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## 22 Year Old New Rochelle Man Charged with Multiple Sex Offenses with Underage Victims



Social Media Pics of Jason Ricketts, charged with multiple sex felonies with children  
By Dan Murphy

With the permission of talkofthesound.com, pictured above are recent, social media photos of Jason Ricketts. Ricketts, 22, of New Rochelle was arrested by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and arraigned in New Rochelle City Court on February 2, and was charged with multiple felony sex offenses involving children.

Ricketts is a recent graduated of New Rochelle High school, and according to the courts documents obtained by talkofthesound.com, based on the date of some of his crimes, were conducted while he was a high school student.

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office's Cyber Crimes Bureau, Child Abuse Bureau, High Technology Crimes Squad and Criminal Investigators with the Special Prosecutions Division conducted the investigation after receiving a referral from The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. referred the case to the Westchester DA's office and Ricketts was arrested and charged with Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, all felonies. The defendant is currently being held on bail, which was set at \$250,000 cash.

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah is urging any possible victims of Ricketts to contact the DA's Office or police. Law enforcement has seized multiple devices, which are being analyzed to identify other possible victims or witnesses.

DA Rocah said: "Sexual exploitation of minors is a crime that preys upon their vulnerabilities. We ask anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other victims to contact us. We recognize the great difficulty for survivors to come forward, but stand ready to provide support for victims as our investigation continues."

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

The Talkofthesound.com has covered the case in New Rochelle Court and has more details on the charges against Ricketts, which include one act of sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a child less than 13 years old. -<https://talkofthesound.com/2023/02/02/nsfw-new-rochelle-man-charged-with-multiple-felony-charges-for-production-and-distribution-of-child-pornography/>

The charges against Ricketts stem from incidents which occurred between 2019

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## Westchester Resident's Fight Against the IRS Now in the Courts



"The question of the legality of the personal income tax is now in the Federal and State courts,"

-Tony Futia, pictured left

By Dan Murphy

One year ago, we reported on Westchester resident Tony Futia and his refusal to pay his federal income tax, based on his and the belief of his organization called, We The People, that there is no law that requires most US citizens in the 50 states to pay their Federal Income Tax.

"There is no statute or federal law that requires Americans to pay federal income taxes. When you file, or sign a W-4, you do so voluntarily. Only Federal employees must file and pay federal income taxes. For the rest of us, there is no law that requires us to do so," said Futia, who served our country in the Navy and worked for 45 years in the Town of North Castle, and served on the Valhalla School Board.

Futia has not filed a Federal Tax Return since 2014, nor has he paid his Federal Income Taxes during this time. He calls the payment of income taxes "voluntary" for most Americans.

For the past 8 years, Futia has tried to get his day in Federal Court, to debate the legitimacy of his argument. The IRS did not take action against Futia until last summer, after a number of stories and paid advertisements by Futia and the group that he co-founded We The People for Constitutional Education, published in this paper and online at Yonkerstimes.com.

In July of 2022, the IRS began freezing Futia's bank accounts and began to file liens against his income. The total amount of taxes, fines and penalties that the IRS claims Futia owes is more than \$500,000.

Futia claims that the liens filed against him were improperly served, and he has filed another legal action, against those who processed the liens, including two IRS agents, two banks, Westchester county clerk Tim Itoni and the Social Secu-

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## State Senator Mayer, Assemblymember Paulin & NYAG James Work to Protect Abortion Pill



By Dan Murphy

Three of New York State's leaders in the democratic party have recently taken actions to protect safe access to medication abortion nationwide. NY Attorney General Letitia James, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblymember Amy Paulin have all introduced legislation, or are fighting in the courts to preserve its availability.

Attorney General James and a coalition of 22 attorneys general have asked a Federal court in Texas to reject a challenge brought by anti-abortion groups seeking to revoke the FDA's approval of the medication abortion drug, mifepristone. The brief warns that withdrawing federal approval for mifepristone would drastically reduce access to safe abortion care and miscarriage management for millions of people across the country, including in New York. A ban on mifepristone would affect states where abortion is legal, like New York.

"Blocking access to this safe and effective medication is a dangerous attack on reproductive freedom and public health," said Attorney General James. "Decades of medical and clinical research have proven that medication abortion is safe. Despite these facts and its widespread use, we know this is not a debate about science. We are taking action to protect the reproductive freedoms of people in every corner of the country, especially in vulnerable communities.

In 2000, the FDA approved mifepristone as a single-dose oral medication used for early-term abortions. Since its approval, mifepristone has been safely used by approximately five million persons to terminate a pregnancy and is used in more than half of all abortions today. Decades of clinical research and studies have confirmed mifepristone's safety and efficacy.

The court could order the FDA to withdraw its approval for mifepristone, which would remove the medication would be removed from the market nationwide. The availability of the abortion pill has been particularly critical in providing access to abortion in low-income, underserved, and rural communities. Without access to mifepristone, demand for procedural abortions would significantly increase, leading to overburdened clinics.

"Using mifepristone for medication abortion is extremely safe and effective and has been used by more than five million people since the FDA approved it more than 20 years ago. We are extremely grateful for the leadership of New York Attorney General Letitia James and her coalition partners in working to address the

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## Judge Reviews Damaging Affidavits to Town and Slater; Orders March 10 Hearing for Par 3 Case



By Dan Murphy

NYS Supreme Court Judge Charles Wood issued an order for a March 10 hearing between RC Recreation Development LLC, the developers of the Par 3, Yorktown course known as Valley Fields Golf Course, and the Town of Yorktown to argue the legal merits of the case and whether to appoint a receiver to oversee the course until all litigation is concluded, and whether Judge Wood should issue a preliminary injunction barring the town from appointing another company to finish the work at the course.

