income tax?

2.) How can the government force you to waive your fifth amendment (Miranda) rights as -you do-each time you sign and file your tax return under oath?

3.) Why have the government and the courts repeatedly refused to acknowledge, irrefutable evidence that the 16th (federal reserve and income tax) amendment to the constitution was ratified via fraud and even if valid does not apply to the average citizen?

4.) How can citizens be charged with a crime for failure to follow a law that is so complex and vague even government "experts"can't explain it?

5.) How can the IRS administratively seize your bank account or home without a valid court order, and in direct violation of your constitutional right to due process of law?

Anthony Futia Jr. No. White Plains, Town of North Castle

Letter to the Editor:

I read with great interest your story about the recent announcement of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. to seek the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination next year.

With last month's announcement by writer/activist Marianne Williamson (and 2020 candidate for the Democratic Party Presidential nomination) and incumbent President Biden's expected announcement, this sets up a probable three way race for the Democrats. No other prominent Democrat, such as Senators Warren and Sanders, nor Rep. (AOC) Ocasio-Cortez, will likely seek the Presidential nod in '24.

While President Biden's approval ratings hover in the mid-40 per cent range, he enjoys strong support among Democrats -- I note that most democratically-elected world leaders are in the 40 per cent range.

There is a significant number of progressive Democrats, and they will likely vote for either RFK, Jr. or Ms. Williamson, but they are not likely to pose a serious challenge to President Biden. RFK, Jr. or Ms. Williamson might receive many votes in New Hampshire. However, the Democratic primary calendar was recently changed by the DNC to allow the larger and Southern states to go first, ahead of Iowa and New Hampshire, and where President Biden enjoys strong support among voters of color. As of now, I do not expect either RFK, Jr. or Ms. Williamson to score any upsets; however, if they draw 10-15 per cent of progressive Democrats, these voters might be inclined to vote for a Green/Progressive Presidential candidate, with the potential of tipping the balance in a close Presidential election. Time will tell.

STEPHEN R. ROLANDI Larchmont, New York

(The writer is an adjunct professor of public administration in the New York metropolitan area and formerly served in the administrations of New York City Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg. A lifelong Republican, he was Vice President/Treasurer of the Ripon Society in Washington, DC. He is currently a member of The Lincoln Project, and Principles First Up).

WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS RESI-DENTS FREE MINNOWS

Minnows, Dunks and Education are part of the County's Mosquito Prevention Strategy

To help residents keep their backyards free of mosquito breeding sites from now through the fall, the Westchester County Department of Health will give away free minnows to residents for their ponds and water features, along with mosquito dunks, advice and strategies to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus, on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. The minnows will be available at the Westchester County Airport, 2 Loop Road, West Harrison, 10604, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents who plan to pick up minnows should bring a bucket or pail; minnows will be distributed in watertight plastic bags. To keep the minnows viable, residents should plan to bring them straight home and release them immediately into ponds with at least eight inches of water. By adding fathead minnows to ornamental ponds that lack fish, residents can reduce the growth of mosquitos in their own backyards. The minnows eat mosquito larvae, preventing them from maturing into biters. They are not needed in ponds that have fish because the fish eat mosquito larvae, too. Dunks serve the same purpose in birdbaths, rain barrels and unused pools. Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "These hungry minnows can help residents enjoy the outdoors even more as they keep mosquitos from breeding and biting you in your own backyard." Any resident can help reduce the mosquito population, even without a pond. "Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in a puddle, a flowerpot saucer or an old tire, so it's extremely helpful to clear your yard and the pavement around your home of buckets, pails and toys that collect standing water and pour out any water that remains after it rains," Amler added. Large areas of standing water on public property that cannot easily be removed should be reported to the Health Department at (914) 813-5000. For more information, download the "Keep Healthy and Bug Off" brochure at http://health.westchestergov.com.









Harckham Honors Two Area Leaders for Black Women's History Month

(l-r) Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie and Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) Board Chair Dr. Valya Dessaure

New York State Senator Pete Harckham commemorated Black Women's History Month by honoring two prominent leaders from the 40th Senate District— Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie and Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP) Board Chair Dr. Valya Dessaure—during a special ceremony held at the John C. Hart Memorial Library.

The two honorees received special Senate proclamations, and the event brought together family members, friends and several special guests, including Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith and members of the Peekskill Common Council.

