

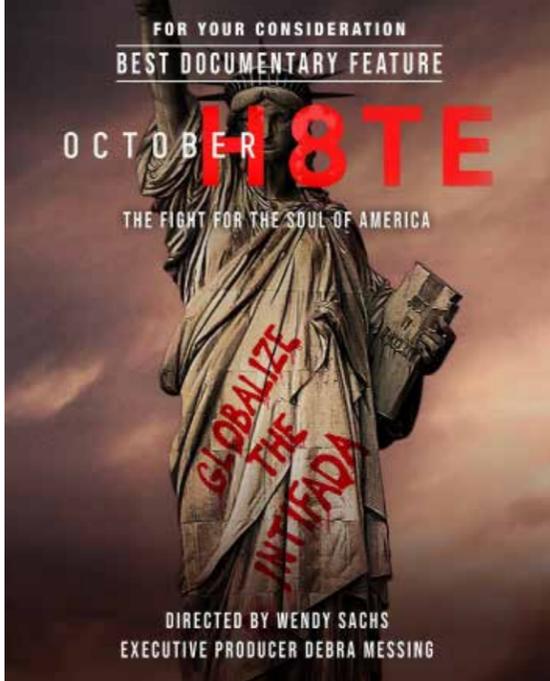
Jacob Burns Film Center Under Fire for Delays in Showing -October 8- Movie About Anti-Semitism

By Dan Murphy

The Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville is one of my favorite theaters. My wife and I enjoy dinner in the area and watching a movie in one of the Film Center's small theaters.

But the recent turmoil concerning Jacob Burns is concerning to us. It revolves around a decision by the theater NOT to show a movie titled October 8, which highlights the rise of Anti-Semitism in America after the Attacks in Israel on October 7.

Several media reports claimed that the spokesperson for the Movie studio releasing the film said that the



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Kenneth Jenkins Sworn In as Westchester County Executive in Historic Ceremony



The Hon. Kathie Davidson delivers the oath of office to Ken Jenkins as Westchester County Executive

Westchester County witnessed a historic moment today as Kenneth W. Jenkins was officially sworn in as County Executive, making history as the first Black County Executive in Westchester. The ceremony, held at Westchester Community College, was attended by dignitaries, elected officials and community leaders, all gathered to celebrate Jenkins' commitment to service, equity, and the future of the County.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Belinda Miles, President of Westchester Community College, who highlighted the institution's alignment with Jenkins' vision for education and opportunity. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums then delivered a stirring performance to set the tone for the momentous occasion.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, led the formal proceedings, which included the Presentation of Colors by the Westchester County Police Department Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by West

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Franciscan Friar Fraudster Gets 5 Years Jail for Stealing \$564,000 from Westchester Good Samaritans



Stole Money From Westchester Donors Claiming the Funds Would Go To Victims in Lebanon

Matthew Podolsky, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that PAUL BIELECKI, a/k/a "Paul HRH Saxe-Coburg-Gotha," a Manhattan-based Franciscan friar, was sentenced to five years in prison for perpetrating a multi-year scheme to obtain donations for a fake medical charity purportedly operating in Beirut, Lebanon. BIELECKI previously pled guilty to wire fraud on November 11, 2024, before U.S. District Judge Vincent Briccetti, who imposed today's sentence.

Acting U.S. Attorney Matthew Podolsky said: "Paul Bielecki exploited his position as a friar to defraud hundreds of innocent victims. He faked a charity to rake in hundreds of thousands of dollars, and then used these stolen funds to live the high life. But Bielecki's days of luxury and lies are over. Let today's sentence be a lesson to all — if you abuse your position of trust to take advantage of others, you will be held accountable."

According to the Complaint, Information, public court filings, and statements made in court:

BIELECKI is a friar in the Capuchin Order, a Catholic order of priests and brothers, based out of a friary in New York City. BIELECKI engaged in a fraudulent scheme related to fake medical clinics he claimed to operate in Lebanon.

Specifically, for nearly a decade, BIELECKI fraudulently raised money from victims by falsely claim-

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Harrison Police & FBI Arrest Chilean Nationals Tied to Nationwide Burglary Ring: ICE Update



By Dan Murphy

On March 24, 2025, the Harrison Police Department, in collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), arrested four Chilean nationals in Queens, NY. The suspects-Jose Hevia-Irribarra, 28, Sebastian Figueroa-Urzua, 30, Yordy Hernandez-Ramos, 21, and Alexander Silva-Yanez, 28—were taken into custody under full extradition warrants in connection with a home burglary that occurred in Massachusetts earlier this month.

These suspects are believed to be part of a much larger national burglary operation, with possible connections to dozens of residential burglaries across the U.S. dating back to 2023. The investigation began after a residential burglary in Harrison, NY, on January 30, 2025.

As the investigation progressed, the Harrison Police Detective Division uncovered evidence linking the suspects to a series of burglaries in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. This led to the issuance of arrest warrants in Massachusetts.

With assistance from the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, Harrison Police executed a search warrant at the suspects' residence in Queens, where stolen property was recovered. All four individuals were found to be overstays

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Note to Westchester: Did You Know We're Paying \$1 TRILLION in Interest Every Year on our Debt?



Justin Amash @justinamash

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Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Kicks Off in Westchester-Through April 13



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced the arrival of the Spring 2025 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week (HVRW) at The Sailhouse in Tarrytown, which is a new addition to HVRW this year. From March 31 to April 13, 2025 diners will have the chance to experience the culinary creativity and fresh local ingredients from over 70 restaurants from all corners of Westchester.

Jenkins said: “Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is a favorite event here in Westchester. It’s a time when our vibrant culinary scene comes alive with creativity, community and flavor. Whether you’re a longtime local or visiting for the first time, I encourage everyone to make reservations, explore new menus, try unique outdoor dining experiences, and enjoy the best of what our region has to offer — it’s a great way to support the small businesses and dedicated restaurateurs who make Westchester such a delicious and dynamic place to live.”

Westchester County Tourism & Film Director Natasha Caputo said: “Spring is such a wonderful time to explore Westchester’s attractions and experience a delicious meal. We encourage both residents and visitors to make their reservations and get out and dine. The Sailhouse is a perfect example of what Hudson Valley Restaurant Week in Westchester is all about, offering a feast for the senses with its fresh, local ingredients, live music, and majestic sunsets.”

After the kickoff, guests were invited to tour the nearby historic Tarrytown Lighthouse, located in Sleepy Hollow along the Riverwalk. Built in 1883, the sparkplug lighthouse underwent a full restoration and is a new tourist attraction — now both inside and out.

Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said: “The Tarrytown Lighthouse reopened for tours this past fall after the completion of a years-long restoration capital project. The tours were in high-demand and were met with rave reviews from attendees. It truly is a one-of-a-kind gem in Westchester, and I encourage residents and visitors to sign up for the free tours when they return in April.”

Hudson Valley Magazine and Hudson Valley Table Associate Publisher Lauren Buerger said: “Hudson Valley Restaurant Week highlights the bounty of culinary greatness our region has to offer. We’re excited to have a number of new restaurants joining us this year, making our Spring Hudson Valley Restaurant Week bigger and better than ever. We will continue to offer four different price points, giving diners a variety of options to choose from.”

Local ingredients and culinary creativity take center stage from March 31 to April 13, 2025, when the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with fresh, delicious fare. 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.

Make sure to check out HVRW newcomers, among others: Inca & Guacho in White Plains, La Crémaillère in Bedford, Olibar Peruvian Cuisine in New Rochelle, and Scalini Osteria in Bronxville.

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

Metro-North Cashier Arrested, Charged with Stealing \$206,000 from Counting Room



Shabani worked out of the White Plains Metro-North station

On Tuesday, March 25, 2025, Tom Shabani, a Metro-North Railroad cashier and 24-year employee based out of White Plains, with responsibility for handling money received from ticket vending machines, was arrested and charged with grand larceny in the second degree. Following an internal audit, an investigation by the MTA Police Department (MTAPD) revealed that in the course of his duties, Shabani removed in excess of \$206,000 from a counting room without authorization.

Shabani was arraigned in White Plains City Court on Wednesday, March 26, where he was released on his own recognizance. The case is being prosecuted by Westchester District Attorney’s Office Bureau Chief William Dyer Halpern and Senior Assistant District Attorney Renee Hassel. Shabani is scheduled to be back in court on April 16, 2025.

“After we uncovered this crime and following the MTAPD investigation, this employee has been relieved of duty without pay pending additional disciplinary action,” said Metro-North Railroad Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Justin Vonashek. “Metro-North has no tolerance for any betrayal of responsibility to safeguard public funds for the people of New York. We have taken steps to ensure security measures are reinforced.”

“Any theft of public funds represents an extraordinary breach of trust, especially when such theft is alleged to have been committed by a public official,” said Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace. “New Yorkers need to have confidence in their public servants. Our swift prosecution of this case should serve as a warning to anyone considering stealing from the public coffers.”

To the Editor:

Question: Do you know any undocumented immigrants who have voted?

It turns out that the incidence of non-citizens voting is practically zero. Yet Congress will soon vote on the SAVE Act (HR 22) which purports to “safeguard American voter eligibility” by requiring all voters to register in person at the Board of Elections office and produce proof of citizenship.

Next question: Do you think most US citizens can locate their original, official birth certificate- or have passport?

This is required in order to prove citizenship. You’ll also need to produce photo ID showing that your name matches the one on your birth certificate.

