

## A Young Life Taken Too Soon: Two Westchester Teens Killed Last Week



*GoFundMe accounts have been set up for the families of Jonson Temaj, left, 15, who was killed in New Rochelle, and Jayron Rivera-Gonzalez, bottom left, 16, who was killed in Yonkers*

*By Dan Murphy*

Two Westchester teenagers were killed in different incidents in New Rochelle and Yonkers last week.

Last week, New Rochelle Police made two arrests connected to the death of 15-year old Jonson Temaj. Temaj was found dead at a street corner.

Hugo Perez-Gabriel, 32, of New Rochelle, has been charged with Concealment of a Human Corpse (Class E Felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Class A Misdemeanor).

A 16-year old from New Rochelle was charged with Concealment of a Human Corpse (Class E Felony) and Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd Degree (Class D Felony).

No bail for either person charged.

The Investigation revealed that these two individuals removed the deceased from a nearby residence and left him on the sidewalk. He was found without a shirt or shoes on when police arrived.

Temaj was a student at New Ro-

chelle High School and came to the US from Guatemala two years ago. He was living with his uncle.

The cause of death for the deceased individual remains undetermined at this time. Detectives are awaiting toxicology reports to provide further insight into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Temaj was found at the corner of Charles Street and Washington Avenue at 615 AM on February 6.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for the family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/honoring-jonson-temaj-a-life-gone-too-soon> The page reads, "We are deeply saddened by the tragic and unexpected passing of Jonson Temaj, a 15-year-old student at New Rochelle High School, who was found under suspicious circumstances on February 8th. His passing has left his family and our entire community heartbroken, and we are coming together to support his loved

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## 3 Westchester Men Plead Guilty to Racketeering, Money Laundering & Illegal Gambling Crimes

**Luchese Crime Family Soldier & Associates to Pay \$5 Million  
in Profits from Rhino Sports Online Gambling**

Left: FBI Photo of Anthony Villani

*By Dan Murphy*

A headline from Gangstersinc.org read "Less flashy" New York Mafia shows it still knows how to make millions as Luchese family soldier pleads guilty

And its true. The day's of John Gotti on the front page of the NY Post are long gone, and today's members of Organized Crime keep a low profile. And some of them live in Westchester and maybe your neighbors.

Last month, in Federal Court in Brooklyn, five members five members and asso-



ciates of the Luchese organized crime family of La Cosa Nostra pleaded guilty to multiple crimes, including racketeering, money laundering and illegal gambling related to criminal activities throughout New York City. The proceedings were held before United States District Judge Kiyoo A. Matsumoto. Today, Luchese crime family soldier Anthony Villani pleaded guilty to racketeering, money laundering and illegal gambling. As part of Villani's plea agreement, he will pay \$4 million in forfeiture. His co-defendants have agreed to pay an additional approximately \$1 million in forfeiture. Villani and his co-defendants operated a large-scale, illegal online gambling business (the Gambling Business) that operated under the protection of the Luchese crime family across the New York metropolitan area. The gambling business, known as "Rhino Sports," operated since the early 2000s and brought millions in illicit profits annually.

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## Ken Jenkins Gets His Moment, Easily Defeats Sculti for County Executive



*County Executive Ken Jenkins on election night*

*By Dan Murphy*

County Executive Ken Jenkins won his first election as the democratic nominee for Westchester's top post by winning the special election held on Feb. 11. Jenkins, a Democrat, defeated republican Christine Sculti by a 64%-36% margin.

"It is an honor to be elected Westchester County Executive. I want to thank everyone who showed up to the polls in the snow and wind to let their voices be heard. Instead of succumbing to partisan division, we chose to come together and chart a new course forward – one focused on bringing real, lasting results to every community across Westchester County," said Jenkins.

"We won't be distracted by the chaos in Washington – my administration will continue to deliver great services for Westchester residents and tackle the issues that matter most. It's time to build on our progress, secure funding for affordable

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## The \$4 Million Special Election-Can We Save Taxpayer Dollars without DOGE and Musk?

*By Dan Murphy*

Special elections in New York State have recently received a lot of attention, due to the anticipated appointment of NY Congresswoman Elise Stefanik to become President Trump's UN Ambassador. Once Stefanik is confirmed, her up-state NY congressional seat will become vacant, and Governor Kathy Hochul will name a date for a special election to fill that seat.

What gives this seat even greater importance is the fact that republicans hold the slimmest of margins in the House, 218-215, with 2 vacancies. Once Stefanik resigns her seat, it will be 217-215. Which means that republicans want to fill her seat as soon as possible, while democrats might be willing to wait longer to set a special election date.

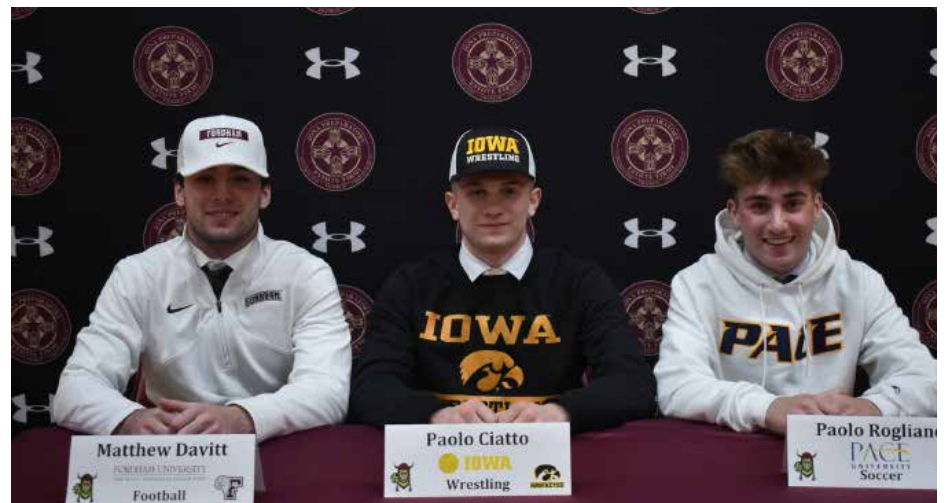
An amendment to New York's Special Election law, which would have allowed Governor Hochul to delay setting a special election for Stefanik's seat, was set to be voted on this week. The plan, which drew outrage from republicans, was pulled and not voted on. The rumor is that democrats are hoping to use the special election date for Stefanik as a bargaining chip with President Trump, in exchange for Trump backing off on his plans to kill NYC Congestion Pricing.

Here is Westchester, the recent special election for County Executive cost the taxpayers \$4 Million. 90,000 Westchester residents voted in the special election on Feb. 11, the cost was \$45 per voter.

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## Signing Day at Iona Prep

*4 time champ Iona Prep Wrestler headed to Iowa, and then the Olympics?*



*L-R: Matthew Davitt; Paolo Ciatto, Paolo Rogliano*

Three Iona Preparatory School scholar-athletes committed to playing col

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## Westchester Nurse Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison For \$11.2 Million Disability Loan Fraud Scheme



Catherine Seemer, X-Twitter

Danielle R. Sassoon, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CATHERINE SEEMER, a nurse practitioner who stole the identities of 12 medical doctors and orchestrated an \$11.2 million disability loan fraud scheme, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Cathy Seibel to five years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Danielle R. Sassoon said: "Today, Catherine Seemer has been held accountable for defrauding a federal loan forgiveness program created to help ease the financial burden of those who suffer from permanent physical or mental disabilities, including military veterans who endure service-related disabilities. Seemer used the stolen identities of a dozen medical doctors to falsify disabilities and cause more than \$11.2 million in loans to be fraudulently discharged. This Office remains dedicated to rooting out fraud and abuse of taxpayer-funded government programs."

According to the allegations contained in the Complaint, Information, and statements made in court:

From June 2017 through March 2022, SEEMER orchestrated a scheme to cause the fraudulent discharge of millions of dollars' worth of student loans for borrowers who did not qualify for relief under the federal Total and Permanent Disability Discharge Program and its private analogue. As part of the scheme, SEEMER deceived over 125 borrowers into believing they qualified for various forms of student loan relief and charged them fees to facilitate their loan discharge process. She then used the personal identifying information of the unsuspecting borrowers to submit fraudulent applications for student loan discharge on the basis of non-existent permanent physical and mental disabilities. In support of these applications, SEEMER used the stolen identities, medical license numbers, and forged signatures of over a dozen medical doctors to falsify medical diagnoses and disability certifications. The scheme resulted in the wrongful discharge of over approximately \$11.2 million in loans under the disability-based relief programs.

