

102 Year Old Holocaust Survivor Attends No Kings Rally in White Plains

By Dan Murphy

“If 102-year-old Kurt Goldschmidt, a survivor of the Holocaust, says “no kings” you’d best get up and stand up for your rights before it’s too late. Mr. Goldschmidt knows all too well what he’s seeing in Trump’s America.” Twitted Tom Watson.

“I’m here today because this is something I can do against Trump. I lived during the Nazi time in Germany and they put me in a concentration camp,”

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Westchester Republicans Celebrate Flag Day



In 1949, the Congress, by joint resolution designated June 14 of each year as “Flag Day” and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings, and called upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

The North Salem Republicans celebrated Flag Day with an event attended by Congressman Mike Lawler, County Executive candidate Christine Sculti and Braille Diaz, candidate for County Legislator in the 2nd district.

Diaz posted the following on Facebook which drew our interest.

Statement on the “No Kings” Protest and the Contrast with Patriotic Flag Day Celebrations

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Attorney Arrested for Threatening Judge



Acting State Supreme Court Judge Susan Capeci

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Yonkers man was arrested and charged with Aggravated Harassment of a Judge, a class E felony, for allegedly sending threatening communications to acting state Supreme Court Justice Susan M. Capeci.

Nicholas Leo, 57, of Yonkers, was arraigned Friday afternoon before White Plains City Court Judge John P. Collins Jr. He was remanded to the Westchester County Jail pending further proceedings. Judge Collins further issued a temporary order of protection on behalf of Justice Capeci.

DA Cacace said: “At a time of increasing threats to members of the judiciary, the defendant’s alleged

Dog Killer Gets One Year Jail; Illegal Dumper & Bid Rigger Gets 2 Years: Greenburgh Firefighter Who Assaulted Ex Girlfriend Gets No Jail?

By Dan Murphy

We present to our readers three criminal cases in Westchester County, all prosecuted by District Attorney Susan Cacace. The most disturbing, in our view, concerned Greenburgh Firefighter Joseph Apostoli, who was convicted on two counts of Third-Degree Assault stemming from a domestic violence incident in April of 2024.

Apostoli, 46, is a firefighter with the Fairview Fire Department, in Greenburgh, chose a non-jury trial before State Supreme Court Justice James McCarty.

Justice McCarty acquitted Apostoli of the more serious charges, Second-Degree Assault, a felony, and Second-Degree Unlawful Imprisonment and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, both misdemeanors.

So Apostoli will likely not face jail time when sentenced in September. He could have faced jail time if convicted of the felony and also the loss of his job.

The facts surrounding this case are disturbing.

On April 11, 2024, during a domestic dispute inside the Dobbs Ferry apartment, Apostoli slammed the victim to the floor of their bedroom. He then carried her to the living room and threw her to the floor, again, and struck her about her head.

The victim — who is 4’10” weighing barely 100 pounds against the defendant’s 6’2”, nearly 300-pound frame — sustained serious injuries following this attack, including a rib fracture, partially collapsed lung and bruising to the body and face.

DA Cacace said: “The victim in this case suffered immensely at the hands of Mr. Apostoli, and I am proud of her for summoning the bravery to share her story with police, prosecutors, and the trial court, notwithstanding the court’s apparent disregard for portions of her testimony.

“My administration remains committed to prosecuting all man-

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Joseph Apostoli



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New York Blood Center Opens Donor Center in Rye, Amid Blood Emergency



New York Blood Center Enterprises (NYBCE) celebrated the opening of their newest and largest donor center located at 601 Midland Ave in Rye today. The ribbon-cutting comes at a critical moment, as NYBC has declared a blood emergency due to a sharp and sustained drop in donations across New York and New Jersey.

The state-of-the-art donor center is housed within the 187,000-square-foot master campus — the first single-site home for NYBCE’s tri-state operations — bringing together blood collections, life sciences research, processing, and cell therapy manufacturing under one roof.

“Our stunning Rye donor center is one of the centerpieces of our new campus, one that we hope will become a hub for the Westchester community,” said Andrea Cefarelli, Senior Vice President at New York Blood Center. “This incredible campus allows NYBCE to fulfill our mission of supporting the tri-state area’s public health and sharing our life-saving research around the world. We are grateful to the Town of Rye, our local leaders, and everyone who joined us to celebrate this exciting new chapter.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by leaders from across the region, including Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi and Legislator Catherine Parker, Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State President and CEO Wendy Darwell, and other partners, blood donation advocates, donors, and recipients for a press conference and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Located at the confluence of I-95 and I-287 and situated next to the Rye Train Station, the new space provides unparalleled convenience for blood donors and NYBC employees alike. This new campus will allow NYBCE to provide more efficient service to hospitals throughout Westchester County, the Hudson Valley, and the tri-state area, improving the region’s overall public health.

“Without the gift of blood donation, I would have never made it to my transplant day. Each transfusion was a lifeline, keeping me alive while I waited for a donor to be found,” said Lauren Shields, a heart transplant recipient and blood donation advocate who spoke at the event. “My story is not just my own. It belongs to you as well. It’s a reflection of the countless lives touched by the work of the New York Blood Center. It’s a reminder that every task you perform, every donation you process, every outreach you conduct, has the potential to save a life and shape a future.”

Federal and regional leaders also shared their support for NYBCE’s continued mission:

“For over 60 years, the New York Blood Center has played an integral role in connecting New Yorkers with a critical resource at their greatest moment of need,” said U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer. “The opening of a new donor center at their state-of-the-art Rye Campus will help usher in a new chapter in the New York Blood Center’s history and advance their vital mission for years to come.”

“I’d like to congratulate New York Blood Center on 60 years of lifesaving work in New York and across the country,” said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

“May the grand opening at the new campus in Rye multiply and magnify the next 60 years of your lifesaving research, innovation, and impact,” said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins.

“Consigli is committed to making lasting impacts on the communities we serve, and this project will undoubtedly support the health and futures of countless families who rely on New York Blood Center’s lifesaving resources,” said Michael Henrici, Project Executive at Consigli Construction Co., Inc. “We are grateful to have had the opportunity, alongside our project partners, to bring this incredible new campus to life and build a foundation that will advance NYBCE’s meaningful mission for generations to come.”

In addition to the donor center, the campus includes a comprehensive menu of services and products to support and manage the full spectrum of transfusion medicine, regenerative medicine, and cellular-therapy-related research projects. NYBC is recognized internationally for its high humanitarian impact, research and development, and commercial collaboration.

As the organization celebrates this expansion, NYBCE continues to call on the public to donate blood during the ongoing blood emergency. Appointments can be made at nybc.org.

Yorktown Lions Begin Summer Concerts



The annual Yorktown Lions Club Concert Series begins on June 29 with Crash My Party.

The outdoor events will be held on select Sundays at the Jack DeVito Veterans Memorial Park throughout the summer at 6 p.m., except for the August 24 Military Tribute Concert with Class Action, which begins at 5 p.m.

The Lions ask attendees to bring a non-perishable food item to each concert as a donation to local food pantries. The concerts will feature artisan vendors and food trucks.

“The Yorktown Lions Club serves our community by addressing humanitarian needs and encouraging peace. Their annual concert series is an opportunity for all of us to step out of our routines, meet our neighbors, and forge closer community bonds. I’m thankful to the Lions for their efforts,” said Supervisor Ed Lachterman.

This year’s lineup is:

June 29: Crash My Party—Luke Bryan Tribute

July 13: Stevie Mac—Stevie Nicks/Fleetwood Mac Tribute

July 27: Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders

August 3: Dance Party Explosion

August 10: Sir Elton—Elton John Tribute

August 24: Military Tribute Concert with Class Action (Special guests Alyssa Martin and The Golden Apple Chorus starts at 5 p.m.)

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Dominick Bulfamante Receives Anthony S. Colavita Award



Eastchester Supervisor Anthony Colavita with Dominick Bulfamante

Supervisor Colavita had the pleasure of attending the Tuckahoe Middle School Grade 8 Awards Night to present the 2025 Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita Award to Dominick Bulfamante. Congratulations to Dominick, and all of tonight's award recipients and the entire graduating class!

