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## Democratic Donors, Police & Jewish Groups Wooing Latimer to Run Against Bowman



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, left, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, right

By Dan Murphy

Last week, we reported on Congressman Jamaal Bowman's comments about the Police Shooting in New Rochelle of Jarrell Garriss. Rep. Bowman, who represents more than half of Westchester in the 16th District, called the shooting "police brutality," sparking outrage among Police organizations.

Rep. Bowman also recently announced that he would not be attending the address of Israeli President Isaac Herzog to Congress. In a statement, Bowman writes, "My decision to not attend in no way stems from a lack of support for the existence of the State of Israel. On the contrary, it is out of concern that there is no sense of urgency about ensuring the safety and security of all Israelis and Palestinians in the region and finally achieving a two-state solution. This is also an informed decision out of engagement and deep listening to President Herzog, members of parliament, Israeli and Palestinian scholars, and community members in the region who experienced settler violence and dispossession. While President Herzog has stated settlements should be frozen and claims to opposes settler violence, he has remained silent as Prime Minister Netanyahu's government has expanded settlements that are illegal under international law and has appointed Ministers that seek the anti-democratic annexation of the West Bank and the demise of any two state solution with the Palestinians."

"While I appreciate and understand that the invitation to Herzog to speak to Congress over Netanyahu is a strong statement against Netanyahu's extremist actions, Herzog on his own must answer key questions on how we will arrive to a two state solution, ending annexation, child detention, home demolition, settler violence and the killing of American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. At this time, although Herzog

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## Tony Futia vs the IRS; Uncle Sam Places Liens on 84% of State Pension and Social Security



Tony Futia, outside the Greene County Sheriff's Office upstate

By Dan Murphy

Fighting the Federal Government, and the IRS, is no easy task. Westchester resident Tony Futia is learning this as he attempts to get his day in court on his claim that there is no law that requires most Americans to pay a Federal Income Tax.

"Any law requiring a person to sign and file a tax return would violate that person's 5th Amendment right not to be a witness against himself and his 5th and 14th Amendment right to due process. That's why the IRS declares the filing of a tax return to be voluntary," argues Futia.

Futia, who has not paid his income tax since 2014, became more public about his views that the Federal income tax is voluntary in our newspapers and online at Yonkerstimes.com last year. Since then, several notices of liens have been placed on his social security, pension and bank accounts, by the Westchester County Clerk and the NYS Comptroller's office.

The notices of liens were filed by IRS agents, but as Futia points out "a notice of lien is not a lien. You have to have a court order signed by a Judge to file a lien, and for that to happen, there has to be a court hearing and argument. The individual taxpayer is entitled to question the charges after which a court order from a judge is required. None of this took place and there is no lien filed against me in the White Plains federal courthouse as required. You can't take my bank accounts and pension just with a notice of lien. People are not aware of this and we should not be afraid of our own government," said Futia.

Futia has two cases proceeding in Federal Court. One is a case of first impression, or a case that has not yet been ruled on. Futia is basing the right to be heard on the last 10 words of the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights, "and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

"The second case was filed in State Supreme Court against everyone that had anything to do with the illegal liens filed against me," said Futia. Named defendants include Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni, Chase bank, Greene County bank, the commissioner of Social Security, and the two IRS agents who filed the liens. That case has been transferred to Federal Court.

In a letter to NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, Futia writes, "I was not liable to pay a federal tax on the money earned from my labor. Therefore, the IRS's Notice of Levy has no basis in law -- Section 6331 of Title 26 of the United States Code does not apply to me. Thus, it would be illegal for you to comply with the IRS's "Levy" and demand for payment.

"By compelling payment of a tax which is not mandated by law and thus voluntary, NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli is cooperating with the IRS by reducing my retirement pension by 84%, to a level that cannot support my life, much less my ability to continue my legal battles in support of the people's Constitution and against violations of the IRS code."

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## Town of Yorktown Fines Competitive Carting \$59,500; Is the End Finally Coming?

Where Are Councilmembers Lachterman, Capoccia?  
AAA Makes Proposal, Can Start July 31



By Dan Murphy

The Town of Yorktown and Supervisor Tom Diana finally took action against Competitive Carting for their inability to reliably remove the trash and recycling of the homeowners and taxpayers of Yorktown. Supervisor Diana announced fines of \$59,500 for failing to properly collect household refuse and recycling in the first week of July.

We reported that garbage removal for the July 4th weekend was incomplete, with half of residents not having their trash removed due to a last minute decision by Competitive Carting to ONLY collect smaller 32 gallon trash cans, and not collect the larger 90 gallon cans that most residents use.

"I understand your frustration...I have it as well. My garbage doesn't get picked up on time," said Supervisor Diana. "We're all in the same boat folks, and were working to correct it."

The Town refuse and recycling staff is documenting additional garbage-collection failures. Each weekday at 5 a.m., the department's staff will drive along the previous day's collection routes to determine how much garbage was uncollected. The documentation is important because it will establish responsible grounds for terminating the contract if necessary.

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## 106-Years Young! Nurse Recalls Training She Received at Beth Israel School of Nursing



"We Treated Patients  
With Elite Nursing  
Care"

Westchester resident and retired nurse Belle Herman Weiss, is the oldest-known alum of Mount Sinai Phillips School of Nursing (formerly Beth Israel School of Nursing)

Does Westchester County have the oldest nurse in New York State living here? Or perhaps in the United States? Belle Herman Weiss, is 106 years young, and recently gave an interview to Mt. Sinai Health about her life experiences as a nurse, and how proud she is to have served others in the field of medicine.

At 106 years old, Belle Herman Weiss, RN, is thought to be the oldest living alum from the Beth Israel School of Nursing, now the Mount Sinai Phillips School of Nursing (founded in 1902), and one of the oldest living nurses in New York. Belle, who retired years ago and lives in Westchester County, fondly recalls her time in nursing school, which she began at just 16 years old—during a time when harmful diseases were widespread and difficult to treat.

"I enjoyed all the experiences I had to go through in nursing school," says Belle, who graduated in 1936. "I loved being with a lot of other young women and having a goal to achieve."

A good student who loved studying medicine, Belle was fascinated with figuring out patients' diagnoses, which she compares to being a detective solving medical mysteries. "My favorite subjects were anatomy and physiology. I had a good memory and I was able to remember all the bones and their function. I enjoyed being able to recite the different parts of the body and what they did," she says.

However, the lack of penicillin and treatments for infectious diseases in the 1930s and 1940s made nursing a challenging—and potentially dangerous—career path. She remembers contracting a skin lesion from tuberculosis at a hospital she worked in, noting she was "very lucky" it did not spread to her chest.