"Throughout their careers, these two individuals have benefited our communities in many, many ways, and in doing so they exemplify a model of remarkable achievement and ready willingness to help others," said Harckham. "I am so grateful for the work that both Mayor McKenzie and Dr. Dessaure continue to do for all of us—it is truly inspiring. On behalf of the New York State Senate and residents of the 40th Senate District, I offer my sincere thanks to them for making a real difference in so many lives."

A life-long resident of the City of Peekskill, McKenzie graduated from Peekskill High School and received a bachelor's degree in Management from Binghamton University. After a 27-year career in the insurance field, she retired in 2012 to pursue her own business interests, owning and operating both Bridge E's Place and Kathleen's Tea Room in Peekskill.

McKenzie made history in 2021 when she was elected to serve as Peekskill's first African-American woman mayor, following her earlier service as Common Council member and deputy mayor. Today, she serves as a co-leader for the Self-Empowerment Girls group at the Kiley Youth Center and as a Girl Scouts troop leader. McKenzie also participates in the Peekskill Individualized Experience for Seniors program, which helps graduating high school seniors find employment and post-secondary educational opportunities.

Dessaure earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Bridgeport, a master's in Community Health Administration from Long Island University and a doctorate in Public Health Administration from Walden University. She retired from the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDH) after 31 years, serving as a Supervising Public Health Nurse for more than twenty years and overseeing the WCDH nurses working at the Bedford Hills and Taconic Correctional Facilities, as well as the Westchester County Jail.

A certified Substance Abuse Counselor, Dessaure has served as a Trained Facilitator for the Alternatives for Violence project since 2022. For many years she served as a Lecturer and Adjunct Professor for Mercy College's School of Health and Natural Sciences and the College of New Rochelle School of Nursing, while continuing to work since 2012 as a per-diem residence nurse for Community Based Services in Yorktown Heights. She chairs the Mission Ministry for the Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Peekskill.

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rolling true.

Westchester Elected Officials Join Small Biz Owners in Support of Minimum Wage Increase



State Senator Shelley Mayer

Westchester small business owner Jessica Galen, owner of Bloomy Cheese & Provisions in Dobbs Ferry, spoke in support of raising the state minimum wage to \$21.25 plus indexing at a press conference today in White Plains with State Sen. Shelley Mayer, Assembly Members Chris Burdick and Steve Otis, and Westchester County Legislators Damon Maher, David Imamura, Erika Pierce and Terry Clements, as well as community leaders.

Galen is a member of the growing New York Business for a Fair Minimum Wage Coalition, which includes more than 300 businesses and business organizations across the state. The coalition is supporting the Raise the Wage Act, which would increase the minimum wage to \$21.25 and then index it annually to keep up with the cost of living, to be included in the final state budget.

Jessica Galen, owner of Bloomy Cheese & Provisions in Dobbs Ferry, said, "I see the fate of my business as inextricably linked to the wellbeing of my employees and our community. It's unacceptable and heartbreaking that so many neighbors in Westchester and around the state are struggling to make ends meet even with full-time jobs because of stagnating wages. If we want to sustain thriving, resilient communities, filled with strong, resilient small businesses, we must start by raising the wage floor. When people earn more, they spend more at local businesses, which drives our economy forward. A higher minimum wage also means better employee retention and customer service. Our workforce is stronger. Our local businesses are stronger. Our tax base is stronger. Our communities are stronger. And our quality of life is better."

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am proud to stand with my colleagues, workers, business owners, and supporters of the Raise the Wage Act. With the ever-increasing cost of living, the minimum wage of \$15 an hour, which was an important achievement, is no longer acceptable. Full-time employees earning the minimum wage in the New York suburbs simply cannot sustain themselves and their families. It is far too difficult to rent a one or two bedroom apartment, pay for utilities and other necessities at the current wage. Other states have demonstrated that raising the minimum wage brings greater prosperity to the state, businesses, and most importantly, people. It's time to raise the wage to \$21.25 by 2026, and index it going forward, so that all New Yorkers can afford the basic necessities and allow their families to thrive and live with dignity."

"We must include the Raise the Wage Act in our state budget. We need to have a livable wage. People shouldn't have to work more than one full-time job just to put a roof over their heads and food on the table. This simply can't wait," said Assemblyman Chris Burdick.

Aishah Coleman, owner of AC Design & Development Corp. in New Rochelle, said, "Raising the minimum wage in New York will be good for workers and businesses alike. As a business owner, I can't have my employees worried about whether they can make enough money to afford to have a good quality of life. Too many people are struggling to afford the basics, and that's bad for our communities and the economy. Raising the minimum wage in New York means people will have more money in their pockets to spend at businesses and take care of their families."