Letter to the Editor

I would like to remind county legislator Nolan about the posse comitatus Act which helps protect citizens from Armed Federal Combat troops acting in the role of Law Enforcement. The problem Democrats have is that "king Trump" wants to test every part of our constitution and would love to have federal troops patrolling our streets, especially in blue cities, as his first step to declaring marshal law. I am providing you some basic information on the posse Comitatus act

"In the United States, a federal statute known as the Posse Comitatus Act, enacted in 1878, forbids the use of the US Army (and, as amended, the US Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Space Force as a posse comitatus or for law enforcement purposes without the approval of Congress.[14] The act originally did not mention branches of the military other than the Army (and subsequently the Air Force after its establishment), leading the US Department of the Navy and the US Secretary of Defense, US_Secretary_of_Defense) to prescribe equivalent regulations prohibiting the use of other branches for domestic law enforcement.[15][16] In 2021, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Defense_Authorization_Act_for_Fiscal_Year_2022) amended the Act to formally apply the same restrictions to the domestic use of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Space Force.[17] The limitation does not apply to the National Guard of the United States (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Guard_of_the_United_States) when activated by a state's governor ([https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_\(United_States\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Governor_(United_States))) and operating under Title 32 of the US Code (https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Title_32_of_the_United_States_Code), such as deployments by state governors in response to Hurricane Katrina [18]

The President seems to be concerned with possible insurrection, maybe he should have concerned himself with those already tried and convicted for crimes on January 6 instead of pardoning all those who actually promote and support insurrection, attacked our capital and threatened our elected lawmakers.

Legislator Nolan, there is a saying all politics are local, what happens in L.A. county can happen in Westchester County don't let the Republican rhetoric fool you!

Tom Meier, Yonkers DPW Commissioner and Yonkers Democratic Chair

Welcome Back Eric Schoen! I'm Lost in Yonkers! Again!

By Eric Wolf Schoen



So Elon Musk brings his son to the White House several weeks ago. The kid looks at President Trump as some kind of maniac, having minimal eye contact. Basically, the kid was dissing Mr. Trump and Trump was ignoring the kid. So you did you really think the friendship between Trump and the kids father Elon Musk would be long lasting?

Friends, after 4 months, December 17 to the end of April I was a patient in hospitals in New Jersey and New York and a Rehabilitation facility I am proud to say that I'm back in Yonkers enjoying life. Eating Yonkers pizza and enjoying real Yonkers bagels.

Due to my scoliosis and Parkinson's I was losing strength in my right leg, and the orthopedist and the neurologist both agreed it was time to operate to clean out the spine. They did just. I was supposed to go home the next day, Infection set in, a high fever developed, and it was all down from there.

Central Avenue has taken on a new look. The last time I visited Ground Round a friend and her family had just finished purchasing the restaurant. With the exception of the peanuts on the floor and my friend and her family and my party of 2 we were the only people in the place. It didn't last long, and neither did Boulder Creek steakhouse which followed. The property was empty for so long so that when I came back from my medical 'vacation' I was shocked to see a big building in its place. I wish the owners of the business that will occupy that space good luck in their endeavor.

It seems like everyday a business is opening downtown whether it be a restaurant or other top notch place. Full storefronts are good for a the cof

People are driving crazy so be careful if you take your car for a spin. We need more Police Guarding our streets and ticketing those making travel in Yonkers so difficult for others. The roads are shared roads remember that.

One thing that shocked me was the Mayor's appointment to the School Board. We don't need people who steal food from Yonkers families on Thanksgiving on prestigious boards and commissions governing our city. Have we forgotten that people went hungry on Thanksgiving due to Lorraine Lopez antics. There are many qualified individuals in Yonkers to serve on Boards and Commissions. This appointment is a big disappointment, and Mayor Spano knows better than to put Lopez on a Board protecting our children.

On a positive note I have heard many good things going on in our schools. Anibal Solar has done a good job taking over the Yonkers Schools. We wish him continued success.

So I am back, Lost in Yonkers again. Kudos to Mayor Spano for a job well done while I was gone. Isn't I truly amazing what you miss being away 4 month. May the sun shine over Yonkers.

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen @ewschoen@com.

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Board Celebrates Caribbean American Heritage Month



L-R-Board of Legislators Chair Vedat Gashi, Dean Horace Anderson, Jr., BOL Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels



Legislator Shanae Williams, left, with Annmarie Smith, and BOL Chair Vedat Gashi

The Westchester County Board of Legislators celebrated Caribbean American Heritage Month on Monday night with a ceremony honoring two exceptional individuals: Horace E. Anderson, Jr., Dean of Pace University's Elisabeth Haub School of Law and champion of expanding educational opportunities and Annmarie Smith, longtime Yonkers public education advocate and community leader.

Board Chairman Vedat Gashi (D- New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown), who convened the ceremony and welcomed guests, said, "We are proud to honor Dean Horace Anderson, Jr. and Annmarie Smith, two exemplary Caribbean Americans whose contributions to education and public service embody the values we celebrate during Caribbean American Heritage Month. Dean Anderson's journey from first-generation American to pioneering legal educator, and Ms. Smith's four decades of advocacy for Yonkers students, demonstrate the profound impact Caribbean Americans have made in Westchester County. Their dedication to mentorship and community advancement reflects the rich heritage we celebrate this month."

Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (D- Mount Vernon) said, "It is a distinct honor to recognize Dean Horace Anderson, Jr. during Caribbean Heritage Month. As the first Black dean in the history of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, Dean Anderson has demonstrated exemplary leadership, elevating the Law School's national standing and expanding its impact within our community. His commitment to fostering academic excellence, advancing diversity within the legal profession, and championing innovative programs in environmental law, social justice, and civic engagement has set a remarkable standard. We celebrate Dean Anderson as a distinguished leader and an outstanding representative of the Caribbean American community, whose contributions continue to enrich our institutions and inspire future generations."

Legislator Shanae Williams (D- Yonkers) said, "During Caribbean American Heritage Month, we honor the rich cultural legacy and contributions of Caribbean Americans in Westchester County as a whole. Annmarie Smith embodies that spirit through her unwavering dedication to public service and education advocacy. Her tireless work on behalf of Yonkers families makes her a shining example of the power and impact one person can have. She helps strengthen communities and makes a difference in our city for many generations to come."

Astronomy for Grown Ups at the Hudson River Museum



Join us for a new series of live planetarium programs for adults this spring that explores big questions in space science and the latest discoveries in the cosmos. The shows will take place the first Wednesday of each month, with a different theme each month.

Wednesday, July 2 — Celestial Navigation

This month, learn how the Sun, Moon, and stars can guide your travels! Discover the traditional methods of celestial navigation that helped early explorers find their way and laid the groundwork for today's GPS and mapping technologies.

Recommended for ages 18+; 60-minute show plus Q&A. Advance reservations are encouraged. Visit HRM.org for more information.

To the Editor, Mike Lawler has Failed Us

During the 118th Congress and throughout the 119th session, it has been clear that Representative Mike Lawler has used his position not to serve the needs of the Lower Hudson Valley, but to advance the extreme MAGA Project 2025 agenda at the expense of his own constituents.

Time and again, Lawler has prioritized partisan politics over the real concerns of New Yorkers—rising costs, affordable health care, and common sense immigration reform.

Lawler's voting record is out of step with our community's values. He has voted to slash Medicaid and food assistance for millions of low-income Americans, to restrict reproductive freedom and voting rights, and to cut funding for education and programs that help working families.

Instead of focusing on lowering costs or improving health care, Lawler has pushed legislation that would raise health care costs for over 100 million Americans with pre-existing conditions, and roll back protections for women, workers and children.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a non-partisan forecasting office within the U.S. Congress released its newest estimates of the provisions of the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" that Lawler was the deciding vote on. This bill will result in \$3.8 trillion in tax cuts and \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts, and will cause 16 million people to lose their health insurance nationwide (1.5 million in New York). The high cost of these tax cuts, which overwhelmingly benefit high earners and business interests, will increase the federal deficit by \$2.4 trillion.

On immigration, Lawler campaigned on securing the border, but he has failed to deliver solutions. Instead, he has supported divisive, conspiracy-driven bills that do nothing to fix our broken system, while voting against bipartisan proposals that could actually help make a difference. And now, to add to his divisive policies, he supports military intervention at home. He plays the "world-class hater" Steve Miller's inciteful tune "insurrection".

He has also dismissed the rule of law and defended his party's MAGA figurehead, even after felony convictions, despite previously claiming he would not support Trump if convicted. And since then, Trump has pardoned one criminal after another (including a major online drug dealer) and Lawler remains silent. And while Lawler is silent on pardoning criminals he wasn't silent at his Mahopac Town Hall stating that he supports the decision to put National Guard and Marines on the streets of LA against the will of the Governor and Mayor, to intimidate peaceful protesters.

Lawler follows Trump's lead by using, and continuing to use, the Jewish community as a prop. He, like Trump, states his unwavering support for Israel and his vows against antisemitism without speaking up against domestic white nationalists like Steve Bannon and Elon Musk.

We deserve much better than Mike (Go Along to Get Along) Lawler's record of failed leadership and misplaced priorities.

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County Exec. Jenkins Signs Legislation to Strengthen Westchester’s Consumer Protection Laws



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has signed into law an update to the County’s Consumer Protection Code, modernizing the legislation to better address deceptive business practices and protect residents from 21st-century scams—including online and AI-driven fraud.