In addition to the prison term, SEEMER, 44, of Elmsford, New York, was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$635,352.

Ms. Sassoon praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Qais Ghafary is in charge of the prosecution.

Editor's Note: The main difference between a nurse practitioner (NP) and a registered nurse (RN) is the level of autonomy and responsibility. NPs have more advanced education and training, which allows them to diagnose patients, prescribe medications, and make higher-level clinical decisions.

## Luxury Home Sales Enjoying Robust Growth With Double-Digit Increases in Many Markets



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### Year Marked by Significant Market Dynamics That Underscore Enduring Appeal of Area North of NYC

The luxury home market north of New York City experienced significant growth in 2024 with many areas enjoying double-digit sales increases, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q4 Luxury Market Report released today.

Westchester County saw a 28% increase in home sales over \$2 million, while Putnam and Dutchess Counties saw a 66% jump in sales over \$1 million. Greenwich experienced a 14% rise in sales above \$3 million. In Darien, although sales over \$2 million decreased by 17%, the median sale price rose by 26%. Rowayton saw a 53% surge in sales and New Canaan's luxury market grew by 13% in homes sold.

Inventory levels across many of the markets surveyed continue to contribute to a competitive landscape for buyers, driving median prices upward. While these conditions have presented challenges for buyers, sellers have undeniably benefited from heightened demand and rising home values. Throughout 2024, the supply-to-demand ratio remained exceptionally high across many price points.

"As we close out 2024, we are inspired by the overwhelming demand from buyers eager to settle into the vibrant markets we serve north of New York City. This year has been marked by significant market dynamics that underscore the enduring appeal and resilience of our region's real estate," said Houlihan Lawrence President & CEO Liz Nunan.

"Looking ahead to 2025, the outlook remains positive, with home sales and prices expected to grow at a more sustainable pace. Moderating mortgage rates may help create a more balanced market environment, potentially easing conditions for buyers while still providing opportunities for sellers." Nunan added.

#### 2024 LUXURY MARKETS AT A GLANCE (2024 vs 2023)

Westchester County Luxury Home Sales /\$2M and Higher  
 Homes Sold: Up 28.1%  
 Median Sale Price: Down 1.5%  
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## Three Yonkers Council Presidents to Face Off in Election 2025

## Progressives Flood Senator Schumer's Peekskill Office - Demand A Fight Against Trump & Musk



top left-Mike Khader, top right-Chuck Lesnick, left-Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy



By Dan Murphy

Three current and former Yonkers City Council Presidents are running against each other in a democratic primary this year.

The current Council President, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy is running for reelection.

Former Council President Mike Khader announced that he is running last week.

“Over the past four years, I have watched our City Council leadership become an embarrassment and a disgrace to our city—an office that should serve the people, but has instead been used for personal gain. This cannot continue, and it’s time for change,” said Khader.

“My time away from the office has only strengthened my commitment to public service, and to putting Yonkers first. This position carries with it a deep responsibility to listen to and represent the people, ensure transparency and accountability, and provide sound, common-sense leadership to drive efficiency and progress. That is the leadership I intend to restore to Yonkers.”

During his tenure as City Council President, Khader prioritized fiscal responsibility, affordable housing, and initiatives that improved the quality of life for families throughout Yonkers. He also focused on the Yonkers Public Schools, especially ensuring better resources and opportunities for children with special needs. As a lifelong Yonkers resident, Khader is deeply passionate about public service and the well-being of his community.

Mike is a devoted husband, father of three, and a practicing attorney here in Yonkers. “I want Yonkers to be a place where our children can thrive with quality public education and safety, and where families aren’t forced to leave because of skyrocketing living costs. I am committed to working with our communities to create opportunities for jobs and prosperity for all Yonkersites, not just a select few. It’s time to restore trust in our local government. The people of Yonkers deserve nothing less, and I pledge to make their needs my top priority.”

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Holding signs that read WTF Chuck?, Americans Against Oligarchy, and Impeach Trump-Deport Musk, Indivisible Westchester and several progressive Westchester groups rallied outside of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer’s peekskill office demanding that he stand up against Trump nominee Russell Vought, stand up for democracy, and fight against the Trump agenda.

“We are facing a crisis and we need all Members of Congress to fight back. Join your friends and neighbors in telling Senator Schumer that we demand they use every tool at their disposal to fight back against the takeover of our government and the federal funding freeze. They must act now to halt the process on the nomination of Russell Vought for OMB Director and use all levers at their disposal to fight the assault on our communities. Deliver your message that you want the Senator to FIGHT the administration every step of the way!” posted one rally group.

Very little media spotlight has been placed on Russell Vought, the author of Project 2025, a Conservate political initiative to reshape the federal government of the United States. Democrats have decried the plan, while republicans claim that President Trump is not using any of its tenets.

Vought has been nominated by Trump to lead the Office of Management & Budget, (OMB). Protestors at the rally urged Schumer to take a tougher stand on against Vought and stop what they claim is Trump and Musk’s unconstitutional power grab.

“As the architect of Project 2025, Russell Vought represents a dangerous shift that threatens our communities, democracy, and vital public service,” wrote Indivisible Westchester in their invite. Additional signs and protests included fighting against Trump and Musk’s changes in the Department of Education.

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## The Forgotten Chains: Uncovering Slavery's Presence in Yonkers

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1810 Census showing residents of Yonkers

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

A conversation about slavery is never easy. It is an open wound, a reminder of a past too often sanitized or ignored. The truth is, slavery was not confined to the sprawling plantations of the South. It was everywhere. It was in the cobblestone streets of New York. It was in the quiet corners of Yonkers. It was in the names we see on street signs today—remnants of a time when human lives were bought and sold, right here, in our own backyards.

When we think of slavery in America, we picture vast cotton fields stretching into the horizon, where Black men, women, and children toiled under the unforgiving sun. But in Yonkers, slavery looked different. There were no sprawling plantations, no endless rows of cotton. Here, slavery existed in the homes of everyday people. A merchant. A craftsman. A family. Some slave owners held only one person in bondage, yet that one person's life—stolen, beaten down, stripped of freedom—was no less tragic than that of the thousands laboring in Southern fields.

Imagine standing in Getty Square, a place now bustling with commuters and shoppers. Two hundred years ago, that same ground bore the footprints of enslaved Africans—carrying goods, hauling water, serving those who claimed to own them. Picture Central Avenue, South Broadway, McLean—streets now lined with cars and businesses, but once walked by men, women, and children who had no claim to their own futures.

In 1810, the largest slave owner in Yonkers was Augustus Van Cortlandt. He owned 15 human beings. Not land, not livestock—people. The 1820 United States Federal Census reveals familiar names among the city's slaveholders. Jacob Odell had 17 people in his home, five of them enslaved. Peter Underhill's house held nine people, two of them slaves. Today, we drive down Odell and Underhill Avenues, never questioning the history behind those names. But should we?

Slavery was not just a man's business. Women participated, too. Martha Valentine and Hannah Horton enslaved three people between them, proving that the cruelty of bondage knew no gender. According to the New York Historical Society, enslaved people were the backbone of many New York households—hauling firewood, fetching water, cooking meals, cleaning homes, removing waste. They weren't just laborers; many became skilled artisans, crafting goods that their owners profited from while they remained in chains.

My own ancestors, at least some of them, escaped these shackles. My 5th great-grandfather, Charles Merritt, became a quasi-free Black man in Greenwich, Connecticut. But freedom in name was not always freedom in reality. And even if he was not bound in chains, countless others were. Their pain, their stolen lives, their struggles—those stories still demand to be told.

Yet, today, we find ourselves in an era where people debate whether to call slavery what it was. "Involuntary relocation," some say, as if rebranding history can erase its horror. Some refuse to discuss LGBTQ+ history. Some refuse to teach about systemic racism. And many others are scared to have an honest conversation about DEI. If we start erasing truth, where does it end? The least we can do—the very least—is acknowledge the history that shaped our city, our country, our present.

Slavery in Yonkers was real. Its echoes remain. And no matter how difficult the conversation—it is one we must have. **Dennis Richmond Jr. lives in Yonkers and is on Twitter @NewYorkStakz. He is a journalist focused on Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ Communities.**

## Purchase College Alum Samara Joy '21 Takes Home 2 More GRAMMY Awards



Congratulations to SUNY Purchase alum Samara Joy, who took home two more GRAMMY awards at the 2025. Joy, who graduated in 2021, won for Best Jazz Performance and Best Jazz Vocal Album, which brings her total to five GRAMMY awards!