Another question: What if you changed your name at some point (ex. you got married)?

In that case, you’ll need to show an official marriage certificate or other document proving the name change.

So, you can see that the SAVE Act will make it burdensome to register to vote (or re-register if you move) – traveling to the Board of Elections during business hours and producing the required documents.

And for what? The Board of Elections already verifies your citizenship when they process your registration form.

This is another example of legislation crafted to solve a problem that does not exist. But in this case, it will prevent actual US citizens from voting.

Our Congressman, Mike Lawler thinks this is a good idea and has co-sponsored the SAVE Act. Please call his office right away (202-225-6506) and urge him to vote NO.

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Westchester County Youth Bureau Hosts Annual Sheros Awards

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Celebrates Three Exemplary Youth Advocates in Observance of Women's History Month

In observance of Women's History Month, the Youth Bureau and the Westchester County Youth Board hosted their annual Sheros Awards ceremony, recognizing three outstanding community leaders who are positively impacting the lives of children, youth and families in Westchester County. This year's award recipients were Rikki Dee Childs, Big Brothers Big Sisters Vice President of Programs; Caitlin Leon, Westchester Jewish Community Services Director for Training and Digital Equity; and Eileen Torres, Lifting Up Westchester Director of Youth Services. The March 25 event was held in the Rotunda of the Michaelian Office Building and was well attended by family, friends and colleagues of the honorees.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "The Youth Bureau's annual Shero Awards is a powerful tribute to those making a lasting impact in their communities. This event not only recognizes the dedication and leadership of women who champion the well-being of young people, but also serves as an inspiration for future generations. By highlighting their efforts, we raise awareness about the critical issues affecting youth and families while reinforcing the importance of strong, compassionate advocacy. We also foster connections among leaders, organizations and the community, creating opportunities for collaboration and continued progress."

Youth Bureau Executive Director Ernest McFadden said: "As we gather to celebrate these remarkable women who have shaped, inspired and empowered the lives of so many young people through their work and communities, so we are inspired ourselves. The Sheros Awards is not just about recognition—it's about honoring those who lead with courage, passion and purpose, reminding us that when women rise, we all rise."

Youth Board Chair Dr. Alexandria Connally said: "Eleanor Roosevelt said, 'A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.' These women are a beacon of light that brighten our community. They are the strength of our community. It is gratifying to have the opportunity to recognize and commend their efforts in making the world a better place to live."



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As a kid I remember going to Yankee Stadium or Shea Stadium with my father and a cooler filled with sandwiches, snacks and sodas. Then as I got older, stadiums grew more money hungry and didn't allow you to bring home prepared food to the stadium. So we ate the dirty water hot dogs that came out of weirdly shaped metal containers.

If you ate too many of those frankfurters your best friend at the stadium and at home was the bathroom. Those frankfurters tasted so good but, the buns and Guldens mustard our bodies were use to, but something in the franks would upset our tummies.

Then slowly stadiums started to serve other offerings like a pizza wedge created by CYO JOE in Yonkers. Wedge (Italian bread) toasted with tomato sauce and cheese on top. It was a big hit for several summers, but then once again stadiums Realized how profitable food and drink and as they say the rest is history.

My favorite new offering several years ago was the white and light blue iced big cookie that had Yankees spelled in big letters surrounded with decorations. The other nice thing about the cookie and the other Yankee bakery pastries is that you could take them home and share your game experience with friends and family.

Fast forward to summer 2025 and the offerings will be out of control. Tiramisu, soaked lady fingers between whipped cream. Seeded Bronx bastone billed with mozzarella, Sicilian oregano and pecorino Romano and Parmesan Reggiano (an up to date pizza wedge) Maine lobster, and add to that special drinks named after Yankee Players and

You and your family will yell out take me out to the ball game frequently. Prices have not been announced but rest assured that things won't be cheap. Well, at least for the same price as a dirty water hot dog you can get a grilled one. I would go with the grilled one, less stress on the stomach!

Be a Lifeguard, Be a Lifeguard!

Another shortage of lifeguards this summer and it's not too late to become one. There are Even grants available that will pay for the training at this late date. High School students contact your guidance counselor or Westchester COUNTY Parks and recreation. \$22 an hour ain't bad!

Outside Dining Sheds Fall Down!

They were supposed to be temporary due to Covid. They became trash bins and Places for animals to look for their dinner. Now we hear they are coming down. They served a great need at the time. Glad to see them disappearing!

Reach Eric Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com

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What to Know About Responsible Gaming During Problem Gambling Month

Responsible Gaming:
How the Regulated Market Protects Players

Responsible Gaming (RG) is at the forefront of the regulated online gaming industry's mission. Combined, Sports Betting Alliance (SBA) member companies BetMGM, DraftKings, Fanatics, and FanDuel have over 200 RG personnel on staff dedicated exclusively to building and operating comprehensive RG programs that include making a variety of data-driven tools available to help players make responsible play decisions starting at player onboarding and throughout the product journey. In contrast to unregulated and illegal operators, which offer little to no player protections and prey on anyone with a method of payment, the SBA companies invest tens of millions of dollars to develop and deploy RG tools and programs to help players use their products responsibly.

How to Play and Play Responsibly
New players receive messaging upon onboarding age, fit, and about available RG tools to explain and encourage the use of such tools. Players are then immediately reminded of these tools and resources available to them upon subsequent log-ins, and is further supplemented through direct messaging, marketing, and social media channels.

By Dan Murphy

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, a timely reminder that legal, regulated sports betting isn't just about convenience or access—it's about protecting players. While illegal gambling sites offer zero safeguards, the legal industry has built in tools, policies, and partnerships that put responsible gaming front and center.

In a recent op-ed, *More Than Just a Game: How Mobile Betting is Keeping March Madness Safe and Regulated*, Jeremy Kudon, President of the Sports Betting Alliance, highlights how the growth of legal mobile betting has done more than just meet demand—it's helped create a safer environment for fans and a real boost to New York's economy.

"Last year alone, bets placed on March Madness through legal sportsbooks generated over \$85 million for New York State. That money directly supported public education and programs that help those struggling with problem gambling," Kudon wrote. "With tools to monitor transactions, flag concerning activity, and promote responsible play, legal sportsbooks are able to protect consumers in a way illegal operators never could."

Today, responsible gaming isn't just a box to check—it's a core value shared by legal operators like BetMGM, DraftKings, Fanatics, and FanDuel. These companies have invested tens of millions into responsible gaming initiatives, employing over 200 staff focused solely on player safety and wellbeing.

From the start, players are encouraged to set limits on deposits, wagers, and time spent. They can also take breaks or opt out entirely. These tools aren't buried in the fine print—they're integrated into the experience, from onboarding messages to app notifications and ad campaigns.

Technology is also helping detect risky behavior early, allowing RG teams to reach out if someone might be struggling. And it's not just digital support—players can connect to treatment providers like Kindbridge and Birches Health, or take a quick Gambling Disorder Screener from FanDuel and Kindbridge. Help is always available through resources like 1-800-GAMBLER, which is free, confidential, and available 24/7.

Before legal betting came to New York, there were no protections. Offshore sites like Bovada let anyone bet, no questions asked—no spending limits, no self-exclusion options, no help if things went too far. That's what we're trying to prevent.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month is about putting a spotlight on these issues—not just for the industry, but for the people who might be struggling in silence. It's a chance to remind everyone that resources exist, help is available, and responsible gaming is more than a policy—it's how this system stays fair, safe, and sustainable.

If you or someone you know needs help, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org.

Congressman Latimer Discusses House Shutdown Over Allowing Female Members to Vote by Proxy



Congressman George Latimer has been updating his district through his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RepGLatimer> where he also posts short videos explaining his views on the issues of the day

On Tuesday, April 1, the House of Representatives shut down for business for the week when 9 republicans joined with all of the House Democrats to vote against a Rule to conduct business.

The normally non-controversial Rule Vote was blocked on April 1 because several House Republicans, including Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna, wanted to force a House vote which would have allowed new parents the ability to vote by proxy, or remotely.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson was not happy stating, "If a career in politics doesn't work out for me, I have ample credentials to work at a circus,"

Westchester Democratic Congressman George Latimer commented on the shut down "The April fools joke played here in the House of Representatives is that all business has stopped.

"The republican majority has a disagreement over a rule that would allow women members to be able to vote by proxy when they are in the period of time right after giving birth to a child. That seems to be a very reasonable thing to do on behalf of women and on behalf of their supportive husbands or partners.

"But this battle, because there is no agreement, has shut down all business. These are the type of things that are happening in Washington that are very discouraging. We want to work as a democrat in the minority alongside the majority to work through the differences we have and try to come up with solutions to issues that are important to us. We care about improving the economy. We care about securing our border.

"We're not doing that if we are not doing our work," said Latimer.

End Solitary Confinement and Decarcerate Now

By Anisah Sabur

Solitary confinement is torture. Every day in New York, people are locked away in isolation for up to 24 hours a day, often for months or years at a time. The devastating mental and physical harm of solitary confinement is well-documented—leading to extreme trauma, self-harm, and higher rates of death post-release. It does nothing to improve safety and instead perpetuates cycles of violence and harm.

New York has taken steps to limit this practice through the HALT Solitary Confinement Law, but the reality is that solitary—under different names—remains rampant in state prisons and local jails. Now because of the illegal work stoppage, thousands of people have been locked down in solitary confinement in life-threatening conditions for weeks, all to try to distract from the brutal killing of Robert Brooks at Marcy Correctional Facility and Messiah Nantwi at Mid-State Correctional Facility.