Judge Wood set the March 10 date for a hearing based upon reading the Affidavits of Larry Nussbaum, Patsy Costabile, and Joseph Rinaldi. Nussbaum is the President of RC Development.

Costabile, is an architect hired by RC to redesign the clubhouse at Valley Fields and acted as project consultant in 2019. He oversaw "The project's mechanical (exhaust and fire suppression) and electrical contractors did the same soon thereafter, again after submitting their plans and specifications to the Town building department for approval. Subsequently, construction commenced as per drawings approved by the Town of Yorktown and per all applicable codes, rules, and regulations. Along the way, the contractors obtained all necessary interim inspections by the Town building department, including foundation, floor slab, framing, insulation, etc., and at each stage was approved by the Town to proceed further with the project."

Costabile continues in his affidavit that the clubhouse remained incomplete and that he had not yet applied for a Certificate of Occupancy, CO, at which point the Town's building inspector would come in for review. "I was puzzled when my client informed us that the Town had conducted a code compliance review. I was

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## North Salem Native Part of All Female Aviators Flying Over Super Bowl 57

## New York State Collects \$1 Billion in Revenues from Sports Betting



Westchester is proud of Lt. U.S. Navy Lieutenant Margaret Dente of North Salem, pictured above, bottom left, for being part of a U.S. Naval all-female aviator team for the Super Bowl pregame flyover.

Dente, a graduate of North Salem High School, is a graduate of the University of Southern California. She will be onboard an EA-18G Growler electronic warfare aircraft of Electronic Attack Squadron 129 (VAQ-129), the "Vikings".

Lt. Dente has accumulated 1,300 hours of flight time and was recently deployed operationally on a cruise aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). Dente's grandfather was a U.S. Marine helicopter pilot during the Vietnam conflict and her father is also a pilot.

"I grew up wanting to fly, just like my grandfather did as a Marine helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and my dad, as a life-long civilian pilot. Being a naval aviator is a realization of that dream," said Dente.

"Nothing compares to flying jets off an aircraft carrier. I feel so fortunate for the privilege to serve this country alongside its finest, doing the job I love, with all the amazing friends I have made along the way."

The all female fly over was to mark the 50th anniversary of the first women who began flight school in Pensacola in 1973.

Flying the two F/A-18F Super Hornets: Lt. Arielle Ash, pilot, of Abilene, Texas, Lt. Saree Moreno, weapon systems officer, of Tampa, Fla., Lt. Naomi Ngalle, weapon systems officer, of Springfield, Va, Lt. Caitie Perkowski, pilot, of Albuquerque

Flying the EA 18G Growler: Lt. Margaret Dente, pilot, of North Salem, N.Y., Lt. Lyndsay Evans, electronic warfare officer, of Palmdale

Flying the F-35C Lightning II: Lt. Suzelle Thomas, pilot, of Birmingham, Ala.



By Dan Murphy

On Jan. 13, NY Governor Kathy Hochul announced that the state had collected \$909 Million in revenues from \$16 Billion in wagers made for mobile sports betting. Since that announcement, and after the Super Bowl wagers, NY State will be over the \$1 Billion mark in revenues collected from Sports bets.

"In just one year, New York has become a national leader in providing responsible entertainment for millions while bringing in record-shattering revenue for education, youth sports, and problem gambling prevention," Governor Hochul said. "I look forward to another year of delivering top tier mobile sports wagering experiences that generate revenue to enrich the lives of New Yorkers across the state."

Westchester Assemblymember Gary Pretlow said, "Mobile sports betting generated \$709 million in taxes in just one year for essential programs such as Education, Youth Sports, and Problem Gambling related services. This is just the beginning, and I look forward to mobile sports betting generating more revenue for years to come."

According to GeoComply, a software firm used by sports books to ensure geolocation requirements, more than 3.8 million unique player accounts have been created since launch in January of 2022, conducting over 1.2 billion transactions.

For Fiscal Year 2023 (April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023) and annually thereafter, revenues from mobile sports wagering are distributed as follows: \$5 million to fund sports programs for underserved youths, \$6 million to fund problem gambling education and treatment, with the remaining majority to fund education aid.



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# Is RC Recreation Development LLC Entitled to Punitive Damages PAID PERSONALLY and INDIVIDUALLY from Slater, Esposito and Landi?

*The Town of Yorktown has been advised by their insurance attorneys of this established practice of NYS Law*

What should these Yorktown Executives be worrying about?

**A: May Punitive Damages be Awarded — YES**

**B: In What Circumstances?** In order to recover punitive damages, RC must demonstrate that the wrong complained of rose to a level of "such wanton dishonesty as to imply a criminal indifference to civil obligations."

Punitive damages are recoverable in all actions based upon wrongful acts that involve ingredients of malice, fraud, oppression, or wanton disregard of one's rights.

Punitive damages are available "for the purpose of vindication of RC only where the actions of the Yorktown Elected and Yorktown Employees constitute gross recklessness or intentionally activated by evil or reprehensible motives"

**C: Punitive Damage Actions Against Yorktown** — Recovery of punitive damages against Yorktown is legally prohibited. Insurance for Punitive Damages for Yorktown does not exist and is unavailable.

**D: Are Punitive Damages Generally Insurable to the Benefit of Yorktown Elected and Yorktown Employees** — NO. The elected or employee of Yorktown who acts in bad faith is required to pay any Punitive Damage.

NYS policy precludes indemnification for Punitive Damages.

Indemnification defeats the purpose of Punitive Damages, which is to punish and deter others from acting similarly.



