

## Were Peekskill Cops Now Suspended Without Pay Justified in Use of Force on Damar Fields?



Officer Daniel Regg

By Dan Murphy

Let me first say that watching the Peekskill Police bodycam of the arrest and use of force on Damar Fields at the Riverfront Green park on Dec. 3 was difficult to watch. Many were outraged by what happened and wondered how his arrest could have been handled more peacefully.

But after reading the decision by Westchester DA Susan Cacace and the Peekskill Police Department's use-of-force policy, some have a different view.

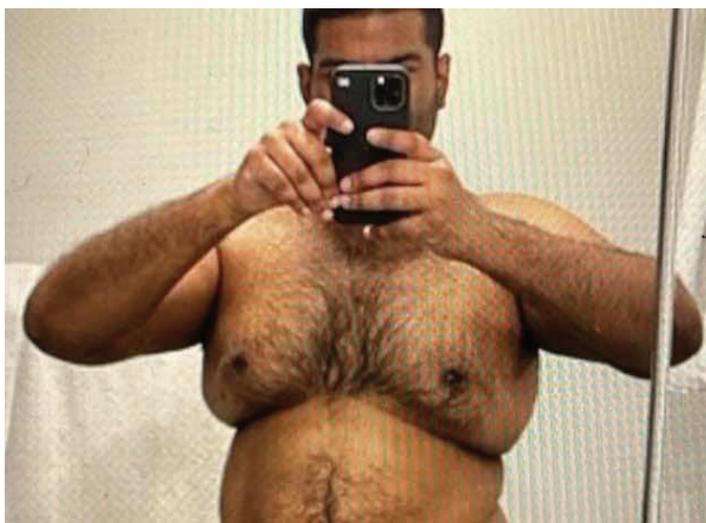
This story comes days after the Peekskill Police Department suspended Officers Daniel Regg and Angelo Cintron for their actions on the day of Fields' arrest.

Peekskill Police Chief Adam Ren

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## How Did Anand Singh Keep His Job for 3 Months After Sex Chat with a 14-year old Became Public?

Reader Emails Still Want Answers



Anand Singh, taking a nude selfie for someone he thought to be a 14-year old girl, photo from OBL Global

By Dan Murphy

On Feb. 5, Anand Singh, a former aide at the Westchester County Board of Legislators, pled guilty to sex crimes in White Plains Federal Court. Singh, 35, from Tarrytown, pled guilty before Judge Vincent Bricetti to traveling with intent to engage in illicit sexual contact and possession of child pornography. He now faces a mandatory minimum 10-year prison term when he is sentenced in May.

The charges against Singh date back to an incident in December 2022. He was

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## The Olympics Made Me Forget About Politics I Wish More Felt the Same Way



Westchester native and Team USA Goalie Aerin Frankel

By Dan Murphy

This year's Winter Olympics in Milan brought me back to the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY, where the Men's US Hockey team won the Gold Medal, upsetting the Russians

I watched as both the Men's and Women's Teams won Gold this year, and felt a sense of patriotism and, for the first time in a while,

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## Rape Arrest at Yorktown Nursing Home Has Families Outraged



On Feb. 25, the Yorktown Police Department reported the arrest of 48-year-old Javier Barragan of Shrub Oak, who is charged with Rape 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony, and Endangering Welfare of an Incompetent Person 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

On February 21, 2026, at ap-

proximately 7:08 AM, the Yorktown Police Department responded to The Yorktown Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, located at 2300 Catherine St, Yorktown, for the report of an alleged sexual assault. Upon arrival, a comprehensive investigation was conducted. It was determined that the defendant, who was an employee at the facility, allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim, who is a resident of the facility. It was determined that the victim is incapacitated and lacks the ability to consent. The defendant surrendered himself at Yorktown Police headquarters and was placed under arrest.

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## I Voted for Trump Three Times: Now I Have Doubts



Frank Spotorno

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By Dan Murphy

One of the stories we have been covering is the response from some Trump voters in Westchester who may have had enough of ICE policy and Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill.

Frank Spotorno was at Trump Tower in 2015 for Donald's Presidential announcement. Frank ran for Congress in 2016 in NY-14 as a republican and on the same ticket with Trump. He has been one of President Trump's biggest supporters over the past 10 years.

But recently, Spotorno, who has an active Facebook page and a large following, has expressed his objections to some of Trump's policies, namely tariffs, Medicaid changes, and lack of affordability.

On the State of the Union: "Folks, tonight's State of the Union address is going to be a real doozy. Our fearless leader will spin us a tale of grandeur, trying to convince us we're liv-

## Head & Tail of Dragoncoaster to be Repaired



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## Surgery for the Dragoncoaster at Playland

Lovers of Rye Playland threw a fit last week when it was discovered that one of the parks most famous rides, the Dragoncoaster, has fallen into such disrepair that it had to be taken apart, but will be repaired.

After the outcry, Westchester County put out the following statement:

“We all love Playland. Last summer, we made a promise that this summer we would meet again at the Dragon Coaster. Part of keeping that promise means making sure this historic ride is ready to welcome everyone back safely and proudly.

“To prepare for the upcoming season, the head, tail and scales of the Dragon, which have only been on the coaster for about 20 years and are severely deteriorated due to lack of maintenance under the last operators of the Park, are being removed and replaced with something new, beautiful and worthy of this beloved landmark. While many of us feel attached to these features, it’s important to remember these are not the original elements, they are mostly composite, fiberglass and hard foam. The true original dragon was removed generations ago.

“We also want to be very clear: the pieces being removed are warped, falling apart and potentially dangerous. They are not historic artifacts, and for everyone’s safety, we ask that no one attempt to take or salvage parts from the site.

“We all grew up at Playland and want to see it thrive for generations to come. These updates are about preserving the spirit of the Dragon Coaster while ensuring it remains safe, strong and ready for the future. Let’s do this together so this summer you can walk through the gates, gather at the Dragon Coaster once again and hear that dragon roar.”

Photos were taken of pieces of the Dragoncoaster in a dumpster at Playland. Some wanted to purchase the pieces. But those pieces are being repaired to be restores in time for the May opening of Playland.

The taxpayers of Westchester have tens of millions of dollars invested in Playland. The debacle with Standard Amusements cost all of us a pretty penny, and there are some who say we have already spent too much.

We still support the park remaining open and operated by Westchester County, because of the summer jobs it provides for so many young adults and for the ability of Westchester County to keep prices affordable.

I rode the Dragoncoaster dozens of times, and enjoyed every ride. Let the county do its job and try its best to restore the Dragoncoaster. If another rollercoaster has to be created, so be it.

## Letter to the Editor: Eat Crow, Mr. Lawler

Congressman Mike Lawler’s sponsorship of the SAVE Act embraces a discriminatory “solution” to a problem that doesn’t exist.