Assemblyman Steve Otis said, "With the rising cost of living and high inflation, it is important that the State take action to protect some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers by raising the minimum wage annually and providing for its enforcement. The minimum wage has not kept pace with inflation over the decades. I advocate for inclusion of this proposal in the state budget." Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg said, "There are people in our state working full-time hours and facing housing insecurity. We cannot expect people to continue to work for wages that don't help them meet their basic needs. To retain the workers that power so much of our economy, we must raise New York's minimum wage and peg it to inflation." Westchester County Legislators Terry Clements, David Imamura, Damon R. Maher, Catherine Parker, and Erika Pierce support the increase. The Raise the Wage Act (S1978A and A2204A) would increase New York's minimum wage as follows: In New York City, Long Island and Westchester it would increase to \$17.25 on January 1, 2024; \$19.25 in 2025; \$21.25 in 2026; and \$21.25 plus indexing in 2027. In Western New York/Upstate it would increase to \$16 on Jan. 1, 2024; \$18 in 2025; \$20 in 2026; and \$21.25 plus indexing in 2027.

The investment and work invested in Harrison Meadows show that it is ready for a summer of golf, and the club offers full service lessons. A full service tennis club, new pickle ball courts and a large pool, round out the offerings.

A new restaurant, The Meadows Social Kitchen & Bar, is getting rave reviews, and is open to the public. The club also offers the capability to cater for your special event or golf outing.

This year 100 annual passes were made available to non-Harrison residents. At the time of my round, those passes were going fast. Daily fee options are also available for residents only.

We spoke to GM Patrick Wynn about Harrison Meadows "We want Harrison Meadows to be a center piece of the Harrison community. The golf course is very important to us and it's overall conditions are the reflection of the hard work put in by the golf and agronomy teams. For all the residents who aren't golfers, we have a full service restaurant operating Tuesday-Sunday for both lunch and dinner. We offer a wide range of food options, live music and delicious cocktails. We look forward to seeing what the summer has to bring.

PGA Director of Golf Nick Schremser said, "We offer a full tournament schedule and a variety of instructional programs for the club. We are a fun family-oriented facility and a lot of what we do is centered around that. We hope this is a place Harrison Residents can come to and enjoy and create memories year after year."

Harrison Mayor-Ron Dioniso said, "I'm extremely pleased with how far Harrison Meadows has come in such a short period of time. The club just had its one-year anniversary on April 17th and in that time, we had completely reshaped the course and had numerous successful events and tournaments. Harrison Meadows has a great community and we hope it will continue to grow."

If you have a chance to play Harrison Meadows, give the course and the club an opportunity which will not disappoint you. And for the residents of Harrison, you are fortunate to have the option of joining a full-service country club at a fraction of the usual cost. Enjoy.



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All proposals shall be on a lump sum basis and include all Elevator Modernization work under a single Contract. Segregated proposals will not be accepted. In general, the work includes demolition of existing, new elevator equipment and machinery, new elevator cab and entrances, related mechanical and electrical work for a two stop hydraulic elevator.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site on May 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM local time.

Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time on May 11, 2023 at the Office of The Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid documents will be made available at 9:00 AM on April 21, 2023 and may be obtained from the Architect as follows:

All prospective bidders must register with Lothrop Associates Architects D.P.C. via e mail in order to obtain the bid documents. The following information is required:

- 1. Company name, address, phone number.
- 2. Contact person and e mail address.
- 3. Fax number (optional).

4. Request access to FTP site or Drop Box to obtain bid documents. Send the above information via e mail to: vlisanti@lothropassociates.com Upon receipt of this information, a password will be sent to the registered prospective bidder via e-mail and prospective bidders may then download the bid documents. Bids will be accepted only from registered bidders. Only registered bidders will be notified of addenda availability via the FTP site or Drop Box. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid.

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain Insurance and Bonds required for the Work. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract Amount.

All bids shall be submitted in an opaque, sealed envelope clearly marked "EL-EVATOR MODERNIZATION – EASTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY", addressed to: Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709. Unless otherwise permitted by law, no bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening.

Time of Completion: 210 calendar days from Notice to Proceed. The Library reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any or all bids.