**E: Does the prohibition of insurance apply to those Yorktown Employees whose liability was a supportive active roll to the Yorktown Elected or Yorktown Employee (example-John Landi)** — YES. Insurance coverage of Yorktown Employees,

who cooperated in an egregious manner, and are assessed punitive damages is not permitted by NYS public policy.

**F: Are There Limitations on the Amount of Punitive Damages that may be awarded?** NO. The award of punitive damages by a jury are final unless when reviewing a punitive damage award for excessiveness, courts may examine whether it deviated from materially from what is considered reasonable compensation.

**In Summary:** The purpose of punitive damages are to punish Yorktown Elected or Yorktown Employees for wanton and reckless acts in order to discourage similar conduct by others in the future.

## Good Retail News: Barnes & Noble Returning to Greenburgh & Opening New Stores



By Dan Murphy

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner shared some good news in a recent email. “In 2012, the Greenburgh community was disappointed when Barnes & Noble closed their bookstore on Central Ave. in Hartsdale as it was a popular destination for residents.

“The good news is that Barnes & Noble is returning to Hartsdale! They have signed a lease at Dalewood Shopping Center in the 12,490-square-foot space, formerly occupied by Mrs. Greens Market, with a targeted opening of late summer.

“Barnes & Noble is projected to open 30 new stores this year as interest in reading books flourished as a result of the pandemic and a renewed interest in reading physical books. They will open this store with a brand-new design seen in the most recent Barnes & Noble store openings.

“We miss browsing in bookstores. This is the type of business that will help revitalize the Central Ave. business corridor. This is good news for Central Ave. and great news for our residents and shoppers,” writes Feiner.

Barnes & Noble was purchased by the Private Equity firm of Elliot Management in 2021 for \$683 Million. The company is “experiencing a period of tremendous growth,” according to its spokesperson, with CEO James Daunt adding, “We’ve now got both the profitability and the confidence to start opening up stores again.”

Some new B&N stores are opening up at the former locations of Amazon Book stores. “As sales and profits have risen, so has its ability to invest in refurbishments of its existing stores, and in the opening of new bookstores. In short, the expansion is being spurred by its success,” added the spokesperson.

“The health of good bookstores has never been better than at present as demonstrated by all the new openings” said Daunt. “It is such an exciting sea change in the fortunes of bookstores, with booming sales of books being led by real books being bought in real bookstores. It is a true vindication of good bookselling. A bookstore belongs at the heart of its community, a welcoming place where readers can browse, find their new favorite books and authors, and for our youngest customers to gather for storytime.”

## Peekskill Man Violated Order of Protection with Over 900 Messages

On Feb. 7, Putnam County Sheriff Kevin J. McConville reported on the arrest of a City of Peekskill resident for multiple violations of an order of protection.

On February 2, 2023, Sheriff’s Investigators arrested Dany D. Villa-Carchipulla at his residence in Peekskill after it was determined that he had messaged the victim over 900 times since being issued an order of protection. He also called her more than 25 times and showed up at her residence on more than one occasion.

This agency previously arrested Dany for a domestic violence incident in Garrison in November of 2022. In that instance, he was charged with Strangulation and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and an order of protection was put in place to protect the victims. He was again arrested on the newest charges after an investigation was conducted into his continuous violations of the same order of protection.

Dany was charged with four counts of Criminal Contempt 2nd degree and was arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court in front of Judge Nachamie, where he was remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility on a \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bond.

The victim in this case was assisted by domestic violence advocates and the Women’s Center.

# Is Yonkers the Dirtiest City in America?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



A poll came out declaring Yonkers the 10th Dirtiest City in America. The poll was done by Lawnstarter, a company that provides lawn care services at the click of a button across the country. My first issue. A lawn company rating dirtiest cities? Seems strange.

The company compared living conditions, pollution, infrastructure and consumer satisfaction and Yonkers failed miserably.

In my opinion why did Yonkers do so bad? Blame it on the citizenry and those who pass through the city, not our public works department. See those cans, wrappers and other debris along the side of the road. They didn’t just appear there. Someone had to dump that garbage out of their cars. Toss enough out, it gets caught in the brush and you have a mess. See a sidewalk like Elm Street? The garbage didn’t just arrive on the street. People drop it off when they are walking, or instead of putting it in trash containers drop it in the street.

Look at the turn around at Rumsey road. The sides are filled to the brim with all types of garbage. It just doesn’t get there. It’s put out of cars passing on the street who throw it out their windows.

See the street sweepers. The garbage they are picking up was tossed by passing motorists. You can go down Elm Street every night and you will see food wrappers, cups, empty potato chip bags and during the summer icee wrappers.

The question is why are some streets garbage laden and some streets clear. Do people in some neighborhoods care for the way their streets look versus others who don’t care?

Lawnstarter’s comparison and poll was done during the winter and includes pollution, living conditions, infrastructure and consumer satisfaction. With all the trucks traveling Yonkers streets the exhaust certainly kicks up a lot of pollution during the winter. Living conditions in many apartment buildings leave a lot to be desired.

Right Yonkers streets any day of the week and you will have a good chance of getting a flat tire or damage to your car proving infrastructure issues. Sidewalks are in bad shape. Streets need major repaving. Unfortunately, repaving of streets has not been a major priority in Yonkers and as the weather expands and contracts based on the temperature many holes are caused in the pavement.

I’m a little surprised by consumer satisfaction. If you narrowed it to the schools, even though they have made great strides over the last 10 years there is still the thought that if you live in Yonkers you have to send your child to parochial or private school. With the large choice of schools in Yonkers if a child wants a good education he or she can get a good one with a little bit of work and persistence. It’s like anything else. A good teacher supported by parents and the child will learn.