It threatens to silence millions of eligible American voters.

The bill would force every voter, even those registered for decades, to show a passport or certified birth certificate to vote in federal elections. Yet voters already swear under penalty of perjury that they are citizens. Some 21 million voting American citizens (11% of the voting eligible population) won’t have all these documents, including people like me.

When I was adopted, my legal name changed, but my birth certificate didn’t. Married women who changed their last name, people that lost documents through natural disasters, seniors, people of color, and low-income citizens will similarly be disenfranchised because they don’t have these documents.

Nearly 60 bipartisan election officials and civil rights groups agree that these new hurdles amount to cruel voter suppression that is disguised as “election integrity.” In other words, these are more lies about fictitious fraud that lead to more constraints on the rights of honest Americans from voting to healthcare.

Thirty-six states already require some form of ID, but the SAVE Act goes far beyond any of them, according to VoteRiders. It would even punish election workers with prison time for registering voters who lack paperwork.

Worse still, the Lawler SAVE Act forces states to share voter registration lists with the Department of Homeland Security. That is another Orwellian move which consolidates personal data under federal control. It would also cripple mail and community registration drives, making participation harder for seniors, people with disabilities, service members stationed around the world, and rural residents.

All of this stems from Donald Trump’s repeatedly debunked claim that non-citizens are stealing our elections. His own “election integrity” commission found no significant fraud. Yet Rep. Lawler keeps parroting this lie to appease Trump, rather than protecting all of his constituents.

Lawler: We don’t want any of your Crow!

Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown

## Slater and Assembly Republicans Introduce Energy Relief Plan



Assembly Republican Leader Ed Ra (R-Franklin Square) and members of the Assembly Republican Conference unveiled the “Lights On With Energy Relief (LOWER) Plan” in response to growing concerns statewide about out-of-control energy costs and grid reliability. The legislative package is designed to deliver actionable solutions to immediately provide significant financial relief to overwhelmed New York ratepayers and identify long-term countermeasures to combat Democrats’ radical climate mandates.

“From blackouts to bloated heating bills, a harsh reality has set in New York’s energy consumers. While Democrats have signaled little concern or willingness to address skyrocketing costs, Assembly Republicans refuse to sit idle while people are forced to decide between heating their homes or feeding their families,” said Leader Ra. “Our LOWER Plan looks to tackle the current crisis head on, by getting immediate relief into the hands of New Yorkers and facilitating improved power generation to meet growing demand.”

The LOWER Plan is a comprehensive approach that promises to deliver where the governor and legislative majorities have failed. The first part of the Assembly Republican proposal includes quick relief initiatives aimed at reducing costs and putting money back into hardworking New Yorkers’ pockets.

“Affordable, reliable energy isn’t a want for New York’s families-it’s a need,” said Joe Peluso, Vice President and Assistant Business Manager for IBEW Local 97, on Behalf of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy. “The Assembly GOP energy package recognizes the reality that we can only lower power bills through more natural gas supply and generation, paired with an all of the above approach to other energy sources. This plan prioritizes immediate cost relief, reform of our regulatory system, and getting to the truth about past mandates such as CLCPA. It’s exactly what New Yorkers need.”

“New York is having an energy heart attack that we cannot ignore. The LOWER plan provides targeted rebate checks, returns unspent funds back to ratepayers and restores balance to our energy policy by investing in nuclear, natural gas, renewables and advanced technologies. This is about immediate affordability, reliability and common sense for a sustainable future,” said Assemblyman Matt Slater (R,C-Yorktown).

This month, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins reaffirmed that Senate Democrats are not considering any rollbacks or delays to the state’s ambitious climate mandates. Her comments came during a period of intense legislative debate in Albany, specifically in response to the “LOWER Plan” introduced by Assembly Republicans. Firm Commitment to Mandates

Despite pressure from opposition lawmakers who cited a 47% increase in residential electricity prices since 2019, Stewart-Cousins stated that changing the targets set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is “not a conversation that we’ve had.” She emphasized that the Senate Majority remains committed to the law’s primary goals:

A 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

At least an 85% reduction by 2050.

Balancing Affordability and Environment

While Stewart-Cousins acknowledged the growing concerns regarding utility costs, she argued that the solution lies in deliberate legislative action rather than abandoning environmental goals. She highlighted recent Senate efforts to protect consumers, such as legislation requiring utilities to notify customers of proposed rate hikes and expanding the Public Service Commission to better consider the economic impact on New Yorkers. Stewart-Cousins framed the Senate’s position as a dual mission to “alleviate the pain and save the planet,” rejecting the idea that climate action and affordability are mutually exclusive.

In the view of many Westchester residents, we need an all of the above approach. Why not try the Republican plan, or parts of it?

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## Are the Feds Looking Into Medicaid Fraud in NY?

Dr. Mehmet Oz, as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), has sharply criticized New York State's Medicaid program for being riddled with fraud and waste. In a February 2026 appearance on 77 WABC's "Cats Roundtable," Oz described the state's \$124 billion taxpayer-funded Medicaid system as a "monster" plagued by illegitimate services that drain resources. He stated: "In the beautiful city of New York and surrounding New York state, we know that there are a lot of people who are providing services that we don't think are legitimate, that are costing the taxpayers a lot of money."

Oz emphasized that this dishonesty, particularly in Medicaid, "costs a lot of money that has stripped the guts out of the affordability of these systems." He highlighted how fraud harms both taxpayers and vulnerable beneficiaries who rely on the program for essential care. Oz noted federal investigators are actively digging into these issues, part of the broader Trump administration "war on fraud" in healthcare programs.

In related remarks (e.g., alongside VP JD Vance), he pointed to rapid growth in areas like personal care services in New York as suspiciously prominent—outpacing typical retail jobs—and signaled upcoming audits or actions in high-risk states including New York. Oz stressed proactive measures to protect funds, preserve program integrity, and ensure resources reach those truly in need, rather than scammers. He has framed such fraud as a nationwide threat (estimated in hundreds of billions annually across programs), but singled out New York's scale and vulnerabilities for scrutiny.

Joseph Hernandez, Republican candidate for New York State Comptroller, today blasted Governor Kathy Hochul and Comptroller Tom DiNapoli following public comments from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz confirming federal scrutiny of New York's \$124 billion Medicaid program.

"It should alarm every taxpayer that Washington is now investigating what Albany failed to control," Hernandez said. "Governor Hochul has overseen explosive Medicaid spending, and Comptroller DiNapoli has failed to provide the aggressive oversight New Yorkers deserve."

Recent audits and investigations have identified:

Up to \$196 million in questionable Medicaid transportation payments

Approximately \$1.2 billion in alleged losses through the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP)

Hundreds of millions spent annually on duplicative Social Adult Day Care services

"These are not minor accounting errors," Hernandez said. "They represent billions of taxpayer dollars mismanaged under one-party rule."