The new law gives County inspectors broader authority and new tools to investigate complaints and enforce consumer protections. Among its key provisions are the expansion of prohibited business practices, stronger penalties, and increased power to recoup losses for defrauded consumers.

Jenkins said: “This legislation is about protecting the people of Westchester County from dishonest and unethical business practices. Whether it’s hidden fees, subscription traps, or AI scams, this law ensures that our residents have a stronger layer of protection. I thank the Board of Legislators for their support and collaboration in moving this important bill forward.”

Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection Director Jim Maisano said: “We’re seeing a new wave of consumer fraud, often driven by technology and online deception. This law gives us the tools we need to fight back—ensuring that Westchester consumers are not only protected but that businesses engaging in fraudulent practices are held accountable.”

The legislation was passed unanimously by the Westchester County Board of Legislators and was co-authored by Legislators Colin D. Smith and David T. Imamura.

County Board Chairman Vedat Gashi said: “Today marks a historic step in protecting Westchester County consumers. I thank County Executive Jenkins for signing this vital law and commend the legislators for sponsoring and unanimously passing it. Together, we are defending the hard-earned money of working people. When businesses use hidden fees and subscription traps to drain bank accounts, they exploit our residents, seniors, and small businesses. We are proud to send a unified message: Westchester won’t tolerate companies that profit by preying on the vulnerable.”

Legislator Colin D. Smith said: “As Chair of the Board’s Committee on Legislation and co-author of this bill, I’m proud to stand with County Executive Jenkins and Legislator Imamura to announce the signing of the Consumer Protection Bill into law. This critical legislation enhances protections for Westchester residents and small businesses, addressing modern threats like AI-driven scams and misleading subscription practices. Our community deserves transparency and strong safeguards — and this new law provides exactly that by modernizing and reinforcing consumer rights to prevent abuse.”

Legislator David T. Imamura said: “Thank you, County Executive Jenkins for signing this important legislation taking a stand for Westchester consumers. When the federal government effectively halts its consumer protection laws, Westchester County is stepping up to the plate to fill the gap. This legislation not only strengthens the County’s consumer protection laws, it enhances the County’s ability to enforce those laws.”

Yonkers Celebrates Eighth Annual Pride Festival



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Not even the rain could dampen Yonkers’ vibrant spirit on Saturday, June 14, 2025, as the 8th Annual Pride Festival transformed Main Street into a joyful celebration of love, inclusion, and community pride.

Despite gray skies and steady showers, crowds turned out with umbrellas in hand and hearts wide open. Rainbow flags flew above ponchos and raincoats, while laughter echoed through the streets as festivalgoers danced, posed for photos, and embraced the day—clouds and all.

The event was a testament to resilience. Highlights included a free 360-degree photo booth, a colorful Pride-themed playground, a bubble show that filled the air with shimmering orbs, and a dunk tank made even more entertaining by the rain. Dozens of vendors and advocacy organizations, including the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, lined the sidewalks offering resources, merchandise, and messages of support.

Headliner Lana Ja’Rae lit up the stage with a high-energy performance that had the crowd dancing through the drizzle. Raindrops became rhythm as music, movement, and unity took over Main Street. “The energy made me forget it was raining,” one attendee shared.

Yonkers native Laura Estevez, a proud alumna of the Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) program, smiled through it all. “I feel good,” she said. “I’m always thrilled to participate.” Now a volunteer, Estevez credits Yonkers with shaping her identity—and says giving back is her way of saying thank you. “This city taught me how to show up, rain or shine.”

Christine J. Klein, a longtime real estate and legal professional, also showed her support. “I love coming out and supporting the community,” she said. Klein, who has decades of experience in estate planning, family law, and name and gender marker changes, emphasized the ongoing need for LGBTQ+ legal advocacy and representation.

Former Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick, now running for office again, mingled with festivalgoers and celebrated the city’s continued progress. Brentin Bullock also attended, joined by friends and family.

As music pulsed, one thing was clear: Yonkers Pride isn’t about the weather—it’s about the will to celebrate who we are. For eight years strong, that spirit has never wavered—and it shows no signs of stopping.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.



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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on April 18, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, Lobby, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY 10601 on June 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 500 High Point Drive a/k/a 500 Highpoint Drive, Unit 5506, Hartsdale, NY 10530. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Greenburgh, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 8.80, Block 50-1 and Lot 0.5506 together with an undivided 0.403 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$205,373.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #59828/2022.

Julie C. Curley, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 230321-1.

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Kelley Brosky, Atty. for the Plaintiff

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Hudson River Patriots Chapter NDAR Presents Books to Yonkers Schools



Sacred Heart School Adults Back Row Left: Hudson River Patriots Regent Cindy Pramann, Teacher Melissa Bidlack



Hudson River Patriots Regent Emeritus Philomena Dunn, Social Studies Teacher Victoria Butler, Hudson River Patriots Regent Cindy Pramann, City of Yonkers Historian Mary Hoar

With the 250th anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the National Daughters of the Revolution (NDAR) received a National DAR grant to purchase books focused on the American Revolution for classrooms in their local area. The grant was designed to help students learn about the Revolutionary War, our soldiers, patriots and all men and women who contributed to our freedom.

After careful deliberation of submissions from Chapters throughout the country, the National DAR selected the Hudson River Patriots Chapter NDAR to receive one of the grants! After thorough investigation of potential area recipients, Hudson River Patriots selected two Yonkers schools, Sacred Heart School and Montessori School #31, to receive Revolutionary War themed books to help students learn what happened in the Neutral Zone, Yonkers and our Westchester area, during those times.

The chapter used the grant to purchase books selected by Social Studies' teachers at both schools.

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter, NDAR, was organized in 2001 when three long-standing chapters merged to better meet the needs of women in the Rivertowns of Westchester County; these chapters were Yonkers' Keskeskick Chapter organized in 1895, the Tarrytown Chapter organized in 1925, and Hastings' General Jacob Odell Chapter organized in 1932. This project was organized by Hudson River Patriot Regent Cindy Pramann and Regent Emeritus Philomena Dunn.

Maria Regina HS Student Wins Honorable Mention in "You Can Make a Difference" Poster Contest



Dear Ms. Rabadi,
 Congratulations on winning honorable mention in The Christophers' Thirty-Fifth Poster Contest for High School Students! I am delighted to award you this check for \$100.
 Your work was chosen from close to 300 posters submitted by students throughout the United States. Your work was noteworthy for its artistic merit, originality, effectiveness in conveying the theme "You Can Make a Difference." We hope your participation was inspiring and thought-provoking, and that you will continue to develop and use your special gifts to help make the world a brighter place, one candle at a time.
 Again, congratulations and a most sincere "Thank you" from all of us at The Christophers.

Alia Rabadi of Yonkers, a Maria Regina High School student, was among a select group of 10 young artists from across the U.S. who earned Honorable Mention in The Christophers' 35th Annual Poster Contest for High School Students focused on the theme, "You Can Make A Difference."

In a letter Alia received from The Christophers announcing her win, she was told: "Your work was chosen from close to 300 posters submitted by students...Your work was noteworthy for its artistic merit, originality, effectiveness in conveying the theme. We hope your participation was inspiring and thought-provoking and that you will continue to develop and use your special gifts to help make the world a brighter place, one candle at a time."

Alia received a \$100 check for her poster (attached image), a collage of some of the notable student-led service programs of the renowned all-girls Catholic high school that help make a difference in the school's communities

The mission of The Christophers, www.Chritophers.org, founded 80 years ago by Father James Keller, M.M., is to "encourage people of all ages, from all walks of life to use their God-given talents to make a positive difference in the world."