Good, clean cities have a base of people who care about their city and all the elements in the study. Dirty cities are not a public works problem but a problem if those who live in them don’t work to keep them clean!

### Parking Costs at Area Hospitals

I had to bring a friend for a test to St. John’s Hospital this week. In the past parking was \$5 and if you were having a procedure done you got your parking comped. The new rate is \$7 for 3 hours and if you are having a procedure \$5 of that is comped.

These procedures people have done at hospitals cost thousands of dollars. In most cases insurance is paying. I had a procedure several weeks ago at a fancy schmancy New York hospital. The test was \$25,000 according to my insurance and there was no discount for parking. Between copays and deductibles and the other fee associated with the test, the hospitals are doing very well financially. Though the St. John’s fee is not crazy high, would it really hurt the hospital if they gave me free parking instead of charging me \$2.

And they would have one happy camper if they didn’t charge a fee. What’s more important, free parking or annoying the patient for \$2? Medical institutions trying to draw customer are going to have to ponder this issue with the competition among hospitals for patients becoming more fierce every day!

### Take Off That Mask

So it’s no longer mandatory to wear a mask in a doctor’s office or hospital or medical facility? If I were you would I wear a mask in a crowded waiting room, doctor’s office, the Emergency Room or a crowded department store like I witnessed at the new Burlington the other day. On an airplane or theater surrounded by people I don’t know. For the time being it is probably a good habit to keep.

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# James O'Keefe's Strange Suspension from Project Veritas



By Dan Murphy

Project Veritas founder James O'Keefe, left, is not one of the most popular journalists in Westchester County, yet the company's office is located here in Mamaroneck.

Veritas' latest "gothca" video was with a Pfizer executive talking about things he shouldn't be talking about, like how the company is trying to stay ahead of the next pandemic by experimenting with mutations of COVID.

Whether you agree or not with Veritas' tactics, you should be able to separate that opinion from the facts that emanate from the hidden video conversations the group has been able to collect and post to the public.

The Veritas-Pfizer video got 41 Million views, but was not covered by many media outlets. That warranted to me a discussion with O'Keefe, if he would agree to a brief phone interview. Instead, I was invited to meet with O'Keefe in his Mamaroneck office last Tuesday.

The day before our meeting, a Veritas employee called and cancelled the meeting. The next day O'Keefe was suspended from the company he founded.

The reason why he was "forced to take a few weeks off?" Cruel behavior towards employees, who accused him of being "publicly humiliated" by him.

In a memo to the Veritas Board of Directors, a majority of employees signed a letter James has become a "power drunk tyrant," and detailed a number of strange events, none of which warrant the removal of the name and face of the non-profit.

Steve Jobs and his demanding oversight over Apple employees comes to mind.

So why is this happening? Several posts on social media claim that it is a hostile takeover by the Board of Directors. "Apparently, what happened is that two executives in the company – Tom O'Hara and Barry Hinckley – were fired by James a week ago for insubordination. We don't know what the insubordination was... but they did come back in less than a week to rally the board through a six-hour struggle session and then place James O'Keefe on leave. After James was forced out of the company, the two executives got the board to reinstate their jobs," writes Karlyn Borysenko on Substack, <https://karlyn.substack.com/p/what-we-can-learn-from-james-okeefe>.

Borysenko also wonders if O'Keefe's forced exit has anything to do with the Pfizer videos, and correctly points out that there is no video evidence of O'Keefe berating employees. One episode mentioned in the employee letter was that O'Keefe grabbed a sandwich from a pregnant employee. –Really?

O'Keefe will likely land on his feet somewhere. But who will lead Veritas for the Board of Directors?

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nationwide threat of this case, and the potential impact it could have on the ability of people across the country to access abortion care. Attorney General James continues to show her strong commitment to combating politically motivated attacks designed to ban abortion, birth control, and other sexual and reproductive health care." said Georgana Hanson, Interim President and CEO, Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts.

Last month, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblymember Karines Reyes, RN, announced that their new legislation (S.1066A/Assembly number forthcoming) to provide explicit protections for doctors and medical providers, and facilitators serving patients seeking abortion and reproductive health services via telehealth has passed the Senate Committee on Health.

This legislation builds upon the package of laws the Legislature passed which protect abortion and reproductive services in New York State, signed in June 2022, by explicitly addressing health services provided by licensed New York providers and physicians via telehealth. In doing so, this legislation provides the strongest protections possible by ensuring that New York will not participate in out-of-state interference, paving the way for greater access to reproductive health for patients regardless of the state in which they live.

This bill specifically acknowledges that medication abortion overseen by a provider licensed in New York via telehealth will be protected under NY law, regardless of the patient's home state.

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "Millions of women across the country have been devastated by the decision to overturn Roe v Wade. Clinics have closed, legal access to abortion has been severely restricted, and people seeking abortion have had to make difficult decisions to access care. This legislation honors our commitment to work with our colleagues to protect the right to abortion for New Yorkers and all those from other states who seek licensed medical providers here. I am proud to sponsor this bill, which will strengthen New York's role as a nation-wide leader in reproductive rights, creating new avenues for those who live in states with severe abortion restrictions. Thank you to Assemblymember Reyes for carrying this bill in the Assembly, and to the providers, advocates and legal experts who were instrumental in crafting this legislation."

"The passage of NYS Senator Mayer's bill S1066 is key to achieving full, unimpeded access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare for all women. This bill will provide critical protection for abortion providers providing healthcare services legal in NYS. Since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, millions of women of reproductive age have been left without access to abortion care, the most significant barriers being experienced by low income, Black, Hispanic, American Indian, and uninsured women," said Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, President, WCLA – Choice Matters. "Protecting telemedicine will make medication abortion available to many more of these women."