Medicaid is the public-health insurance program for low income residents, with 6.8 Million New Yorkers, more than one-third of our state's population enrolled.

## Youth Charged in Stabbing on Bee Line Bus in Greenburgh



Victim taken to Westchester Medical Center With Serious Injuries

A 15-year-old boy was arrested today and charged with stabbing another person during a dispute on a Bee-Line bus as it traveled along Route 119 in the town of Greenburgh.

The victim, an adult male, was taken by Greenburgh EMS to Westchester Medical Center with wounds to his head, chest and one of his hands. His injuries are serious but not believed to be life-threatening at this time.

Greenburgh and Westchester County Police responded about 10:25 a.m. to a report of an altercation on board the bus on Route 119 near the border with White Plains. Greenburgh police officers detained the 15-year-old at the scene and turned him over to the County Police, which investigates crimes that occur on the Bee-Line system.

The juvenile is currently in custody at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and will be charged with Assault 1st Degree, a felony. Due to his age, the matter will be handled in Westchester County Family Court.

The incident remains under investigation by detectives from the General Investigations Unit. The bus was taken out of service and the crime scene was processed by detectives from the Forensic Investigations Unit. Detectives are also obtaining video from the bus from Liberty Lines personnel.

Commissioner Terrance Raynor thanked the Greenburgh Police Department for its prompt response and assistance at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to contact County Police. The Department maintains telephone and electronic tips lines so the public can provide information confidentially or anonymously.

· Voice Tip Line: (800)898-TIPS (8477).

· Electronic Tips: Send email, text messages and small video clips to tips@wccops.com.

· Via Mobile App: The WCPD Mobile App contains a home screen Submit a Tip button to enable tips to be sent confidentially or anonymously. It is available for Apple and Android phones. Enter Westchester County PD in the app store search bar to locate and download it.

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## Trial Victory for Town of Harrison in Dispute Over ED Purchase of Willow Ridge CC

## Increased Security Planned Across Westchester for Religious Observances



**Albert J. Pirro, Jr. Esq. of Abrams Fensterman, LLP Joins With Brody D. Smith, Esq. of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC to Deliver a Trial Victory to the Town of Harrison**

**Visible patrols, intelligence gathering to be utilized to safeguard houses of worship**

Albert J. Pirro, Jr., Esq. and Lisa Colosi Florio, Esq. of Abrams Fensterman, LLP, Brody D. Smith, Esq. and Kathleen M. Bennett, Esq. of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, partnered to give Town of Harrison a victory in an eminent domain trial.

Westchester County Police and its law enforcement partners will be conducting increased patrols around houses of worship and religious gatherings over the next two months as members of the community observe holy days during Ramadan, Passover, Lent and Easter.

In 2020, the Town of Harrison elected to condemn the 122-acre golf course parcel, then known as Willow Ridge Country Club, for the public purpose of recreational facilities to be owned by the Town for use by its residents.

The County Police and all law enforcement agencies within Counter-Terrorism Zone 3 are once again participating in Operation Safeguard, which includes an increased police presence around religious institutions and mass gatherings for religious observances. CTZ-3 comprises Westchester and Putnam counties.

On June 17, 2021, the Town, pursuant to a property appraisal, paid the property owners \$13,650,000. The property owners claimed the proper value they should have been paid was \$55,600,000. Accordingly, the property owner sought at trial an additional payment by the Town of \$42,000,000.

“As is customary during all major religious and secular holidays, law enforcement in Westchester will be on heightened alert,” County Executive Ken Jenkins said. “We also encourage the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to their local police department.”

After a lengthy trial, the court awarded the property owner the sum of \$6,958,000 on its \$42,000,000 claim, or a mere 16% of its claim.

Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said that while there are no known specific or credible threats at this time, the law enforcement community is taking proactive measures out of an abundance of caution.

The trial team was selected by the Town Attorney’s Office. Jonathan D. Kraut, Esq., who coordinated and supervised the trial on behalf of the Town Attorney’s Office, stated: “This decision is a huge win for the Town of Harrison. Years of preparation and hard work by lawyers, planners and engineers contributed to this victory.”

In addition to expanded patrols, Raynor said the County Police and its municipal police partners will be monitoring social media and reviewing intelligence information provided by federal and state agencies about any potential threats to Westchester or its religious institutions. This information will be shared through the multi-agency Real Time Crime intelligence center, which is housed at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne.

Trial attorney Albert J. Pirro, Jr., Esq. added that the case was a definitive victory, which will likely be the subject of an appeal. Pirro stated that, “the Town’s position is that, at most, the Town should have paid an additional \$2,000,000 not \$6,958,000 and, if appealed, the Town will seek the reduction.”

Jenkins said, “Westchester County is proud of its diverse faith communities. We remain committed to ensuring that every resident can observe their traditions in peace and without fear.”

### Letter to the Editor:

Horse Racing is nothing but organized animal abuse.

Whether it’s more popular than cricket in India or anywhere else isn’t the issue; that horse racing exists at all is the problem.

The sheer number of horses who are abused, drugged, suffer, and die - or are sent to slaughter when they are no longer money makers - should make any civilized society shun it.

The issue is not if it operates on a small scale, but that it operates at all.

Christina De Respiris New Rochelle

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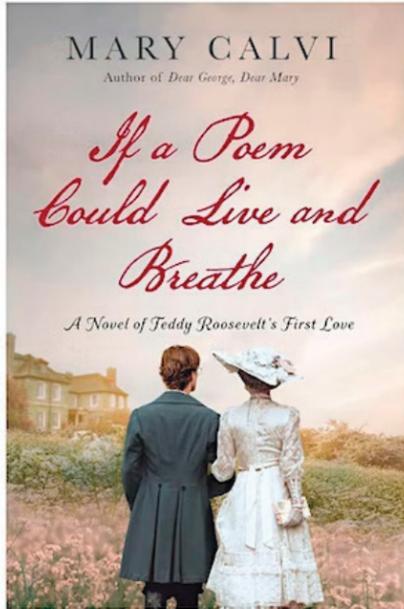
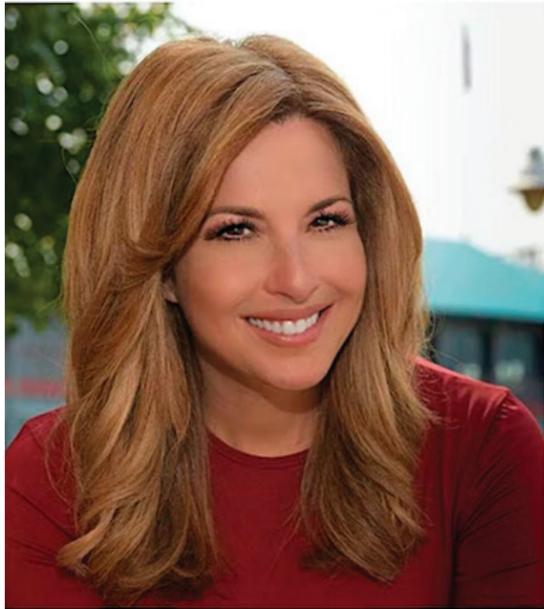
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## Yonkers' Own Mary Calvi to Receive Top Honor at 2026 ArtsWestchester Awards



Mary Calvi—the celebrated historian, best-selling novelist, and “First Lady of Yonkers”—will be the recipient of ArtsWestchester’s prestigious President’s Award at the 2026 Arts Awards.