Samara Joy's Bio reads, "With three GRAMMY wins and a chart-topping debut album already under her belt, 24-year-old Samara Joy makes her case to join the likes of Sarah, Ella, and Billie as the next mononymous jazz singing sensation recorded by the venerable Verve Records. Her voice, rich and velvety yet precociously refined, has already earned her fans like Anita Baker and Regina King and appearances on the TODAY Show, The Tonight Show w/Jimmy Fallon, The Late Show w/Stephen Colbert, CBS Mornings, Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Hudson, and more, in addition to millions of likes on TikTok — securing her status as perhaps the first Gen Z jazz vocal star. The New York Times praised the "silky-voiced rising star" for "helping jazz take a youthful turn" while NPR All Things Considered named her a "classic jazz singer from a new generation."

Samara is still relatively new to jazz. Growing up in the Castle Hill neighborhood of the Bronx, it was music of the past — the music of her parent's childhoods, as she put it — that she listened to most. She treasures her musical lineage, which stretches back to her grandparents Elder Goldwire and Ruth McLendon, both of whom performed with Philadelphia gospel group the Savettes, and runs through her father, who is a vocalist and bassist who toured with gospel artist Andraé Crouch. Though she's young, she relishes the process of digging through the music's history. "I think maybe people connect with the fact that I'm not faking it, that I already feel embedded in it," Samara says. "Maybe I'm able to reach people in person and on social media because it's real."

Samara began singing jazz as a senior at Fordham High School for the Arts and was awarded Best Vocalist at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington competition. Following her graduation as valedictorian, she attended the jazz program at SUNY Purchase, where she became the school's Ella Fitzgerald Scholar and graduated Magna Cum Laude. While in college, she also won the 2019 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, one of the most sought-after honors for a rising jazz performer.

On her debut album for Verve Records, Linger Awhile, which was produced by Pierson and recorded by Chris Allen at Sear Sound in NYC. There are burnished, gleaming versions of chestnuts in "Misty," "Linger Awhile" and "Someone To Watch Over Me," transporting listeners to some romantic, long-lost supper club. Those familiar tunes are listed alongside some more unusual, if equally vintage selections: "Sweet Pumpkin," a Ronnell Bright tune performed by the likes of Blue Mitchell and Gloria Lynne, and "Can't Get Out Of This Mood," which Samara uncovered on a collection of Sarah Vaughan rarities, add a lilting, upbeat bent to the album's selections.

In February 2023, Samara took home two GRAMMYs — Best Jazz Vocal Album for Linger Awhile and the highly sought after Best New Artist statuette.

In October 2023 Samara released her holiday EP A Joyful Holiday, 6-song collection of seasonal favorites that included a rendition "O Holy Night" performed with multiple generations of her family. In December, accompanied by members of her family and other special guests, Samara toured the U.S., selling out nearly every performance.

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## Congressman Latimer Denounces Proposed Tariffs on U.S. Allies on House Floor

## Congressman Lawler Slams USAID Payment to Organization Headed by Anti-Israel Rapper



Rep. George Latimer



Rapper LIV64, Raffoul Saadeh

On Feb. 7, Congressman George Latimer (NY-16) took to the House floor to denounce President Donald Trump’s proposed 25% tariffs on our allies Canada and Mexico. While the tariffs have been delayed by 30 days, the threat of a trade war with our allies and trading partners remains.

“Mr. Speaker, this institution has a choice. To either be an independent, deliberative body, or to rubber stamp foolish policies. What man desires to punish our neighbors, to insult and intimidate our closest ally, Canada, when they have done nothing to warrant this action.

“Levying a tariff is an economic tool to be used carefully and strategically, to deal with bad actors on the international scene, who willfully undercut American fair trade. The 25% tariff proposed on Canada is counterproductive and mean-spirited. It’s application to Mexico is equally devastating to us. It will raise prices for the everyday American. When they go to stores, over 1,200 goods will see prices rise with no rise in their paycheck. It will impact American goods sold in Canada and Mexico as they impose retaliatory tariffs to defend themselves.

“American families, not foreign leaders, will bear the burden. And the President himself acknowledged that Americans would face some pain. Wall Street and Main Street alike know that agricultural products, cars, steel, gas -- all of this is a self-inflicted wound and all unnecessary. This institution needs to listen to Ronald Reagan. Ronald Reagan eloquently warned American politicians not to do this. Thank you and I yield back.”

Latimer also recently joined dozens of House Democrats to introduce the Taxpayer Data Protection Act. This legislation is a direct response to Elon Musk’s shameful invasion of Americans’ privacy. The Taxpayer Data Protection Act will stop people with conflicts of interest or without a security clearance from accessing the highly sensitive Treasury Department payment system— which is responsible for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

“I have heard from hundreds of my constituents that they are concerned about Elon Musk’s takeover of the federal payment system and what it means for their sensitive information and privacy. I am proud to support the Taxpayer Data Protection Act so that Congress can hold the Trump Administration accountable and prevent Musk and his minions from rifling through the private data of everyday Americans. We must act now,” said Rep. Latimer

If passed, the Taxpayer Data Protection Act bill will curb corruption and protect Americans’ privacy by ensuring that only trusted public servants without conflicts of interest and with appropriate security clearances can access the Treasury Department’s most sensitive systems.

Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17) slammed USAID for dispersing over \$3 million in payments to Tomorrow’s Youth, an organization headed by a vicious anti-Israel rapper who advocates for Jew hatred in his music. Raffoul Saadeh, the Executive Director of Tomorrow’s Youth, has a long history of antisemitism, comparing the Palestinian experience to that of the Jews in Auschwitz. Scars of Gaza, From the Ghetto, and Tears over Palestine are just some of the songs in which Mr. Saadeh verbally assaults Israel and Jewish people.

“USAID giving \$3.3 million to an organization headed by a vicious anti-Israel rapper is beyond the pale and emblematic of the problems that can exist when transparency is lacking in our government,” said Congressman Lawler. “Tomorrow’s Youth’s Executive Director compares the Palestinian experience to that of the Jews in Auschwitz is disgusting and calls into question the decision-making process by those at USAID.”

“We cannot allow the antisemitism and anti-Israel bias that has run rampant throughout the UN and other international organizations to infect our institutions here in the United States,” concluded Congressman Lawler. “This demands a full and thorough investigation from the Trump Administration – we need to get to the bottom of why the Biden administration was funding Jew hatred.”

Lawler also reacted to news this week that Hamas was going to pause its release of hostages taken on Oct. 7, 2023.

“For over 16 months, Hamas has used these hostages in a perverse attempt to evade responsibility for the terrorist attack on October 7th,” said MENA Subcommittee Chairman Mike Lawler. “As they have in the past, they are once again breaking the terms of the cease fire and using these hostages for their own survival. The failure to immediately release the hostages should result in severe and unrelenting consequences.”

## Third Precinct Police Community Council

The Third Precinct Police Community Council monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Usual quality of life issues will be discussed. Residents and merchants of the southwest Yonkers area are strongly encouraged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact Bob Stauff, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey at 914 377-7427.

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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.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on**

**Thursday February 27th , 2025 at 7:00pm**

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**Samara Joy, continued from pg 4-**

Cementing herself as a rising star in the worlds of both music and fashion, Samara fronted a holiday campaign for the fashion label Theory, a partnership befitting her timeless onstage style and casual elegance. The campaign also featured Samara’s original song “Now and Then,” a track she dedicated to her late mentor Barry Harris, whose famous jazz workshops she had regularly attended.

In 2024, at the 66th Grammy Awards she added on to her growing collection of accolades by taking home Best Jazz Performance for her single “Tight.” The self-produced track features Joy with her working band (pianist Luther Allison, bassist Mikey Migliore and drummer Evan Sherman), and was recorded at the legendary Electric Lady Studios in NYC.

Most recently, the breakout vocalist released the original single “Why I’m Here.” This incredibly triumphant and rousing track from the Netflix film Shirley (starring Oscar winner Regina King), further establishes Samara as a voice to be reckoned with, not just in the world of jazz but effortlessly across genres.

The ascendant, 3x GRAMMY-winning vocalist, who continues to tour all over the world on increasingly larger stages — is still shocked to be performing in front of thousands who hang on every word. “I’m still very much a student, even though I’ve graduated,” Samara says. “So this is only the beginning... there is much, much more to come.”