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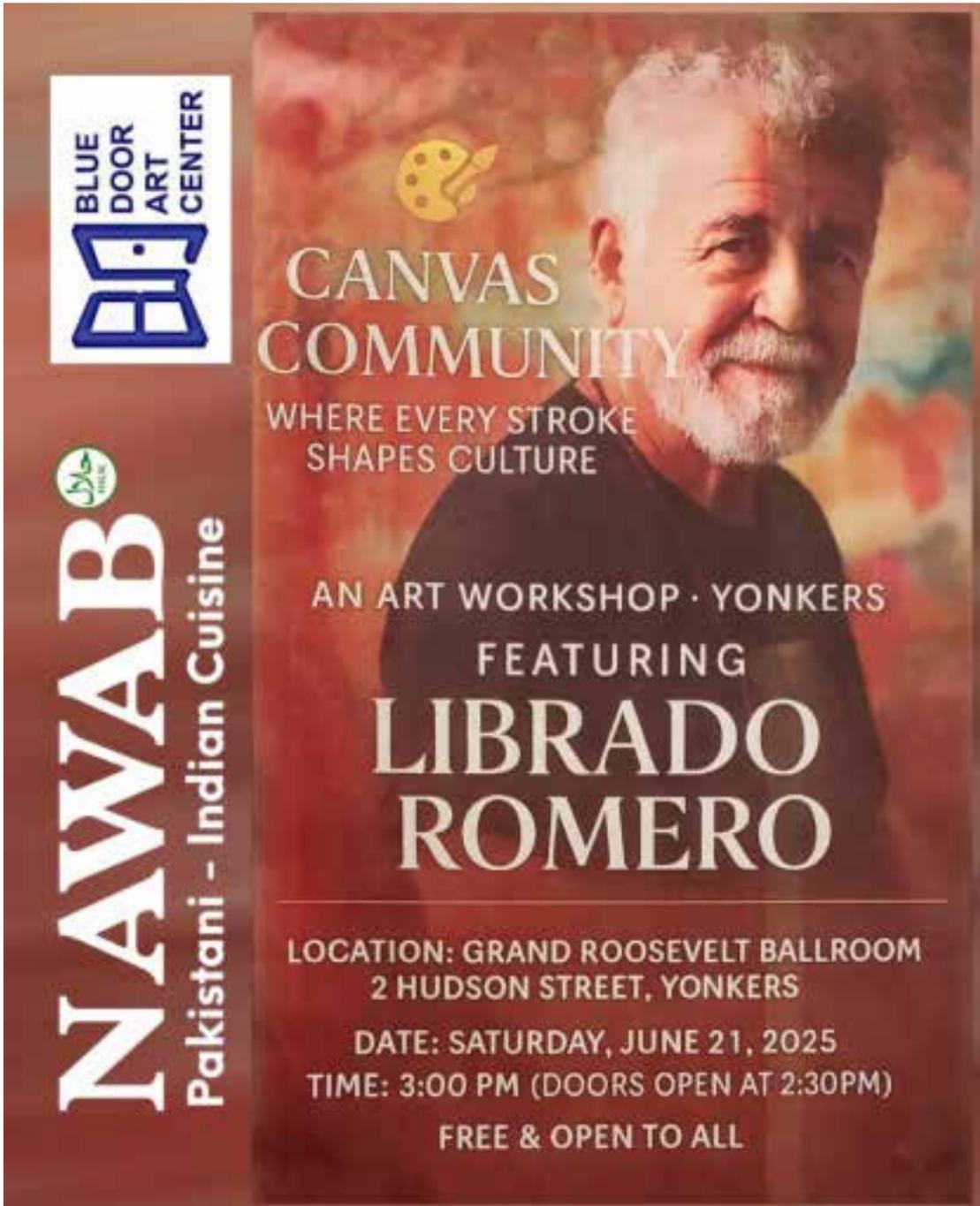
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This free six-week festival offers something for everyone, with a diverse lineup of music and dance traditions sure to dazzle audiences of all ages. Attendees can expect captivating performances, bright costumes, and unique insights into the rich cultural heritage behind each show.

"For more than two decades, the International Music and Dance Festival has brought the world to New Rochelle through the universal language of performance," said Tobe Sevush, Programming Coordinator at the New Rochelle Public Library. "This year's lineup continues the tradition with a vibrant mix of music and dance that reflects the many cultures and backgrounds that make our community so unique."

The festival kicks off on July 8 with a Kaleidoscope of Eastern Europe Music and Dance. Travel with us through the heart of Eastern Europe! Dazzling costume changes, soaring vocals, and live music set the stage—and you may find yourself dancing alongside our performers. Get ready for an evening of vibrant melodies and high-energy steps!

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Senator Mayer Awards 19 Students in the 37th Senate District with Youth Leadership Awards



Top L to R: Diana Balkovski, Noah Siegel, Ashley Hernande, Izel Ortiz, Chase Gray, Elvis Njuguna, Max Dowell, Madelena Rubenstein. Bottom L to R: Gianfranco Tamarro, Julian Gahr, Senator Shelley Mayer, Hailey Graffeo, Eleanor Hale, and Owen Lee.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer awarded 19 students in the 37th Senate District with the Youth Leadership Award on Monday, June 16, at Rye Neck Senior High School. The New York State Senate Youth Leadership Award recognizes outstanding high school students for excellence in the classroom, athletics, and in extracurricular or community activities.

Senator Mayer led an open roundtable discussion with the student recipients to showcase their activities and to learn more about each student’s work for their communities. The students were able to discuss the initiatives they pursued and the ideas they have. Senator Mayer then presented the students with certificates of achievement for their outstanding involvement in the community.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am proud to present the 2025 Youth Leadership Awards to an outstanding group of students from across Senate District 37. These young leaders have shown tremendous dedication to their schools and communities—demonstrating the values of service that make our district stronger. As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, I continue to be inspired by the talent and commitment of our students. I am grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements, and I extend my sincere thanks to Superintendent Dr. Eric Lutinski, Principal Melinda Folchetti and Rye Neck High School for graciously hosting this year’s ceremony.”

Dr. Eric Lutinski, E.d. D, said, “Rye Neck is grateful to be able to host the 2025 Youth Leadership Awards this June. Senator Mayer continues to support education and the Leadership Awards are where it counts – directly at the student level with an emphasis on personal interaction with young people who have demonstrated service and achievement. This type of recognition values activity that is consistent with the new Rye Neck mission statement created with our Strategic Plan. Our award winners exemplify the importance we place on a close-knit school community that values local and global voices and inspires an adaptive mindset, enabling all learners to thrive academically and personally.”

Senator Mayer recognized Owen Lee and Abigail Shrayner from Byram Hills High School; Diana Balkovski from Fox Lane High School; Chase Gray, Elvis Njuguna, Jordyn Summer, Gianfranco Tamarro, Farrah Frandson, Julian Gahr, Hailey Graffeo, and Jack Badner from Harrison High School; Max Dowell from Mamaroneck High School; Madelena Rubenstein, Noah Siegel, Izel Ortiz, and Ashley Hernandez from Rye Neck Senior High School; Wesley Lichtenstein from Rye Country Day School; Alexa Bassuk from Blind Brook High School; and Eleanor Hale from School Of The Holy Child.



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ner of domestic violence cases. We stand with survivors.”

More details on the case and the trial from media reports have Apostoli and the victim coming back to their apartment late after celebrating his birthday. The victim checked his cell phone and found sexting between Apostoli and another woman.

The woman then threw his phone and other things in the apartment, after which Apostoli awoke and assaulted his then girlfriend. She testified that he trapped her on the floor and beat her.

She did not report the incident for six weeks and the relationship fell apart.

Defense attorney Andrew Quinn argued that Apostoli was only trying to prevent his girlfriend from doing further damage to the apartment and that if he was interested in harming her, the injuries would have been more severe.

Prosecutors said that Apostoli was the one with rage as his intent because his girlfriend looked at his phone.

Incriminating texts from both sides were also shared at trial, that the girlfriend knew Apostoli didn't mean to hurt her and Apostoli asking his former girlfriend to lie about what happened.

ADA Michelle Lopez said, “this case was never about a woman scorned...it was about domestic violence.”

District Attorney Cacace was in the courtroom for summations, and after Judge McCarty's decision issued a statement calling on the NY State legislature to change the law and close the “voluntary intoxication” loophole.

DA Cacace said: “Under current law, survivors of sexual abuse are penalized for being assaulted if they consume alcohol or other intoxicants before their assault. This status quo relies on outdated notions of consent and victimhood that have rightfully been relegated to the dustbin of history.

“New York is sometimes slow to modernize its laws in the face of obvious injustice. But on certain subjects, such as bail and discovery reform, New York lawmakers worked quickly to address a perceived need. Survivors of sexual abuse are no less deserving of justice than these other constituencies. We should consider their needs, too.

“Other states, including Michigan and Minnesota, have recognized the need to eliminate this archaic penalty on survivors in recent years. New York should lead this growing coalition rather than stand in its way.

“In the strongest possible terms, I urge Speaker Heastie to bring A.101-A to the floor for a full vote before the Assembly. Survivors can't wait another minute. Let's not leave them behind.”

We note that Cacace's office sought a conviction on the felony assault, which would have resulted in a jail sentence. Judge McCarty's decision cannot be blamed on the DA.

One notable case where Cacace's office did get jail time include:

Connecticut Man Pleads Guilty in Bulldog Strangulation and Dismemberment Case

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Benjamin Tyler, 40, of New Milford, Conn., pleaded guilty yesterday to Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, an unclassified felony, for killing and dismembering an English bulldog named Bruno.

On or about Dec. 6, 2024, Tyler strangled Bruno, a pure-bred English bulldog, to death at the New Rochelle residence of Bruno's guardian, a longtime acquaintance of the defendant with whom he had been staying. Tyler proceeded to dismember Bruno and strewed various pieces of his carcass around New Rochelle.

He is expected to be sentenced by Westchester County Court Judge James McCarty on Sept. 8 to one year in jail.

DA Cacace said: “The defendant's conduct in this case is sickening beyond comprehension. He will soon have time to reflect on the depravity of his actions from the Westchester County Jail. Cruelty to animals will never be tolerated under my administration.”