The annual ceremony, held on March 13 at the Brae Burn Country Club, honors the visionaries who define the cultural landscape of Westchester County. This year, the spotlight shines brightly on Yonkers, with Calvi leading a distinguished group of honorees that also includes the Yonkers-based We Art One: Artist Collective, Inc. (WAO).

A Literary and Historical Powerhouse: While known to many as a mainstay of CBS News New York, Calvi has earned this year’s President’s Award for her profound contributions to American historical literature and her commitment to the arts. Her “Club Calvi” book club and her meticulously researched novels, such as Dear George, Dear Mary, have brought national attention to the rich, often untold histories of the region.

“The 2026 Arts Award honorees embody the extraordinary depth and diversity of Westchester’s cultural spirit,” said Kathleen Reckling, CEO of ArtsWestchester. “From reclaiming long-silenced histories to fostering radical inclusivity, these visionaries remind us that the arts are the foundation of a vibrant community.”

Yonkers Excellence on the rise: Calvi is not the only local name being celebrated. The Sophia Abeles Arts Education Award will be presented to We Art One: Artist Collective, Inc. (WAO). Based in Yonkers, WAO has become a vital pillar of the community, transforming public spaces into hubs for intergenerational healing and providing arts programming for hundreds of local youth and seniors.

2026 Arts Award Honorees: In addition to the Yonkers winners, the 2026 roster includes:

- Joseph Squillante: 50-year Hudson River photographer (Arts Award).
- Chioma Nwana: Pulitzer fellow and documentarian (Larry Salley Photography Award).
- Joyce Sharrock Cole & Christina Picciano: Local leaders recognized for Advancing Equity.
- White Plains Puerto Rican Cultural Committee, Inc.: (Advancing Equity Organization Award).
- KinoSaito: Interdisciplinary art center in Verplanck (Arts Organization Award).

Event Details: Friday, March 13, 2026, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Brae Burn Country Club, Purchase. Tickets: \$175 (Individual) | \$125 (Cultural Org Members)

Deadline: Registration must be completed by 2:00 PM on March 12th. For tickets and more information, visit <https://artswestchester.org/>

## Abinanti Seeks Comeback, Running for Mt. Pleasant Supervisor



Tom Abinanti

### Mt. Pleasant Democratic Committee Endorses Abinanti, Hrotko and Peppard

The Mount Pleasant Democratic Committee has endorsed its slate of candidates for Town and County offices. At its recent meeting attended by some 50 Democratic Committee members, the Democrats overwhelmingly chose Tom Abinanti for Town Supervisor, Frank Hrotko for Superintendent of Highways and Michael Peppard for County Legislator.

“Our community is ready for leadership that listens, plans, and delivers for residents,” said Joanne Sold, Chair of the Mount Pleasant Democratic Committee. “We are excited to support candidates who bring deep experience and a commitment to public service.”

Tom Abinanti, candidate for Town Supervisor, emphasized the need for responsive and forward-looking local government. “Residents want a town government that is transparent, fiscally responsible, and focused on solutions,” Abinanti said. “We must address infrastructure challenges, including persistent flooding, and ensure Mount Pleasant is an affordable and safe community. We need a government that works for the people who live here.”

Frank Hrotko, candidate for Superintendent of Highways, highlighted the importance of reliable services. “The priorities of Mount Pleasant residents are clear,” Hrotko said. “They want timely leaf collection, safe winter roads, and a proactive approach to flooding. I’m committed to delivering the level of service our community deserves.”

Michael Peppard, candidate for County Legislator stressed that he will be focused on affordability and sustainability in Westchester. “We need to keep Westchester livable, sustainable, economically vibrant, and welcoming to the next generation of families putting down roots here,” said Peppard.

Tom Abinanti is a former Assembly member, County Legislator and Town Councilmember. He represented Mount Pleasant in the New York State Assembly for 12 years (2010-2022). He lives in the Pleasantville section of unincorporated Mt Pleasant with his wife Janet (former Sleepy Hollow HS teacher) and son Justin (attended the Pleasantville schools). He has two children.

Frank Hrotko is a retired Sleepy Hollow Police Lieutenant and US Marine and is an American Legion member. A lifelong Mt. Pleasant resident, he lives in the Hawthorne section of unincorporated Mt Pleasant with his wife Kim. He has three children.

Michael Peppard is a former Pleasantville Village Trustee and long-time professor at Fordham University. He is seeking to represent County Legislative District 3 which includes Mount Pleasant, North Castle, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, and parts of Harrison. He is endorsed by all Democratic Committees in the District.

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a feel good, can do spirit for our country. And I did not think about politics for those days when our hockey teams won gold.

Unfortunately, I wonder how many of our readers, and friends, can say the same thing.

I understand how President Trump immediately jumped on the bandwagon and brought the men's team to The White House and to the State of the Union. I also understand how the Women's team declined the invitation, which is their right and I have no issue with.

The website HuffPost posted a story "There's A Name For The Discomfort You're Feeling Watching The Olympics Right Now," which described a divide between national pride and political disillusionment.

"If waving the American flag or chanting 'USA!' turns you off right now, you're not alone." and highlighting what they see as the "whiplash between pride for United States competitors and national shame for the federal government is common."

I couldn't disagree more, but agree that this is the current state of our discourse, even for the olympics.

It was good to see the Chappaqua community rally for the Women's Hockey team and Aerin Frankel, who attended Horace Greeley High School. A watch party was held at the Chappaqua Performing Arts Center for the Women's Gold Medal game. Kudos to New Castle Supervisor Victoria Tipp who helped put it together. Frankel says she plans on bringing her Gold back to Westchester.

And how about the Men's Hockey team, and Jack Hughes who scored the winning goal. "This is all about our country right now. I love the USA. I love my teammates. It's unbelievable. The U.S. are a hockey brotherhood. It's so strong and we had so much support from ex-players. I'm so proud to be American today."

As was I. End of story.