484 SAW MILL LLC - Notice of formation of 484 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office: 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530 Westchester County. SSNY designated Ciaran Rogers as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530. Purpose: Real Estate

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 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 Ambit Psychological Services, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/17/24. Office: Westchester County.. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 933 Mamaroneck Ave Ste 202, Mamaroneck NY 10543. Purpose; Any lawful activity.

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## Letters to the Editor:

### Is DOGE Coming to New York State?

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**Anthony Futia, Jr.**  
North White Plains

### Yonkers Councilmember Pineda-Isaac Calls Con Edison's Sky High Delivery Fees Deeply Troubling

*Calls for Action as Yonkers Residents Struggle with Rising Costs*

As Yonkers residents struggle with rising costs of living, Yonkers City Councilmember Pineda Isaac fired off a letter to Con Edison's CEO Tim Cawley expressing outrage on behalf of Yonkers residents for the electric utility's disproportionately high "delivery fees" which far exceed those from National Grid.

Calling it "deeply troubling" that financially struggling Yonkers residents are forced to pay such exorbitant delivery fees, Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac says the disparity between Con Edison and National Grid, "raises serious questions about the fairness and transparency of Con Edison's pricing structure and the impact it is having on working families and vulnerable populations within our community."

"Over the past several months, my office has been inundated with complaints from constituents who are struggling to keep up with escalating utility costs while also contending with the broader economic challenges of rising housing expenses, inflation, and the overall cost of living," wrote Councilmember Pineda Isaac in the letter.

The Councilmember has not yet received a formal reply to her letter from Con Edison, but has spoken to Con Edison representatives who acknowledged receipt.

In addition to the letter, Councilmember Corazon Pineda Isaac introduced a resolution into the Yonkers City Council Tuesday calling for greater transparency and protection from Con Edison's sky high utility rates. The resolution calls on the State Legislature and Governor to pass and sign into law legislation proposed by Senator Shelley Mayer which would "prevent unjustifiable rate increases" and provide more accountability for electric utility companies who violate State policy set by the Public Service Commission. Both bills have passed the New York State Senate and were the subjects of a recent press conference organized by the New York State Senate Majority Conference led by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins. The bills are awaiting action in the New York State Assembly.

Another resolution introduced Tuesday by Mayor Mike Spano called on the Public Service Commission to "reconsider their approval" of Con Edison's delivery rate increase. Both resolutions are expected to pass the full Council on Tuesday February 11.

### WHEN "YA GOTTA GO" "YA GOTTA GO"!!!

A government watchdog association posted an incident: During the summer of 2024, the V.P. Harris team were on a fund raising tour, when one of the Secret Service Agents "felt Natures call".

The motorcade stopped by a beauty salon, burst in, and while he answered "the call" another agent taped over the stores security cameras stating that he did this to "mitigate threats".

"To pee or not to pee, that is the Question."\*

\* (With apologies to Wm. Shakespeare)

**Joe Pettit Yorktown Hts. NY**

Source: *Judicial Watch Magazine "Verdict"-2/25 edition*

### \$4 Million Special Election, continued from pg 1-

To be clear, the date for the special election was legal, with the Board of Legislators choosing a date within the number of days required to call for a special election.

But I wondered if there was a way to save taxpayer dollars and have the special election held on another day.

We then received the following letter to the editor

By now many of you will know that a special election was held in Westchester County for the office of County Executive on February 11th. This special election is being held to fill the vacancy left by the departure of George Latimer to Congress after his election a few months back.

On January 6, the County Legislature appointed Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins to fill the post temporarily and set a date for a special election. The arbitrarily chosen date is little over 30 days after Jenkins' appointment and whoever wins will have to run again in November of this year.

The County Legislature prescribes the need for a special election within the 90 day window period, and a law dates back to 1938. The legislature could have used the full 90 day period (end of March or early April) to help raise voter awareness about this special election, the candidates and maximize voter turnout. If I were very cynical I would think that this arbitrary date was done deliberately so that one side, in this case the Democrats, will leverage their full advantage. But my initial default position is to give the benefit of the doubt unless I have reason to believe otherwise.

As it is this special election will cost taxpayers \$4 million to conduct, we should be looking to save money not spend it unnecessarily. To that end the county law mandate this should be amended.

So for example if the County Executive has less than a year left, or better yet, less than 2 years left in his or her term and has to leave office for whatever reason then no special election is necessary and the appointed acting County Executive should serve the remainder of the term until the next general election for that office.

That should help in saving taxpayer's money. I sincerely wish Mr. Jenkins the best of luck in his new job and hope he does well for this county but this is not setting off on the right foot and this law should be amended.

Otherwise Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency - DOGE - may pay a visit to White Palins.

- **Bruce Kelly, Somers.**

Thanks for the letter. Another way to save taxpayer dollars and avoid a special election would be to consolidate any special election with an already planned election in Westchester County. But it is unclear if that is possible.

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## Celebrate Black History Month at New Rochelle Public Library with Exciting Programs



This February, the New Rochelle Public Library (NRPL) invites community members to honor Black History Month with a diverse lineup of programs celebrating the achievements, culture, and history of the African-American community. From engaging children’s activities and West African dance workshops to live jazz and virtual presentations, the library offers something for everyone.

“Black History Month provides an important opportunity to celebrate the immense contributions of African-Americans throughout history, and we are committed to offering programs that reflect our dedication to honoring these achievements.” said Eugenia Schatoff, New Rochelle Public Library Director.

### Featured Events:

Spin a Soft African Story, Sing a Soft African Song, Wednesday, February 19, 2:00 PM. Children ages 4–12 are invited to enjoy African folktales and songs in this interactive and entertaining program led by International Storyteller/Singer Therese Folkes Plair. She will share stories from the African diaspora with tributes to award-winning authors of children’s literature: Nikki Giovanni, Ella Jenkins and Efuia Sutherland.

Black History Month Storytime and Unity Bracelets, Wednesday, February 19, 4:00 PM Celebrate Black History Month with a special storytime and art activity hosted by our friends at the New Rochelle Youth Bureau. Kids will hear inspiring stories centered around Black heritage and create “Unity” bracelets to wear and share. For ages 4–12.

Virtual Presentation: Groundbreaking Black Comedians, Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 PM. Celebrate the trailblazing contributions of comedians like Richard Pryor, Eddie Murphy, and Flip Wilson, who transformed the world of comedy. Registration required at [bit.ly/BlackComedians\\_02\\_2025](https://bit.ly/BlackComedians_02_2025)

Bokandeye African Dance Performance, Saturday, February 22, 3:30 PM

Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of West Africa with Bokandeye Dance. This high-energy performance by participants in the Bokandeye African Dance workshop, features traditional rhythms, movements, and folklore from the Senegambia Region, presented through vibrant choreography and storytelling. Appropriate for all ages, this celebration of African heritage is a highlight of the month. Registration requested at [bit.ly/BokandeyePerformance\\_2025](https://bit.ly/BokandeyePerformance_2025)

Virtual Presentation: Motown Records and Berry Gordy, Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 PM Discover the legacy of Motown Records and its founder Berry Gordy in this compelling virtual program. Historian Rick Feingold will share fascinating stories and classic video footage of Motown’s early years. Registration required at [bit.ly/Motown\\_02\\_2025](https://bit.ly/Motown_02_2025) Learn more at [nrpl.org](https://nrpl.org).

## CBS’s FBI: Most Wanted Films at Wartburg’s Historic Campus



Dylan McDermott from *FBI Most Wanted* with Wartburg employees, Nathalie Murray and Yaneika Olivo



Keisha Castle-Hughes from *FBI Most Wanted* (in red) with a group of staff and residents from Wartburg

Wartburg, a premier senior care and housing provider, recently served as the backdrop for filming CBS’s hit drama *FBI: Most Wanted*. Various locations across Wartburg’s picturesque 34-acre campus were featured in the production, with the episodes set to air in the upcoming season. Over multiple days this past fall—and again more recently—Wartburg welcomed the cast and crew of *FBI: Most Wanted*, including stars Dylan McDermott, Keisha Castle-Hughes, and Roxy Sternberg, along with more than 100 crew members and extras. Wartburg’s campus was transformed into a multi-location set, providing a dynamic and visually compelling environment for the show’s high-stakes storytelling. *FBI: Most Wanted* follows Special Agent Remy Scott (played by McDermott) and his elite fugitive task force as they relentlessly track down the country’s most dangerous criminals.