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Dated: April 21,2023

Town of Eastchester 40 Mill Road Eastchester, New York 10709

Notice of Formation of AADNYS TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/2023. 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, 6 Lewiston Ct, Briarcliff Manor NY, 10510. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of CR8TIONZ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES INC. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1434 Western Ave, Suite 1 #7811 Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Cake Bar By Charlene, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2023. 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, 1 Glenwood avenue, 18E, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice is hereby given that a license, 1361004 for beer, wine, & liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine, & liquor at retail in a Catering Hall under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at the business known as Grand Encanto Event Venue at 18 Guion Street, Yonkers, NY 10701 for on premises consumption.

Motives Thru Fabric LLC. Filed with Angel Luis Morales III. Office: Westchester County. Angel Luis Morales III designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Angel Luis Morales III Shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 35 Montague Street, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

I, Christopher Sapienza, Commissioner of the Yonkers Police Department, do hereby issue the following notice pursuant to Sections 109-144 and 109-147 of the Code of the City of Yonkers:

A 2015 Honda Civic, bearing South Carolina license plate KLV8213 (and identified by VIN # 19XFB2F51FE265030) has been lawfully impounded since 05/22/22 and to this date no owner has come forward to claim any interest in this vehicle.

Any persons having a legal interest in this vehicle may seek recovery of said vehicle by contacting Lt. Gregory Forshey no later than 05/12/23. If such person has a legal right to the vehicle, they shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the City to remove and store said vehicle and for the cost to publish any notice.

If this vehicle is not claimed by 05/26/23, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and title shall vest with the City on 05/26/23, (20 business days from the date of publication)

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Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ATSOLO HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Law Office of Adrian T. Solomon, Esq., 2585 Broadway Suite 235, New York 10027. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of THE BOSS BAR & RESTAURANT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Law Office of Adrian T. Solomon, Esq., 2585 Broadway Suite 235, New York 10027. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of Peek Holdings LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/8/2023. 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, 43 Nob Ct, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of Kalehoff Creative, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/2021. 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, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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To the editor,

Our community has been experiencing the effects of climate change, and I worry about the future and the climate extremes that coming generations will experience. April is "Earth Month," and the theme this year is "Invest in People and the Planet." So, I wonder why big banks like Bank of America, Chase, Citibank, and Wells Fargo, are still investing in the expansion of dirty fossil fuels that are causing such climate destruction. According to the report Banking on Climate Chaos, these banks have invested more than \$1 trillion in fossil fuels since 2016! The recent IPCC report says that "feasible, effective, and low-cost solutions" are readily available but aren't being scaled-up at the necessary speed. This Spring, the big banks should adopt the pending shareholder resolutions on climate change at their annual meetings and commit to accelerating their investments in clean energy and divest from coal, oil, and gas.

Sincerely,, Christopher Kohlman, Yonkers

Editor's Note: The most urgent environmental matter for Westchester residents is the planned dumping of Nuclear Waste into the Hudson. This publication wonders if anyone will lead an effort to boycott Holtec, the owner of Indian Point Power Plant and the company planning the dump.

Our view is that if Holtec wants to dump in the Hudson, then Hudson Valley residents, and residents on Cape Cod (another planned dumping site) should dump Holtec stock.

Anyone interested in this effort can email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Mother's Day Warbler Walk by Hudson Audubon

Mother's Day Warbler Walk. Sunday, May 14 8:00-10:00 a.m. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St., Yonkers

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

So we sit and wait for more candidates to appear on both sides of the aisle. Let's hope that in the Presidential primary next year at least we have a choice of candidates in both major political parties!

Board of Legislators Pervert

Anyone whether they be public official or political leader who knew about the disgusting behavior of Board of Legislators employee Anand Singh and didn't make it public the minute they knew should resign and or be fired. When I read one place that this mess goes back to early December and another place that it was public in March or April, what were Board of Legislators leaders who were aware of this thinking by keeping it a big secret.

Who is this guy and who is covering his rear end? Any situation with a government employee similar to this has been addressed properly. Workers like Singh serve at the pleasure of the Board who hires and fires them. This matter was handled inappropriately and the District Attorney and Attorney General should be called in to punish those that covered up. Mr. Singh should repay any salary he received since the story broke and receive as much punishment as the laws allow.

New Elevator at the Will Library: It's a bird, no it's a plane, no it's a new elevator at the Will Library. My spies tell me Construction began this week on this long overdue project. Friends of the Library of which I am President have been waiting at least 25 years for the commencement of this project critical to our book sale operations. Thank you City Council and Library Administration for finally getting this project moving.

Just a reminder. You can enter the lower level auditorium from the parking lot and the handicapped accessible elevator will bring you down if you can't do the steps. There is a door directly to the parking lot from the auditorium which is much easier than the handicapped elevator.