State Senator Shelley Mayer is seeking nominations from District 37 for this year's

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Office of State Senator **Shelley B. Mayer**

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State Senator Shelley Mayer announced today she is accepting nominations for the New York State Senate Woman of Distinction and for the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame.

The Annual Woman of Distinction award and exhibit recognizes and honors exceptional New York women who have had a significant positive impact on the community through her leadership, volunteerism, or advocacy. If you know of a woman who fits this description, please submit her name and information at <https://tinyurl.com/WomenSD372026> by March 2, 2026.

The Veterans Hall of Fame honors a distinguished veteran from each Senate District across the state whose contributions have enriched the quality of life in the community. If you know a veteran who fits this description, please submit the name and information at <https://tinyurl.com/VetsHOF2026> by March 9, 2026.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "It is an honor to represent so many extraordinary people in the 37th SD in the New York State Senate and to have the opportunity to recognize them for their contributions that make our communities great. If you know someone who fits the descriptions, I encourage you to submit their nomination. The selected recipients will be honored in ceremonies in Albany.

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# New York State Compost Coalition Calls for \$8.25 Million for Food Rescue, Composting, and Sustainable Materials Management Initiatives



State legislators and advocates came together today to call for increased state spending on food waste reduction initiatives. Specifically, they called to restore funding for Food Waste Reduction grants within the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) to \$5 million, and for \$3.25 million to establish a budget line item for the Center for Sustainable Materials Management (CSMM) at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Statewide, food scraps currently constitute 18-20% of solid waste according to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and municipal studies. Food waste in landfills releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is up to 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide at trapping heat over a 20-year period and a leading cause of climate change.

Based on 2023 DEC figures and EPA calculations, if the food waste portion of the 17.9 million tons of solid waste generated in NYS annually was composted instead of landfilled, 2.16 million tons of CO2 equivalent emissions would be avoided. When the carbon sequestration benefits of composting are factored in, the beneficial climate impact of composting NYS's food scraps is equivalent to taking an estimated 602,000 passenger vehicles off the road each year.

Additional benefits of composting cited by Compost Coalition members include healthier and more productive topsoil, increased capacity for soil to retain water and sequester carbon, improved water quality, and decreased erosion; and economic development including job creation, and increased revenue opportunities for farmers, local businesses and municipalities.

In the previous state budget, \$5 million was allocated in the EPF for the Food Waste Reduction section of NYS DEC Capital Projects. However, in her FY27 Executive Budget Proposal, Governor Kathy Hochul reduced funding for this program to \$2.5 million.

"Food scrap recycling is a simple way to significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions," said Compost Coalition legislative sponsor Assemblymember Dana Levenberg. "Diverting food waste from landfills and incinerators is a small step for households that has a large impact on our planet. And once people see how easy it is, it can quickly grow exponentially. Ensuring that communities have the infrastructure they need to help residents keep their food out of the trash is a highly impactful step we can take for relatively small amounts of money. In my former role as a town supervisor, I saw this with my own eyes when we introduced a grant funded program in the Town. At a time when the federal government is making it harder to fight climate change, we must seize this inexpensive, common-sense opportunity to start building a greener future."

# Black History Month Celebration at Philipse Manor Hall Feb. 28

## Black History Month Celebration



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President Pro Tempore and  
NYS Senate Majority Leader



**Shelley B. Mayer**  
NYS Senator  
Majority Assistant Whip

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The program will feature a presentation on Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, followed by a panel highlighting historic leadership in Westchester County, including:



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Westchester



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Join Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley Mayer for a Conversation on the Impact and Meaning of Black History in Westchester, on Saturday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature a presentation on Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and a panel featuring Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, and City of Rye Councilmember Marion Anderson.

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## NY's Highest Court Rules in Favor of Mount Pleasant, Protecting Privacy in FOIL Decision

In a victory for digital privacy, New York's highest court reversed a lower court order that would have forced the Town of Mount Pleasant to disclose the names and email addresses of subscribers to its "E-news" alert system.

The decision concludes a four-year legal battle stemming from a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request by town resident James C. Russell, who in 2022 sought the personal contact information of thousands of residents. The State's highest court agreed with the Town's position that such disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and serve no legitimate public interest.

The Court of Appeals' opinion, authored by Judge Jenny Rivera, emphasized that email addresses are personally identifying information and that subscribers have a "weighty" interest in keeping this data confidential. The Town successfully argued that releasing the list would expose residents to significant cybersecurity risks, including spoofing, phishing, and identity theft.

"We are extremely gratified that the Court of Appeals recognized the paramount importance of protecting our residents' privacy," said Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "When our neighbors sign up for E-news, they are looking for timely updates on Town Board meetings, paving schedules, and community events—not to have their personal inbox opened up to third-party notifications or potential bad actors."

The ruling reverses a prior Appellate Division decision finding that the Town's cybersecurity concerns were not "speculative," noting that the ubiquitous use of email for sensitive data—including medical and financial records—requires heightened protection.

Furthermore, the Court noted that disclosing the list would undermine the goals of FOIL. If residents feared public disclosure of their information, they would unsubscribe, thereby reducing government transparency and community awareness.

On Thursday, the New York Association of Towns, which filed an amicus brief in support of the Town of Mount Pleasant, issued a statement that called the court's decision "a significant victory for local governments."

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*Trump Doubts, continued from pg 1-*

ing the dream. But let's get real – the numbers don't lie . Under Trump's watch, the cost of living has skyrocketed, utilities are through the roof, and food prices are forcing us to choose between groceries and rent.

On the one hand, we've got stats showing unemployment near historic lows at 4.3% and inflation relatively under control at 2.5%. Real wages are up 1.9% in Trump's first year back in office, with blue-collar workers seeing a \$1,300 increase in real annual earnings. Sounds great, right?

But here's the thing: housing affordability is a nightmare . Rents are up 50% since 2017. Grocery prices jumped 5% in 2025, and electricity prices are up 9%. Trump's tariffs aren't helping, costing average households \$1,700 plus annually."

Spotorno, a proud union member who has for 20 years advocated for American corporations to bring back middle-class manufacturing jobs, commented on Trump's tariff policy.

**The Trump Tariffs: A Middle-Class Squeeze**

We voted for him, folks! We wanted change, and boy, did we get it. The Trump Tariffs sounded like a great idea at first – make America great again, right? But, surprise, surprise, it's the working-class Americans who are getting squeezed.

Those tariffs were supposed to bring back jobs and boost our economy, but all they've done is raise prices on everyday goods. Remember when Trump promised \$2,000 stimulus checks? Yeah, those disappeared.

The truth is, tariffs are just taxes on imports, and guess who's paying them? Middle-income families and seniors on fixed incomes. Meanwhile, big corporations are just passing the costs to consumers. Who's laughing? Not us.