"It was a very difficult time, and [we were] studying at a bad time," says Belle of being a nursing student. But she says many nurses managed to avoid infections by donning the cloth masks, rubber gloves, and gowns available at the time, and especially, routinely washing their hands. "Luckily, most of us stayed pretty healthy," she says.

After graduating from the Beth Israel School of Nursing, Belle received a public health degree from New York University, which she says aided her when she later worked for The Willard Parker Hospital in Manhattan, where many patients had polio and were cared for in iron lungs (large horizontal machines that patients would lie in, which stimulated breathing). Medical technology in those days, she explains, was far more rudimentary and cumbersome to work with. For example, intravenous (IV) therapy—a routine therapy administered by nurses today using prepackaged components and fluids—was rarely ordered in the 1930s and 1940s. When it was, nurses had to prepare all the separate components—a glass bottle of

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**Landlords and Property Owners Say Rent Increases Approved by Rent Guidelines Bd. Not Enough**

**On Thursday, June 29th, 2023, The Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board passed the following increases for the 25,000 rent-stabilized apartments in Westchester County:**

**1% on one year leases and 2% on two year leases**



On June 29, the Westchester Rent Guidelines Board approved a rent adjustment of 1% for one-year leases and 2% for two-year leases for rent-stabilized apartments starting October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with a final vote of 5-3. The trend of the approved rent increases continues to fall short of keeping up with rising inflation rates and maintenance and operating costs -- leaving many property owners frustrated and helpless.

Earlier this evening, the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board approved a rent adjustment of 1% for one-year leases and 2% for two-year leases starting October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with a final vote of 5-3.

Although the new increases will avoid the rent freeze that property owners had feared and which the boards in Rockland and Nassau Counties had approved, the rent adjustment does not keep up with the rising operating costs of rent-stabilized buildings that have dramatically increased due to inflation and a sharp decrease in cash flow attributable to a surge in operating costs over the past year.

"I am extremely disappointed but not surprised by the insufficient rent increases that were approved tonight," Lisa DeRosa, President of the Building and Realty Institute (BRI) and White Plains property owner said. "We presented actual data on the finances and costs for my buildings and factual evidence to show that we desperately need proper rent increases to help us stay afloat. If the Board fails to keep our hardships and financial struggles into consideration year after year, there's just not much we can do but pray that we don't hit a budget-busting catastrophe, major economic shock, or problematic tenant situation which would surely harm our tenants while it wipes our business out."

The unemployment rate is currently at 3.4% nationally, and 2.9% in Westchester. This is one of the lowest on record -- not just pre-pandemic, but ever. Wages and salaries increased by 4.7% from March 2022 to March 2023. Even in the face of rising inflation, 2023 was a positive year for working families, making it the most affordable year for a modest increase.

While the average increase in wages and salaries comes close to offsetting it for working families, past rent increases haven't matched the increased costs of owning and operating buildings. The annual survey statistics accumulated and presented to the Board by the Research and Analysis Unit at New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) showed that expenses for rent-stabilized properties in Westchester had shot up by 6.5% in the previous year, while the average monthly legal rent had only gone up 1.22% over the same time -- a measly \$19 per month increase. The same survey found that fuel costs had gone up 20% year over year, one of the highest increases on record. Insurance costs had gone up 13% year over year, after going up 9% last year.

"If this trend continues, how many of us small landlords will be left in business? The Rent Guidelines Board can't continue to treat us like we're faceless corporations, you know my face and you know my story. Small property owners like us genuinely care -- it's the whole reason why we're here in the first place," Alana Ciuffetelli, Chair of BRI's Apartment Owners Advisory Council said during her testimony. "Last year, we had a tenant testify on our behalf to say that she understands why property owners need sufficient increases in order for tenants to continue receiving the same quality of housing. If our tenants can understand this basic concept, I'm confused as to why this Board continuously provides us with meager increases that barely -- if at all -- help us break even on our costs."

Along with rising operating costs, the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act (HSTPA) of 2019 also placed major restrictions on other programs for funding building improvements and renovations, making the annual increases from the Rent Guidelines Board even more critical. Vacancy bonuses, formerly used to fund renovations of apartments in between tenants, were eliminated entirely. In a recent survey conducted by the BRI, nearly all property owners reported not applying for an Individual Apartment Improvement (IAI) adjustment because the new amounts received from it post-HSTPA would be "not worth the effort." Also in the survey, nearly all property owners reported not applying for a Major Capital Improvement (MCI), with those who indicated that they have a major renovation need saying that they intend to put it off for a more favorable economic climate and hope nothing disastrous happens. According to a study by Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress, the number of MCI applications has dropped by 83% in the past five years.

"Unless we get a fair increase moving forward based on the real needs of our buildings and the real costs of keeping housing available, affordable, safe, and dignified, my tenants will suffer along with my buildings," DeRosa said. "I need to be able to properly address any maintenance or repair issues immediately for the safety and comfort of my tenants. If I don't have the necessary funds, fixing these issues will take much longer and many of us will have no other option than to look for a cheaper and alternate solution. This doesn't help my tenants in the long run, nor does it help preserve my building long-term."

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**Yonkers Native Dr. Richard Lapchik Honored With ESPY Sports Humanitarian Award**



Congratulations to Dr. Richard Lapchik, or as he is better known in Yonkers, as Richie, for his recent honor of being named the recipient of the Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award from ESPN. Lapchik received the award at the ESPY's July 12. Here is a brief bio of Lapchik, followed by the ESPN statement.

Richie Lapchik is a Yonkers native, raised in Park Hill. He attended School 13, Hawthorne Junior High, Manhattan Prep, St. John's U. He did his graduate studies at the University of Denver. He is known to be a passionate human rights activist working for racial equality and against trafficking, an internationally recognized expert on sports issues, a scholar and an author. Lapchik was the Endowed Chair and Director of the De Los Sport Business Management Program at the College of Business Administration, University of Central Florida. He is President/CEO of the National Consortium for Academics and Sport (NCAS), a school outreach program which focuses on teaching youth how to improve race relations, and develop conflict resolution skills.

In the 1970s, he began fighting apartheid, and led the fight against South Africa's participating in international sports, especially the Davis Cup. A prolific writer and reformer, he has won many awards for his activism and being the "conscience of basketball."

His father was basketball great Joe Lapchik: Mr. Lapchik played with the Original Celtics in the 1920s and 1930s, and was considered the best center of his era. After ending his playing career in 1936, Lapchik became head coach at St. John's University, a position he held until 1947 when he took over the New York Knicks in the newly formed Basketball Association of America. Lapchik coached the Knicks until 1957, leading them to three consecutive NBA Finals appearances (1951-53). He returned to St. John's, coaching there until he retired.