“Wartburg’s ability to offer a blend of modern and historic architecture, coupled with our expansive green spaces, has long made it an attractive location for film and photography,” said Wartburg President & CEO David J. Gentner EdD. “The cast and crew of *FBI: Most Wanted* were fantastic to work with, engaging respectfully with our staff and residents. It was incredible to witness the behind-the-scenes process of a television production—especially with Wartburg’s campus playing a key role in bringing their story to life.” Wartburg has increasingly become a sought-after destination for film and television productions. In the past year alone, the campus has hosted crews from NBC’s *Manifest*, CBS’s *Evil*, and Starz’s *Power Book III: Raising Kanan*.

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## Westchester Board of Legislators Celebrates African' American Heritage Month



Majority Whip Terry Clements, left, with Honorees Environmental Leaders of Color and Chair Gashi

Honors Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC) and Miesha Sarah Stokely  
 The Westchester County Board of Legislators celebrated African-American Heritage Month on Feb. 11 with a ceremony lauding two exceptional honorees: Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC), a Mount Vernon-based non-profit developing the next generation of environmental leaders, advocates, and innovators in underserved communities and providing pathways to climate-related careers and Miesha Sarah Stokely MSN, FNP-BC, RNC-OB, C-EFM, a passionate community advocate from Mount Vernon, co-owner of Cupcake Cutie Boutique, and Family and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner committed to improving the quality of life, mental well-being of Black women and reducing their maternal mortality rates.

Board Chair Vedat Gashi convened the ceremony, welcoming guests and noting this year's national theme, African-Americans and Labor. "This theme is particularly fitting for our celebration tonight. Not only do we recognize the important role African-American people have played in shaping the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our country through their labor but, by honoring our remarkable guests, we are recognizing the important work African-American residents do right here in Westchester County every day," he said.

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## State Senator Shelley Mayer to Hold No Love for Con Edison Rally Against Rate Increases

**NO LOVE FOR CON EDISON**

Join State Senator Shelley B. Mayer, local elected officials, and community leaders

**Press Conference and Rally AGAINST Con Edison's Rate Increase**

**Friday, February 14 • Noon**  
 Westchester County Center  
 1st Floor, Meetings Rooms A+B  
 198 Central Ave, White Plains, NY 10606

**RSVP Requested: [tinyurl.com/noloveforconed](https://tinyurl.com/noloveforconed)**

Please contact Senator Mayer's office with any questions:  
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Office of State Senator Shelley B. Mayer

State Senator Shelley Mayer wrote, "Please join me, local elected officials, and community leaders for a press conference and rally AGAINST Con Edison's rate increases and outrageous utility bills. Friday, Feb. 14 at noon. Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains, NY 10606 in first floor meeting rooms A and B. Space is limited, so please RSVP! [tinyurl.com/noloveforconed](https://tinyurl.com/noloveforconed).

Con Edison intends to request the NY Public Service Commission to approve an increase in electricity rates rise by 11.4% and natural gas rates by 13.3% in 2026.

Gov. Kathy Hochul has pushed back against proposed rate hikes from Con Edison, directing the state's Department of Public Service to reject the company's request for approval.

**Read it all Online at [Yonkerstimes.com](https://Yonkerstimes.com)**

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**Black History Month: Author Talk with AJ Woodson Primary**

**Saturday, February 22**  
 2 pm, Community Room A&B

Come join the author of *We Got Our Own Thang*, A book that gives you a look at Hip-Hop from The 914 (Westchester County, New York). This book doesn't only celebrate the superstars and rap legends that grace its cover, like DMX, Heavy D & The Boyz and Mary J. Blige, but many of the early legends. The book highlights the contributions of individuals of The 914 in the 50-year history of Hip-Hop.

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Westchester County will be holding police officer civil service examinations for the first time in four years. Tests for Police Officer and Police Officer (Spanish Speaking) will be given on May 3 or May 4. The deadline to file to take the exams is Feb. 24.

The exams, to be administered by the Department of Human Resources, will result in a list of eligible police officer candidates for the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the cities of Rye and Peekskill, and all towns and villages in the County.

Among the requirements to take the test

- All candidates must be a legal resident of Westchester County at the time of their test and for at least one month prior to it. Candidates will be required to submit proof of residency when requested. Candidates who cannot provide proof of Westchester County residency will be disqualified

- Applicants must not have reached their 35th birthday by their test date; exceptions are made for persons with military service;

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required;

- U.S. citizenship is required to be appointed as a police officer. It is not required to take the civil service exam.

The exam applications and more details about requirements are available at [www.westchestergov.com/hr](http://www.westchestergov.com/hr). A link to a study guide can also be found in the exam announcements.

Westchester County only accepts applications for civil service exams online. Candidates can apply through the website or by scanning the QR code in the exam announcement. Applicants seeking to take both Examination # 60-012780, Police Officer, and examination # 60-012790, Police Officer (Spanish Speaking) must submit a separate application and application fee for each examination number. That is the only way to appear on both eligible lists resulting from these examinations.

Due to an anticipated high volume of applicants, candidates may be assigned to take their test either Saturday, May 3, 2025, or Sunday, May 4, 2025. Candidates' exam admission notice will indicate when and where their test is being given.

*Three Council Presidents, continued from pg 3-*

Khader joins four other Yonkers democrats who have either announced or plan on running. They are:

- City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. Collins-Bellamy is running for reelection.

- Council Councilwoman Tasha Diaz. Diaz announced earlier this year for Council President. She is not up for election to her council seat this year.

- Former Council President Chuck Lesnick. Lesnick, who served as Council President 12 years ago, is already planning his petition efforts and will announce shortly.

- Peter Spano. No relation to Mayor Spano, Peter Spano ran for Council President four years ago.

This will be the first time that three current or former city council presidents run against each other in the same election cycle. That is the major takeaway, and headline for Yonkers Rising this Friday.

All five candidates need to collect the required 1,000 valid signatures of Yonkers Democrats starting at the end of the month to get on the ballot for a democratic primary in June.

We also hear that Yonkers Republicans have a candidate in mind that will make the general election in November competitive.

Lesnick, who last held the office of Council President 12 years ago, told us that he is running on his qualifications and experience. "We are going to have a recession in the next four years, because of the tariffs and chaos in the economy. There will be less federal funds to NY State and less funds to Yonkers. We will need to prioritize our investment in education and public safety. The tough times ahead require experienced leaders, and I can help with those decisions."

Collins-Bellamy is completing her first term as Council President. She has worked as a partner with Mayor Mike Spano on a variety of issues.

*BOL, continued from pg 9*

Majority Whip Terry Clements (D- New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor) presented the first proclamation to Dr. Diana Williams and Marvin Church, Co-Founders of ELOC whom she called "Two irreplaceable community leaders whose dedication to environmental justice and education has transformed the lives of so many young people. They have championed innovative, student-led solutions to environmental challenges. One standout project, the "Don't Strain Your Drain" Campaign, was developed by students here with us tonight. Their campaign raised awareness about the dangers of improperly disposed cooking oil. Now a full-scale community initiative, it led to the creation of drop-off sites at Mount Vernon fire stations helping prevent costly infrastructure damage and environmental hazards. It is a privilege to celebrate these community leaders, students, and their mentors for their tireless efforts to build a sustainable future for all."

Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (D- Mount Vernon) presented the second proclamation to Miesha Sarah Stokely and said, "Tonight we have the privilege of honoring a woman whose journey embodies the essence of resilience, service and excellence. Her career as a nurse, and now as a nurse practitioner and medical director, speaks to her deep commitment to community health, particularly in the areas of maternal care and mental health. She has dedicated over a decade to ensuring women and children receive the care they deserve. What began as a way to fundraise for the Black Student Nursing Association at the University of Miami transformed into Cupcake Cutie, a thriving business in Mount Vernon that brings joy to so many. But she didn't stop there. Miesha founded Black Girls Bake, a nonprofit providing opportunities for young women to develop their skills, pursue their passions, and build businesses of their own."

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**Mob Jump, continued from pg 1-**

John J. Durham, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and James E. Dennehy, Assistant Director in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York Field Office (FBI), announced the guilty pleas.

“These guilty pleas represent a victory for the rule of law over the pernicious activities of organized crime that undermine the safety of our communities,” stated United States Attorney Durham. “Illegal gambling businesses require enforcement and protection from mob rivals that carry the persistent threat of violence. However, the defendants’ luck ran out and, thanks to the hard work of the team of prosecutors and investigators, they will be held accountable for their crimes and pay their debt to society.”