We need real accountability, full enforcement of the HALT Solitary Confinement Law, and bold action to decarcerate. The only way to stop this inhumanity is to stop locking people away.

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Who Gets Justice? The Fight Against Racial Bias in Our Courts



By Maya Kollarmalil

The justice system portrays the main idea that everyone is treated equally under the law, but in reality, that isn't always the case. Racial bias—the unfair treatment of individuals based on race—plays a major role in court decisions. One of the most harmful effects of racial bias is wrongful convictions, where innocent people, especially people of color, are found guilty of crimes they had nothing to do with.

How Racial Bias Influences Convictions

Bias exists at every level in the legal system, from policing to jury decisions. Studies show that Black and Latino individuals are more likely to be stopped, searched, arrested, and convicted than white individuals, even when accused of the exact same crimes.

Juries are supposed to make fair decisions based on evidence, but racial bias can affect how they view defendant in a court case. Research has found that jurors are more likely to believe any negative stereotypes about Black and Latino individuals, making them more likely to convict, even with weak evidence. According to the “National Registry of Exonerations”, nearly half of all wrongful convictions in the U.S. involve Black defendants, and in murder cases, Black individuals are seven times more likely to be wrongfully convicted than white individuals. Mistaken eyewitnesses, confessions, and racial profiling all contribute to these injustices.

The Impact on Lives and Society

Wrongful convictions don't just harm those who are imprisoned—they also affect families, communities- like Yonkers, and the entire justice system. Innocent people lose years of their lives behind bars, while their families suffer. When an innocent person is convicted, the real criminal remains free, making communities less safe. These injustices also weaken public trust in the legal system, making people less likely to believe in fair trials.

How We Can Help

Even if we're not in the courtroom, we can still act:

Educate Ourselves and Others: Raising awareness about racial bias helps push for change.

Support Organizations Fighting Injustice: Groups like the “Innocence Project” work to free the wrongfully convicted.

Advocate for Policy Change: Calling lawmakers, signing petitions, and voting for reforms can make a difference.

Speak Out Against Injustice: If we see racial bias in our communities, we must challenge it. Stand up for the unheard.

Racial bias in the justice system affects all of us. By demanding fairness and supporting reforms, we can help build a system that truly delivers justice for everyone.

Putnam County Executive Byrne Says County is Stronger Than Ever With “Largest Tax Cut” Coming



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, left, with former Congressman Mark Molinaro, at Byrne's State of the County address

Standing before the largest crowd in county history for a State of the County speech, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne delivered his 2025 State of the County presentation on Monday, March 3, at the Ace Endico headquarters in Brewster. Nearly 230 attendees gathered in person, with hundreds more watching the event online. The address highlighted the County's commitment to low taxes and responsible fiscal management, youth programming, infrastructure improvements, and innovative public services.

“Under this Administration, Putnam County continues to be a leader in cost-effective and efficient government,” Byrne said. “We are delivering real, meaningful results while keeping taxes low and ensuring a high quality of life for the residents we serve.”

“We were honored to host this important event and welcome the community into our new facility,” said Michael Endico, President of Ace Endico. “As a proud Putnam County business, we were excited to support County Executive Byrne and his administration in sharing their vision for the county's future.”

Byrne highlighted his administration's dedication to tax relief by previously slashing Putnam County's property tax rate to its lowest level in 18 years and continued investment in the \$7.5 million Property Tax Stabilization Fund to ensure financial security. Looking ahead, Byrne announced his desire to make the sales-tax exemption on clothing and shoes under \$110 permanent, and announced that the largest property-tax cut in Putnam County history would be included in his next budget proposal. The tax cut received the support of 72% of respondents in a recent poll conducted by the county executive's office.

Byrne spotlighted the success of Putnam County's first-of-its-kind Youth Business Market and announced that the next event is set for June 8, with registration now open. He also revealed plans to relocate the Youth Bureau to Tilly Foster Farm, an educational hub that aligns with the County's commitment to youth development.

In a major announcement, Byrne introduced the County's plan to establish a ThinkDIFFERENTLY pre-K education campus in partnership with Community Based Services (CBS) at InterArts in Patterson. This initiative aims to reduce transportation times for preschoolers with special needs while saving taxpayer dollars and improving educational outcomes.

“We believe in an inclusive early-learning environment that meets the needs of every child, right here in our community,” Byrne said. “CBS has been an outstanding partner in this effort, and I'm thrilled to see this vision come to life.”

Continuing with the theme of youth programming, Byrne's speech included a renewed commitment to securing funding for renovations at Camp Herrlich's Schweiger Hall. Byrne reaffirmed his administration's support for this critical county-owned facility, which provides invaluable childcare services and was a key resource for first responders and essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. 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: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC, 1585 Central Park Ave, Unit 157, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Granola Girl, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/24. 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, 206 B Heritage Hills Drive, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of JJJ Roadside Solution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01-07-2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joel Armando Mena, 25 Knowles Street, Yonkers, New York 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Claritas Consulting LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/25/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 85 Windsor Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567 Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030
File# 7777.122

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, at a meeting held on the 25th day of February 2025, duly adopted the resolution published herewith to restate the City's commitment to fair housing and officially designate the Mayor or his designee as fair housing officer as required for NY CDBG Cares Act Grant:

RESOLUTION NO.33-2025

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City shall, within available resources, assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate; and

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Planning and Development, or her designee, is designated Fair Hearing Officer. The Contact information for said Fair Hearing Officer is: Planning Commissioner, City of Yonkers, Department of Planning & Development, 20 South Broadway, Suite 923, Yonkers, NY 10701, 914.377.6150; and

RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall publish this resolution in the official newspaper; post a copy in a conspicuous place in City Hall; and cause it to be posted on the City's website and social media; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City, through this publicity, shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under any applicable fair housing laws; and be it further.

RESOLVED, the City's Department of Planning and Development shall maintain and distribute literature related to federal, state, and local fair housing policies and laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, Yonkers City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: March 25, 2025

Vincent Spano

City Clerk

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THE INCOME TAX IS IMPOSED ONLY ON "TAXABLE INCOME"**By Tony Futia, North White Plains**

The fact is, however, that the geographic limits of the federal governments exclusive legislative authority, that area over which the federal government has sole dominion, is indeed limited to the district of Columbia, federal territories, and federal enclaves!

How many legs does a dog have if we call the tail a leg? Four, because calling a tail, a leg does not make it a leg. Calling one, a taxpayer does not make him subject to a tax. A law, a statute enacted by Congress alone can make one "subject / liable to a tax." Where is the law making the typical working American "subject to" the income tax?

TWO MAJOR IRS LIES

First, that "The Internal Revenue Code imposes a federal income tax upon all United States, citizens and residents, not just those who reside in the District of Columbia, federal territories, and enclaves."

That is a lie!!

The IRC imposes, a federal income tax on "taxable income" (section 1). do you know any citizen or resident whose name is "taxable income"? "Taxable income" is not a citizen, much less "all United States citizens and residents". The only person upon whom the IRC imposes liability for the income tax is the withholding agent required to withhold taxes from payments made to nonresident aliens and for corporations, neither of which is a citizen or a resident of the United States (IRS section 1461.)

The second lie however, is even bigger if that is possible. Note that the IRS does not contend that the "Supreme Court held thus and so". instead, it cites an inferior court ruling, (Collins), that states that the Supreme Court held in

(Brushaber) that the "16th amendment authorizes a direct unapportioned tax upon United States citizens throughout the nation, not just in federal enclaves." Why didn't they simply cite (Brushaber)? The IRS does not simply cite (Brushaber) because that was not (Brushaber's) holding! in fact, the Supreme Court has never held that the 16th amendment authorizes, a direct unapportioned tax, not in (Brushaber) nor in any other case. The IRS does not cite (Brushaber) because the holding in (Brushaber) was the exact opposite of what the IRS claims!

The (Brushaber) case did not hold what they wanted you to believe, so instead the IRS cites an erroneous description of (Brushaber) by an inferior court and offer that as the holding itself. This kind of legal misrepresentation is inexcusable in even the most lax of courts. It is a rank form of lying.

In Brushaber, the government argued that the 16th amendment, granted it the power to impose a direct, unapportioned tax on incomes of any kind, but the Supreme Court expressly rejected that argument, calling it erroneous. See *Brushaber v. Union Pac. R.R.*, 240 U.S. 1, at 12 (1916)

The TRUE holding by the Supreme Court in Brushaber is that the 16th amendment :

- 1) Did not amend the constitution ;
- 2) Did not authorize a direct, unapportioned income tax;
- 3) Did not grant Congress any additional taxing authority — none; and
- 4) It's sole effect is to prohibit the Supreme Court from considering the source of income in determining whether an income tax is a direct or indirect tax.

The Supreme Court went on in that case to point out that the income tax is an indirect tax "in its nature an excise", and, therefore, not subject to the requirement of

apportionment BUT that if it should be applied in such a way that it has the effect of a direct tax

(either mandatory or on person or property, instead of a privileged activity), it would be subjected to the rule of apportionment. This holding was repeated in a case, ruled on the very same year by the Supreme Court in *Stanton v. Baltic mining*, 240. U.S. 103, 112-3(1916)

And by the Supreme Court again in *Peck & Co. v. Lowe*, 247 U.S.165 , 172-3 (1918). See also *Southern Pacific v. Lowe* 247 U.S.