In the end, it's the American people who'll bear the brunt of these tariffs. Maybe next time we'll think twice before voting with our hearts instead of our wallets.

**Tariff Tango: We Collected Billions, But Lost in Translation**

The United States collected a record \$287 billion in tariffs in 2025 – a number so big, it's like we finally figured out how to monetize our opinions on global trade. But hold onto your wallets, folks, because the Supreme Court just ruled the Trump administration's tariff strategy was illegal. That's right, we're potentially on the hook for \$175 billion in refunds. Who needs a participation trophy when you can have a refund party?

The tariffs had all the subtlety of a sledgehammer, increasing costs for US consumers and businesses while claiming to boost manufacturing. Spoiler alert: it didn't. We lost 83,000 manufacturing jobs in 2025, and our goods trade deficit hit a record \$1.241 trillion. It's like we paid for a gym membership and got a lecture on inflation instead of a workout.

But Spotorno's most personal problem with President Trump and Congressional Republicans stems from the changes to Medicare under the Big Beautiful Bill.

Approximately four months ago, I fired off a scathing letter to President Trump about the comprehensive bill. Specifically, the potential repercussions on our Medicare program and the impact on Americans following the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The situation has become utterly absurd, and I'm now experiencing the consequences firsthand.

The bill is a whopping 1,000 pages long, and trying to decipher it -did anyone actually read the thing?

Donald J Trump: the unsung hero who's making waves in the Medicare Advantage market. Meanwhile, over 2 million Medicare recipients were forced to switch plans due to insurance carriers scaling back their offerings. UnitedHealthcare, Humana, and Aetna (CVS Health) cited shrinking profit margins, rising medical costs, and declining federal reimbursement rates as reasons for their exits. Who needs stable healthcare coverage when profits are at stake?

Medicare Advantage Plan Changes for 2026: • UnitedHealthcare: Dropped plans in 109 counties, affecting around 180,000 people

- Humana: Cut plans in hundreds of counties and a few states to stabilize financial margins
- Aetna (CVS Health): Operating prescription drug plans in 100 fewer US counties
- UCare: Exiting the Medicare Advantage market entirely, affecting about 158,000 enrollees

The numbers are staggering:

- 1.5 million people losing ACA coverage due to expiring subsidies
- 1.5 million people in New York are potentially losing coverage due to federal policy changes
- 16 million people who lost Medicaid coverage during the "unwinding" process
- 1 million patients who had to find new Medicare Advantage plans because their insurers dropped certain plans (My wife being one of these statistics )

**The American Healthcare System: A Looming Crisis for Vulnerable Populations**

The United States healthcare system is on the precipice of disaster, with ordinary citizens bearing the brunt of the impending crisis. The Medicare Advantage plans, touted as a solution for seniors, have proven to be a deceptive alternative. These plans come with coverage caps, leaving patients with exorbitant bills and limited access to healthcare providers and facilities. The recent healthcare legislation has transformed the system, making insurance companies the primary providers for seniors.

The days of unlimited Medicare coverage, 80% reimbursement, and supplemental insurance options are gone, replaced by a system that prioritizes profits over people. In my zip code, UnitedHealthcare is the sole provider of supplemental insurance, but neither of our primary care physicians accepts it. Fortunately, AETNA offers various out-of-pocket plans that provide additional coverage.

**The Devastating Consequences:**

- Medicare Advantage Plans: Primary insurance providers for many seniors, with coverage caps that can lead to financial ruin.
- Limited Provider Networks: Narrow networks restricting patients' access to healthcare providers and facilities.
- Prior Authorization: Delays care and causes frustration for patients and providers.
- Overpayments: Medicare Advantage plans receive higher payments from Medicare, resulting in overpayments and increased costs for taxpayers.

As the healthcare system continues to deteriorate, it is clear that the forgotten Americans are those relying on Medicare. The future looks bleak, with predictions of rising healthcare costs, reduced access to care, and a growing number of uninsured Americans. The question remains: how much more will the American people have to suffer before meaningful change is implemented?"

We asked Spotorno, who lives in Yonkers, the same question we ask many of our friends and family who voted for Trump but are now disillusioned. Who will you support if not Trump? Frank said he doesn't know but did say he supports Trump on issues like securing the border, and added, "I don't see much from the democrats either." More coming from Frank in the weeks to come. Read and follow Frank at <https://www.facebook.com/frank.spotorno.5>.

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wick, who was only recently appointed chief of police in December of 2025, made the announcement at the Peekskill Common Council meeting on Feb.24.

“Based on the seriousness of the alleged misconduct, both officers have been placed on unpaid suspension pending the outcome of the disciplinary process,” Renwick said in a prepared statement.

“The departmental charges against Officer Regg relate to failures in communication, de-escalation, and adherence to departmental use of force and emotionally disturbed person policies.”

“The departmental charges against Officer Cintron relate to failures in duty performance and adherence to departmental conduct and performance standards while assisting at the scene. The officers are prohibited from performing the duties of a police officer until the suspension is repealed,” said Renwick.

But police sources we spoke to said it is more likely that Regg will be fired from his position in the Peekskill PD rather than being allowed to rejoin the force.

Before the Damar Fields incident, Officer Regg was involved in another high-profile criminal case in Peekskill: The murder of social worker Maria Coto by Haseem Jenkins in 2024.

Coto was going to see a client on May 14, 2024, when she knocked on the wrong apartment door in Peekskill. Jenkins answered the door and began attacking Coto, who ran into another apartment across the landing, called 911, but after a continued attack by Jenkins, she later died from her injuries. Jenkins was convicted of 2nd degree murder and was sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Prosecutors alleged at the trial that Jenkins was high on PCP. Police officer Regg was one of several officers who responded and brought Jenkins to police headquarters.

Regg testified at the trial that he observed Jenkins while he was in the holding cell, and that Jenkins had at first denied taking PCP but claimed that someone had “laced him,” or given him a cigarette laced with PCP. When Regg challenged that claim, Jenkins said, “Nobody laced me.”

One year later, Officer Regg responded to a call at the Riverfront Green park in Peekskill of a naked man walking around the gazebo area.

Damar Fields is a homeless resident of Peekskill who has a mental illness. But on the date and time that Officer Regg was the first PPD officer to respond, Fields was acting erratically and hostile.

In our view, Regg appeared fearful of Fields during the initial moments of the confrontation. Fields also has drug problems and has been arrested several times for drug possession.

Was Fields on PCP at the time of his confrontation with Officer Regg? Several law enforcement sources we spoke to said it is likely, and that is why he refused to pull his pants up.

Was Officer Regg recalling the death of Maria Coto by Jenkins, who was on PCP?

That answer, which we may never know, is vital to determine if Officer Regg was within his rights to forcibly arrest Damar Fields.