FBI Assistant Director in Charge Dennehy stated: “Our investigations involving members of the Five Families don’t make the same headlines as they have historically. However, the men pleading guilty in this case illustrate how entrenched the traditional mafia are in their noxious and familiar criminality. They are less flashy these days - and a lot of that is due to the incredible cunning and tenacity agents and investigators on our FBI New York Westchester Organized Crime Task Force use to pursue members of these organizations.”

As detailed in the indictment and court filings, for over 25 years, Villani has been involved in significant gambling operations, principally based in the Bronx and Westchester, New York, that were affiliated with multiple organized crime families. Villani owned and operated the Gambling Business since at least 2004. The Gambling Business was hosted using servers in Costa Rica and employed local bookmakers to pay and collect winnings. Villani’s bookmakers included members and associates of the Luchese crime family and other La Cosa Nostra families. As part of the scheme, Villani employed trusted individuals, including defendants Louis Tucci, Jr. and Dennis Filizzola, to assist in operating the business and collecting at least \$1 million annually. Records obtained of the Gambling Business’s website indicated that Villani’s illegal gambling operation regularly took bets from between 400 and 1,300 bettors each week, most of whom were based in New York City and the metropolitan area. At Villani’s direction, Filizzola took proceeds from the Gambling Business and used them to purchase U.S. Postal Service money orders in false names, which were then made payable to one of Villani’s property companies to appear as legitimate rental payments.

When sentenced, Villani faces up to 20 years in prison. Louis Tucci, Jr., pleaded guilty on January 27, 2025 to illegal sports betting and faces up to five years in prison. Filizzola pleaded guilty on January 21, 2025 to illegal sports betting and money laundering and faces up to five years in prison and up to 20 years in prison on those counts respectively. James Coumoutsos pleaded guilty on January 21, 2025 to illegal sports betting and faces up to five years in prison. Michael Praino pleaded guilty on January 10, 2025 to illegal sports gambling and faces up to five years in prison. A sixth defendant remains at large.

The government’s case is being handled by the Office’s Organized Crime and Gangs Section. Assistant United States Attorney Antoinette N. Rangel is in charge of the prosecution. Assistant United States Attorney Claire S. Kedeshian of the Office’s Asset Recovery Section is handling forfeiture matters.

The Defendants:

**ANTHONY VILLANI**

Age: 60  
Elmsford, NY

**JAMES COUMOUTSOS** (also known as “Quick”)

Age: 62  
Bronx, NY

**DENNIS FILIZZOLA**

Age: 61  
Cortlandt Manor, NY

**MICHAEL PRAINO** (also known as “Platinum”)

Age: 47  
Lake Worth, Florida

**LOUIS TUCCI, JR.** (also known as “Tooch”)

Age: 61  
Tuckahoe, NY

E.D.N.Y. Docket No. 22-CR-405 (KAM)

**Christopher Katz: A Life of Service and Love Was in Training To Serve Our Country in DC Police**



*God Bless Christopher Katz*

Mr. Murphy,

I hope you can make room in your paper for your readers from Yorktown who are mourning the loss of Christopher Katz. Chris died on Feb. 1 in a car crash in Georgia. He was training to become a US Capitol Police officer and wanted to serve our country.

He was 22 years old and had his whole life in front of him. I went to Panas High School with Chris. He graduated in 2020. I graduated the year after him. He was one of the kindest men I have ever met. I will never forget him.

A GoFundMe Page has been set up in his memory at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/christopher-katz-a-life-of-service-and-love?> Here are the words from that page that can say it better than I can

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Christopher Katz

With deep sorrow and heavy hearts, we mourn the loss of our beloved friend, brother, and classmate Christopher Katz, who passed away far too soon. Christopher Katz was not only a dedicated recruit officer for the United States Capitol Police (USCP) but also a proud Lieutenant in the Army Reserve who devoted his life to serving and protecting others. His unwavering commitment to his community and his country was matched only by his kindness, loyalty, and sense of humor that made him a friend to so many.

To his classmates at USCP ROC 253, he was known for his bravery, compassion, and his willingness to go above and beyond, always putting the needs of others before his own. His service in the Army shaped him into the strong, honorable person we all knew and loved. Whether on duty or off, he carried himself with integrity and a sense of duty that was truly inspiring.

But beyond the uniform, Christopher Katz was a friend, a brother, a son, and a mentor. He was someone who could always be counted on in times of need, offering a helping hand or a word of encouragement when it was most needed. His loss leaves a hole in our hearts that will never be filled, but his memory will live on in all of us.

We’ve created this GoFundMe to support Katz’s family and loved ones as they navigate this difficult time. The funds will help provide some relief during this incredibly challenging period and will go directly to his parents Lillian Ojeda and Tom Katz. Any contribution, no matter the size, will honor Christopher Katz’s legacy and help those he loved most.

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ones during this devastating time.

Jonson came to the United States from Guatemala in search of a better future. He was a bright and kind young man, full of dreams, and his life was taken far too soon. His family's greatest wish is to send Jonson's remains back to Guatemala so he can rest in peace in his homeland.

**How Your Donation Will Help**

This GoFundMe is being organized by RELIG, the Catholic Youth Community of New Rochelle, where we work with young people to provide support, faith, and community guidance. We meet weekly at St. Gabriel & St. Joseph, Holy Family, and Holy Name churches, and the Catholic Club at New Rochelle HS. Many of us personally knew Jonson and his family, and we are ensuring that 100% of the funds raised go directly to his repatriation and his family's needs.

All donations will go toward:

- Transporting Jonson's remains to Guatemala
- Funeral and burial costs for his family
- Legal & family support expenses

Jonson's uncle, Mynor Temaj, who was caring for him here in New Rochelle, has been in direct communication with us. While the family has received donations through Zelle and bank deposits, many people have asked for a GoFundMe option to make donating easier, especially since this case has now reached statewide and national news.

**How You Can Help**

We are asking our New Rochelle community, the Guatemalan community, and anyone moved by this tragedy to support this cause. If you are unable to donate, please share this page so we can reach as many people as possible.

Let's come together to honor Jonson's memory, support his grieving family, and help bring him home.

Thank you, and may God bless you all.

Organized by:

The RELIG Catholic Youth Community of New Rochelle  
Facebook: Relig Instagram: NewRoRelig

In Yonkers, Two Teenagers were Fatally Stabbed Outside a Yonkers Pizzeria on Feb. 6

From the Yonkers Police Department:

On Thursday, February 6th, 2025, at approximately 8:00 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to 136 Lake Avenue on a report of a dispute in progress. Upon arrival, officers located two 16-year-old male victims with stab wounds in front of the location. Officers immediately began rendering aid to the victims and transported them to local area hospitals for treatment. Tragically, both victims succumbed to their injuries shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, in conjunction with the Digital Forensics Unit, and Crime Scene Unit, responded to the scene and initiated an investigation. Preliminary findings indicate that one of the victims entered the location and quickly engaged in a verbal dispute with the suspect. The suspect then produced a knife and stabbed the first victim one time in the chest. The suspect then started to flee the location where he was met by the second victim at the entrance to the location. The suspect then proceeded to stab the second victim in the abdomen and upper chest before continuing to flee from the scene. Based on evidence and intelligence gathered, detectives were able to apprehend the suspect in Yonkers on Friday, February 7th, 2025. Detectives are actively working to determine the circumstances that led to this fatal encounter, and further details may be released as the investigation progresses.

The suspect is a 17-year-old resident of this city and is expected to be arraigned in the Youth Part of Westchester County Court as an Adolescent Offender on two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, an A1 Felony in the New York State Penal Law. One Victim was identified as a Yonkers resident and the second victim was identified as a Queens resident. Due to the ages of those involved, no further information regarding their identities will be released, in accordance with laws prohibiting the release of that information.

Commissioner Chris Sapienza stated, "We are deeply saddened by the loss of these two young lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones during this difficult time. This is a senseless tragedy that has impacted our entire community. I would like to thank our detectives who worked swiftly and diligently to apprehend the suspect in this case."