The investigation was conducted by the New Rochelle Police Department with the assistance of SPCA Westchester. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mary Ann Liebowitz.

A second case that resulted in jail time for two defendants came from US Attorney Jay Clayton.

Former Business Owner And Town Of Cortlandt Employee Sentenced To Prison For \$2.4 Million Environmental Crime Scheme

Jay Clayton, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that GLENN GRIFFIN, the owner and president of Griffin's Landscaping Corporation, was sentenced to two years in prison for a scheme in which GRIFFIN bribed a Town of Cortlandt employee to gain unauthorized access to a Town facility to dump loads of unauthorized materials. GRIFFIN was also sentenced for a separate bid-rigging scheme. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge Vincent L. Briccetti.

On May 20, 2025, ROBERT DYCKMAN, the former Assistant General Foreman for the Town of Cortlandt, was sentenced by Judge Briccetti to a year and a day in prison for his participation in the bribery and dumping scheme. As part of their sentences, GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN were each ordered to pay \$2.4 million in restitution to their victims.

“Glenn Griffin and Robert Dyckman's corruption not only damaged public land and fragile wetlands but also undermined the public's faith in our government and institutions” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “Griffin, a successful business owner and president, bribed Dyckman so that he could save money and, in the process, illegally dump harmful, unauthorized materials on public property generating \$2.4 million in damages. Moreover, Griffin then took government money to remove and haul away the very materials that he had illegally dumped. Together with our law enforcement partners, we are committed to rooting out such brazen and wasteful corruption.”

According to statements made in public filings and court proceedings:

Illegal Dumping Scheme

From 2018 until February 2020, GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN engaged in an unauthorized dumping scheme. DYCKMAN gave GRIFFIN and his employees unauthorized access to Arlo Lane, a Cortlandt facility, to dump hundreds of large truckloads of unauthorized materials such as thick concrete, cement with rebar, tiles, bricks, large rocks, and soil. After the illegal dumping, GRIFFIN billed and received payments from the Town of Cortlandt for removing and hauling away the very materials that GRIFFIN had illegally dumped at Arlo Lane with DYCK-

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Enjoy the infectious Cuban rhythms of Salsa, Mambo, Cha Cha Cha, Bolero—and more on July 29 when flutist, vocalist, and composer Carlos Jimenez leads his Mambo Orchestra in an irresistible concert of Latin and Jazz rhythms.

On August 5, join two-time Latin Grammy nominee Araceli Poma for a deep dive into Afro-Peruvian music and dance. Explore traditional instruments—like quijada, cajita, and cajón—then try your footwork with classic dance styles such as marinera, festejo, landó, and tondero.

The series culminates on August 12 with a grand finale by participants in the Calpulli Summer Mexican Dance workshops. Adorned in colorful costumes, dancers of all ages will celebrate the rich and diverse regional dance traditions of Mexico's cultural history. This program will take place outside on the Library patio, adjacent to Ruby Dee Park.

With its multi-generational appeal and unique immersion into the arts and traditions of diverse cultures, the International Music and Dance Festival promises an enriching experience for all who attend. Admission is free, but registration is requested for each event. Register online at bit.ly/IMD_2025 (find the event on the calendar, click and proceed with registration) or call 914-813-3706.

Celebrating a true hero!

Retired Colonel Richard Gulley was presented with the Bronze Star Medal at New Rochelle City Hall by Congressman George Latimer. Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert, American Legion Post 8 Commander Dennis Starr and City officials were on hand to honor the Army pilot, who served for 30 years. Congratulations Colonel Gulley! New Rochelle thanks you for your service and dedication. NEW ROCHELLE, NY – Today Congressman George Latimer (NY-16) was joined by New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos Herbert and American Legion Post 8 Commander Dennis Starr to present Colonel (Ret) Richard Gulley with a Bronze Star Medal. Retired Colonel Gulley earned the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan.

“This week our country celebrated the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday. It is timely that today we recognize and honor the service of Retired Army Colonel Gulley, who resides in New Rochelle,” said Rep. Latimer. “Col. Gulley dedicated 30 years of his life to this nation and put himself in harm's way to keep his fellow soldiers safe. He is what makes our country great, and I am proud to present him with this medal today.”

Colonel (Ret) Gulley had previously been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal based on his deployment to Afghanistan in 2010, and that has now been upgraded to a Bronze Star Medal.

COL (Ret) Gulley served for 30 years in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves in Kosovo, Kuwait, and Afghanistan, as well as with the European and African Commands. While deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, COL (Ret) Gulley was engaged in a small arms fire and mortar/RPG attack by Taliban insurgents who were armed with mortars, rockets, grenades and suicide vests. The attack lasted over eight hours and included mortar attacks that struck less than 100 meters from COL (Ret) Gulley's position.

COL (Ret) Gulley lives in New Rochelle and is a pilot with JetBlue, based out of John F. Kennedy airport.

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Westchester DA Investigating Mike Khader

“Based on New Information, We Have Retained the Case” Against former Council President

Findings in Independent IG’s Report of No Rent Payments and Quid Pro Quo-Unresolved

By Dan Murphy

Editor’s Note: In the June 13 issue of Yonkers Rising, we reported on the fact that an independent report from the Yonkers IG, concerning Council President candidate Mike Khader, was in the possession of Westchester DA Susan Cacace’s office. Since that story, the DA’s office emailed us two comments. The first, was that the Khader matter was being referred to the Ethics Board, and not the IG, for review.

Then the final correspondence we received from Cacace’s office was that “Based on new information, we are retaining the matter and not sending it to the Ethics Board.” This statement confirms that Cacace’s office was reviewing the IG report against Khader and “based on new evidence,” will continue to conduct their investigation.

Below is the story that ran in Yonkers Rising on June 13.

An independent report found that former Council President Mike Khader did not make rent payments for law office space he rented from an attorney who then got a Yonkers taxpayer-funded job in the possession of Westchester District Attorney Susan Cacace’s office. We asked Cacace’s office about the status of their review and were told, “We have referred the matter back to the Yonkers IG.”

Yonkers Inspector Liam McLaughlin issued a report from an independent law firm and investigator in 2024 which found that Khader “admitted that he did not pay rent to SBJ from in or about March 2017 until in or about December 2018. In an apparent attempt to improperly interfere with, obstruct, or otherwise hinder this investigation, Khader provided conflicting reasons for not paying rent.”

In public comments since then, Khader has continued to call the allegations against him a witch hunt and nonsense. However, the fact remains that Khader has not provided proof or an explanation as to why there are no checks or evidence of payments showing that he made the rent payments in question.

Here’s the timeline of events:

Khader served as Council President from 2017 to 2021 and is running in a Democratic primary on June 24 to return to that office. In 2021, Khader was running for reelection when allegations surfaced in the media of a “Quid Pro Quo” between Khader and attorney Jeff Buss, in which Khader received free rent at Buss’s law office on Yonkers Avenue.

Buss was appointed a counsel to the then Council President Khader at a salary of \$70,000 per year.

Following the allegations, six members of the Yonkers City Council requested that Inspector General Liam McLaughlin conduct an investigation.

McLaughlin, also a former council president, hired an outside counsel and investigator to conduct the inquiry. In 2021, Khader called the matter a witch hunt and lost the Democratic primary to Collins-Bellamy.

In July of last year, 2024, IG McLaughlin released the independent report which found that Khader was “In violation of the Yonkers’ Code of Ethics, and appearing to be in violation of Article 200 of the New York State Penal Law. Khader received rent-free office space from his City-paid counsel’s law firm, Smith, Buss & Jacobs LLP (“SBJ”). It is undisputed that Khader received rent-free office space and related office services from SBJ from or about March 2017 until or about December 2018.

The reports investigators identified the value of the rent that Khader did not pay for 22 months to be between \$11,000 - \$17,600. Additionally, Khader was able to utilize the support staff from the law offices of Smith, Buss & Jacobs at no cost.

“Khader used SBJ paralegals to support his legal practice, including for the filing of court documents, at times relevant to this investigation. . . . it is clear that Khader used the SBJ office space and had the benefit of SBJ office services, including paralegals and notaries, during a time when he claimed not to be practicing law and paid no rent to SBJ. Such services are of value to an attorney, but Khader never paid for such services. The Investigators find that such valuable services were part of the quid pro quo.”

The report details numerous examples where Khader was practicing law after telling the IG and investigators that he was not. In one instance, Khader, serving as a court-appointed receiver, submits his bill for services, stating that he “exhausted countless hours” on the case and “performed extensive” work.

At the same time, Khader swore in his deposition that he had stopped or slowed his law practice. Khader’s bill for those services was \$37,634.05 and signed the court report using SBJ’s address of 733 Yonkers Avenue, Suite 200.