330 (1918)

The government, itself, admits

that " it is clear that the income tax is an "indirect tax." (see "some constitutional questions regarding the federal income tax laws", by Howard Zaritsky congressional research service, library of Congress, May 25, 1979, page 3.)

Why does the IRS, then, lie about the Brushaber holding? Why did the court in Collins misrepresent that holding? because they both know that a tax on the exercise of a fundamental right, as in the case of the exercise of our fundamental right to earn a living through our own labor, is not an indirect tax which can only be imposed on privileged activities. A tax on the exercise of a right, which is property, can only be classified as a direct tax and, as the Supreme Court clearly stated it Brushaber, any such application of an income tax would be subject to the rule of apportionment. additionally, the Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the exercise of a right is exempt from taxation, thus the IRS feels compelled to concoct some mythical constitutional exception to that rule in the 16th amendment.

CONCLUSION: The IRS is lying again, misrepresenting the statutory law in claiming that the IRC imposes an income tax on citizens and resident's when it does not, and misrepresenting the Supreme Court's holding in the Brushaber case in order to claim that the income tax is a direct tax that is immune from the constitutional restrictions on such tax. So while the federal government does have jurisdiction beyond its geographic limitations, that power does not extend to the destruction / taxation of my fundamental rights, nor does the 16th amendment create a third class of taxes, a direct tax immune to the requirement of apportionment.

Sincerely,

*We The people of New York Inc.
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*Anthony Futia Jr.
No. White Plains.*

**Letters to the Editor:
How Can We Build National Unity?**

Is it really worth destroying a relationship because of political disagreements? Let's focus on building unity in our nation.

"E pluribus unum—out of many, one," an unofficial motto of the United States appears on the Great Seal, reflecting how people came from all over the world, put aside old world hatreds based on ethnicity or religion, and became Americans together. Sadly, the recent spew of aggressive marxist identity politics has divided Americans to levels approaching that of the antebellum period. Marxism has numerous guises (eco, racial, gender, socialism, progressivism). This totalitarian ideology substitutes the state for God and the family, and is incompatible with America's founding principles, which are based on God's natural law. "One Nation Under God," our official motto is a guiding principle for how many states and ethnicities can become one united nation. Without God, it degenerates into conflicting self-serving tribes.

Representative Barbara Jordan was a substantive representative who understood the Constitution, and brought the country together unlike the attention-seeking marxists spewing racial and gender marxist ideology and ready to throw down on the House floor, attacking those who don't share their skin color, gender or political views. Representative Jordan lived through the contentious Civil Rights era, yet concluded: "America is the most successful multi-ethnic society in human history." It was, because legal immigrants put aside Old World political, religious and ethnic hatreds to be something new and better: Americans bound together by common principles articulated in the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

America is the only nation in history based on godly principles. All others were based on language or ethnicity—things that divide. Anyone can become an American by adopting those principles; none of us can ever become French, Chinese, Ugandan or Dominican if we do not have ancestors from those countries.

Key to building unity is to not vaunt yourself or your external characteristics above others, but to view other as equals. Rep. Jordan found unity on issues and did not divide herself from others by constantly talking about her race, gender, nor whom she was living with. But marxists constantly labor and propagandize to divide us by superficialities. It's not about justice, our common principles have to be the basis of justice—it's about power and money for them. No country, business nor family can be strong and healthy if its members constantly elevate their personal characteristics above others. Unity takes diligent effort. But its result is peace.

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavoring [making a diligent effort] to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. If your mindset is "someone who looks like you did something to someone who looks like me decades or centuries ago, therefore I am going to make your life miserable for the rest of my life and demand reparations and preferences," you are not building godly peace and unity. If you want peace and unity with your neighbors and co-workers, work with them as individuals who have the same rights as you. The first three chapters of Ephesians tell us what God made us in Jesus Christ; chapters four through six provide practical instructions for how to live in that power, peace, and unity.

Unity requires searching for and building on the positives in each other, forgiving mistakes and working together for common goals. Unity is not built by formalized bullying sessions pestering people for something they had no part in. Early Christians lived in a culture where Jews and Gentiles did not socialize nor enter each other's homes. Their countries were controlled by a pagan Roman empire held together by military prowess. Only Roman citizens had rights. Early Christians were diverse in culture and language, but united in what God had done for them by Jesus Christ's achievements despite superficial differences. Galatians 3:27, 28 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." We are called to a higher lifestyle

The key to living abundantly, spiritually and physically as God wants for us (John 10:10) is what you feed your mind and what comes out of your mouth. Does it edify? Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. People reveal their inner soul by what they focus on and promote. Marxism is anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, anti-God; there is no peace in an ideology that preaches continuous revolution to empower itself by promoting strife via group identity. American marxists failed to divide US by economics because everyone in the world knows that you can come to America, work and get comfortable and even unimaginably wealthy. Unlike most of the world, America never had classes, nor nobility. Marxists latched on to the civil rights movement after Martin Luther King was murdered. Their three pronged attack to divide and conquer focused on race, gender and sex (i.e sexual perversions) as excuses for grievances. Being grievance minded worsens division by alienating people who would be your allies. Focusing on real or imagined grievances degenerates your physical, mental, and spiritual health. Proverbs 23:7a For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Change to a vision of building something better for the here and now.

Focus on the vision: Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Working together on a peaceful and prosperous community instead of being in bondage to ethnic and religious hatred, we all win.

Judith Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

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MGM Women Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts Champions Opportunity for Women to Advance Their Careers



Far left-Ann Granville

2nd left-left-Mary Jane Mills

left-Theresa Tirado

Nearly half of all leadership roles across MGM Resorts are held by women, including nearly 40% at Empire City Casino, higher than industry average

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts (“Empire City”) is committed to providing opportunities for employees to grow within the company, including women, where nearly 40% of Empire City’s leadership team are women. Empire City has been focused on providing opportunities for growth, mentorship, and community support, key values employees often elevate as reasons why working at MGM Resorts is meaningful to them.

According to a 2021 report, women held approximately 25% of senior managerial roles in the gambling sector. Empire City is proud to have strong, inspirational women in leadership roles well above the casino industry average. From food and beverage to operations, women are enjoying long tenures and opportunities to support their communities and paving the way for up-and-coming employees at Empire City.

Overall, 46.5% of leadership roles across MGM Resorts are held by women. MGM Resorts has won various awards for its efforts to diversify the workplace, including America’s Greatest Workplaces for Diversity 2023 presented by Newsweek and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council’s America’s Top Corporations for Women’s Business Enterprises among countless others.

Several female members of Empire City’s leadership team, who have gained invaluable experience rising through the ranks during their tenures, include:

Ann Granville, a resident of Mount Vernon, serves as Food & Beverage Floor Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 12 years. She now oversees the day-to-day operations for the front-of-house, food and beverage department, including The Pub and Chophouse. Granville is a member of the Social Impact & Sustainability (SIS) Council at Empire City, volunteering with programs across Westchester and the Bronx that have a positive impact in communities.

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Experts Explain New Data Showing Nonprofits Value at Nonprofit Westchester Forum



During a time of uncertainty about federal funding for safety net programs, more than 200 nonprofit, healthcare, government and business leaders from across Westchester met to underscore the importance of nonprofits, not only to the people they serve but to the health of the entire region.

Speaking at a special program, Strengthening Westchester's Health and Economy: New Data Revealed, experts shared recent data on how nonprofits help to drive Westchester's economy, improve health outcomes, and reduce healthcare and other social services costs through programs that keep residents healthy and safe. Nonprofits provide services including mental health, early childhood education, shelter and services for the homeless, recovery aid from storms and other weather events, public safety, and arts and cultural programs and so much more.

"The health of the nonprofit sector is critical to the social and economic health of Westchester County," said Nonprofit Westchester Executive Director Jan Fisher during the program at C.V. Rich Mansion in White Plains. "Yet this impact is not fully understood or capitalized on. Today we are here to increase that understanding as well as opportunities to strengthen our community."

Fisher said for nonprofits to remain strong and sustainable the state needs to reform an inefficient contracting system where payments are chronically late and provide more competitive salaries to nonprofit workers to attract and keep quality talent. She also issued a call to action to the business sector, urging them to collaborate with nonprofits on advocacy efforts, including pressing for these essential contracting reforms. Fisher emphasized that strengthening the nonprofit sector is not just a nonprofit issue—it is a business and economic issue that affects the entire community.

Megan Allen, CEO, New York Council of Nonprofits, said that as of December of 2024, there were over 119,000 nonprofits in New York operating in nearly every industry, which account for over 1.3 million jobs. Nonprofits employ more New York State residents than the construction and insurance industries combined, accounting for 16.8 percent of the total workforce. In Westchester, that number is about 56,000 people or 16.2 percent of the workforce, she said.

Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, said according to the latest ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report released by United Way of New York State, more than a third of Hudson Valley households were living paycheck to paycheck. From 2019 to 2025 the cost of groceries for a single parent, one-child family rose from \$600 a month to \$1,500. He said inflation had risen another 3 percent since January.

"This is the real world in which nonprofits are responding. They are not getting free money. They are responding to hunger, homelessness, and real needs in our community," he said.

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Yonkers Girls Scouts Featured on Good Morning America



March 12 was National Girl Scout Day and the girls from Yonkers Troop 1787 were invited to Good Morning America to be a part of the celebration! Today marks 113 years of Girl Scouting in America.