A GoFundMe Account has also been created for the family of Jayron Rivera-Gonzalez. The page link is <https://www.gofundme.com/f/honoring-jayron-a-young-life-taken-too-soon?cdn-cache=0>

The page reads, "Help Us Honor Jayron E. Rivera-Gonzalez's Memory Dear friends, family, and kind supporters, With heavy hearts, we are devastated to share the tragic loss of our beloved, Jayron, who was taken from us far too soon at just 16 years old. Our beloved Jayron was kind, loving, young man whose life was tragically cut short due to senseless violence. He leaves behind his loving mother, three younger sisters, and a family who cherished him dearly, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

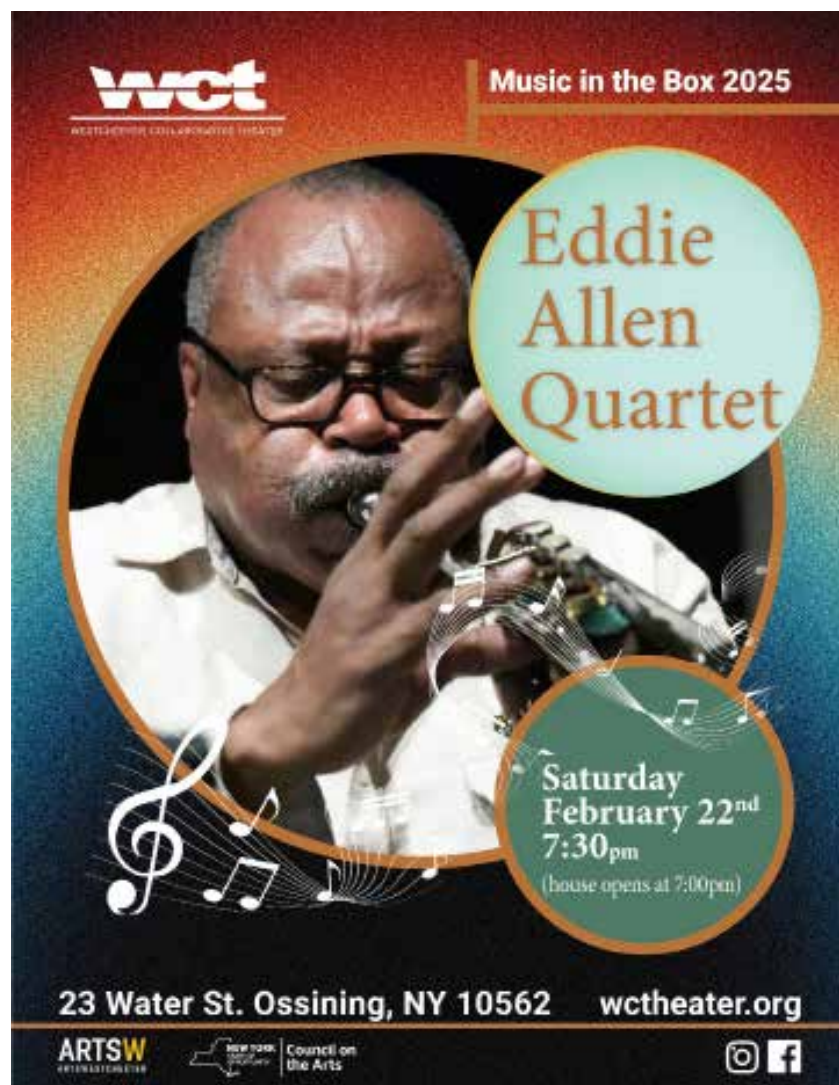
As our family navigates this heartbreaking time, we are asking for support to help cover funeral expenses, memorial arrangements, and any unexpected costs that come with such an unimaginable loss. Any contribution, big or small, will ease the financial burden and allow us to focus on honoring Jayron's memory.

If you are unable to donate, we kindly ask that you share this fundraiser with others. Your love, prayers, and support mean everything to us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The other 16-year old killed was Tyler King-Mellanson, from Queens.

**Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)**

**Eddie Allen Quartet to Perform at Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) Sat. February 22.**



On Saturday, February 22 at 7:30 pm, Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will continue its highly touted Music in the Box series with the Eddie Allen Quartet, a well-respected jazz combo with a wealth of performance experience. Joining Allen on trumpet will be Misha Tsiganov on keyboard, Kenny Davis on acoustic bass and Tim Horner on drums. The group will play at WCT's Black Box, 23 Water St. in Ossining, NY.

Trumpeter, composer, arranger, author, educator, Allen is known as a versatile musician on the New York scene. He has worked with such musical legends as Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers, Bette Midler, Etta Jones & Houston Person, Aretha Franklin, Randy Weston, John Mayer, Henry Threadgill, Gladys Knight, Gloria Gaynor, Benny Carter, T.S. Monk and Kool & the Gang.

Allen has performed in the orchestras of such Broadway hits as Ain't Misbehavin', Black & Blue, Side Show, Jelly's Last Jam, Five Guys Named Mo', The Color Purple and Rollin' On the T.O.B.A. He is the author of the instructional method book, An Introduction to The Bb Concert Blues (Charles Colin Publishing - N.Y.C.).

Allen currently leads a jazz quartet, a jazz quintet, an Afro-Cuban/Brazilian septet called Salongo, a jazz septet named Push, and a 16-piece big band, the Eddie Allen Aggregation.

Tickets, \$25, can be purchased online at: <https://welcoming-eddie-allen-quartet-to-wct-february-22.eventbrite.com> (Limited seating available; advance purchase is strongly recommended.) Refreshments will be available.

Visit <http://www.wctheater.org/>, for more information.



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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Contribute to a real-time snapshot of global bird populations. Count birds for as little as 15 minutes or as long as you wish. Beginners are welcome!

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

The Royal Hanneford Circus, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Experience the event that's perfect for the whole family! Enjoy dazzling performances, from breathtaking acrobatics to charming animal acts, all designed to entertain and delight. Create lasting memories with your loved ones as you marvel at the spectacular talents and vibrant atmosphere. Also: Feb. 16, 17.

Get details, show times and tickets <https://countycenter.biz/event/the-royal-hanneford-circus/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Family Maple Tapping, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sugaring season has begun and we've got a fun way to enjoy it! We invite families and friend groups to come to learn how we tap our maple trees at Lenoir. This event will be held outdoors, so dress for the weather. Please arrive on time to experience the entire 30-minute program.

Reservations required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-maple-tapping-tickets-1091363400309?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Miller House, White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Open House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drop in to visit the former home of the Ann and Elijah Miller family, an average colonial Westchester family whose lives were changed forever when Gen. George Washington and his army fought for American independence. 140 Virginia Road, White Plains 10603.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7317

Turtles of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The Reservation is home to turtles of different species, shapes, patterns and sizes. All ages are welcome to learn about how these animals survive year-round, the different threat levels assigned to each turtle and what you can do to help endangered species.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Identifying Birds, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We will identify the birds that visit our feeders as well as create some simple feeders that you can take home to attract birds in your neighborhood. Register by Feb. 9 by emailing [sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov) or calling (914) 967-8720.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

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

Sugar House Chat, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us in our Sugar House to watch and learn how we boil our sap to make maple syrup. Also: Feb. 22; March 1.

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Sugar Shack Chats, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Stop by anytime to learn about how we make maple syrup!

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

The Mariners' Guiding Light: The Fresnel Lens, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

The physical safety of ships and boats was highly increased in the early 1800s when French physicist Augustin-Jen Fresnel invented a powerful lens that, when mounted atop a lighthouse, reached far out to sea. Learn about this creation and its impact that continues today. Free; for ages 12 and up.

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

Sip, Nibble and Learn: The Story of Gardening, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 21 and older can visually stroll through beautiful gardens as they sip, nip and learn about gardening for pleasure as it evolved through the ages. \$10 per person.

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legiate sports as part of the school year's second National Signing Day on February 5, 2025.

The ESPN- style event held at the Tully Gym included remarks by Athletic Director Ryan Mahoney and other school dignitaries, with proud parents, teachers, and fellow students.

The following Gaels committed:

Paolo Ciatto (New Fairfield, CT) University of Iowa (D1 Wrestling) \*Most decorated wrestler in Iona Prep's history  
Matthew Davitt (Rye, NY) Fordham Football (D1 Football)  
Paolo Rogliano (Tuckahoe) – Pace University Soccer (D2 Soccer)  
Paolo Ciatto, 18, New Fairfield, CT

COMMITMENT: D1, University of Iowa

SPORT: Wrestling, 170 lbs.

OTHER OFFERS & INTEREST: Campbell, Binghamton & Buffalo

SPORTS at IP: 4 year member of the wrestling program.

Personal Accomplishments: Team has won the 4x Westchester County Championships 4 years in a row, 2x CHSAA State Champs, 4x CHSAA League Champs, 3x Westchester County Champion, 1x Catholic State Champ, 2023 NYS All State, 2025 3rd place Eastern States place finisher and just recently passed Sean Degl with his 143rd career victory to become the all-time winningest wrestler in Iona Prep History.