The Peekskill PBA issued the following statement on Feb. 25: “The men and women of the Peekskill PBA are thankful for the fair and objective review by the DA’s Office of the recent arrest and justified use of force case at the Riverfront Green Park. We implore anyone who is concerned with this case to review all of the body-worn camera footage with the proper perspective of the responding police officers who have to make life-changing decisions without the luxury of hindsight.

“As we saw in this case, these split-second decisions are often made dealing with people who are high on dangerous narcotics like PCP or ‘crack’ cocaine. For a reminder of how dangerous this can be, just look at the recent conviction of the “unarmed” Haseem Jenkins, who murdered a social worker with his bare hands right here in Peekskill.

“During the recent City Council meeting, we heard the unfortunate news on the decision to suspend both PO Regg and PO Cintron without pay. To say that we are disappointed with this decision would be an understatement. The District Attorney has determined that the use of force by Police Officers Regg and Cintron was justified under the law. Additionally, the officers clearly followed the Peekskill PD’s use-of-force policy. Simply put, there is one person at fault for this incident, and that is Damar Fields. To punish the police officers who were forced to deal with the dangerous actions of a man exposing himself in public, likely high on PCP, who was threatening to kill the police, is a travesty.

“The reality of the danger our Officers face on every call cannot be overlooked. The men and women of the Peekskill Police Department thank the community for their support and understanding,” end of statement.

The body cam video shows Officer Regg struggling to detain Fields, with some claiming that Fields was attempting to reach Regg’s gun. Part of the bodycam video shows a naked Fields telling Officer Regg, “I’ll kill you, you’re dead.”

The PPD’s Use of Force policy is clear: that it is the officer’s point of view at the time of the incident that matters, not others with the power of 20/20 hindsight.

The policy states:

B. Objectively Reasonable – An objective standard used to judge an officer’s actions.

Under this standard, a particular application of force must be judged through the perspective of a reasonable officer facing the same set of circumstances, without the benefit of 20/20 hindsight, and be based on the totality of the facts that are known to that officer at the time that the force was used.

District Attorney Susan Cacace determined that there was “an insufficient basis to pursue criminal charges against any Peekskill police officer involved in this incident.”

Based on the use-of-force policy, it is Regg’s perspective on Fields’ behavior that matters. The policy states that the “application of force must be judged through the perspective of a reasonable officer facing the same set of circumstances, without the benefit of 20/20 hindsight, and be based on the totality of the facts that are known to that officer at the time that the force was used.”

“At the time of the incident, Regg only knew a few things. That Fields, who was naked from the waist down, was acting incoherently, was clearly high on PCP, was shouting that he would kill Regg, and refused all Regg’s lawful orders. Through experience, including but not limited to the Jenkins case, Regg also knew the dangers of dealing with someone high on PCP,” said one Westchester law enforcement member.

PBA Attorney Andrew C. Quinn, Esq, stated in December, “Once again, and predictably, individuals who are ignorant to the totality of facts surrounding this arrest have accused our police officer of misconduct. One of the most challenging tasks a police officer faces is placing a violent, resisting individual under arrest. It may be “hard to watch”, but it takes force to overcome violence, and bravery to confront danger. We remember that no call is ever “routine” and recognize the dangers inherent in policing and the risks faced by the Westchester police community every day. We thank the members of the Peekskill Police Department – and all of the police departments throughout the County – for keeping our neighborhoods and families safe.”

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Letter to the Editor:

***Anyone from Westchester in the Epstein Files?***

I hope your paper and website will find out if any Westchester residents appear in the recently released, 3.5 million Epstein files.

I for one, am horrified that while there has been arrests made in Great Britain, there doesn't appear to be anyone under threat of arrest here in the USA.

I don't care where the chips fall, democrat or republican. Justice needs to be served for all of the victims.

I hope that the victims are not forced to "out" who had sex with them under Epstein's duress. And that is another important fact, regardless of how old these girls were, they were under threats from Epstein to harm their families if they didn't go along.

I know that Bill and Hillary Clinton are in the Epstein files and live in Westchester I think that Bill should testify and Hillary should not. Once again, she is standing by her man, but one time too many for me

***Sincerely, Elizabeth Rotella, Somers***

caught in an online sting operation by OBL Global. This group does great work in entrapping people like Singh who are looking to have sex with underage persons. Singh traveled to New Jersey in the middle of the night, hoping to have sex with a 14-year-old girl.

After our story on Singh, we ran another story about former Westchester BOL Chair Catherine Borgia, and her recent appointment by County Executive Ken Jenkins to become Director of the Office for Women.

Borgia was in charge of the staff for the BOL at the time of allegations against Singh. Many believe her actions, or lack thereof, in waiting three months to fire Singh, led to her political downfall.

But the combination of these two stories, Singh's guilty plea and Borgia's appointment, drew interest from our readers, who all had the same question: Why was Singh allowed to stay on the county and taxpayer dole when proof of his crimes became public?

One email states, "Borgia was told by two legislators that Anand was alleged to have been caught trying to have sex with a 14-year-old. She had the Westchester County Police Commissioner look into it, and he told her there is something here, and I can remove him from the office now. She refused."

"That was in February, but Anand wasn't fired until April.? She oversaw all personnel for the BOL at that time."

Another email states, "The timing of all of this brings back bad memories of Anand Singh and Catherine Borgia. The County Executive is aware of all that transpired with her and Anand, including the timeline.

"She has never publicly answered that question; why was he allowed to remain in his job for two months. Her only comment was I have daughters. That's like saying I have black friends when you are accused of racism. You don't hide a pedophile.

"And for her to head the office of women for Westchester County is crazy. She should pay the consequences for her mistakes with Anand Singh, who is now in prison."

Another email sent to us reads, "People are rolling their eyes at the appointment of Catherine Borgia to the Office for Women after employing a pedophile that she was made aware of. She hasn't said publicly why she employed someone who solicits sex from a 14-year-old. And now she gets to run the office?"

In 2023, The Yonkers Ledger reported that Westchester County Police Commissioner Terrance Raynor told Borgia to fire Singh, even though he was unable to corroborate the claims or locate the video, which had disappeared from YouTube for three months. The Yonkers Ledger also named Borgia's Chief of Staff, Melanie Montalto, as the person who recommended Singh's hiring.

We continue to keep in touch with our friend Ramy, whose YouTube channel, UBL Local, caught Anand Singh in New Jersey. After he continued to have problems getting removed on YouTube, Ramy now has a LOCALS domain called obnation.local.com.

We asked Ramy about Anand Singh, who is now in prison. "I want to say that when we work with agencies that have proper funding, these cases end up having way higher success rates for the prosecutors because we have a system in place where we only go for these predators once the evidence we have against them is undeniable without a shadow of a doubt in court.