The first level can be reached steps free from the doors on Central Avenue. If you need to for whatever reason to reach the administration top level, the shortest steps are as you enter the main reading room to your right before you reach the book stacks. There are railings on both sides to make your climb that much easier.

Friends will be sponsoring a little reception when the new elevator project is complete.

Briefs:

No stamps at the Post Office on Central avenue and Tuckahoe Road (10710) Monday afternoon, so a little birdie told me. Prices of stamps keep going up and the Post Office is not prepared. Never been to a Post Office with no stamps. The 10704 Post Office (across from Racetrack) if the computer is working will print out colorful stamps with different designs 24 hours a day. We should have machines like this at all our Post Offices for 24 service. Raise the prices, get with the times. Stores like CVS should install locks or bars on their shopping carts so they don't disappear. CVS wants you to buy more but how can you carry it without a shopping cart. Monday, none at CVS at Sadore Lane. *Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's* from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at thistooisyonkers@aol.com.

FRIDAY APRIL 28, 2023-WESTCHESTER RISING -PAGE 7 Manhattanville College Has Record-Breaking

Manhattanville College Has Record-Breaking Class of Admitted Students for Fall 2023



With a record-breaking number of applications, Manhattanville College has acheived its largest and most diverse group of future Valiants in history, with 3,250 first-year students for the Class of 2027 receiving acceptance letters for this fall.

The is the largest class of admitted students since record keeping began 25 years ago representing a 15.6% increase from last year and a 31.8% increase from 2021. This year, Manhattanville had the highest number of applications since 2017. The admitted Class of 2027 is nearly half first-generation and is more diverse with increases in international students and in students who are Asian, Black or African American, and Hispanic.

During the first few weeks of April, the college welcomed approximately 800 guests to campus for Admitted Student Days, where admitted students had their first opportunity to meet each other, enjoy fun activities, while also touring campus, and meeting with faculty and administrators. This May, Manhattanville will welcome admitted students back to campus for "Valiant Up Days," a new series of events designed to provide greater 1-1 support for students and families as they finalize their enrollment with the college. The college will also host newly enrolled students and their families for New Student and Family Orientation sessions this summer.

"We are delighted to see such a strong interest in our academic programs, which are designed to prepare students for successful careers and meaningful lives in a rapidly changing world," said Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing, Troy Cogburn.

Highlights of this admitted student class:

- $\overline{48\%}$ identify as first generation, the first in their household to go to college
- 3.41 average GPA, the highest in several years
- 16% increase in admitted Asian students
- 27% increase in Black or African American admitted students
- 30% increase in Hispanic admitted students
- 9% increase in White admitted students
- 28% increase in Students admitted that identify as 2 or more races
- 18% increase in International admitted students

Popular programs among admitted students include: Nursing, Biology, Computer Science, Business Management, Criminal Justice & Law, Education, Psychology, and programs in the Fine and Performing Arts. Manhattanville operates on a rolling admission basis, so students can still apply for the fall semester through August 2023.

"We are thrilled to welcome this exceptional class of students to Manhattanville College," said Interim President Louise Feroe, Ph.D. "Their enthusiasm and passion for learning will undoubtedly enrich our campus community and contribute to our continued growth and success. We look forward to supporting them as they pursue their academic and personal goals."

For more information about Manhattanville College and our programs, please visit our website at www.mville.edu.

Feeding Westchester, continued from pg 1-

Westchester families, seniors, and individuals receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will experience a minimum reduction of \$95.00 in their monthly benefit amount, with some households experiencing a much higher reduction, up to \$250 a month, beginning in March.

This will be a significant loss of food assistance for the over 74,000 people in





Westchester who participate in SNAP, leaving many to struggle to afford nutritious food and pay other bills. This devastating loss is coming on top of a sharp year-over-year increase in the cost of food and utilities, which has already led to more people seeking emergency food from Feeding Westchester and our partners than this time last year.

A senior in Westchester County who is receiving SNAP benefits expressed her concern over this significant negative impact on her ability to buy food: "How [can they] expect me to live on \$23? What can I buy for a whole month?"

Since March 2020, Congress temporarily increased SNAP benefits because of the COVID-19 public health emergency to address food insecurity challenges exacerbated by the pandemic. These increased benefits will end after February 2023 and return to pre-pandemic levels in March. The reduction in SNAP benefits is a result of a federal policy change (due to cuts in the 2023 Omnibus spending bill), not because of changes to individual SNAP cases.