National Girl Scout Day, celebrated annually on March 12th, commemorates the founding of the Girl Scouts of the USA by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 when she organized the first troop meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

National Girl Scout Day is a time to celebrate the history and legacy of Girl Scouting, and to thank Girl Scout volunteers.

It's not too late to celebrate National Girl Scout day by doing what else, buying some Girl Scout Cookies.

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Attention 23AndMe Customers: As the Company Files for Bankruptcy, Contact Them to Delete Data

After 23AndMe Filed for Bankruptcy, AG James Reminds Customers They Have a Right to Delete Their Genetic Data and Destroy DNA Samples

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert to customers of 23andMe, a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, urging them to take action to protect their data. 23andMe collects and analyzes people's genetic code and uses DNA samples to help people trace their ancestry or detect personal health risks, among other factors. The company filed for bankruptcy and announced plans to sell its assets. Due to the trove of sensitive consumer data 23andMe has amassed, Attorney General James would like to remind New Yorkers that they are able to request that 23andMe delete their personal data and destroy any samples of genetic material held by the company.

"New Yorkers' genetic data is sensitive information that must be protected at all costs," said Attorney General James. "23andMe's bankruptcy announcement is concerning and I am urging New Yorkers to take action to safeguard their data. New Yorkers can follow instructions offered by my office to delete their data or destroy any DNA samples held by 23andMe. Anyone experiencing issues deleting their information stored with 23andMe should contact my office."

Attorney General James is offering New Yorkers tips on how to delete their data that is stored with 23andMe or destroy test samples. Consumers can delete their account and personal information by taking the following steps:

Log into your 23andMe account on their website.

Go to the "Settings" section of your profile.

Scroll to a section labeled "23andMe Data" at the bottom of the page.

Click "View" next to "23andMe Data."

Download your data: If you want a copy of your genetic data for personal storage, choose the option to download it to your device before proceeding.

Scroll to the "Delete Data" section.

Click "Permanently Delete Data."

Confirm your request: You'll receive an email from 23andMe; follow the link in the email to confirm your deletion request.

If you previously opted to have your saliva sample and DNA stored by 23andMe, but want to change that preference, you can do so from your account settings page, under "Preferences."

If you previously consented to 23andMe and third-party researchers to use your genetic data and sample for research, you may withdraw consent from the account settings page, under "Research and Product Consents."

Attorney General James encourages New Yorkers who experience issues deleting their data with 23andMe to contact her office by filing a complaint online.

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When asked how she inspires other women, Granville references this quote: "Always stay true to yourself and never let people distract you from your goal. Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

Mary Jane Mills, a resident of Yonkers, NY, serves as VGM Shift Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 18 years. Mills manages the casino floor, working with attendants, dispatchers, cash boxes and other departments. She enjoys volunteering with her colleagues on the Empire City Social Impact & Sustainability Council, participating in the annual Hudson River clean up, walking in community parades, and participating in fundraising events to support the company foundation. Mills credits the company's mentorship program for allowing her to support the career growth of her female colleagues.

"Being a part of the mentorship program has given me the opportunity to offer guidance to women in my field," said Mills. "I also feel fortunate to work for a company that prioritizes community service. It's a privilege to have been able to support women's shelters and women-owned businesses."

Theresa Tirado, a resident of Yonkers, serves as Slot Operations Shift Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 18 years. She began her career as a cocktail waitress and bartender in New York City before joining Empire City and working in the Food and Beverage department in a variety of roles. Tirado was recently promoted to Shift Manager in the Slot Department, where she assists in overseeing day-to-day operations. Tirado is also a part of the SIS Council, where she volunteers with Feeding Westchester and Catholic Charities of New York to combat food insecurity, among other initiatives.

"MGM Resorts provides many opportunities to grow our careers into management and I'm thrilled to have a position that allows me to support the team and empower others," said Tirado. "I believe women should support and empower each other."

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5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7,8, 9,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rmdP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, Owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: G (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOPlzH?usp=sharing

#5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvmzVMblrm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

#5867 – Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 221-223 Buena Vista Avenue, Block: 172, Lot: 92 & 94.98 Zone: UR-LD, (B0035075), Two Twenty One Vista Group LLC owner, on premises know as 221 Buena Vista Avenue

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#5868 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of 221 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 02 Zone: A&I District; 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises know as 222 Lake Avenue* Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mf7O9_0k7lCtg3VjstKmCYFc2p9cjd?usp=sharing

#5852 - Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 94 St. Andrews Place, Block: 133, Lot: 3 , Zone: A, (B0033786), Pleasure Home Improvement LLC, owner, on premises know as 94 St. Andrews Place * Adjourned <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-WAnk-6N6D-BLNUSRfpEp6VBcZd6V80?usp=sharing>

#5880 – Area Variance -Shahin Badaly on behalf of Eric Byars Freeman, 5 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2008, Lot: 14, Zone: D-MX,(B0035418) owner, on premises know as 5 Woodworth Avenue. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ig4amV3RGTnsYwNnd2nJ4lhMsNslXN8r?usp=sharing>

#5881 – Area Variance – Snyder & Snyder LLP on behalf of New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless , owner , on premises know as 701 Ridge Hill Blvd, Block:4076, Lot: 1;Zone: PMD, (B0035684) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dx2f1v4Z1mnJP017NrrHU2eUuB0otXz?usp=sharing>

#5882 – Use Variance and Area Variance – LHP Architects, PLLC on behalf of New York City department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) owner, of the Hillview Police Precinct Headquarters property located at 750 Mclean Ave aka 81 Cumberland Drive, Block: 6224, Lot:32 Zone: BR ,(B0034792) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NdJNyt-b99owA9BTcTebt0_uzGFrihSU?usp=sharing

#5883 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of 105 Deerhurst LLC , owner , on premises know as 105 Deerhurst Road, Block: 4961, Lot:31,Zone: S-100 (B0035444) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12GjoDuEcYkvzuhMQufvMhA8pKEcd_Mjb?usp=sharing

NEW HEARINGS

#5885 (case #5417 previously) – Appeal from a Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 494 Palmer LLC, owner, on premises know as 494 Palmer Road, Block:5450, Lot:52 (B0034253) Zone: S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jNC8gKMT4TCAFT02pyISZm2QX6JsAXAa?usp=sharing>

#5886 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 78 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 65 (B0035290) Zone :S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5887 – Area Variance- Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 70 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 371 (B0035297) Zone :S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5888 – Area Variance— Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 61 Morningside Ave, Block:2163, Lot: 10 (B0035486) Zone :M <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-OMTpgVs9R0m5liVcv4kSnTyOtBxsg9?usp=sharing>

#5889 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of Francisco Barbedo, owner, on premises know as 58 (aka 40) Halley Street , Block:5220, Lot:58 (B0035747) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HHPXOEwob2X0XtgUSyJWzPCOgpSHAqGC?usp=sharing>

#5890 – Use Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of 31 Palisades Associates LLC, owner, on premises know as 31 (aka 29) Palisade Avenue, Block:2027, Lot:56 (B0035775) Zone: D-MX <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Jxvr6COVf21MEBwJa0DOWZn0o6lHrpDn?usp=sharing>

#5891- Area Variance & Improvements to a Non-Conforming Use- Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1061 Nepperhan Ave, Owners, on premises know as 1055 Nepperhan Avenue , Block;3089 Lot:22.27 (B0035701) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SdwOqOgHX95cDFBg-dLS6ugSwKXc6Z-A?usp=sharing>

#5892- Area Variance - Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1 Monroe Street LLC, Owners, on premises know as 1 Monroe Street , Block;3130 Lot:30 (B0034022) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yGupHWbPIBM8ISUchcb2uLkv2xYdCm5J?usp=sharing>

#5893 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz, LLP on behalf of 13 Hawthorne Yonkers, LLC; 15 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 17 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 62 BV Yonkers AMS LLC; Miroza Tower LLC, owners, on premises know as 62 (aka 64) Buena Vista Avenue; 60 Buena Vista Avenue; 13 Hawthorne Avenue; 15 Hawthorne Avenue; and 17 Hawthorne Avenue, Block: 511, Lots: 28,30,11,12 &13 (B0036206) Zone: DWD https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AtqP6cCvp_7eyzT-1If3CA7dMzCsNi_u?usp=sharing

Letter to the Editor:

THE ULTIMATE HYPOCRACY—

Year after year, the “Lords of Baseball” have denied Pete Rose, a/k/a “Charlie Hustle” his rightful place in the Baseball Hall of Fame, using the excuse that he “bet on Baseball games”—while there is some amount of truth to this allegation, Pete never bet on his team, and always gave 100% of effort to winning while he played.

Now, in this year of 2025, one Major League Baseball team has partnered with a gambling syndicate so that people watching their games on TV can place bets on the outcome (with the club getting a “big cut” of the profits).

This is the very thing the Baseball “Execs” have been screaming, and railing against for years—it is very evident that now these club owners and their “commissioner” have sold out to “THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR”.

The old adage applies here: “Don’t do as I do—Do as I say.”

Joe Pettit
Yorktown HTS

SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against-

CLAUDIA C. HUIE A/K/A CLAUDIA COLLEEN HUIE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of the premises being foreclosed herein,, Defendants Index No. 75940/2024 Mortgaged Premises: 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the 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 OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose home equity conversion mortgage to secure \$780,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on October 7, 2009, as Control Number 492650633, covering the premises known as 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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 action. 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. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Did You Know? The USA is Now Paying \$1 Trillion in Interest on Our Debt Every Year?