While with the Knicks, Mr. Lapchik signed Nathaniel "Sweetwater" Clifton, one of major league's first African-American players, taking great criticism and threats. In fact Richard remembers his father being hung in effigy near his home. Joe Lapchik died in 1970, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery.

From ESPN: Richard Lapchik, a champion for human rights, pioneer for racial equality and eminent scholar at the University of Central Florida, will be honored by ESPN with one of its signature ESPY Awards.

Lapchik will receive the Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award named in honor of the late ESPN commentator Stuart Scott. The award celebrates "individuals that have taken risks and used an innovative approach to helping the disadvantaged through the power of sports." His award will be featured in the ESPYS Preview Show on Tuesday, July 11, and Lapchik also will attend the main ESPY Awards show Wednesday, July 12, in Los Angeles.

The honor is part of the ninth annual Sports Humanitarian Awards, which celebrates the impact of athletes, teams and sports industry professionals who are using sports to make a difference in their communities and throughout the world.

The award is just one of a long string of honors for Lapchik, who 22 years ago founded the DeVos Sport Business Management Program and The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at UCF. He stepped down as leader of the DeVos program two years ago and continues to lead TIDES.

In 1976, Lapchik created the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport in alliance with the anti-Apartheid movement. In 1985, he founded The Institute for Sport and Social Justice to use the power and appeal of sport to positively impact society. In 2022, The Institute facilitated nearly 200 training sessions for more than 5,000 students-athletes, coaches and administrators.

Under Lapchik's leadership, TIDES publishes the Racial and Gender Report Card, an annual analysis of racial and gender hiring practices for all major sports leagues and the sports media.

In 2021, Lapchik was named the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian of the Year by the Muhammad Ali Center; he and Ali were close friends for nearly four decades before Ali died in 2016.

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## County Legislator Christopher Johnson Resigns



former County Legislator Christopher Johnson, left

*Calls for DA to investigate whether crimes were committed*

On July 24, Westchester County Legislator Christopher Johnson resigned his elected office, after being embroiled in a scandal involving his residence and an affordable housing condo that he owned in Yonkers.

For more than one year, Johnson lived in a home outside of the 16th district that he represents, which is a violation of the Westchester County Charter.

Prior to moving into the \$800,000 home with his wife and son, Johnson lived in an affordable housing condo that was in the 16th district and was Johnson's official residence. But during his democratic primary reelection, it was discovered that other persons were living in the one-bedroom condo, which is a violation of the City of Yonkers Affordable Housing Ordinance.

Yonkers Inspector General Liam McLaughlin issued a report which found that Johnson and his wife Tai had purchased a home outside of the 16th BOL district, and that Johnson had listed the new home as his primary residence on mortgage documents.

Johnson had called the accusations a "political hit job," but later admitted under oath to IG McLaughlin all of the allegations made against him. He then lost the democratic primary to Shanae Williams.

More recently, Johnson had tried to find an apartment in the 16th district, apparently in an attempt to hold his office until the end of the year. But many on the Westchester County Board, and other elected officials, wanted Johnson out of office as soon as possible.

In a statement after his resignation, Westchester BOL Chair Vedat Gashi said, "Today, the Westchester Board of Legislators received a resignation notice from County Legislator Christopher Johnson. We have a responsibility as elected representatives to serve in the best interest of our constituents. While we understand that Legislator Johnson's decision to resign was not an easy one for him to make we believe it was the correct one and serves the best interests of the constituents of the 16th District.

"We thank County Legislator Johnson for his years of service to the people of the 16th Legislative District and the people of Westchester. Going forward, as ever, the Board of Legislators remains committed to our collective mission of fostering a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future for the people of Westchester County."

In his resignation letter, Johnson writes, "At this time, my service has become an interference on centering the improvements of this county...I know that stepping away will allow more time and energy to be spent on the most challenging and pressing issues that people face.

Some in Westchester are calling for a criminal investigation to be conducted about Johnson's residential status and whether his salary over the past year should be returned. Dan Branda, a candidate for Westchester County Legislator in the 4th district said, "The moment he moved into his new home, he vacated his legislative seat, and he admitted this to the IG. For an entire year, he collected a salary for a seat that he vacated, with the intent of hiding that fact.

His role in the redistricting process, to make sure his new home would be in the district, needs to be investigated. Who else on the Board of Legislators knew what he was doing? The Westchester District Attorney should investigate this, and the Board of Legislators should have kept their investigation open, instead of closing it when he resigned," said Branda.

Note: Other elected officials have spoken to this reporter about a taxpayer lawsuit seeking to claw back of Johnson's salary. Yonkers Rising columnist Eric Schoen wanted the taxpayers of Westchester to stop paying Johnson's salary in his column.

## On To Our Next Project: Stop Congestion Pricing



By Eric W. Schoen

*I attended the WCBS AM 880 Radio Anniversary Celebration in New York City in 2017. Special musical guest was Tony Bennett. It was raining, and he was waiting for his car in a walkway next to the theater. I ran into him, asked if I could get a picture with him and he said yes. He was that rare musician that whether it was with Frank Sinatra or Lady GaGa made beautiful music all generations could enjoy. 'The Song has Ended but the Melody lingers on!' R.I.P. to a man who through song left everyone with a smile on their face!*

Boy oh boy it's been a busy summer for our readers. Now on top of everything else New York City is building a first in the nation Congestion Pricing system. Together with our neighbors to the north, east, south and west we have to work to stop it.

Want to kill what's left of New York City? Install congestion pricing. The prohibitive cost will prevent most people from entering New York for business or pleasure. What is congestion pricing? Drivers entering Manhattan south of 60th Street will be charged for entering the Manhattan Central Business District by car possibly up to \$23 during rush and \$17 during off peak times. Its' goal is to collect billions of dollars to fund mass transit while discouraging drivers from jamming up an already overcrowded Midtown Manhattan.

Cleaner air, cleaner streets and better mass transit are other goals of the plan. If it works it will be an ambitious undertaking that will be either a model or a disaster for cities across the country with climate change and traffic reduction goals.

A local panel will decide toll rates, discounts, exemptions and other allowances. The group was appointed by the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) with a goal of implementation next spring. Key details have not been figured out, which simply is not fair to those who will get stung like a bee by this major toll increase.

At the same time the equipment for charging motorists for the tolls is starting to go up this week. Another sneaky job by a government agency? Don't tell the people how much the tolls are going to be but get everything ready so that you can't go back and tell the courts we are ready to rumble and you can't take it away from us.

The simple solution is to have mass transit that is safe, secure and meets the needs of the New York City region. That is not the case now and every time large amounts of money are given to the MTA the money is misspent as the agency has a history of delayed projects with major cost overruns.