Khader’s sworn statements in this investigation and his sworn statements to the Court in the Matter of Joseph Carriere’s Report are clearly inconsistent. Khader’s sworn statements in this investigation that he stopped or slowed his law practice and that he did not use SBJ’s office as such are demonstrably false and disproven by Khader’s court filings,” states the report.

In the fall of 2021, Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah reviewed the independent IG’s report. However, after deciding not to run for reelection, her office did not conclude or opine on the matter of Mike Khader. Apparently, there was not enough time, given that a new District Attorney, Susan Cacace, came into office in January 2025, to conclude the inquiry, and no comment was ever made by DA Rocah’s office on the matter.

We have confirmed that Cacace’s office has the IG’s report and has now sent the matter back to McLaughlin. We don’t know the reasons why.

In recent video interviews and candidate forums, Khader has been vocal in his defense, stating that the allegations are false and without merit. In one interview with Ru Ros on Yonkers Voice, Khader called McLaughlin, a Liar, and claimed, “I provided documents to Liam’s office, I provided it to the investigator, and I provided it to LoHud.”

Khader did not indicate what documents he provided to anyone. Still, we have confirmed that the documents that would exonerate him, including proof that he paid rent to Buss for the period in question, such as rent checks, were not provided.

We reviewed the investigator’s comments and verified their conclusion in the report that “We, the Investigators, conclude that Khader (and Buss/SBJ) failed to provide any credible evidence as to why SBJ provided him with rent-free office space and office services and that such valuable office space (valued at approximately \$11,000 – \$17,600) and office services (valued at approximately \$11,600) were provided as part of a quid pro quo arrangement between Khader and Buss/SBJ whereby Buss received multiple contracts totaling approximately \$240,000.”

“Khader does not dispute that he never paid rent to SBJ for suites 200 or 303 for the period March 2017 through or about December 2018. Khader, instead, alternatively and inconsistently argues that it was because he did not practice law, because he only used the office for storage, and because of the state and condition of the office.

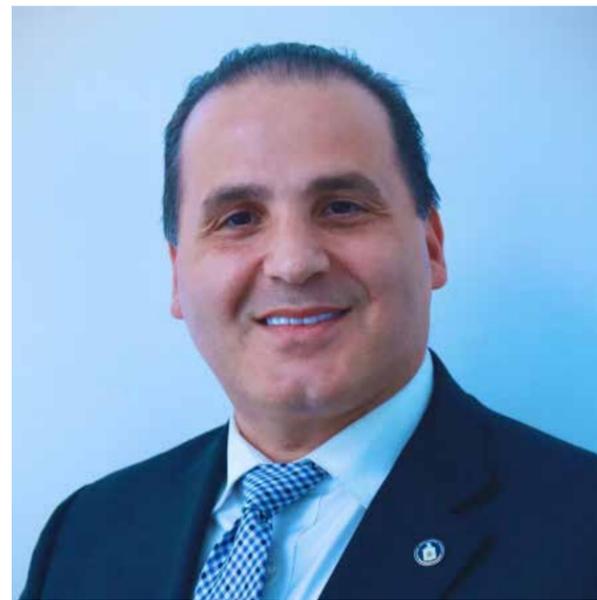
“Khader alternatively claims that he did not pay rent because he was not practicing law at the time. The undisputed facts are that Khader was engaged in the practice of law from March 2017 to December 2018.

The crux of the allegations made against Khader four years ago, which were confirmed in the report, remains the same. What rent was Khader paying to Smith, Buss & Jacobs, and did those payments change when Buss was hired at a salary of \$70,000 per year to serve as Khader’s counsel to the Council President, a taxpayer-paid position?

We still do not have an answer to this question,” end of story printed June 13.

What “New Information” has DA Cacace’s office received in the matter of Mike Khader? We do not know.

And synonyms for retain include to keep, hold onto, and maintain.



Mike Khader

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conduct is especially alarming.

“As U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts observed in his 2024 report on the federal judiciary, ‘violence, intimidation, and defiance directed at judges because of their work undermine our Republic, and are wholly unacceptable.’

“We must never allow this type of conduct to become normalized. The sanctity of our legal process demands nothing less.”

Leo, a litigant before Justice Capeci in criminal and matrimonial proceedings, is accused of sending her electronic messages containing threatening communications. Justice Capeci presides over Westchester County’s Integrated Domestic Violence court.

In one message dated May 27, as alleged in a felony complaint, Leo told her, “I’m going to beat you.” In another message, dated May 30, he is accused of saying, “I wish you die tonight in a car fire.”

And on June 11, Leo stated in yet another message, “I warned you month after month after month. If you take my kids from me for no reason, which you did, it’s not gonna go well,” and “I hope you die,” according to the felony complaint.

Leo is a Yonkers-based attorney with an active registration status. He is scheduled to return to court on June 18.

The investigation was conducted by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

Editor’s Note: Anyone who can find an online photo of Mr. Leo can email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com.

Update: NYS Supreme Court Judge James McCarty granted bail to Leo on June 17 for \$250,000, which Leo was expected to post.

Part of the dispute over whether to release Leo was on the accusations that Leo had or did have a number of guns. Last year, Leo had his gun license revoked and was ordered to hand over the 21 guns that were registered in his name.

Instead of giving them to Yonkers police, Leo put 15 in a bag and left them on the steps of St. Mary’s Church on South Broadway.

Leo had his gun license revoked in the fall and was ordered to surrender all 21 guns listed on the license. Instead of giving them directly to Yonkers police, Leo put 15 of them in a bag that he left on the steps of St. Mary’s Church and then informed police.

Later on, the remaining 6 guns were left in an unlocked box outside of the Yonkers Police Department headquarters.

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Albany Turns Its Back Again on Survivors

New York's Failure to Fix Legal Loopholes Reveals Pattern of State-Sponsored Exploitation

Survivors of childhood sexual abuse are condemning the New York State Assembly, Governor Kathy Hochul, and Attorney General Letitia James for failing to fix a legal flaw that is now being weaponized to deny justice to hundreds of victims. After the Assembly adjourned without passing a Senate-backed bill to address a key defect in the Child Victims Act (CVA), advocates say the state's posture has shifted from indifference to active exploitation.

"The State of New York is no longer just failing survivors — it's exploiting them," said Gary Greenberg, a survivor and founder of the Fighting for Children PAC. "From the courts to the Attorney General to the Governor's office, survivors are being used for headlines, then discarded when it matters most."

In March, the state's highest court ruled that a CVA lawsuit could be dismissed because the survivor, abused as a child at the Empire State Plaza between 1986 and 1990, could not provide exact dates for the abuse. The court cited the pleading standards in the Court of Claims Act — a statute that the Legislature failed to update despite years of warning signs.

That ruling opened the door for the Attorney General's office to seek mass dismissals of CVA and ASA cases involving state-run facilities, prisons, group homes, and schools. The office has already filed dozens of motions arguing that survivors must recall exact times, dates, and locations — regardless of how long ago the abuse occurred or how young the victim was.

"This is not about justice — it's about legal technicalities being used to crush people who've already suffered more than enough," said Steve Jimenez, a survivor and board member of the Coalition for Justice and Compassionate Compensation (CJCC). "The state is protecting its finances, its institutions, and its insurers — not its people. Albany had every opportunity to fix this, and instead it betrayed survivors again. That's not failure — that's a choice."

In 2019, Insurance Circular Letter No. 11 directed insurers to cooperate fully with CVA cases. Yet five years later, DFS has done nothing to penalize insurance companies for dragging out claims, demanding unnecessary documentation, or refusing to pay survivors. Meanwhile, Governor Hochul — who has full authority over DFS and could have demanded action has remained silent.

"This is systemic," said David Catalfamo, Executive Director of the CJCC. "The Attorney General fights survivors in court. DFS lets insurers stall them out. And the Governor ignores our pleas. That's not bureaucracy — that's exploitation."

Survivors point to the following pattern of state-enabled obstruction:

The Legislature, despite knowing for years of its infirmity, failed to amend the pleading standards the Court of Claims Act putting at risk hundreds of CVA claims and even more ASA claims

The Attorney General's Office has aggressively pursued dismissals based on hyper-technical pleading rules — even when survivors list multi-year time frames and identify abuse in state-run facilities.

DFS has refused to enforce its own 2019 directive requiring insurers to cooperate with CVA claims in good faith.

Governor Hochul has refused to intervene, speak out, or lead — even as her own administration's legal team and agencies undermine the very laws she claimed to support.

"If the Governor doesn't act now, she'll be remembered for turning her back on survivors of child sex abuse - that's not a legacy any governor wants," Catalfamo said. "Survivors are watching — and are not going away."