Older adults, who are typically part of smaller households and receive the minimum benefit level, will likely feel these cuts the hardest. The national anti-hunger organization, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), estimates that seniors will see their allotments fall from \$281 to pre-pandemic levels, just \$23 per month.

These extra benefits have been a lifeline for families who are already struggling with high costs of food and increased utility bills. With this dramatic decrease in benefits, there will be more pressure on Feeding Westchester and their partners when they are already dealing with long lines and higher fuel and food prices due to inflation. In fact, 80% of Feeding Westchester's partners said they are already feeding more people and serving more food this year than last year.

Feeding Westchester along with their partners are doing everything they can to prepare SNAP recipients for the decrease in benefits, alert them to emergency food resources in their communities, and connect them to other services to help them meet their basic needs. If you live in Westchester and need help navigating your SNAP benefits or to connect with other help with food and basic needs, visit https:// feedingwestchester.org/find-help/#foodbenefits. If you are able to help bridge this significant gap for the community, visit https://feedingwestchester.org/why-donate/.

In fiscal year 2022, Feeding Westchester provided more than 19 million pounds of food equivalent to nearly 16 million meals through soup kitchens, food pantries, schools, shelters, residential programs, and mobile distributions. That fed 200,000 people – including children, seniors, veterans, and hardworking families – every month. The nonprofit, a 4-star Charity Navigator organization, is committed to creating a community where all people have access to the food they need today, and the fundamental resources to build a better tomorrow. You can volunteer, make a donation, or help in other ways. For more information, visit feedingwestchester.org.

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legislation, we have lost confidence in her ability to lead this body and the staff that supports it. Government's job is to protect people and ensure those ideals are clear in our words and actions."

Also prior to Borgia's statement, a story from The Yonkers Ledger claims that Westchester County Police Commissioner Terrance Raynor recommended that Singh be fired. The story reads, "Being unable to secure the video evidence he sought, even from Ramy, Raynor still made a recommendation to Chairwoman Borgia. Commissioner Raynor told Borgia that while not able to fully corroborate the claims, that she should still terminate the employment of Anand Singh. He even assured her that he would handle it personally saying, "I'll come up there and escort him out myself." https://www.theyonkersledger.com/news/police-advice-to-legislators-chair-borgia-on-accused-sex-predator-fire-him/3258/.

The FBI and Westchester DA Mimi Rocah are investigating the Singh matter. Singh has yet to be charged with a crime or arrested.

As Holtec Delays Toxic Dump into Hudson, The Blessing of the River for Earth Day



On Earth Day 2023, Tony Moon Hawk Langhorn and Marcey Stefancik-Langhorn from the Lenape Nation, came to the banks of the Hudson River in Yonkers, for the 17th Annual Blessing of the Hudson River, with the Friends of Habirshaw Park

"My grandmother used to say the river is our food, it's our water, it's our life. And without water and food, we're no longer here. So, we have to respect it and keep it clean," says Marcey Langhorne, of the Ramapough Lenape Nation

The group tossed wampum shells, which were once used as money, into the river as a way of giving back.

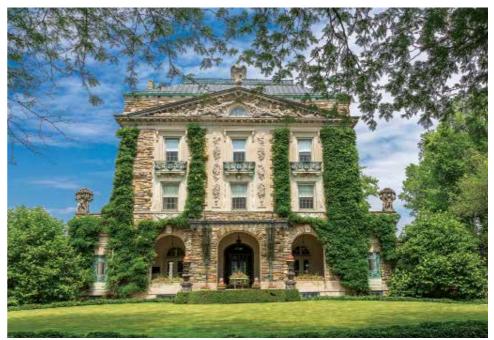
Tony Moonhawk Langhorn, led the blessing, pictured left, where participants lit white sage and used a special turkey feather to fan the smoke, which they say helps carry prayers up to God.



Historic Hudson Valley Tours Begin May 12



Union Church of Pocantico Hills, above, and Kykuit, below. Photos by Jaime Martorano



Historic Hudson Valley Announces Tours of Historic Landmarks Will Begin May 12

Tickets are now on sale for site tours and spring events

Historic Hudson Valley is pleased to announce that tours of Kykuit, the Rockefeller estate, Philipsburg Manor, Washington Irving's Sunnyside, and Union Church of Pocantico Hills will begin on Friday, May 12. Several popular events will also highlight the spring and summer season, including Celebrate Pinkster on Saturday, May 27 and Vote Like a Girl on Saturday, June 10.

Visit www.hudsonvalley.org, for more information.



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