So just what is congestion pricing all about. Raising large sums of money that will be misspent by bureaucrats. They will spend the money on political projects not giving a damn about improving mass transit or air pollution or traffic congestion. The poor will suffer, the rich will get richer and the folks in the middle, the little people will get hurt.

There are so many questions on how the program will work. #1 is what will the tolls cost? This is the big question. Rumors run from \$23 at peak times to \$17 at non peak. Will there be exemptions for people with disabilities, people who live inside the district, low income people and others? Why was 60th Street set as a boundary? How will the MTA track tolls, will there be an appeals process for those who claim they didn't enter the zone?

Will taxis, Ubers, Lyfts get charged the tolls and will it be a per day charge or per entry to the district charge. What about fees for trucks and oversized vehicles? What about fuel efficient and electric vehicles?

The NYS Thruway Authority has had its troubles tolling vehicles on its roadways how will this more congested tolling system do its' job efficiently and fairly. How will drivers pay congestion tolls, will drivers without EZ PASS be charged more or have a surcharge on their toll bills? Will fees be higher for those without EZ PASS? Can you use cash or other mechanisms to pay the fee? What will late fees be for not paying your tolls promptly. London which also uses congestion pricing charges users 270 pounds in penalties if the miss payment deadlines and officials can tack on enforcement fees. Will drivers pay penalties or have their cars impounded if they don't pay mandatory fees. Will cars decide to park north of 60th street and continue their trips via public transit to avoid the fees? Is there sufficient parking north of 60th street to allow them to do this?

With so many unanswered questions and so little time to put this system in place in New York, isn't this system designed for failure. And why oh why again are motorists being hit up for a mass transit system on the brink of collapse.

It is my hope that you will join me in opposing Congestion Pricing for New York City. This gimmick is a money grabber and serves no other purpose than that.

The numbers to call to stop this idiocy are:  
Governor Kathy Hochul. 15184748390  
Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins 5184552584  
Senator Shelly Mayer 518-455-2031  
Assemblyman Nader Sayegh 914-779-8805  
As we saw when we fought the Councilman who didn't his in his district if we work other we can stop this foolishness. And we all have friends in New Jersey, Upstate New York, Staten Island, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens that can join us in our fight!

Let the battle begin! We are tired of being overtaxed by the liberals!  
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## Letters to the Editor:

Mr. Murphy:

I wanted you and your readers to be aware of the fact that the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame has removed Richard Leaf from its membership. Kudos to County Executive George Latimer and BOL Chair Vedat Gashi in calling for Leaf to be kicked out of the Sports HOF after he admitted to underage sex crimes.

The vote by the committee was unanimous."The Westchester Sports Hall of Fame takes seriously its duty of nominating and selecting outstanding local professional and amateur sports members who have made substantial contributions to the community. Eligibility not only includes the inductees' lifelong career in sports but it is imperative that all members have the highest integrity and good character," wrote the committee to Latimer.

Sincerely, Ralph Heafner, North White Plains

Dear Editor,

Thank you for telling us the full story of the recent police shooting in New Rochelle. Some New York newspapers (believing they have all the news fit to print) ran the story under the questionable headline "Man Shot Dead by Police After a Report of Stolen Fruit." And they go on to say "The police said he tried to grab an officer's gun" implying there might be another version of the event. The death of Mr. Garris is unfortunate, but his actions alone led up to the final result. And Congressman Bowman is an embarrassment. He defends the actions of convicted criminals (which only Yonkers Rising makes us aware of) and ignores the rights everyone else. How any law abiding citizen could possibly vote for him next year is beyond comprehension.

John Farrell  
Yonkers, NY

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saline, a separate rubber stopper and tubing, and a metal needle—and it was quite a process.

She says hospitals also lacked antibiotics. In their absence, she says doctors would order "bodily irrigations"—treatments that involved washing out the nose, eyes, ears, throat, and other orifices, in the hope it would wash away disease.

"We used to have a saying, 'If in doubt, wash it out,'" Belle says, adding that nurses also kept patients healthy by routinely bathing them "head to toe."

After retiring from nursing at age 70, Belle worked in a doctor's office as an administrator until she was 92. She put her nursing degree and training to good use over her long career—working at hospitals throughout New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County, as well as on an ambulance, where she helped transport patients with communicable diseases. She says she enjoyed taking care of people, and particularly loved her pediatric patients. One little girl who died from kidney disease stands out to her the most.

"I can still picture her sometimes, walking around her little crib, and reaching out her arms for me to pick her up," she says. "Those memories stick with me."

While Belle enjoyed a storied nursing career—in addition to getting married in 1943 and having three children, including a daughter who is an advanced practice nurse in Westchester County—the two-and-a-half years she spent training at the Beth Israel School of Nursing are still fresh in her memory. She remembers the intensive 12-hour work schedules, and still recalls the names of many fellow students and head nurses she trained with. The nursing program was very disciplined, she says, and helped her acquire valuable experience for her nursing career.

"I did get a very good training," remembers Belle of the Beth Israel School of Nursing. "We treated the patients with elite nursing care."

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## Mount Pleasant Officials Demand State Close Unsafe Residential Treatment Center; Stewart-Cousins Also Calls for Action

*In the first half of 2023, the JCCA's Westchester Campus was the scene of 459 police calls that included missing persons, assaults, and violent altercations*

With every avenue for a remedy exhausted, Town of Mount Pleasant Police and elected officials today demanded that New York State officials close the JCCA Westchester Campus for failing to address dangerous conditions at the residential treatment center for emotionally troubled children.

During the first 6 months of 2023, the Mount Pleasant Police Department responded to 459 calls at the campus for incidents ranging from assaults, violent altercations, missing persons and vandalism. In 2022, the Mount Pleasant Police/emergency services responded to over 760 calls at the JCCA campus in Pleasantville, New York. Based on the first six months, this year's call volume will exceed 1,000, a record.

To date in 2023, the Mount Pleasant Police Department and/or the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps have responded to the campus for reports of:

248 missing persons, 24 assaults, 23 vandalism incidents, 13 violent altercations fights, 11 suicide or self-harm threats, countless emotionally disturbed children

At a press conference at Town Hall, Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi stated: "It is clear that the JCCA does not have the necessary and qualified staff to cope with residents who have severe behavioral and psychological issues. The fact that the Town received 248 missing persons' calls in 180 days is just one indication that the JCCA staff is incapable of ensuring the safety and whereabouts of JCCA residents."

"This center is a tremendous drain on Mount Pleasant's police and ambulance services and these emergency service calls routinely consume hours of our officers' days" said Mount Pleasant Police Chief Paul J. Oliva.