"I'm very happy with how the agents who took this case handled it, from start to finish. Very professional & understood every moving variable, which ultimately made the process a lot smoother. I wish all local police departments operated the same way federal agencies do; it would significantly raise arrest & conviction rates.

"In terms of our channel, yes, YouTube at that time implemented a new TOS that led to many predator-catching channels being nuked. We eventually launched a LOCALS called obnation.locals.com where we have over 16,000 monthly members who pay \$9.99 a month to watch new fully uncensored episodes drop every month & that's what truly allows us to continue to grow, reinvest back into the cause, continue to expose & arrest these pedos nationwide, & continue to spread awareness that these pedos can LITERALLY BE ANYONE, including those in positions of power.

"When a supporter signs up, they automatically unlock all 140+ uncensored episodes we have up there + new ones that release every month, & it truly supports us & allows us to release these episodes without the vigorous censorship that YouTube implements. We did end up launching a new YouTube channel called GLOBAL CATCHES, where we release more watered-down, censored versions of our catches. We have also been seeing great success on our TikTok & Instagram, pulling millions of views a month with our reels.

"Our IG is OBL.NATION & TIKTOK is OBL NATION if anyone wants to check us out over there, we release highlights of the catches."

We have subscribed to Ramy's LOCALS to support his mission. To expose and submit evidence to law enforcement that results in the arrest of pedophiles looking and searching for someone underage to have sex with...like Anand Singh.

Best of luck, Ramy, keep up the good work.

## Best of Bach Concert



**Cathy Yang, Violin**

On Sunday, March 22nd at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 North Broadway, Irvington NY, 7:30 pm, the newly formed nonprofit organization Szabo Chamber Music Society, now in its second year, will present a tour de force concert presenting the most famous compositions by J. S. Bach. Beethoven famously referred to Bach as "the father of us all" due to his unparalleled technical mastery of counterpoint, harmony, and prolific composition. The program will include the dramatic organ Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, meditative prelude from the G major Suite for cello, the virtuosic prelude from Partita in E Major for violin, the breathtaking Air from Orchestral Suite No. 3, the exuberant Badinerie from Orchestral Suite No. 2, and the exhilarating Brandenburg Concerto No. 5. The second half of the concert will feature Bach's famous Coffee Cantata, his only comic opera Buffa, sung in English, which will be staged. Renowned soloists will include Cathy Yang, violin, Khaory Hinata, flute,

Andy Kim, cello, Dr. Sandor Szabo, harpsichord, organ and conductor, Holly Thomas, soprano, Spencer Smith, bass and Brenten Megee, tenor. Delicious coffee and dessert will be served following the concert. This exciting concert is not to be missed!

Tickets are \$25, adults, \$20 seniors and \$5 students. Donations gratefully accepted and are tax deductible.

For more information contact; szabochambermusicsociety.com, or mail to: szabochambermusicsociety@gmail.com, (908)267-1980

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

- 1) Bid No. RFB-7581 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: 2026 Summer Bus and Van Transportation – Camp Rays and Camp Pride (NG).
- 2) Bid No. RFB-7588 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: Cleaning and maintenance of the Coyne Park (771 McLean Avenue) rifle range filtration system (VB).
- 3) Bid No. IFB-7590 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract, with option to renew for 12-Months, for On-Call Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair of Storm, Sanitary and Combined Sewers using the Shotcrete Method (KS).
- 4) Bid No. IFB-7591 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract with option to renew for 12-Months, for the On-Call Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair of Storm, Sanitary and Combined Sewers using the Cured-in-Place Method (KS).
- 5) Bid No. RFB-7592 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract with option to renew for 12-Months for On-Call Line Stopping Services for the Water Bureau (KS).
- 6) Bid No. RFB-7589 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: US Fire Apparatus Service and Repairs (FB).
- 7) Bid No. RFB-7594 – Bid opening: 3/13/2026: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase as needed of 150-pound cylinders of liquid chlorine per City specifications, approximately 700 cylinders (AC).

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**Nursing Home Rape, continued from pg 1-**

After arrest processing was completed, the defendant was arraigned by the Honorable Judge Raniolo at the Yorktown Justice Court. A temporary order of protection was served on the defendant, protecting the victim, and bail was set at \$100,000 cash. After failing to post bail, the defendant was remanded to the Westchester County Jail and turned over to the Westchester County Department of Corrections.

Barragan’s next court date in Yorktown Justice Court is on March 10.

Family members who have loved ones at Yorktown Rehabilitation and Nursing Center have a lot of questions, including the following posts:

A CNA heard a loud noise and went in the room and found the worker on top of the patient.

The employee was there for 20 something years!! Employee of the month multiple times!!! Insane

What I find upsetting my mother in law is a resident at this facility .... And we were NOT notified of this incident . I feel it’s the job of the director of the facility to notify all the families of this disgusting disturbing act that took place.

The Human Resources department said “it does not wish to give more information.” Really???

Under New York law, second-degree rape – defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is incapable of consent by reason of being mentally disabled or mentally incapacitated – is a Class D violent felony punishable by up to seven years in a maximum-security state prison. The Westchester County District Attorney’s Office has not issued a public statement regarding the case.

Civil litigation by the victim’s family is widely expected.

The New York State Department of Health may conduct its own investigation of the facility, which could result in additional deficiency citations, fines, or enforcement actions.

NursingHomeNews.org reported that, “The facility was not always a corporate-owned, for-profit operation. For more than 130 years, it operated as Field Home–Holy Comforter, a nonprofit institution with a long tradition of serving the elderly in the Hudson Valley. That changed in April 2018, when the nonprofit Fieldhome organization sold the campus to Personal Healthcare LLC for approximately \$28 million, as reported by Westfair Online. Under new ownership, the bed count was expanded from 127 to 200. The facility was designated a Special Focus Facility (SFF) candidate by CMS on October 25, 2023, a designation reserved for nursing homes with persistent quality problems. Only approximately 400 facilities nationally receive this designation at any given time, placing Yorktown among the worst-performing homes in New York State at the time.”

Notice of Formation of JB HUDSON LINE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/2026. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 59 Alta Vista Dr, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Fratelli Legacy Capital LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/23/2026. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whose process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Fratelli Legacy Capital LLC, 31 Bayberry Drive, Peekskill, New York 10566. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 70794/2025

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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

Mortgaged Premises:  
609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502  
Section: 6.70, Block: 44, Lot: 9

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC

Plaintiff,  
vs.

Notice of Formation of YureeshStyle LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 35 S Broadway, K6, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

V.C., MINOR CHILD, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN JESSICA SALES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO, 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 the following designation, namely: the 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; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$796,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 15, 2022, in Instrument Number 620673829, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502.

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

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

**NOTICE**

**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: February 15th, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310

Westbury, NY 11590

516-280-7675

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. 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, 64 Mountandale Road, Yonkers , NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

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