By Dan Murphy

I have always been concerned about our nation's debt and the annual deficits that add to our debt year after year. Some of the protestors I see protesting against DOGE and Musk and Trump hold signs that say “It’s My Money.”

Actually that is not true. Much of the money we are spending as a country comes from borrowing it and putting that debt on the shoulders of future generations, namely our children and grandchildren.

I was shocked to learn that the Interest Alone on our National Debt costs us \$1 Trillion Dollars per year. Image what good could be done in our country with an extra **\$1 Trillion**.

Our Federal Government is \$6.8 Trillion, with a \$1.8 Trillion deficit. That means we are spending \$1.8 Trillion more than we take in, and have to borrow it by printing more dollars and having countries like China buy our Treasury bills.

We can't keep spending this way. And Tax the Rich won't work by itself to close the deficit, but neither will spending cuts.

The longer we wait to address this, the harder it will be. We have to consider raising taxes, cutting spending, and tweaking our entitlements-Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Perhaps the rich don't need a social security check, or subsidized health insurance. Or perhaps we need to raise the age to collect these benefits.

None of my suggestions above have been proposed by Trump or Musk or DOGE. Nobody's benefits are being cut. DOGE is simply trying to find cuts in waste fraud and abuse.

Not only don't I want to pay for Federal benefits to anyone who is not legally entitled to it, but we can't afford to do it anymore.

I have hear very few members of Congress address this issue, but it's time to do so.

Below are some thoughts from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, <https://www.crfb.org/>

Fix the National Debt

After over two decades of uninterrupted borrowing, the U.S. national debt is higher as a share of the economy than at any time since World War II. Yet policymakers have done little to contain our roughly \$30 trillion national debt, and most legislation has added to it in recent years. Learn more about our current path.

The Current National Debt Path

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that national debt held by the public (which excludes what the government owes itself) will surpass the all-time record of 106 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2029. To put that in perspective, the average over the last 50 years was about 49 percent of GDP.

The debt will be fueled by endless annual federal budget deficits (the difference between spending and revenue). The deficit is forecast to be \$1.9 trillion this year. Bringing spending and revenue more in line, either by reducing spending and/or increasing revenue, will be necessary to improve the fiscal outlook once the current crisis has ended.

High and rising debt will threaten economic growth and the standard of living for all Americans as investment dwindles and the country becomes less competitive.

CBO: Debt Will Rise to 156% of the Economy in 30 Years

Mar 27, 2025 Budgets & Projections

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its latest Long-Term Budget Outlook today, showing that under current law, debt will rise from 100 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at the end of this fiscal year to 156 percent of GDP by 2055. Interest as a share of GDP will increase by nearly three-quarters from a record 3.2 percent of GDP this year to 5.4 percent by 2055. CBO also projects that the trust fund for Social Security retirement benefits will exhaust in 2033 and the theoretically combined Social Security retirement and disability insurance trust fund will be exhausted in 2034.

Read our summary of the report here; a full analysis will be published later today.

The following is a statement from Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget:

Interest costs are rising rapidly, debt is on track to blow past its record in just four years, and we're set to have one of the largest debt burdens in the world by 2055 – and there's hardly a whisper on how we should deal with it. In fact, we're mostly hearing about how we should make it even worse.

CBO reports like this routinely present a sobering assessment of the dismal state of America's finances, and our political leaders nod their heads in agreement that we need to do something. And then they do nothing, or even worse – they claim their priorities are too important to let the threat of higher debt get in the way of enacting their agenda.

It was just two years ago when Congress enacted the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which enacted the largest deficit reduction package in over a decade. It wasn't a perfect package, but it was a start on addressing our fiscal situation with the seriousness it deserves. We hoped that that exercise would create good muscle memory to keep going and build off its successes.

Unfortunately, now we are staring down the barrel of a \$3 trillion or more package of more debt, which could turn into \$37 trillion of debt on top of today's projections.

On top of this higher debt, the Social Security trust fund is running out fast – it will be exhausted by 2033, at which point benefits will be cut across the board. The clock is ticking; what was once tomorrow's problem is urgently becoming today's.

We need to snap out of this fiscal malaise and do the important work of budgeting, getting our fiscal house in order, and securing our nation's future.

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Westchester County Parks Hole in One Junior Golf Camp Returns

Young golfers can tee up for success!

Fore! Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp returns to Westchester County Parks' six golf courses this summer for children ages 7 to 17. Registration opens Monday, April 7 at noon.

Junior Golf Camp locations are Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Hudson Hills in Ossining, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohansic in Yorktown Heights and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale. Camp will be held Monday through Thursday, from Monday July 7 through Thursday, Aug. 14. Dates and times vary per course.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Junior Golf Camp provides a comfortable learning environment, an excellent opportunity for young golfers looking to improve their game and create a chance for kids to fall in love with the game of golf. Campers are taught in small groups by PGA professionals who will inspire the young athletes to cultivate their golf skills."

At Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp, kids of all skill levels will learn the game's fundamentals, hone their skills and develop their confidence.

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Our six pro-level golf courses offer beautiful landscapes, top-notch facilities and well-maintained grounds. Their locations—at the top, in the middle and in the lower part of Westchester—are convenient to everyone."

Tuition is \$100 per Westchester resident camper, per session. For more information, call (914) 231-2146.

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Gabriel added that recent proposed federal cuts triggered by the President's executive orders would not only devastate vulnerable populations who receive assistance, but result in a loss of jobs that would strike a blow to the economy given that nonprofits account for nearly 17 percent of jobs in New York State.

"When you are cutting food stamps, SNAP benefits etc. there are people who administer those programs, those are jobs," he said. He added, "There is so much uncertainty around some of these executive orders and in some cases, the rule of law is not being followed, they are just being implemented."

Gabriel said executive orders have targeted basic services such as \$1 billion to help schools and food banks purchase food, proposed cuts that would make 12 million children ineligible for school meals. In addition, more than 42 million Americans would be affected by cuts to SNAP or food stamps as well as cuts to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that would cause Westchester to lose \$500,000 from its Emergency Food and Shelter program.

Judith Watson, CEO of the Westchester Community Health Center, emphasized that nonprofits have a large role in supporting the health and well-being of a community. She highlighted that essential services such as economic stability, education, housing, food, and childcare — among other supports provided by nonprofits — are key social determinants of health that directly impact health outcomes. "It impacts the health of each and every one of us. We can't do this work alone. We have to do it together," she said.

Monica Hidalgo, Corporate Director of Community Relations for New York Presbyterian, and Taryn Duffy, Founder and President of Tarsam Public Affairs, both discussed how businesses and hospitals work with nonprofits to keep the community healthier and advance other people-focused goals.

Hidalgo said that New York Presbyterian, like other hospitals, uses data such as community health needs assessments to determine how they can best support a community's health needs. She said New York Presbyterian invested nearly \$1 million in Westchester this past year to support programs to combat food insecurity and support maternal child health.

Duffy, who worked for MGM and Empire City in public affairs and community outreach for many years, said that data shows that corporations benefit from philanthropy, enjoying broader support from consumers and employees when they do good work. She encouraged other companies to do the same.

"The benefits of corporate social responsibility touches every area of the business, everything from investor relations and brand reputation to customer loyalty and workforce engagement. 77 percent of consumers are motivated to purchase from companies that are committed to making the world a better place. 71 percent of employees actually care whether or not their employers are giving back through philanthropy and volunteering."

She said nearly 99 percent of S&P 500 companies filed corporate social responsibility reports in 2023 compared with only 20 percent in 2011.

Michael Schiliro, Senior Vice President, PCSB Bank, said it was not only the business community's responsibility to help support nonprofits, but it makes good financial sense. "We need to pay attention to how we can better improve society. At PCSB Bank we are proud of being engaged in the nonprofit community for over 150 years."

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins delivered the opening remarks for the program. Also speaking were: Paul J. Dunphey, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, NYP Westchester Hospital and Ron Abad, NPW President; CEO, Community Housing Innovations.

Westchester County to Host Four Free Compost Giveaway Event in Celebration of Earth Month

Residents Must Register in Advance to Receive Free Compost at Upcoming Earth Month Events

The Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) is celebrating Earth Month by offering free compost to residents through its CompostED program. The CompostED site, a small-scale compost education and demonstration facility, processes up to two tons of food scraps weekly, serving as a vital educational hub for composting in the County.

To promote local food composting and provide valuable resources to the community, DEF will host several compost distribution events across Westchester County.

Event Schedule:

- Saturday, April 5: Willson's Woods Park, Mt. Vernon, 10 AM– 2 PM
- Sunday, April 6: Glen Island Park, New Rochelle, 10 AM – 2 PM
- Wednesday, April 9: Household Materials Recycling Facility, Valhalla, 4-7PM
- Sunday, April 27: Household Materials Recycling Facility, Valhalla, 10AM-2 PM

Important Information:

- Due to limited quantities, registration is required for all events.
- Residents must register online for a specific time slot to receive compost.
- Registration can be completed at: <https://environment.westchestergov.com/residential-compost-distribution-events>
- Each registered resident will receive two 1-cubic-foot bags of compost.
- DEF staff will be on-site to verify registration and load pre-bagged compost into residents' vehicles.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Composting is an important way we can all reduce waste and care for our environment. Through our CompostED program, residents can learn the benefits of food scrap recycling whether through our Residential Food Scrap Transportation and Disposal Program (RFSTAD), or at home. We are pleased to offer residents access to high-quality compost made right here in Westchester at this event. I encourage everyone to register for one of our giveaway events and take part in this meaningful Earth Month initiative."

