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## Harrison Settles Lawsuit for \$425,000 for Sexual Harassment in the Fire Dept.



**Angela Bommarito, left Wins; Taxpayers Lose Because of FF Henry Mohr's Creepy Behavior**

*"I want to commend the bravery of Angela Bommarito, who fought back against discrimination and made this consent decree possible,"*  
--US Attorney Damian Williams

**Settlement Amount Is One of the Largest by a Municipality in an Employment Discrimination Case Brought by the US on Behalf of a Single Individual**

By Dan Murphy

When your local government is being sued by the US Attorney for Sexual Harassment and Employment discrimination, all is not well. And it didn't end well for the Town/Village of Harrison last week when US Attorney Damian Williams announced a \$425,000 settlement between the Town-Village and Angela Bommarito.

Bommarito, a former Harrison Fire Fighter, was pressured by senior firefighter Henry Mohr with "unwanted sexual advances, harassment and stalking, including by repeatedly following her and calling her on numerous occasions. Further, Mohr used sexually demeaning expletives to describe Bommarito in front of other firefighters.

Bommarito filed complaints and reports against Mohr but failed to take any action. She resigned her position under extreme duress. But even after her resignation, Mohr continued to harass and stalk Bommarito. Mohr was eventually arrested and pled guilty to harassment in the second degree. A family court judge also entered an order of protection against Mohr.

The Federal Government and the US Attorney got involved in this case under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, based on the Fire Department's discrimination against a female firefighter on the basis of her sex.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As part of the settlement, the Town of Harrison has admitted that it never took any disciplinary action against a male firefighter who ultimately pled guilty to harassing a female firefighter. That type of response to illegal workplace harassment is abhorrent and undermines citizens' faith in their local government. Pursuant to the Consent Decree, the Town of Harrison is required to implement comprehensive policy changes. I want to commend the bravery of Angela Bommarito, who fought back against discrimination and made this Consent Decree possible. This Office will always stand with victims of

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## Westchester Progressive Democrats Stand Opposed to Judge Charlie Wood's Reelection



left, Incumbent State Supreme Court Judge Charlie Wood

*"The Democratic base in blue Westchester wants to elect judges who reflect their values. ... Citizens for a Democratic Majority - and many party leaders - are saying that Wood does not pass that test."*

-Shannon Powell  
Co-Founder Westchester Indivisble

By Dan Murphy

Last month, we reported on the reelection campaign of State Supreme Court Judge Charlie Wood. Judge Wood was elected in 2009 as a republican. In 2019, Wood switched parties and is now running for reelection as a democrat. <https://yonkerstimes.com/political-agendas-ethics-and-judicial-races-in-westchester/>

In that story, several Westchester democrats supported Wood's reelection, and reaffirmed his pro-choice views. Since then, we have received several emails and comments from Progressive Westchester democrats who are still opposed to Wood's reelection as a democrat.

Shannon Powell, co-founder of Westchester Indivisible, said, "Wood is a Republican who changed parties in 2019 to have the best chance of being re-elected. He is not a Democratic incumbent - he is a Republican and Conservative Party incumbent who has not been previously vetted by Democrats. Wood supporters might play a game of semantics with his controversial decisions but the Democratic base in blue Westchester wants to elect judges who reflect their values. Citizens for a Democratic Majority - and many party leaders - are saying that Wood does not pass that test."

A group of Progressive Westchester Democrats, Citizens for a Democratic Judiciary, circulated a petition against Judge Wood's reelection as a democrat. The petition, signed by more than 1,000 democrats, reads "We believe Judge Charles D. 'Charley' Wood should not be a nominee for New York State Supreme Court on the Democratic Party ballot line. The State Supreme Court is the pipeline for higher court positions, which are filled by appointment and do not come back to the voters to decide. Therefore, it is appropriate and necessary to scrutinize Charles Wood's background and decisions as a sitting judge.