The JCCA is a New York City-based child welfare and mental health service provider serving New York's most vulnerable children. The JCCA's Westchester Campus was founded in 1912 as the Pleasantville Cottage School, a residential treatment program at 1075 Broadway with the first cottage-style center in the country. Family courts or mental health agencies typically place children at the JCCA. Programs at the JCCA's Westchester Campus are regulated by the State Office of Mental Health and the Office of Children and Family Services.

In recent years, however, the state has increasingly been placing youths suffering from serious psychological and emotional conditions in a facility that is not designed or staffed to handle them.

Conditions at the campus have become so bad—including reports of weapons—that the JCCA staff fear for their own safety. In fact, the staff's security concerns prompted the State Administrators' Association to formally complain to the JCCA about ongoing conditions.

"Over the past year, life threatening behaviors committed by a few students against other vulnerable students and staff alike have jeopardized the health, safety and welfare of everyone on campus. For example, in the past few weeks, security found a taser and knives in one of the campus cottages. Multiple students have been found in possession of weapons," wrote Arthur P. Scheuermann, the School Administrators Association of New York State's attorney in an April 28 letter to the JCCA leadership.

The mayhem on the campus spills into the community. In addition to the impact on the Mount Pleasant police, officers from the adjacent Village of Pleasantville have repeatedly responded to reports about JCCA residents accused of robbery, burglary and other crimes within their community.

At times, unstable JCCA residents have frightened the campus' neighbors. Last year a psychologically disturbed resident entered a Mount Pleasant neighbor's backyard, stole a chicken from a chicken coop and then killed it by biting off its head while walking down the middle of a residential block. In another incident, a shirtless male resident blocked a neighbor's vehicle on the street and threatened to kill himself.

JCCA officials have acknowledged that their staff cannot cope with the severely disturbed residents placed in their facility. In fact, JCCA CEO Ron Richter told WNBC New York in a December 4 news report that "We're not licensed or funded to provide the level of care to children who are psychiatrically sick the way we have them now."

Mount Pleasant officials say that outreach efforts to the JCCA have been fruitless, with conditions steadily worsening.

"For years we have asked JCCA officials to increase their security and supervision of their residents, which they have failed to do. We have exhausted every avenue. The time has come for the state to close this campus for the safety of the children, the residents of Mount Pleasant and our first responders," said Supervisor Fulgenzi. "Everyone is endangered — children, staff and neighbors — by the State's and JCCA's failure to address the inadequacies at this campus. The State of New York Office of Children and Family Services has been turning a blind eye to this disturbing situation for too long."

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea StewartCousins asked the state's top mental health and children's welfare officials to remove youth with severe psychological conditions from the JCCA's Westchester Campus in Pleasantville. In a July 13 letter to the commissioners of the state Office of Children and Family Services and the Office of Mental Health, Sen. Stewart-Cousins expressed concern about the placement of highneeds children in residential centers that cannot adequately care for them. "Increasing numbers of children and teens with significant mental illness are being placed in residential treatment centers (RTC), such as JCCA's Pleasantville Campus. Over time, it has become apparent that RTCs are being tasked with the provision of services and treatment for youth whose needs eclipse what is able to be provided at this level of care," Stewart-Cousins, whose district includes the Town of Mount Pleasant, where the campus is located.

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## 22-Year Old New Rochelle Man Charged in 67-Count Indictment for Child Sex Offenses



Social media photos of Jason Ricketts, from Talkofthesound.com

**Defendant, who remains in custody, also allegedly created and possessed images and videos of children engaged in sexual acts**

On July 6, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today the indictment of a New Rochelle man on 67 counts of physical sexual acts involving children in Westchester County, as well as the creation and possession of images and videos of children engaged in sexual acts, between 2019 and 2023.

DA Rocah said: "The Westchester County District Attorney's Office is committed to working with our partners to bring to justice anyone who exploits, abuses or endangers our children through sexual contact or over the internet. We will continue to engage with families to help arm them with tools to protect our children and offer support for victims who come forward."

The defendant, Jason Ricketts, 22, of New Rochelle, was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury and arraigned on July 6 on the following charges, all felonies:

- two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child
- two counts of Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree
- 12 counts of Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance
- seven counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree
- six counts of Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree
- six counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree
- 34 counts of Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child
- Sexual Misconduct, a misdemeanor

The defendant was arrested by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office on Feb. 2, and remains in custody at Westchester County Jail.

After receiving a referral from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), an investigation was conducted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Bureau, Cyber Crimes Bureau, and Criminal Investigators with the High Technology Crimes Unit and Special Prosecutions Unit. The District Attorney thanked NCMEC and the New Rochelle Police Department for their assistance with the investigation.

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. Language assistance is available.

The District Attorney's Office is actively engaged with schools and community groups on safety presentations for protecting minors from the dangers of the internet. For more information, contact the DA's Office Community Affairs at (914) 995-3317.

The case is before Judge Susan Cacace in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Domestic Violence Deputy Bureau Chief Janelle Armentano and Senior Assistant District Attorney Mollie O'Rourke, both of the Special Prosecutions Division, and Cyber Crimes Deputy Bureau Chief Laura Forbes of the Trials and Investigations Division.

The charges against the defendant are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

## Business Council of Westchester Innovator, Yonkers Native, Receives \$150k Google grant



Andre Peart

Untapped Solutions, a participant in the Westchester Innovation Network (WIN), will receive a \$150,000 start-up grant from Google to grow its online employment platform.

Untapped Solutions, formerly known as ConConnect, is one of 46 U.S. recipients of this year's Google for Startups Black Founders Fund and Latino Founders Fund. Untapped Solutions helps individuals facing barriers to employment by connecting them with employment resources, mentors, and networking tools via an easy-to-use app.

"We are honored to be accepted into the Black Founders Fund, which will support Untapped Solutions as we grow into a national platform that connects job seekers with employers," said Untapped Solutions' CEO Andre Peart, a Yonkers native.

This is the second Google grant for a participant in WIN, a Business Council of Westchester (BCW) initiative designed to connect innovative products and services with local partners to support their development. Last year, WIN innovator Lessonbee received a Google grant to grow its online children's health education platform.

"The WIN initiative was designed to be a launch pad to growth and new investment. The Google grants for two of our tech innovators validates our value pitch to WIN participants," said Dr. Marsha Gordon, the BCW's president and CEO. "We look forward to seeing more of our WIN participants enter funding programs like the Google for Startups Initiative."

Beyond \$150,000 in equity-free cash, participants in the Founders Fund program receive sales and fundraising training, technical support from Google mentors, up to \$100,000 in Google Cloud credits, and mental health coaching from a team of Black and Latino therapists.

The Google grant is the latest success for Untapped Solutions. In 2022, WIN helped Untapped Solutions reach new audiences for its job-resources app through a match with the Yonkers Housing Authority. The collaboration ignited policy initiatives making it easier for previously incarcerated people to qualify for rental leases.