New York codified the protections of Roe v. Wade in New York in 2019, by passing the Reproductive Health Act, a bill long championed by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, whose leadership has been instrumental in protecting abortion access in New York State. Under that law, healthcare practitioners in New York may provide abortion within 24 weeks and after that point if the patient's health or life is at risk, or if the fetus is non-viable.

Assemblymember Amy Paulin has introduced legislation to expand abortion access by allowing pharmacists to dispense abortion medication with the use of non-patient specific prescriptions.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently made a welcome regulatory change allowing the abortion pills mifepristone and misoprostol to be offered in retail pharmacies. Mifepristone and misoprostol are drugs which can be safely self-administered by a patient at home over a 2-day period in order to medically induce an abortion. Mifepristone and misoprostol can be taken up to 12 weeks into a pregnancy, greatly expanding the abortion window for women.

"As states around the nation are tragically banning and limiting access to abortions, New York needs to continue to expand abortion options and ease of access," said New York State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.

While current State law allows abortion medication to be prescribed by a licensed physician, certified nurse practitioner or properly licensed midwife, Paulin's legislation would expand access and reduce costs for women by allowing these healthcare professionals to prescribe a non-patient specific regimen of abortion medication to be dispensed by a local pharmacist, eliminating the need for an additional trip to the doctor's office. "Allowing pharmacists to dispense this medication will lower costs and help address access disparities for many New Yorkers, especially marginalized populations, who are more likely to live closer to a pharmacy than a physician's office," said Paulin.

The FDA has found that medication abortion is safe and effective, with a 0.4 percent risk of major complications and an associated mortality rate of less than 0.001 percent. The medication comes with no risk of overdose or addiction.

"By expanding an individual's access to this medication, and amending insurance law to cover its cost," said Paulin, "we are helping women receive the care they need when they need it most."

# Mt Vernon School District Says City of Mt. Vernon owes them \$25M in Uncollected Taxes

In a Statement to the Mount Vernon community, the Mount Vernon School District wrote, " At a community summit on January 31, district administrators and outside professionals clearly identified the illegal, possibly criminal actions of the City of Mount Vernon in refusing to transfer millions of dollars in school taxes to the district.

"Currently, the City of Mount Vernon owes the Mount Vernon City School District \$11.78 million, now nine months late. While the city agrees that it owes the schools the money, it says it does not have ability to pay. Finance professionals have also discovered that at least another \$13 million is owed over the next 17 months, with the first payment due June 2023.

"As a result, the Board of Education has sent letters to the NYS Attorney General, NYS Comptroller, Westchester County District Attorney and County Executive, and several elected officials to plead for an investigation into the city's malfeasance and possible criminality.

"Without this money, our schools cannot continue to operate as they currently do. In recent days, the NYS Comptroller has identified our district as being under extreme fiscal stress, which is solely due to using up all of our savings to plug the hole created by the city not transferring the \$11.78 million in school taxes to us. As a result, we are at a near-term risk of closing schools, cutting programs, and reducing staff. Our crumbling buildings will continue to deteriorate, as there is no money for even basic repairs.

"As a victim of the city's financial dysfunction, the district has made a direct appeal to legislators for financial assistance and will continue to lobby for this in the coming months.

"But the appeal alone will not be enough. The Board of Education asks the Mount Vernon community to join them in this effort, and that is why Rescue Mount Vernon Schools is being launched.

"Resources will be provided on the district's website to contact your legislators to urge their support for preventing the city's irresponsible actions from devastating our schools. Your letters, emails, and phone calls can make a difference. Additionally, the Board of Education will sponsor direct calls to action in the form of parent and staff rallies, media attention, and all other respectful forms of advocacy to draw attention to the injustice that has been perpetrated on our schools."

In response, Mt. Vernon City Hall wrote, "the elected leadership of the City of Mount Vernon has written to the New York State Comptroller and Attorney General to provide documentation and context with regard to a series of inaccurate statements contained in a letter made public by the school district.

"While it is disheartening to see such a letter be sent, politicized, and dramatized to the media, we would like to take some time to set the record straight on what has been alleged and what steps we as a City are taking to move forward," reads the official letter to the State from Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Comptroller Darren Morton, and City Council President Danielle Browne.

The City's letter, with copies to the entire state legislative delegation and county leadership, was sent today to New York State Attorney General Leticia James and Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. It documents the fundamental errors in the school district's widely publicized - but wildly inaccurate and politicized allegations.

The City's letter to the State concluded: "We have engaged with the school district privately on how to proceed with these unpaid monies, so it was shocking to see a strongly worded letter sent to your offices and promoted to news outlets while discussions were ongoing. Nonetheless, we stand ready to work with your offices and the school district to rectify this issue as quickly as possible for the betterment of all Mount Vernon residents

## Westchester County Police Make Arrest in Mt. Kisco Hit and Run Case

Westchester County Police have charged an unlicensed driver in connection with a hit-and-run incident in Mount Kisco that left a pedestrian seriously injured last week.

Israel Cazanga, 63, of Moore Avenue was taken into custody yesterday following an investigation by detectives assigned to the Mount Kisco Precinct.

Cazanga was charged with Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, a misdemeanor, and Driving Without a License, a violation. He was issued an appearance ticket requiring him to appear in Mount Kisco Justice Court on Feb. 26.

A 53-year-old man suffered serious injuries on Jan. 30 at 5:49 p.m. when he was struck by a Toyota Rav-4 at the intersection of Boltis Street and Main Street. He was taken by ambulance to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, where he was admitted for his injuries.

## New Jersey Man Jumps to His Death on Bear Mountain Bridge

On February 12, 2023, the New York State Police in Cortlandt responded to the Bear Mountain Bridge for a report of a disabled vehicle.