Spring is here and CompostED tours are picking back up! To schedule a tour, or learn more about CompostED, residents can contact DEF at CompostEd@WestchesterCountyNY.gov, visit our website [environment.westchestergov.com]environment.westchestergov.com or call the Recycling HelpLine at (914)813-5425.

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Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni. Faith leaders Bishop Troy P. DeCohen and Imam Shaffieq Chace offered invocations to bless the event.

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer spoke at the event and commended Jenkins for his lifelong dedication to public service and his commitment to the people of Westchester County. Additional remarks were delivered by U.S. Congressman George Latimer, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, and Westchester County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Berger. The program also included a video message of congratulations from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Attorney General Letitia James and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The event also featured a special poetry reading by Westchester County Poet Laureate Phylisha Villanueva, as well as a performance by the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir. A video presentation titled "Kenneth W. Jenkins – Strength in Public Service that Benefits the Most People" offered a reflection on his accomplishments and aspirations for the County.

The swearing-in ceremony was administered by The Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute. During his remarks after the swearing-in ceremony Jenkins reaffirmed his commitment to Westchester County, emphasizing competency, civility and stability in his administration.

Jenkins: "You voted for stability, competency, and civility. You voted to chart a course that reflects our highest ideals. Here in Westchester we don't fly the airplane on the left wing, and we don't fly it on the right wing – we fly it right down the middle. And, we are on the journey, but the journey will be long. The work is just beginning. But we will not falter. We will rise to the challenge because, here in Westchester, we vote with our hearts, we vote with our heads, and we vote to enact laws that protect, defend, and uplift one another—always—regardless of skin color, gender, religion, or anything else that some try to use as weapons to divide us. We will not be divided. In Westchester, we respond and not react. Together, we will build a future that reflects the values we hold dear. The road ahead is long, but the strength and determination of this community will guide us every step of the way. And I stand here, humbly, to serve you and this great County. Our Westchester County."

Benedictions were delivered by Arun Bhagirath from the Hindu Temple of Tri-State and Rabbi Leora Frankel of Larchmont Temple, closing the ceremony with blessings for Jenkins' tenure ahead.

The event concluded with a celebratory reception at the David Swope Student Center, where attendees gathered to honor the new County Executive and look forward to a promising future under his leadership.

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Byrne, Putnam County, continued from pg 5—"It's past time we honored our obligation and did more to support Camp Herrlich's continued mission," Byrne said. "This project will be included in next year's capital plan, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to make it a reality."

Byrne also announced Putnam On-Demand, a new app-based ride service launching as a pilot program in Patterson, Southeast, and Carmel. The service will provide affordable, door-to-door transportation six days a week, improving public transit accessibility for residents. The program is expected to begin soon.

Public safety was another key focus of the evening, with Byrne celebrating the upcoming opening of the Lt. Michael Neuner Fire and EMS Training Center later this summer. Named after a dedicated Brewster firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty, the new state-of-the-art facility will provide essential training for emergency responders. Byrne credited the county's DPW crews, contractors, partners at Draeger, Bureau of Emergency Services staff, and Senator Pete Harckham for their roles in making the project a reality. He also took a moment to personally thank Commissioner Bob Lipton, who will be retiring at the end of the 2025 after years of dedicated service to the county. Volunteer first responders were also recognized for their vital role in public safety. Byrne announced plans to work with the Legislature to expand the county's existing property-tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, ensuring that all those who volunteer their time and put their lives on the line working within Putnam County's borders receive the benefits they deserve. The 2025 State of the County address reaffirmed Putnam County's commitment to affordability, accountability, and accessibility, while adding a new letter A: "active." Byrne concluded, "We are always striving to do better—because the people of Putnam County deserve nothing less."

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For anyone interested in bird watching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars and your questions! Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. See what summer camp at Cranberry Lake Preserve is all about! Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike around the preserve.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Drop in for a sneak peek at our summer ecology camp program ages 5 and up.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Coffee with the Camp Director, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Stop by to explore the farm, ask questions and learn about our new summer camp program for children ages 4 through 13.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Summer Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet the director to learn about what camp is.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike around the museum.

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

History and Highlights of Lasdon Tour, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. A certified urban naturalist leads this walking tour. Stops include examining the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, the magnolia trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden. Visitors also learn about the history of Lasdon's main house. Also: May 3; June 7. Pre-registration required at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/history-and-highlights-of-lasdon-tour-2/>

Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow: (914) 862-5297. Tours of Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit Westchester County's historic 1883 Hudson River lighthouse. Also: April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 17, 24, 31; June 14, 21, 28. Pre-register for hourly tours <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tarrytown-lighthouse-in-sleepy-hollow-tours-tickets-1291788567379?aff=erelexpmlt>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. The Farm Stand, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The stand is open today. On May 8, it returns for its regular season, running Thursday through Sunday. Buy our harvested crops as well as freshly grown greens from our greenhouse. We offer a 50 percent discount on eligible items for customers paying with SNAP benefits. For specific inquiries, call the farm stand at (914) 862-5034 during hours of operation.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Animal Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. See Hilltop's animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm! Also: May 3; June 7. \$15 per person; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-meet-greet-tickets-1124513212289?aff=oddtcreator>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or just listen, and enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: May 3, June 7.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All ages are welcome to join this exploration of the hidden features of our flora, fauna and fungi! Learn how to use a dissection microscope to traverse the unseen features of everyday objects.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Volunteer Work Project: Spreading Wood Chips, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Help beautify one of the unique habitats at the Sanctuary. Please bring work gloves. Hand tools will be provided. Great for service credit hours.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. How to Start Seeds Indoors: Homes & Greenhouses, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Learn the process of starting seeds indoors and the equipment needed to fit your space and resources. Other topics: the hardening-off process and transplantation into a garden. For ages 14 and up; all learners under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Free; registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/04/05/how-to-start-seeds-indoors-homes-greenhouses/518688>

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Mindful in Spring: A Half-Day Nature Retreat for Renewal & Well-Being, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Explore nature meditation and mindfulness practices that enhance our connection to the earth and that offer us ease, resilience, perspective and tranquility. Activities will include sensory awareness practices, seated meditation, nourishing silence and gentle hiking and walking, led by meditation teacher, Liz Slade. \$20 per person; registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/04/06/mindful-in-spring-a-half-day-nature-retreat-for-renewal-well-being/518400>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up, and more! Free; registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-04-06/>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Project Feeder Watch, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. From a warm indoor perch and in association with Saw Mill River Audubon, observe and learn about the birds that visit feeders in our area. Free. Also: April 13, 20.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Animal Interactions, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 8 and up can enter one of the enclosures, where they will see, touch and learn more about an animal of the farmer's choice! Also: May 4; June 8. \$25 for a group of two; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-1264390709649?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Jacob Burns, continued from pg 1-

Burns Center “declined to screen the film.”

After an online petition circulated asking Burns to show the movie, and the Social Media outcry against their decision became louder, the Film Center posted,

“We’ve secured a special event screening of OCTOBER 8, featuring a moderated discussion with AJC, scheduled for later this spring, and are currently finalizing the details. We look forward to sharing more information with our community soon.”

Most of the community surrounding the film center appeared satisfied with their decision to show the movie.

But one alleged recent incident at the Film Center still has us concerned. The Daily Voice reported, “A woman who claimed that her Jewish parents were subjected to an anti-semitic rant by a box office clerk at a New York film center has sparked a Facebook firestorm.

“In the comment section, one woman wrote that her parents were eager to attend the newly announced screening but were “told by the clerk that he would NEVER sell tickets to this movie” and that he “proceeded to call them killers and went on an antisemitic tirade.”

The film center responded directly to the comment on its Facebook page, writing: “We’re very sorry to hear about your family’s experience. Please know that we take your feedback seriously and are looking into the matter. Our goal is always to provide a welcoming and respectful environment for everyone in our community. Thank you for your patience. Tickets for this event will go on sale beginning Monday, March 31. We apologize again for this experience.”

We have contacted the family who experienced this anti-semitic rant in an attempt to identify the film center staff member in the hopes that they will be fired.

Congressman Mike Lawler commented on the film center’s original decision not to show the movie and questioned its decision to hire Eric Hynes as its Director of Film Curation and Programming.

Lawler’s press release states, “The decision is called even further into question given that the Jacob Burns Film Center has had no issue screening No Other Land, a pro-Palestinian documentary that has proved controversial.

“This comes on the heels of the Jacob Burns Film Center’s hiring of Eric Hynes as Director of Film Curation and Programming. Hynes holds incredibly anti-Israel views, having signed a petition saying Israel is committing genocide and calling for the release of all Palestinian prisoners, including terrorists. He also signed another petition asking for the US to cease providing military support to Israel and calling Israel’s actions “apartheid.”

“Hynes has tweeted that Israel is committing “genocide,” claimed Israel was using the Super Bowl as “cover” to engage in military operations in the Gaza strip and were guilty of “supervillainy,” and stated that Israel is “deliberately starving Palestinians.”

“In addition, Hynes also expressed support for the anti-semitic protests on Columbia and CUNY’s campuses last spring, claiming they were “peaceful” – despite their seizing of buildings by force.”