## Peekskill Man Indicted for Murder of Poughkeepsie Father



Ernest Wilson, left

**Defendant allegedly shot victim multiple times in front of his children**

On July 24 Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Peekskill man was arraigned on an indictment charging him with murder for the fatal shooting of 53-year-old Ernest Wilson, of Poughkeepsie.

DA Rocah said: "This ruthless act of gun violence allegedly committed by this defendant took the life of a father in front of his family. My heart is with the victim's family as my office works to secure justice."

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted the defendant, Reginald McClure, 39, for Murder in the Second Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, all felonies. The defendant was arraigned on July 18 before Judge Maurice Williams in Westchester County Court, and remanded.

On May 21, at approximately 7:32 p.m., the defendant allegedly confronted and chased the victim, while using a 9mm firearm to shoot approximately six rounds, striking the victim twice, in the arm and buttock. The shooting happened after the victim dropped off his child with the child's mother at their Peekskill home. The child who was dropped off, and another family member inside the home, witnessed the shooting. The victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, where he died as a result of his injuries on May 24. The defendant was apprehended and arrested on May 25 at a hotel in Yonkers, following an investigation by the Peekskill Police Department and the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force. The defendant is also charged with being in possession of two guns at the time of his arrest. The Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the Yonkers Police Department and the New York State Police assisted with the investigation.

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is viewed as a centrist statesman, he has not yet shown the actions of pro-democracy and a pro-peace agenda. I strongly support a democratic Israel and a Palestinian state that are able to thrive with peace and security."

Bowman's comments have drawn rebukes from many members of the Jewish community in Westchester, and combined with his comments against the Police, a number of wealthy donors, members of police organizations and Jewish groups, have begun to look for a candidate who might challenge Bowman in a democratic primary next year.

One name that has surfaced, and perhaps the only Westchester democrat with the gravitas to challenge Bowman, and win, is Westchester County Executive George Latimer. And while several media reports have confirmed that Latimer has been approached to consider a run against Bowman, the County Executive has made no decision on what his future political plans are.

News 12 reporter Tara Rosenblum was the first to report about Latimer being approached to run against Bowman. "I am thinking about the advice I have been given and will have more to come," said Latimer.

City and State and Politico also ran stories about the possible Bowman v Latimer matchup, and most of those interviewed gave Latimer a chance at victory. Republican strategist Bill O'Reilly pointed out that Latimer "is a tenacious campaigner."

Several other political strategists said that Latimer will run as a moderate democrat, which would contrast with Bowman's far left, progressive ideology, evident in his membership in "the squad," a group of progressive democrats in Congress, including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Pramila Jayapal, who recently said that the country of Israel is racist.

Jake Dilemani, a Democratic consultant with Mercury told City and State, "His antics in the last week was, for many people, the straw that broke the camel's back. He was one of only nine people that didn't vote for a bill that said a very simple phrase: Israel is not a racist country.

Also, in City & State, Public Affairs partner at Dynamic SRG, Darren Rigger called Bowman a "professional protestor" and that there are "senior members of the Jewish community in New York who would very much like to see a George Latimer candidacy" Rigger said. "What I heard a lot of people say is Jamal Bowman does performative politics - it's the person who flips over a table in the back of a room or wears a T-shirt and leads a protest. There's no evidence of doing the legislation and passing bills."

Jewish Insider also ran a story about Bowman and a possible challenger. Justin Brasch, President of the White Plains Common Council said, "The Jewish community is furious, and it comes from a long and recent chain of events. People text, email and call me every single day expressing frustration with Congressman Bowman."

"There's no doubt that this constant approach of Congressman Bowman's that's against Israel has had a tremendous impact on the community," Brasch said. "Many people are actively looking for a strong candidate to oppose him."

Jewish Insider also reported that "AIPAC, (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) has met with Latimer in an effort to convince him to run, according to a source familiar with the outreach who was granted anonymity to discuss a confidential matter. (A spokesperson for AIPAC declined to comment.)"

Bill Schrag, President of the Westchester Jewish Council, added in the Jewish Insider story, "Congressman Bowman's recent boycott of President Herzog and his 'no' vote on the recent congressional bill supporting Israel and condemning antisemitism did not occur in a vacuum. This is not the first time Congressman Bowman has disappointed us."

Last year, Rep. Bowman was challenged in a democratic primary by County Legislators Vedat Gashi and Catherine Parker. Bowman won with 57% of the vote, with Gashi second with 23% and Parker third with 18%.

Gashi is now BOL Chair and said he has no plans to run. Parker said she is "not contemplating running" but is "willing to work with others to try to" unseat Bowman.

One Sound Shore Democrat analyzed those results. "Last year, 41% of democrats in the district voted against Bowman. I think George (Latimer) can get another 10% based on who he is and what he has done as County Executive. I think he can do it if he wants it."

And that is the question-does 70-year-old George Latimer want to rock the boat and run against a sitting democrat incumbent Congressman? Does he want to travel to Washington DC and back every week? Does he want to be attacked by Indivisible and other progressive democrats for challenging a black progressive congressman? What would be the response from black democrats in Mt. Vernon, Yonkers and the Bronx?

And if Latimer were to run, it would be national news. "For Latimer to run, this would be to nationalize a primary around a discourse that is deeply counterproductive and a daily headache, frankly, for American Jews," said strategist Alexis Grenell.

Latimer also enjoys his job as County Executive and has two years left in his last term. But if he does have the fire in the belly—look out. Latimer's recent leadership during COVID has endeared him to the people of Westchester. And whenever underestimated in past elections, Latimer comes out on top.

"He was told not to run for State Senate but beat Bob Cohen. Then he ran against Rob Astorino and beat him badly. He works his ass off and campaigns like nobody else. And in a debate, there may be nobody better. I will say look out Jamaal if he wants to do it. But that is a big if," said a Yonkers democrat.

NYS GOP Chair Ed Cox has also had enough of Rep. Jamaal Bowman. "I call upon Kathy Hochul, Jay Jacobs, Hakeem Jeffries, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to take a clear and unambiguous stand against anti-Semitism in their own party and condemn Rep. Bowman. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Shelley Meyer live in Jamaal Bowman's district. Do they have anything to say?"

Indiana Jones recently made his last adventure in the movie, The Dial of Destiny. Does George Latimer have one last election in him?

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “POLICE” BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT”

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Subsection A(2) of Section 75-23 of Article VI thereof entitled “Public nuisance abatement,” to update the Penal Code designation for Offenses Involving Cannabis. The penalty for violation of this ordinance is as follows:

“§ 75-28. Enforcement of order

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B. Where the Commissioner closes a premises pursuant to this article, such closing shall be for such period as the Commissioner may direct, but in no event shall the closing be for a period of greater than one year from the issuance of the order.