• Wood is neither an incumbent nor proven Democrat. From 1999 to 2005, Wood

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## Democratic Primary Results: Ramos-Herbert in New Rochelle, Mayor Patterson-Howard, in Mt. Vernon & Mayor Spano in Yonkers Win

By Dan Murphy



Democratic voters went to the polls for primaries in three Westchester City's on June 27 and in early voting, and the results gave decisive victories to New Rochelle Councilwoman Yadira Ramos-Herbert in New Rochelle, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard in Mt. Vernon and Mayor Mike Spano in Yonkers.

The democratic primary with the most doubt was in New Rochelle. Ramos-Herbert was running against County Legislator Damon Maher. Some believed that Maher had a chance at victory, but in the end Ramos-Herbert got 63% of the vote.

"This campaign was about breaking barriers and creating a city that reflects our vision. As potentially the first female Mayor and person of color to lead our city, this victory is not mine alone. Let's keep making history in November," said Ramos-Herbert.

In Mt. Vernon, Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard was reelected for a second term with 71% of the vote, easily defeating former Mayor and Council President Andre Wallace. And in Yonkers

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## New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospitals Auxiliary Awards Scholarships



(L to R): Nicole Inga - Peekskill High School, Yulisa Martinez - Walter Panas High School, Litz Rodriguez - Peekskill High School, Leysha Esteves - Peekskill High School, Fiorella Pirela Jimenez - Peekskill High School, Nicole Cagano - Croton Harmon High School, Lamya Hamid - Peekskill High School

With graduation season upon us, NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital's Auxiliary has awarded seven local high school seniors with a \$1,500 scholarship to honor their academic accomplishments. These students, all planning to pursue a career in the health space, were presented with their awards at The Scholarship Ceremony on June 22 in the Pataki Conference Center on the Hudson Valley Campus.

The Hospital Auxiliary has been an ambassador in the Hudson Valley community for over 80 years. Congratulations to the hard-working recipients as they embark on their next academic journey!

## A Movie We Should All See: Sound of Freedom Reminds us About Child Sex Trafficking



By Dan Murphy

Human trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, is alive and well in the United States. Every year, millions of people in the world, including in the U.S., are bought and sold for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation. It can happen to any demographic, any gender, any race or nationality. It is estimated that between 15,000 to 50,000 women and children are forced into sexual slavery in the United States every year.

The recent flood of migrants across the US-Mexican border has enabled the Drug Cartels to abuse young children and force them into sex slavery. Traffickers prey on individuals and families that are traveling, hungry, homeless, and sick. They may offer a job, or travel across the border, only to get the migrant away from their area of safety and force them into labor.

The movie Sound of Freedom, which opens July 4, is based on a true story of one man's heroic efforts as he embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue children from

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**Register for Westchester Cornhole Tournament**



The cornhole craze is coming to Westchester! Registration is now open for the Westchester County Parks Cornhole Tournament to be held on Saturday, July 29, at 5 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "As one of our favorite lawn activities continues to grow as a social and competitive sport, we are thrilled to bring this first tournament to Westchester residents! The game is easy to learn and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill sets. I encourage Residents take advantage of this great opportunity to spend time together outdoors."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "We are excited to offer tourney play to Westchester residents. The great lawn at Kensico Dam Plaza is the perfect setting to get your competitive game on or just play for fun."

Register for Fun Social Doubles or Competitive Doubles at Wardboards.com.

Fun Social Doubles - Bring your own partner. Fees are \$10 per person or \$20 per team with double elimination. Winners will receive prizes.

Competitive Doubles - Bring your own partner. Fees are \$20 per person or \$40 per team with double elimination. Winners will receive 50% cash payout and prizes.

Rain date is Sunday, July 30. Deadline for registration is Friday, July 14. The Cornhole Tournament is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by Tompkins Excavation and its partners Share Creative and Ward Boards. For more information or to register, visit Wardboards.com.