**Read it all Online at
Yonkerstimes.com**

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This past week, while I had the honor of attending patriotic Flag Day ceremonies across our district — including in Mt. Kisco, Bedford Hills, and North Salem — the Democrat Party once again showed its true colors. While residents, veterans, and community leaders came together to celebrate the symbol of our nation's unity, sacrifice, and freedom, Democrats were busy dressing up as clowns and staging yet another divisive protest under the banner of "No Kings."

Let me be clear: this was not a demonstration of principle, but a performance of disunity, disrespect, and chaos. I witnessed firsthand the shameful actions of Democrat activists attempting to disrupt the solemn Flag Day ceremony at the Mt. Kisco American Legion by holding upside down American flags — a disgraceful act that dishonors those who have served and sacrificed for our flag.

While Republicans and Conservatives gathered with our communities to uplift and honor our shared values, Democrats chose mockery and division. The contrast could not be more stark.

But this behavior should come as no surprise. Division has been a consistent strategy of the Democrat Party throughout American history. It was the Democrat Party that defended slavery and led this nation into civil war. It was the Democrat Party that enforced segregationist policies and fought against civil rights at every turn. And today, it is the Democrat Party that continues to pit Americans against each other — urban against rural, race against race, class against class — all in the name of political power.

The Republican and Conservative Party's stands for unity, strength, and the enduring promise of the American flag. We believe in one nation under God — not a nation torn apart by theatrics and political stunts.

As I stood shoulder to shoulder with proud Americans this Flag Day, I was reminded of the strength and resolve of our communities. The American people are waking up to the games and the damage caused by today's radical Democrats. We will continue to stand tall, honor our history, and fight for a future grounded in faith, family, and freedom.

—Braille Diaz

Republican/Conservative Nominee for Westchester County Legislator District 2 and proud American Patriot

Two non-partisan Flag Day wishes came from the Westchester County PBA and Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni.

"Today, on Flag Day, the Westchester County Police PBA proudly salutes the Stars and Stripes, a symbol of freedom, resilience, and unity. Adopted on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress, the American flag has flown high through battles, triumphs, and challenges, representing the enduring spirit of our nation. Its 13 stripes honor our original colonies, and its 50 stars stand for the unity of our states, reminding us of the sacrifices made for liberty.

"This Flag Day is extra special as it marks the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army, founded on June 14, 1775. The greatest fighting force the world has ever known, the U.S. Army has defended our nation's values with unmatched courage and strength, from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts. We owe our freedom to the soldiers who have served and continue to protect our way of life.

"As we raise Old Glory today, let's honor the flag's legacy and the U.S. Army's historic milestone. To our veterans, active-duty soldiers, and fellow officers who uphold these values daily—thank you," posted the Westchester PBA.

Idoni wrote, "Happy Flag Day from the Westchester County Clerk's Office! Today, we honor the symbol of our nation's unity, resilience, and freedom. Let's proudly raise the flag high and celebrate the values it represents."

We close on these two unifying thoughts.

Saint John's Riverside Hospital Breaks Into the Future with Expanded ER



Pictured (L-R) are Lee Kinnally, Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Council Member Tasha Diaz, Trustee Pam Barnes, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Ron Corti, President & CEO, NY State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Raffaele Milizia, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine

Saint John's Riverside Hospital launched their new Emergency Department expansion with a special Wall Breaking Ceremony on June 2.

The hospital celebrated the momentous milestone with a special Wall Breaking Ceremony. Joined by Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Council Member Tasha Diaz, and other distinguished guests, this long-awaited renovation begins a new chapter in our Saint John's Riverside Hospital's commitment to delivering exceptional care and to better serve the growing community they serve with enhanced services and facilities.

"This project is a transformative opportunity for us to meet the needs of our patients and community by enhancing access, creating a triage system to get patients to the appropriate level of care and connecting our patients who lack a primary care physician to one of ours," said Ron Corti, President & CEO. "This project will double the size of our current emergency department and will increase our bed count from 28 to 55 beds," he said.

The cost of this project is approximately \$16 million. Funding has come from the New York State Department of Health. They are providing \$15.3 million for this renovation. Additionally, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has provided an additional \$1 million to support the infrastructure in the fast-track portion of the emergency room.

The Saint John's Riverside Hospital community thanked former Congressman, Jamal Bowman, for securing the additional \$1 million grant and were thankful to the New York State Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for their support in this critical project.

Visit riversidehealth.org, for more information.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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

Croton Point Grasslands Restoration Tour, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Learn how a landfill became an important habitat for birds, pollinators and native plants on this tour with Conservation Division staff. Meet at the RV parking area beneath the pines; inclement weather cancels.

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

Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Master naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead this free guided walk to different areas of Lasdon that will be explored as nature and its benefits are experienced up close.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/echotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature/>

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958

Pollinators and Their Habitats, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

What are pollinators, and where do they live? Join us on a guided walk to learn about these important animals, even the ones we don't see, and what we can do to protect them. Meet at the carriage house at 10 a.m.; closed-toed shoes are recommended.

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

Undiscovered Realm Comic Con, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Enjoy celebrity guest artists, exhibitors, autographs, photo ops, panels, screenings, cosplay contests, gaming tournaments, kids zone, anime, toys, comics, games, collectibles, cards, T-shirts and movies. Also: June 22.

Get details and tickets: <https://countycenter.biz/event/undiscovered-realm-comic-con-3/>

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday through November and for those age 14 and older, join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-06-21/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Art Show, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Artist Loren Anderson's exhibit "Of Nature" is open for viewing in the main house on weekends in June.

Get details <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/art-shows-at-muscoot.html>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

History of Marshlands Hike, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Take a walk with us to learn about Marshlands' fascinating history. Led by Clare Francis, president of the Friends of Marshlands.

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

Seining by the Shoreline, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

It's that time of the season when we use a 25-foot seining net to catch, study and release creatures in the Long Island Sound. Please dress in clothing to get wet; no swimming gear, please.

Details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/seining-by-the-shoreline/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Invasive Species Walk, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join our native plants program curator on a walk around the farm to identify invasive species and the threat they pose to our ecosystems. All ages are welcome; those 10 and under must be with an adult. We will be walking on uneven surfaces.

Registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/06/21/invasive-species-walk/524582>

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Pride on the Farm, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Visit with some of our most colorful crops of the rainbow as we cook something up in our kitchen to share. Learn about the farm as you meet new people and enjoy an afternoon in our fields to celebrate those in the LGBTQ+ community. Free.

Get tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-on-the-farm-tickets-1361802460819?aff=oddtcreator>

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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

History & Natural History of Croton Point, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join village historian Marc Cheshire and Croton Point Park naturalist John Phillips to learn about the history and environment of the park. Meet at the entrance to the RV park. Free; ages 6 and up; wear sturdy shoes.

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

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Also: June 29. Pre-registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-06-22/>

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Goldschmidt joined thousands of participants at No Kings Rallies in White Plains, Mt. Kisco, Larchmont, Yonkers, Croton and Mamaroneck. There were few if any confrontations with Trumpers who crashed the events.

Some of the comments from those who attended include:

"I'm proud to report that USA Today has estimated that over 1000 people attended the NO Kings rally in Mt. Kisco, NY. Westchester County has a sizable MAGA population so I am gratified that my new home is courageous in expressing their desire to "keep our republic".

Protest is a vital expression of boundary— don't stop. Don't forget.

I'm sharing this experience b/c of my anger & deep disappointment in the way media is covering (or not covering) the protests & to bring more voice to the collective.

The only point of violence during the entire protest was a trump supporter screaming at protesters in a very unhinged way. We did not engage. Law enforcement who were there to monitor the event helped to de-escalate the man to reduce harm & to protect our right to protest.

Yonkers: Two protests will occur in the city of Yonkers. One at Hudson Fulton Memorial Park, 1025 - 1043 Warburton Avenue from noon to 2 p.m. Another will be held at Yonkers Pride from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Main Street and Buena Vista Avenue.

This is our opportunity to stand up for democracy - For the rule of law, and to say loudly no kings with our signs.

I think many of the business owners experienced brisk business that day. There has always been talk about filling the streets with walking shoppers, and having a "vibrant downtown." We had that for sure on Saturday.

In the future, maybe some of the protestors might show up for Septemberfest, and Arts Council concerts.

But the Village government and taxpayers did not sign up as a location for protests every single week. The cost of the overtime for Westchester County Police is unknown. The Village has budgetary challenges.

I was there, and I know the event was incredibly well done, and that there was zero violence, with zero destruction of property.

I doubt there was more littering than a typical Village parade or food truck event; much less Septemberfest. I did not see any littering at all.

By some estimates, the thousands of No Kings rallies across the country last weekend may have amounted to one of the largest mass protests in American history. According to data analyst G. Elliott Morris, between four and six million Americans took part in the protests against Trump and his increasingly authoritarian regime — or somewhere between one and two percent of the entire U.S. population.

Some explanations of what the No Kings Day rallies were about include:

While Trump wastes millions of dollars on a birthday parade in DC, we're showing up everywhere else to say NO KINGS.