C. Upon receiving a copy of the order issued by the Commissioner, pursuant to §§ 75-25 and 75-28, the Corporation Counsel shall maintain a special proceeding to affix a civil penalty in the amount of up to \$5,000, and to collect any costs and expenses incurred by the City of Yonkers, in commencing the proceeding, closing the premises and in relocating any occupants on the premises. The Corporation Counsel shall file a notice of pendency of the proceeding in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

D. The judgment in such proceeding, in favor of the City of Yonkers, shall establish the penalty sued for with costs and disbursements as a lien upon the premises, subject only to taxes, assessments, water rates, mortgages and mechanic’s liens as they exist thereon.”

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

Dated: July 18, 2023  
Vincent Spano, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE**

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All interested parties are urged to attend this hearing, at which time, they will be given an opportunity to express their opinion for or against the above proposed local law.

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We asked Futia what is relevant about the fact that the NYS Comptroller has now placed a lien on his pension, he said, “This is now about all New York State retirees, including teachers, police and fire fighters. The comptroller’s office treats New York State retirees as if they were “subjects” whose retirement income really belongs to the government not the individual.

“I received a 50-year retirement benefit from New York state, based on 45 years of employment with the town of North Castle, with two years credit for being a member of tier 1 retirement system and three years credit for my service in the United States Navy submarine service.

“The New York State Comptroller will not show me the law that requires and makes me liable for the tax. That is because there is no law that says most Americans have to pay a Federal income tax. I have submitted to the Greene County Sheriff documents and video exhibits of IRS fraud and corruption for safekeeping and investigation, in case of my death, and for possible charges filed with his department against the state comptroller.

The government has a lot to lose if forced to replace the individual income tax with, say, a consumption tax so it relies on fear and intimidation of the people. For now, they are trying to destroy me financially. The next step would be to destroy me physically but it is too late, the cat is out of the bag and all of the information of fraud and corruption is in the hands of the elected sheriffs of New York state and on-line at <https://wethepeopleofny.org/wtp-of-ny-news/what-would-life-in-america-be-like-without-a-constitution/>

“The following New Yorkers are not required to pay a personal income tax. All New, York, State, police officials, and officers; All New York State village, town, city, county, state and special district employees, and most Citizen residents of New York State.

“If New York State still has a valid state and federal constitution, bill of rights and government of by and for the people, all of the above should write a short letter of request to the governor and state comptroller to show the law that requires them to file a federal tax return,” said Futia.

The other oddity about Futia’s case is that the IRS is not abiding by the 15% limit placed on pension income that can be placed on a citizen’s income. And, Social Security benefits are not supposed to be allowed to be used to satisfy a lien.

“Because I am 87 years old the IRS is illegally trying to recover all that they claim I owe them (\$90,000) within one year in case I die. How thoughtful of them.”

Futia’s organization, We The People of New York, Inc. (website: [wethepeopleofny.org](http://wethepeopleofny.org)), has a wealth of information on this topic on-line. Twenty years ago, We the People were holding hearings in Washington DC on this topic and advertising in USA TODAY. One of the most interesting videos is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpeo6FZgdD0>.

In this two-hour video of a hearing in Washington, we most enjoyed the testimony from Victoria Osborne, a forensic accountant. When asked if it was legal for the IRS to place levies on Social Security benefits for non-payment of income taxes, Osborne said, “this is a direct violation of title 42 section 407. When I confronted the IRS, they would immediately stop the levy.” Osborne also said that the IRS illegally exceeds a 15% levy restriction on a taxpayer’s income. “The law restricts the IRS to take only 15%.”

Futia’s legal argument, which he hopes to be heard before a jury of his peers in White Plains Federal Court, is that “before World War II, only Federal employees had to pay a Federal Income Tax. The government needed more money to fund the war, so they called it a Victory Tax that all citizens had to pay through an income tax. The victory tax was a temporary tax that expired, and after that, American citizens in the 50 states who are not federal employees do not have to file or pay federal income tax. When you sign your W-4 statement, you are voluntarily agreeing to pay. They can’t show me the law that requires all Americans to pay an income tax, because one does not exist. And that is my argument, which I want to be heard by a jury of my peers.”

So far, two Federal Judges in White Plains have been assigned to Futia’s case; Judge Kenneth Karas, appointed by President Bush, and Judge Vincent Briccetti, appointed by President Obama. “Judge Briccetti, in my opinion, improperly removed the case in state court to federal court and I now have a legal jurisdictional action against Judge Briccetti,” said Futia.

One question we asked Futia and We the People is, how would we fund our government without an income tax paid by all? “Most education costs are paid for by property taxes. Our roads and bridges are paid for by gas and property taxes, and most of the federal government is not funded by our income tax. In fact, we are borrowing Trillions to operate the federal government, so many of the programs that you may enjoy are being paid for by future generations through the Federal debt. The federal income tax revenues collected only pay for Federal employee benefits and pensions and for payments on the federal debt. If needed, the revenue from the income tax can be replaced by revenue from a new consumption tax,” said Futia.

We have two classes of citizens in this country. State Citizens, (Capital C Citizens) and federal citizens. (lower case c citizens). Prior to the Civil War there was only one class of citizen under American law. State Citizens are governed and protected by state constitutions. Unless State Citizens volunteer by signing a W-4, they are not liable or required to pay a personal federal income tax.

Federal citizens, living within a federal possession such as Washington DC, Puerto Rico etc or living within one of the 50 states working for the federal government subjecting them, to the federal government employee tax act, are not protected by the tax clauses of the sovereign 50 states and are required to pay a federal personal income tax.

“The Government cannot afford to lose this case, because our Federal government is already \$32 Trillion in debt. They need the money they take in from the illegal income tax. Martha Stewart, Pete Rose, and Joe Louis are some of the more famous Americans that the IRS went after. I’m just a regular Navy Veteran who is taking a stand against tyranny. We should not be afraid of our own government.”

“The state comptroller will be sued if he allows the IRS to take any funds from my retirement fund.”

Anyone who wishes to contact Mr. Futia can email [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com).

AAA Carting was the garbage company hired before CC, and did the job without complaints. AAA CFO Pat Cartalemi posted on Yorktown Trash Talk last week, “Last week we meet with Supervisor Diana twice. We meet once to discuss the current state of the trash service in the town and if AAA Carting would be willing to make an offer to come back to Yorktown and service the residents. We met a second time and we made an offer. One key part of this deal was we could start July 31.”

On Monday, July 24, Cartalemi posted again, writing “I wanted to provide you all with the most up to date information about what is going on. Some of the latest developments are as follows: We were asked to stop posting on this Facebook Group by the Supervisor.