Investigation determined Ronald E. Welte Jr., age 62, of Midland Park, NJ, left his vehicle and jumped from the bridge.

This investigation remains ongoing but there are no signs of foul play detected at this time.



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## Upcoming Events at the Hudson River Audubon Society

### The Dry Tortugas and the Florida Keys

Michael Bochnik, past president and field trip leader for Hudson River Audubon Society, will discuss birds of the Dry Tortugas, 7 coral islands 80 miles west of Key West, Florida, that host thousands of nesting tropical seabirds and provide a stopover for neotropical migrants. He will also cover the drive out to Key West from the mainland, stopping at a few of the well known birding hotspots. Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley Rd., Yonkers. Also on zoom: email info@hras.org for invitation.

### Feeder Watch:

FeederWatch, sponsored by the Hudson River Audubon Society. Help count birds for a Citizen Science project managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. No experience necessary. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley Rd., Yonkers.

### Dates:

Saturday, February 25, 10:00-a.m.-12:00 noon  
 Sunday, February 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 11, 10:00-a.m.-12:00 noon  
 Sunday, March 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 25, 10:00-a.m.-12:00 noon  
 Sunday, March 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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even more surprised when my client reported that the Town had identified six or seven different alleged violations of the state building and/or property maintenance code.

"It was my understanding that apart from the periodic inspections of work-in-progress, no other inspections would be done unless and until the landowner/contractor was ready to certify the job as complete and move on to the next phase of construction or if all complete, file for a certificate of occupancy. The Valley Fields project is just not ready for that, so no request was ever made for either a final inspection or a certificate of occupancy....when the job is done, these issues would obviously be resolved. Then at that point, and not before, we would request a final inspection and issuance of a certificate of occupancy. But we had not, and these alleged "violations" are just premature at this point. Besides, how can they be violations if the building is not in operation. As far as we know there was no called in a complaint for the building inspector to investigate. Usually you call for an inspection, the inspector comes out and observes the work to be inspected, he either approves it or disapproves it and always tells you what needs to be done to get an approval, this again was never requested and did not happen.

"As to the other alleged violations, the mechanical contractor informed me that the Town would not cooperate in his effort to gain a better understanding of the vague stop work order, making it impossible for him to identify the problem, much less cure it.

"It is also our professional recommendation to have the building inspected by an independent professional engineer, to be agreed upon by RC Recreation and the Town of Yorktown," writes Costabile in his affidavit.

Joseph Rinaldi is the owner of Rinaldi Electric, who was contracted to perform the work at the clubhouse. In his affidavit, Rinaldi states, "Rinaldi Electric worked in the main building correcting and finishing the electrical work in 1 bathroom, 1 office, 1 common area, 1 utility room. We also corrected and finished work at the lower level of the main building, including the panel room, kitchen, bar area, dining room and 1 bathroom.

"Rinaldi Electric corrected all of the violations and completed the work so that it could be inspected by State Wide Inspection Service. On March 1, 2022, Frank Farina from State Wide Inspection Service conducted an inspection and passed all the electrical work completed by Rinaldi Electric and issued a certificate of completion.

"The certificate states as follows: "A visual inspection of the electrical system was conducted at the Commercial occupancy described below. The electrical system consisting of electrical devices and wiring is located in on the premises at: 795 Route 6, Shrub Oak, NY 10598. The First Floor and Second Floor were inspected in accordance with the NYS and NFPA 70-2017 and the detail of the installation, as set forth below, was found to be in compliance on the 1st day of March 2022.

Rinaldi later finds out that "In Nov. 2022, I saw legal documents that stated that the Town of Yorktown and State Wide Inspection Service decided to rescind the electrical certificate, as well as plumbing certificates as well as other trades.... It is my belief that the certificate for the internal electrical work...should not have been rescinded."

Why the change in the approvals? According to Nussbaum in his affidavit. "There was just one problem: Town Supervisor Matthew Slater. At some point between May 22, 2022, and June 5, 2022, Slater had a change of heart, and directed his Board not to authorize the Second Amendment his staff had negotiated and drafted. And when RC Recreation would not agree to Slater's new and additional terms, which included unacceptable construction deadlines and a release of the Town from any liability for its past actions, Slater retaliated.

"On July 5, 2022, Slater directed the Town building department to issue a stop work order to RC Recreation based on a series of trumped-up alleged code violations, described more fully below. Until RC Recreation objected to Slater's attempt to revise the Second Amendment after RC had signed it, there had never been a code compliance issue at the golf course in the prior five years of construction.

"At the same meeting, which was before the alleged violations and stop work order had been served, much less responded to, Slater called for the Town to issue a request for proposals seeking RC Recreation's permanent replacement.

"After it issued the RFP seeking RC Recreation's replacement, the Town declared those alleged code violations to be in "material breach" of the Concession Agreement and, after a short, purported cure period, where the Town did everything in its power to prevent timely cure, the Town terminated the Concession Agreement and evicted RC on December 1, 2022."

## Kidnapping in Mount Vernon Ends with Victim Freed, Suspect Arrested



Lahquan Palmer

### 8 Hour Standoff Ends with MVPD Crisis Team Ends with Suspect Arrested

Mount Vernon police acted quickly to control a potentially dangerous situation and then worked to methodically defuse the fraught circumstances.

Shortly before 3 a.m. on Friday morning, Mount Vernon police received a report about a female victim who was being held against her will at a home on East 4th St. The victim's family alerted police after receiving several concerning text messages.