The No Kings protest is a demonstration being organized for June 14, 2025, on the day of the US Army 250th Anniversary Parade and the 79th birthday of US President Donald Trump, in protest of Trump's policies and actions during his second presidency. No Kings protest.

The biggest issue of protest for the No Kings Protests were to oppose any cuts to Medicaid.

Protestors focused on abortion rights, immigration rights, and the Gaza war.

No Kings is a nationwide day of defiance. From city blocks to small towns, from courthouse steps to community parks, we're taking action to reject authoritarianism—and show the world what democracy really looks like.

We're not gathering to feed his ego. We're building a movement that leaves him behind.

The flag doesn't belong to President Trump. It belongs to us. We're not watching history happen. We're making it.

On June 14th, we're showing up everywhere he isn't—to say no thrones, no crowns, no kings.

Westchester County Parks, continued from pg 13

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

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16.

Get details: <https://www.muscootfarm.org/markets/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Museum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Next: June 24.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-06-22/>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

African American Heritage Festival, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

This highly popular event, in its 39th year, celebrates Africans, Caribbean people and African Americans. Enjoy African drummers, live entertainment, drama, poetry, ethnic foods, health and educational vendors, free health screenings, cultural arts and crafts, and so much more. Free admission and parking.

Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3496-the-annual-african-american-festival-returns-to-kensico-dam-plaza-sunday-june-22>

Alfred B. DeBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Guided Farm Tours, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Take a free guided tour to visit and learn about our animals and some of our historic buildings. Meet outside the reception center.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

Dr. Meelie DebRoy, Chief of Kidney Transplant, Elected to Board of Directors at the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network**Meelie DebRoy, MD**

OPTN is a public-private partnership that links all professionals involved in the organ donation and transplantation system in the U.S.

Westchester Medical Center's Chief of Kidney Transplant, Meelie DebRoy, MD, FACS, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), a national body that oversees organ allocation and policy in the United States. Her appointment places the WMCHHealth Network at the forefront of shaping the future of organ transplantation during a critical moment of reform and innovation.

With more than 100,000 people waiting for organ transplants in the U.S., and someone added to the waitlist every 10 minutes, the OPTN is tasked with addressing a system under pressure. Dr. DebRoy's leadership – and WMCHHealth's role as a leader in transplant expertise – will now help steer national policy to increase equity, improve organ utilization and ultimately save more lives.

Dr. DebRoy's election was recently announced by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) following its special election for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) Board of Directors.

"I am honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network," said Dr. DebRoy. "This a transformational time for transplantation in the United States as we continue the work of the OPTN Modernization Initiative. Here at Westchester Medical Center, we continuously strive to improve access to transplant for our patients and make the journey as seamless as possible."

Dr. DebRoy is a renowned surgeon with more than 20 years of experience. She specializes in kidney removal surgery and kidney and liver transplants in adults and children. With a career devoted to advancing equity, ethics and innovation in healthcare, she brings a deep commitment to improving our nation's transplantation system for the benefit of all patients in need.

Dr. DebRoy has served in numerous capacities with the OPTN such as the Minority Affairs Committee (Chair), Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Allocation working group, and Pediatrics Committee. In her new position as a Board member of OPTN, she plans to prioritize policy initiatives that enhance donor registration, improve organ utilization and ensure that every patient—regardless of race, socioeconomic status, or geography—has a fair chance at life-saving care.

WMCHHealth is home to one of the most established multi-organ transplant facilities in New York, with teams that perform complicated, life-saving transplants using the most advanced technology. Led by the top surgeons in the field, the transplant program team has performed thousands of heart, liver, and kidney transplants, including multi-organ transplants in both adults and pediatric patients.

For more information about WMCHHealth, visit [WMCHHealth.org](https://www.wmchhealth.org).

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 74122/2024 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs MARIA IRIZARRY IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JUAN A. IRIZARRY IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s) MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1 George Street White Plains, NY 10604 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Maria Irizarry, Juan A. Irizarry Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Robert S. Ondrovic of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifteenth day of May, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Maria Irizarry and Juan A. Irizarry dated the June 3, 2005, to secure the sum of \$360,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 451920412 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on July 13, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 25, 2022 and recorded on November 15, 2022, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 623183612. The mortgage was subsequently modified on October 17, 2023. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 29, 2024 and recorded on April 11, 2024, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 641023100. The property in question is described as follows: 1 George Street, White Plains, NY 10604 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: June 9, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86097

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Coming to Grips with Medicaid

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Editor's Note:

Because of our political divide, the issue of providing Medicaid benefits to those who need it and are entitled to them is not being discussed enough.

We found this bit of info about how tedious the process is, from MaryAnn McCarra from Peekskill, a moderator on Westchester County Newswire on Facebook.

Removing the ineligible from Medicaid rolls involves states redetermining eligibility and ending coverage for those no longer meeting the requirements.

This process, known as "unwinding," was delayed during the pandemic but has now begun, potentially impacting millions of people. States are conducting these redeterminations to ensure resources are directed towards those who truly need Medicaid.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Redeterminations:

States are required to re-evaluate the eligibility of Medicaid recipients to ensure they still qualify for benefits.

Unwinding:

This is the process of ending Medicaid continuous enrollment provisions, which were in place during the pandemic, and redetermining eligibility.

Eligibility Requirements:

States must verify that recipients meet the income, residency, and other criteria for Medicaid coverage.

Impact:

The redetermination process has led to many people losing Medicaid coverage. Some states have begun removing ineligible recipients as early as April 2023, according to a PBS article.

Reasons for Disenrollment:

Individuals may lose coverage due to changes in income, no longer meeting residency requirements, or not responding to eligibility redetermination requests, according to a report from Guidehouse.

Outreach and Support:

States are working to ensure people are aware of the redetermination process and have access to resources to help them apply for other forms of coverage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation." End.

My next question would be -What if the state that you live in does not want to clean up their Medicaid roles?

Manhattanville University Announces Record-Breaking Enrollment for Fall 2025

Manhattanville University is proud to announce a significant surge in enrollment for Fall 2025, marking the institution's largest incoming first-year class since 2017. With a 32% year-over-year increase in deposits and a 65% rise in applications, the university is experiencing its most robust undergraduate growth in four consecutive years.

"We are thrilled to see a significant increase in new student applications at Manhattanville University with deposits up 32% over fall of 2024," said President Frank D. Sánchez, Ph.D. "We are anticipating the largest class of first-year students since 2017. This surge is a testament to our commitment to academic excellence and innovation. We look forward to welcoming this new cohort of talented and motivated students to our vibrant campus community."

Professional education and the sciences as well as accelerated options are a driver of new enrollments. The university attributes this growth to the launch of innovative academic programs, including new majors in Cybersecurity, Neuroscience, Data Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, and a Bachelor of Science in Education, as well as accelerated degree options that provide students with flexible and career-focused pathways.

Key highlights of the incoming class include:

Higher average high school GPA compared to last year: Up 32% year over year – those with 3.5 GPA and higher

36% increase in residential students

Applications from 49 states, 4 U.S. territories, and 35 countries

Deposits from 24 states, 2 territories, and 13 countries

42% increase in deposits for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences; 185% increase in deposits for Radiologic Technology

100% increase in deposits for School of Education for the undergraduate education program

"I'm excited to say that Manhattanville is continuing to grow our enrollment and educate students that come from our local schools and schools as far as California and beyond," said Christina Labella, Director of Undergraduate Admissions. "This year's incoming first-year class is not only our largest in nearly a decade, but it is one of our most academically prepared classes with a thirty-two percent increase in deposits of students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. We are seeing enormous interest and growth in living on campus with applications from nearly all 50 states across the U.S."

"Manhattanville is staying ahead of the curve by facilitating experiential learning opportunities for all undergraduate students and offering accelerated advanced degree opportunities for all academic programs," said Christine Dehne, M.F.A., Provost and Executive Vice President. "The hands-on learning experiences we provide ensure that our students are not only well-prepared academically but also ready to make meaningful contributions in the real world."

For more information about Manhattanville University and its academic offerings, visit www.mville.edu.

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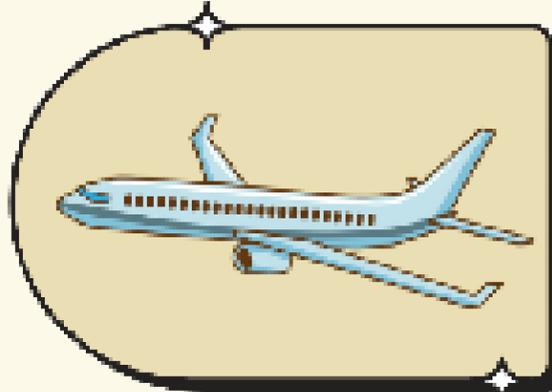
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