Rep. Lawler said, “I am appalled that the Jacobs Burns Film Center did not engage in due diligence in their hiring process, choosing to hand over the reins of curation at their esteemed institution to someone with deeply radical and anti-Israel views. This is a complete slap in the face to the Jewish community in the Hudson Valley.”

We will visit Jacob Burns during Hudson Valley Restaurant to watch October 8.

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Date Filed: 12/4/2024

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 aka 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703

SBL #: 2-2164-20

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Derick Smith a/k/a Derek J. Smith; Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Linette Roy; Rushmore Recoveries XIV LLC; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve 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.

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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE

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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 PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

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.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$300,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester on August 14, 2018 as CRFN 582083024, covering premises known as 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 a/k/a 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703, SBL #: 2-2164-20.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, dated and filed February 24, 2025.

Dated: March 4, 2025

/s/ Christina A. Incorvaia, Christina A. Incorvaia, Esq.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, New York 10170

Phone: 347.286.7409, Fax: 347-286-7414

Attorneys for Plaintiff,

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4

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Letter to the Editor

Congressman Lawler,

The economy of New York's 17th Congressional District and NYS and the nation will be severely impacted for decades by the foolish, hastily, ill-conceived cuts planned by the Trump administration including Elon Musk. These cut will impact everyone, not just the poor. The chaos caused by this slash-and-burn-then-backtrack is impacting our markets, our ability to plan and grow economically, and our investments. Elon Musk is not an elected official. You are our Congressman and we rely on you to do the right thing for CD17 and NYS!

No cuts to Medicare: most seniors rely on Medicare from health care. Almost all dementia patients (>70%) in your district rely on Medicare to live in memory care facilities. Most of the residents in nursing homes rely on Medicare to stay in their facilities. Without that ability, families will be economically burdened as a wage earner will have to leave work or reduce work hours to care for loved ones

NO cuts to Medicaid. Our neediest Citi Zen's, including children and the disabled rely on these services

NO cuts to Education funding. If we cannot educate our children, our economy is doomed in the long term. And children only get one chance at elementary school!

NO cuts to Veterans services! It's a disgrace for a society to not protect and care for its brave service people

NO cuts to social security! Workers have paid into this their whole lives and rely on these benefits to survive.

Now that you have voted for a Continuing Resolution which hands power to Trump to cut all these services, we rely on you to safeguard the programs that all of your constituents rely on.

When you visit our districts, you say you are a moderate who does not like the craziness in DC. Please live up to your word

Howard Jay Fleischer
Ossining

Chilean Burglary Ring, continued from pg 1-

in the U.S. and were subsequently handed over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

This successful operation is the result of extensive collaboration between the Harrison Police Department, the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, the Nassau County Police Department, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Westchester County Police Department's Real Time Crime Center, various New York State Police Agencies, as well as the Hampden Township Police Department (PA) and Shrewsbury Police Department (MA).

The Harrison Police Department expresses its appreciation for the coordinated efforts of all agencies involved and remains dedicated to protecting the safety of its community.

No Reported ICE Arrests in Westchester. We have been monitoring communications from ICE, and have not read not hear of any arrests made by ICE in Westchester to date in 2025. We have read reports from others about ICE activity in some Westchester communities, but no arrests or deportations.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 68714/2022

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC

Plaintiff designates
WESTCHESTER as the place of
trial situs of the real property

Plaintiff,
vs.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS**

CLARA B. SOMERVILLE; FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER,

Mortgaged Premises:
116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT
VERNON NY 10553

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last
twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff,
the persons or parties intended being the tenants,
occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or
claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Section: 165.57, Block: 2086,

Lot: 2

Defendants.

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 the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other 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. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$912,000.00 and interest, recorded on February 27, 2019, in Instrument Number 590583180, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

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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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

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.

Dated: March 5th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff, Oluwatobi Adedokun, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, NY 11590, 516-280-7675



Friar Fraud, continued from pg 1-

ing that he operated two medical clinics in Lebanon and was raising money for medicine, medical equipment, baby incubators, food, and an ambulance for those clinics. BIELECKI also lied to victims by falsely stating that he was a physician, vascular surgeon, cardiac surgeon, and/or general surgeon, who had earned multiple Ph.D. degrees, and by falsely claiming to have been badly injured—and his fake clinics badly damaged—by a widely reported August 2020 explosion in Beirut, Lebanon.

BIELECKI reached victims by fraudulently soliciting donations at church masses and through other church events, by appearing as a guest or through advertisements on radio programs and online podcasts, and through various other means, including campaigns on crowdfunding websites. Through his scheme, BIELECKI fraudulently obtained more than \$560,000 in donations from more than 350 victims for his fake medical clinics. Despite taking a vow of poverty as a friar in the Capuchin Order, BIELECKI used the donations he fraudulently received to fund lavish personal spending, including first-class travel, a \$334.40 per month membership at a luxury gym chain, multiple trips to the Hamptons, numerous meals at high-end restaurants, and aesthetic plastic surgery costing thousands of dollars.

If you believe you are a victim of fraud perpetrated by BIELECKI, please contact Special Agent Sean Smyth, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, at (914) 993-1900 or by following the instructions available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/report-crime>.

In addition to the prison term, BIELECKI, 48, of New York, New York, was sentenced to three years of supervised release, ordered to pay forfeiture of \$563,448, and ordered to pay restitution.

Mr. Podolsky praised the outstanding investigative work of the Special Agents of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Division. Mr. Podolsky also thanked the New York Field Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection for their assistance in the investigation.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Benjamin Levander and Ryan W. Allison are in charge of the prosecution.

To become a Capuchin friar, Bielecki took a vow of poverty that requires him to renounce and not to hold any property or bank accounts in his name for his personal benefit. The Province provides friars, including Bielecki, with a monthly stipend of approximately \$250 for personal expenses.

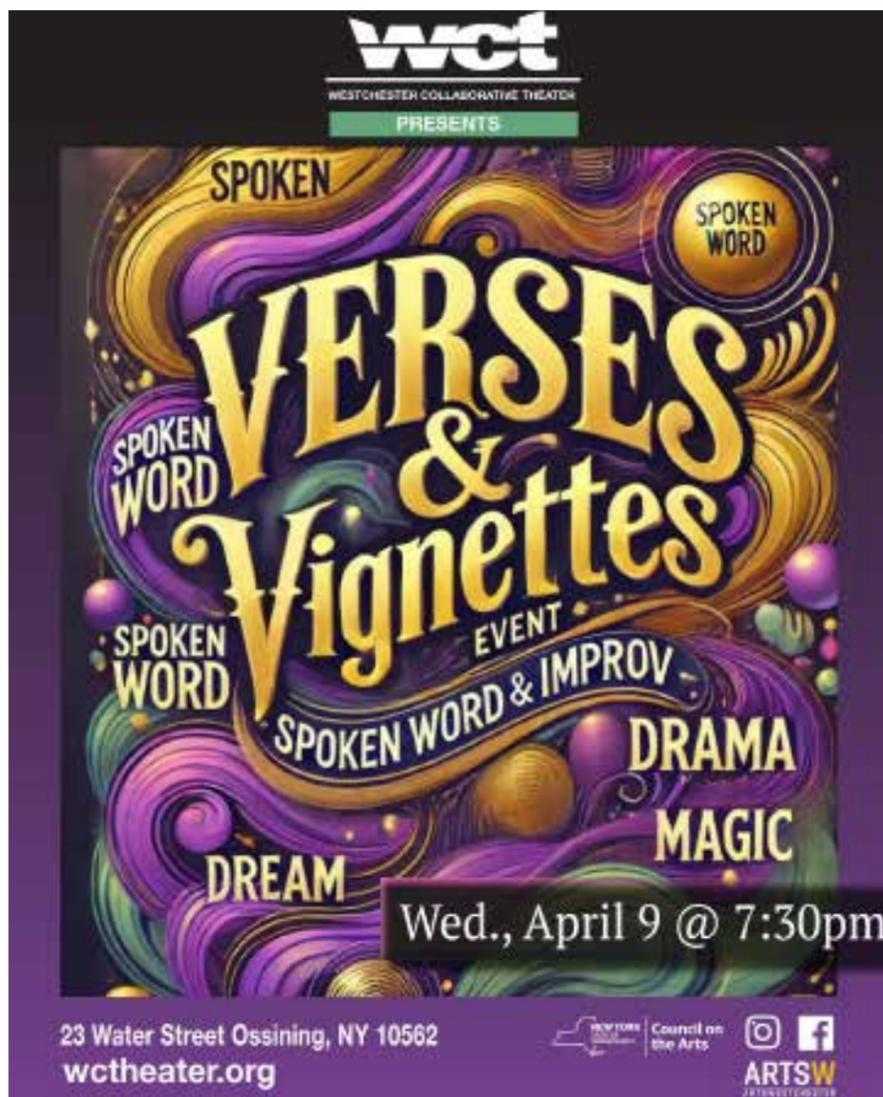
From at least November 2016 through at least July 2019, BIELECKI directed victims to make out checks to the Province of St. Mary, headquartered in White Plains, NY, with "Fr. Paul Bielecki's Mission" or a similar endorsement on the memo line.

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The cabaret-style performance begins at 7:30 pm at WCT's black box performance space, 23 Water Street in Ossining. The house will open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10; cash bar and refreshments will be available. Purchase tickets online at: <https://wct-presents-verses-vignettes-april-9.eventbrite.co>



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