Uniformed police officers and the Mount Vernon Police Emergency Services Unit, established a perimeter around the address where the woman reported she was being held. Members of the MVPD trained in hostage and crisis negotiation arrived on the scene and after several hours of negotiations, the victim was released from the apartment. However, the suspect remained locked inside of the apartment.

A little after 1 p.m., negotiators were able to convince the suspect to surrender to the police, officials said.

Lahquan Palmer, 28, of Mount Vernon, was arrested. He is charged with kidnapping in the 2nd degree and criminal use of a firearm 1st degree, both class B felonies. Palmer has a criminal history that includes arrests for weapons possession, reckless endangerment and robbery, according to police.

A search of the Mount Vernon Police Departments most wanted found a Lahquan Palmer, 28, with a warrant for his arrest, dated 4/20/22 for Robbery.

### NYS Police Conduct Underage Drinking Initiative in Cortland Manor-Peekskill Area, Four Arrests Made

On February 4, 2023, the New York State Police in Troop K conducted an Underage Drinking Initiative in the greater Cortlandt area.

During this Underage Drinking Initiative, seventeen retail establishments were checked for compliance utilizing a Trooper in plainclothes and an underage operative utilizing a valid NY Driver's License. Thirteen establishments were in compliance and refused to sell any alcoholic beverages to the underage operative. Four establishments illegally sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor resulting in four arrests.

Alexandra Chabla, age 30, of Peekskill, NY, employed at Lou's Corner Store in Cortlandt Manor was issued an appearance ticket for Prohibited Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage, a class A misdemeanor, returnable to the town of Cortlandt Court on February 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Avery Douglas, age 19, of Beacon, NY, employed at Appalachian Market in Garrison was issued an appearance ticket for Prohibited Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage, a class A misdemeanor, returnable to the town of Philipstown Court on March 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Kelly Soliz, age 19, of Peekskill, employed at ShopRite in Cortlandt was issued an appearance ticket for Prohibited Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage, a class A misdemeanor, returnable to the town of Cortlandt Court on February 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Diana Garcie, age 25, of Peekskill, employed at the Mobil station in Cortlandt Manor was issued an appearance ticket for Prohibited Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage, a class A misdemeanor, returnable to the town of Cortlandt Court on February 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

The NYS Police routinely conducts underage drinking enforcement operations in an effort to curb alcohol abuse and DWI incidents involving teenagers.

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and as recently as January 2023. Some of the criminal charges include victims less than 13 years old, and in August of 2022, the defendant "promoted" a video file (downloaded the file to Dropbox) that included sexual conduct with a person under the age of 17.

The most recent offense Ricketts is charged with was on Jan. 18, 2023, when he had in his possession "an obscene performance which includes sexual conduct by a child less than sixteen years of age." Ricketts is being held at the Westchester County Jail, pending a bond for his release, which is set at \$250,000 cash, \$500,000 bond and \$1 million partially-secured bond.

Kudos to Robert Cox, Publisher of Talk of the Sound, for his work in the courts to uncover cases of serious sexual abuse that the public should be made aware of.

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You should be aware that if the medical facility has a mask policy you must follow it, like it or not. As of my visit to St. John's Hospital they were still requiring masks on Monday. Bottom line: don't fight the Security Guard who demands you mask up.

Briefs: Very Happy 96th Birthday to my second father and dear family friend, Adelmo (Chubby) Costantini. And here's to 96 more years surrounded by a beautiful family and friends.

Can someone help me get off these lists offering a Hilton Hotel Room or Carnival Cruise if I qualify? I've tried all the government sponsored programs and am furious getting these cold calls sometimes 2 in 1 hour!

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Notice of Formation of AADNYS TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Lewiston Ct, Briarcliff Manor NY, 10510. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Liquor License**

Notice is hereby given that a license, number Pending, for beer, cider, liquor and wine has been applied for by 721 North Salem LLC d/b/a La Bastide and Cenadou to sell beer, cider, liquor and wine at retail in the restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 721 Titicus Road, North Salem, New York 10560 for on premise consumption.

721 North Salem LLC d/b/a La Bastide and Cenadou

**Westchester's First Chick-Fil-A Ok'd for Yonkers**

**By Dan Murphy**

For those of us from Westchester who enjoy a Chick-fil-A sandwich, have to go to Danbury, or Manhattan, to buy one, because Chick-fil-A has not opened a store in Westchester County.

That will soon change after the Yonkers Planning Board approved Chick-Fil-A's application to open on Central Park Avenue, at the location of a former Wells Fargo Bank, now vacant.

The Planning Board reconvened on Feb. 8 and heard opposition from residents who live near or next to the location where the restaurant will be built, at the corner of CPA and Roxbury Drive. But the Planning Board reaffirmed the earlier decision to approve the plan.

Mayor Mike Spano said after the vote, "In 2019, Chick-fil-A chose Central Avenue, our great City's platinum mile, to build a restaurant. There were concerns about traffic, and the public was heard, changes were made and Chick-fil-A committed \$1 million to traffic mitigation. After 18 meetings, there were some who chose to criticize but were completely absent throughout the process. We know a Chick-fil-A will make Central Avenue more economically viable. This is a big victory for Yonkers and we look forward to being the new home of Westchester County's first Chick-fil-A."

Other Yonkers residents we spoke to while delivering the paper last week, told us: "This is a feather in the cap for Yonkers, to be the first Chick-fil-A in Westchester."

"If this place is as popular as people say, maybe people from outside of Yonkers will come to Chick-fil-A and then do some shopping on Central Avenue or one of our malls."

"If we can't put this restaurant on Central Park Avenue, then where should it go?" Note: Some of the neighboring residents who protested said that there were other, more suitable locations on CPA.

"The homeowners who live there knew that they were buying a home next to Central Park Avenue. This should be no surprise to them."