“I had to call back the Supervisor’s office ..and he told me they are still working on what to do. I was honest and transparent with him and told him I would be posting the offer we made on Facebook and I was told “Do what you have to do” and then got hung up on.

“The town is out calling any licensed garbage company they can to try and get help. I am not saying they should not be doing that but this contract is not an easy contract there are only a handful of companies in this County that can do it.

“So I also said I would post the offer we made to the Town and that offer is as follows:

“Award of Contract to AAA Carting for rest of the 5 years and already exercised 3 year options – Approval from SWC to be obtained by Town of Yorktown & AAA Carting– Price would be original bid price from last bid – AAA Carting will give up the 7 month that we would be entitled to if we won the lawsuit.

- o Year 1 (5 Months, 2023) – \$1,562,500.00
- o Year 2 (2024) – \$3,900,000
- o Year 3 (2025) – \$4,056,000
- o Year 4 (2026) – \$4,218,240
- o Year 5 (2027) – \$4,386,969.60
- o Year 6 (2028) – \$4,562,448.38
- o Year 7 (2029) – \$4,744,946.32
- o Year 8 (2030) – \$4,934,744.17
- AAA Carting will provide all new truck to service the trash by March of 2024.
- AAA Carting will provide the residents with 1 – 96 Gallon tote for trash per house. AAA Carting will maintain the totes during the term of the contract. When totes are delivered we will run a campaign and give residents time to get used to using only the 96 Gallon totes. Totes will be provided when trucks are ready for automated service which we anticipate will be March of 2024.
- AAA Carting will provide an on-site supervisor for the term on the contract
- AAA Carting will start the contract on 07/31/2023
- AAA Carting offered to hire all employees of CCC
- AAA Carting offered to buy the container from CCC to ease the transition
- AAA Carting offered not to change the route back to the right way things should be until the residents are back to consistent and timely pick-ups

“The difference between our pricing and CCC is \$2,406,932. The town also has a bond worth \$2,304,526.00, if the town is successful in getting which should be easy, the Town will only spend \$102,406.00 over 7.5 years, which is \$1,150.62 per month.

“My lawyer has been trying to get in touch with the Town’s attorney to no avail.

“In my opinion this choice should have easily been made and discussed with all the board members. I am not sure what the hold-up is. I was told by the Supervisor that there are no hard feelings for AAA Carting filing a lawsuit and the Town has absolutely nothing wrong with AAA Carting. The only questions I ask is than why has the change not been made yet?” writes Cartalemi.

We hear that Supervisor Diana is unhappy with the comments posted on Yorktown Trash Talk. The easy solution to that Supervisor, is to fix the garbage problem for your constituents.

More comments on Yorktown Trash Talk include:  
When’s the election? I might run a campaign called “get the trash out”I’m here to support my town.

I think AAA offer is very generous and I really think if the Current supervisor and town board really cared about Yorktown residents they would accept AAA’s offer and we could be seeing good service once again starting 7/31/2023. I think the hold up are the town attorney and Michael DisGrace! I really do. Brian Amico must be either a family member of somebody or a good friend. Why else would they be dragging their feet? I am just so suspicious! Anyone else?

The town board needs to remedy this situation ASAP! Yorktown is beginning to look like a dumping ground. Garbage is sprawled all over the front of peoples homes because the critters are tearing into bags and shredding the garbage. The taxpayers of Yorktown pay for garbage pick up and we should expect to receive that service with no issues whatsoever.

A new Facebook page, Vote out Yorktown’s Board, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298675542614832>, has formed. To date, comments on the Yorktown Trash Talk have come from Councilmembers Sergio Esposito and Luciana Cortina Haughwout. No comment from Councilmembers Ed Lachterman or Mary Capoccia.

Many residents are now putting a “drop dead” date of July 31 on the calendar. “Enough is enough. If this garbage fiasco is not fixed by the end of the month, we need new leadership. I have voted republican all of my life but I can’t live like this,” said one Yorktown Trash Talk member.

## Panas HS Shortstop Signs with Reds, Fulfills the American Dream

## Remember Pat Quinn by Joining the Ice Bucket Challenge Aug. 5 and MGM Yonkers



Samuel Stafura



Pat Quinn

One of the best high school baseball players ever to come out of Westchester, recently signed with the Cincinnati Reds. Most scouts had Sammy in the top 25 prospects in the country, but 2023 Panas High School grad Samuel Stafura was the 43rd pick of the Reds in the MLB draft held on July 9.

Stafura was named the 2023 Gatorade Player of the Year, and the shortstop had committed to Clemson University to play college baseball. But now its onto the Big Leagues!

Stafura family background shows us that the American Dream is still alive and well. His parents came to America from Slovakia, where the favorite sport is Soccer.

But Sammy started playing baseball at age 5, and his older brother Steven coached him and motivated him to practice.

“My dad came here when he was 18, and my mom came here when she was like 9. My dad came here with no English and a \$100 bill,” Stafura said. “He found a way to become a successful man. My motivation comes from that. If he had no excuses for becoming the man he is now, then there shouldn’t be any excuses for me. I can do anything I put my mind to,” said Stafura.

A few days after being drafted, Sammy signed with the Reds, with a \$2.5 Million dollar signing bonus! Too bad the Mets or Yankees didn’t draft him.

Stafura led Panas to the first Section 1 Class A title this year and a trip to the state finals.

Sammy has had to work for everything to get to this point of success, starting on Panas’ JV team while some of his friends made the varsity.

And at 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, he is not the biggest baseball player--but he has a ton of heart and his families work ethic will lead him to greatness. Congratulations!.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers native Pat Quinn announced the 2023 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge has been set for Saturday, Aug. 5.

The annual event will once again take place trackside at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts. Festivities will begin at 1 p.m. with the ice bucket dump scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants should pre-register online at [YonkersNY.gov/IBC](http://YonkersNY.gov/IBC).

The event, co-founded by Quinn after his diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013 at the age of 29, became a global phenomenon in 2014 as millions of people around the world participated in the challenge via social media. The event continues to remain a catalyst for raising funds to support research to identify a cure for the debilitating disease.

ALS Ice Bucket challenges have also significantly increased the awareness of this deadly disease globally. According to the ALS Association, more than \$2 million has been invested into the development of a new drug, Relyvrio, that was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to help slow down the effects of ALS. Approximately 130 research projects are being funded in 12 countries around the world thanks to Quinn’s efforts.

ALS, often referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease,” is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Quinn lost his battle with ALS in November 2020, yet his drive and determination live on through his family, friends, community and beyond to raise awareness and find a cure for the approximately hundreds of thousands of Americans who currently suffer from the disease.

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