Clubs/Activities: He is a member of the Chess Club and the Fishing Club.

GPA: 85 Overall GPA

Matt Davitt, 17, Rye, NY

HOMETOWN: RYE, NY

COMMITMENT: D1, Fordham University

SPORT: Football DB/WR

OTHER OFFERS & INTEREST: Lafayette, Stonehill, Sacred heart, Trinity

SPORTS at IP: 4-year member of our Track & Field and 4-year member of the Football program and 1 year of Baseball

Personal Accomplishments: Matt was a member of the 2024 CHSFL and State Championship Football Team. He also is an Indoor Track and Field winter all county 2022, Indoor Track and Field All County, All-State and All- American 2023, All-County Indoor 2024, Outdoor All County & All State in 2024. This season in football, Matt was 1st Team All County, First Team All-League and he was All State. Matt was named Defensive MVP.

Clubs at IP: He is a member of the Strength & Conditioning Club and the Nutrition for Fruition Club.

GPA: 89 overall GPA

Paolo Rogliano, 17, Tuckahoe, NY

COMMITMENT: D2, Pace University

SPORT: Soccer, Center Midfield

Other Offers/Interests: Columbia, Marist, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Potsdam, Juniata, SUNY New Paltz, Pace, Dean, Curry College, Fairfield, SHU

Personal Accomplishments: Paolo was a 4-year Varsity Starter and a Team Captain.

Clubs/Activities: Chess Club, Italian Club, National Honor Society and the Italian National Honor Society.

GPA: 91 overall GPA

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In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by Proceeding in Rem Pursuant to Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax Law by the Town of North Castle

Index No.: 1360/2022

PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule A of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

**Effect of filing:** All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

**Nature of proceeding:** Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

**Persons affected:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

**Right of redemption:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to: **Mr. Patrick Ricci, Receiver of Taxes, Town of North Castle, 17 Bedford Road, Armonk, New York 10504.** In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

**Last day for redemption:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 21st day of April 2025.

**Service of answer:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

**Failure to redeem or answer:** In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in such petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: January 10, 2025

Enforcing Officer:  
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Parcel ID	Name	Property Address
100.04-2-51	Richard Gizzi	Wampus Lakes Dr. Armonk, NY 10504
101.01-1-34	Agovino Armonk Estates LLC Formerly: East Coast Dev.Corp.	4 Armonk Hts Rd. Armonk, NY 10504
107.02-2-46	4 Ledgewood Pl LLC	4 Ledgewood Pl. Armonk, NY 10504
108.04-1-9	Hysen Mehmetaj	17 Sterling Rd S Armonk, NY 10504
122.12-3-8.4	Kensico View HOA Inc.	1 Massaro Ct. N White Plains, NY 10603
122.12-5-62	Northeastle Spot Properties LLC	850 N Broadway N White Plains, NY 10603
122.16-1-28	Thomas Stuart	43 Virginia Rd. N White Plains, NY 10603
123.01-1-6	Park Lane Co LP	Old Orchard St. N White Plains, NY 10603

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**Jenkins beats Sculti, continued from pg 1-**

housing, bring down costs for working people and their families, keep every resident safe, protect all our rights, defend democracy, and ensure everyone has a real opportunity to succeed.

“Nothing is ever achieved alone. I’m honored by the support that led our campaign to this historic victory. I specifically want to thank my wife, Deborah, our children, and our entire family for their support. I also want to thank my campaign team, Congressman George Latimer, Governor Kathy Hochul, U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, NYS Attorney General Letitia James, NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the unions, the community organizations, my colleagues in public service across the county and beyond, and our volunteers whose support powered us across the finish line.

To all of Westchester County: I am honored to serve you, and I will work each and every day to deliver for our families,” said Jenkins.

Ken Jenkins has served in several key roles in Westchester County government for more than 20 years. Over the last 12 years, he has sought the Democratic nomination for county executive.

Twelve years ago, New Rochelle Noam Bramson became the Democratic nominee and lost to Republican County Executive Rob Astorino. Eight years ago, George Latimer became the Democratic nominee and defeated Astorino.

On both occasions, Jenkins deferred to the results of the Westchester Democratic convention and supported his party’s nominee. Jenkins’s realization that the best course was to continue to serve the party and the people of Westchester until his turn to run came has indeed paid off. Good things come to those who wait.

Jenkins’s 8 years as a partner in county government as Deputy County Executive under Latimer translated at the ballot box on Feb. 11 into a big election win.

The voters in Westchester were more than satisfied with Latimer’s tenure as County Executive, and that satisfaction was evident in their support for Jenkins.

While turnout was low for the Special Election (90,056 total votes) and in early voting (only 26,000 votes), the percentages in Westchester remained the same as they have been over the past 12 years.

2017-57%-43% -Latimer-Astorino

2021- 62%-38%-Latimer-Sculti

2025-64%-36%-Jenkins-Sculti.

Sculti ran a more active campaign this time around. She aired radio ads on WABC Radio -770 and was interviewed by John Catsimatidis. During the interview, she responded well and articulated her issues and reasons for running.

Sculti traveled Westchester in a campaign van in the hopes of rallying her base of supporters and getting them to vote in the special election...but the results were the same for Republicans.

Sculti did well and won in some of the usual R places: Yorktown, Somers, Mount Pleasant, Eastchester, Harrison, and parts of Yonkers.

Some were hopeful that Sculti could perform better than in the past and close the gap to single digits. But that didn’t happen, and Democrats were gloating after special election night.

“Hudson Valley Republicans are reeling this morning at the size of Ken Jenkins’ blowout Westchester win over MAGA candidate Christine Sculti, endorsed by Trump. Experts reckoned a much tighter race,” and “Massive defeat for MAGA in Westchester. Blue wall holds - and indeed, goes on offense vs. Trump’s anti-American values. This is where it starts... Trump’s candidate in the Westchester special ran on mass deportation, DEI, and trans panic. Got destroyed tonight by regular Democrat Ken Jenkins, who notably didn’t back down on coarse and vile MAGA framing. Took it on aggressively. There’s a lesson there, folks,” tweeted progressive democrat consultant Tom Watson.

Congressman Latimer tweeted from Washington, “Congrats to @KenJenkinsNY for his big special election victory as Westchester County Executive. 64% is a tremendous result - and a statement in the face of Donald Trump supporting his opponent.”

This brings us to President Trump, who got 37% of the vote in 2024 in Westchester, compared to 63% for Harris. In 2020, Trump got 32%, and Biden got 68%.

Trump endorsed Sculti the day before the Special Election with a post on Truth Social. Trump joined Westchester Republicans Rob Astorino, Tony Colavita, and Congressman Mike Lawler in endorsing Sculti.

Jenkins will serve out the remainder of Latimer’s term and will run again for a four-year term in November. The question now is, what Republican is interested in running against Jenkins after watching him beat Sculti by 36 points?

Some Westchester politicians we spoke to thought Sculti was a placeholder in the special election and that the Westchester GOP would find another candidate in November.

But another Westchester political observer reminded me that with petitions going out in two weeks, the Westchester GOP has little time to put a candidate for County Executive on their petitions.

“Who would want to run against Ken in November? Maybe you can cut the margin to 10 points but is it worth it?” said one Sound View Democrat.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 56421/2024 Keybank, NA Plaintiff, vs Unknown Heirs Of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Mary Ann Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Donella Marie Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, James Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Loretta H. Davis As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Milo R. Davis, JR. As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Unknown Heirs Of Milo R. Davis If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 80 Touissant Avenue Yonkers, NY 10710 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental 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 Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel, Unknown Heirs Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gretchen Walsh of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Tenth day of January, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated December 30, 2011, executed by Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel (who died on January 20, 2019, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$150,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 520373408 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 11, 2012. 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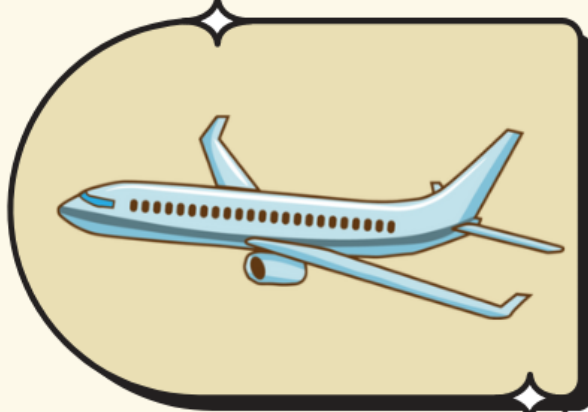
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