Right now there is a vacant bank building that has been empty for a few years. It looks bad to have so many vacancies on this retail roadway."

Here's the truth about Chick-Fil-A's, from someone who uses their drive-thru. They are busy, and popular, as I'm sure the store in Yonkers will be. But the management of Chick-Fil-A is very good at moving people in and out. They put additional staff on the drive thru line to get their order placed and move things. It along. The owners of Chick-Fil-A would not have invested in this store, or signed a 20-year lease, without understanding the entrance and exits involved.

Mayor Spano represents the entire city, and this restaurant is clearly in the best interests of the entire city. We understand that Councilman Anthony Merante was representing his constituents when he stood opposed to its location with homeowners who live nearby.

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The Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board (WPWDB) kicked-off its "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) Program on Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Mt. Vernon Career Center.

The VITA program, which runs February 1 to April 18, helps low- and moderate-income individuals and families eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) file their taxes for free, including people with disabilities, senior citizens, and those for whom English is a second language. To make sure the program delivers maximum benefits, VITA relies on dedicated volunteers to act as greeters, and assist with translation and call-center operations. Tax preparation is done by IRS-certified volunteers with FREE electronic filing.

The program is delivered through a collaboration of partners who work diligently to coordinate the day-to-day appointments and operations—United Way 2-1-1, Volunteer NY, WestCOP, AARP, the IRS, Westchester County Government, Westchester Community College, Westchester Education Opportunity Center, Mercy College Westchester and Bronx Campus, Ossining High School, and the Westchester-Putnam Career Center Network.

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**Town of Greenburgh Honors Maria Regina High School on 65th Anniversary**



Left to right are Town of Greenburgh Council members Ken Jones, Ellen Hendrickx and Gina Jackson; Maria Regina High School Principal Maria Carozza-Mc-Caffrey (Class of '99) and President Anna Parra; Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner and Greenburgh Council member Francis Sheehan.  
 The Town of Greenburgh honored Maria Regina High School at its February 8 Board meeting to mark the renowned all-girls Catholic high school's 65th anniversary. The ceremony began with a brief video of comments by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, who visited the school last December to celebrate the school's milestone anniversary. Town Supervisor Paul Feiner then presented a Town Proclamation to Anna Parra, President and Maria Carozza-Mc-Caffrey (Class of '99), Principal. Also on hand to celebrate the school were Council members Ellen Hendrickx, Gina Jackson, Ken Jones and Francis Sheehan. To learn more, visit [www.mariaregina.org](http://www.mariaregina.org).

*Futia vs IRS, continued from pg 1-*

rity administration in New York state supreme court -case number 50064-2023.

"A notice of lien is not a lien. The county clerk's office should have rejected the lien because it was improperly filed and requires a court order from a judge," said Futia. We contacted Westchester County Clerk Tim Itoni, who said, "We have a policy of not providing responses to questions regarding pending litigation."

Futia, and We The People want their day in court to argue that the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution, ratified in 1913, does not require every American to pay a federal income tax. The amendment establishes "Congress's right to impose a Federal Income Tax." Prior to 1913, there was no Federal Income Tax in the US.

"The TRUE holding by the Supreme Court in Brushaber, is that the 16th amendment- Did not amend the constitution; Did not authorize a direct, unapportioned income tax; Did not grant Congress any additional Taxing authority.— none and, it's soul effect is to prohibit the Supreme Court from considering the source of income and determining whether an income tax is direct or indirect," said Futia, who explains that when most of us file our federal taxes, we do so voluntarily and the IRS reviews what you have agreed to pay and audits you if their figure don't agree with your figures. Most of the challenges from the IRS come in the form of underpayment from those who filed a return.

Futia added that there are tens of thousands of Americans who, for one reason or another, don't file their income taxes, and the IRS isn't sure how to proceed. Futia wanted to force the issue and debate the legal merits in court, which is what he now has in the matter of Anthony Futia Jr. vs The United States, Case# 22-cv-6965.

Futia explained the reason for his legal case and refusal to pay his income taxes in a new commentary to our publications. "The Constitution requires an income tax on labor to be apportioned. One of the main and least understood problems with the personal income tax is that the IRS has authority only over a certain distinct class of people, those involved in alcohol, tobacco, firearms manufacturing, government employees, law enforcement, law enforcement officers and the private people who have a contract with any federal or state government to do business/commerce with those legal entities.

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World war II was a golden opportunity for our government to commit fraud on the American people. Americans were willing to sacrifice almost anything if they thought that financial support would win the war. In that atmosphere, Congress passed the Victory Tax Act. It mandated an income tax for the years, 1943 and 1944 to be filed and paid in the years 1944 and 1945. The Victory Tax Act automatically expired at the end of 1944. The federal government, with the clever use of language, created the myth that the tax was applicable to all Americans after the Victory Tax had expired. Because of their ignorance of the law and their patriotism, American citizens of the states continue to pay a federal income tax, even though they were not required to pay under our Constitution.

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The statement, "that because the income tax was an excise tax, it was legal," is not true. The power of the federal government is LIMITED TO IT'S OWN POSSESSIONS as stated in the Constitution; such as: employees of the federal government, residents of the District of Columbia, military bases, virgin islands, Puerto Rico, territories, and insular possessions. The above are lawfully required to file and pay - others can pay but it is voluntarily.

Citizens of the fifty states, unless they work for the United States government, are not required to pay a federal personal income tax.

"The question of the legality of the personal income tax is now in the Federal and State courts. If we still have a valid NYS and Federal constitution, I am confident I will win these cases at trial in both federal and state court," writes Futia, who will be educating our readers more on this issue in the weeks to come.



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