**LM Lions Present Scholarships to HS Seniors Shannon Gallaher and Kimichika Irie**



The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club awarded two scholarships as part of its high school community service essay contest. For over 20 years this annual scholarship has been awarded to Larchmont/Mamaroneck graduating seniors who have performed meaningful local community service.

Mamaroneck High School senior Shannon Gallaher and Rye Neck High School senior Kimichika Irie were the winners of the 2023 essay contest and were presented with a \$1,000 award towards college expenses. The presentation took place on Monday June 19th at a dinner at Sedona Taphouse in Mamaroneck.

Candidates submitted an essay describing their service and the impact it had on the community and oneself. Lina Pasquale, incoming LM Lions President, served as Committee Chair. In addition to Lina, other reviewers included Marie Moreno, Coralie Josephs and Michael Nicoletta, also LM Lions Club members. All essays were rated based on the applicant's breadth and depth of service and how that service embodied the Lions' motto "We Serve."

In reflecting on the submissions, Lina Pasquale said "the applicants collectively demonstrated a commitment to serving their local community, in a myriad of ways. These youth are compassionate and caring and further the mission of the Lions by aiding in the betterment of their community. The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club applauds these youth for their service and recognizes Shannon and Kimichika for their outstanding community contributions and impact."



**Westchester Democratic Primaries, continued from pg 1-**

Mayor Mike Spano won his democratic primary with 68% of the vote, defeating Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, 21% and Margaret Fountain-Coleman 11%.

All three winners had the support and endorsement from their respective democratic parties in New Rochelle, Mt. Vernon and Yonkers. And in a moderately low turnout, the rank and file democrats who come out, usually vote for their party's nominee.

One other democratic primary of note was the race for County Legislator in the 16th district, Yonkers. Incumbent County Legislator Christopher Johnson lost his primary to Yonkers Councilwoman Shanae Williams, with Williams getting 61%. Williams will now join the county board next January, in this heavily democratic county board district. County Legislator Terry Clements, District 11-New Rochele won her democratic primary with 58% of the vote, defeating Ximena Francella.

Ramos-Herbert will have a republican challenger in New Rochelle in November, as will Patterson-Howard. But in both city's, democrats have held control of City Hall for decades. In Yonkers, the outcome for Mayor is undetermined because republican City Councilman Anthony Merante is challenging Spano in November. Merante will have the campaign funds that neither Pineda-Isaac or Fountain-Coleman had to challenge Spano. And, there is a referendum on the ballot in November regarding term limits in Yonkers, to move the terms of office back to three, four-year terms. This referendum might galvanize the anti-Spano vote.

**WHO PAID FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS?**

**Current Status of RC Recreation Development LLC vs Yorktown, NY: No Legal Basis**



Before and after pics of the course and clubhouse when RC took over.

RC Recreation Development LLC is appealing the rulings of both the Article 78/Injunction and the Dismissal of Legally Justified Claims against Yorktown, NY. Larry Nussbaum wants to remind Yorktown and it's residents that Judge Wood did not make any reference or recognize that the Concession Agreement and First Amendment Agreement between RC and Yorktown, NY, is a Public Private Partnership. PPP contracts mean a long term contract (20 years in our initial term), for the design, building, financing, operating and maintaining the Valley Fields Golf Course and Club House. In this 3P arrangement, RC bears the risk and management throughout the life of the contract and where remuneration is solely linked to the demand risk of the Golf Course and Club House dining facilities as "user-pay" revenue.

Judge Wood has not taken into consideration that in Public Private Partnerships the termination for convenience clause cannot be based entirely on obtaining a better deal from another source, which is the fact in this termination.

Lastly, Yorktown "does not have title" to the improvements on the parkland parcel which include the renovated Valley Fields Golf Course and Valley Fields Grille and Restaurant in the new clubhouse until there is an "executed settlement" with a legal hand off, with RC's title duly signed over to Yorktown, NY.



Because RC retains legal title to all improvements, there is an independent law suit against Yorktown Group Golf, Inc for the cause of unlawful enrichment and other causes.

All of these claims and others will be litigated in the remaining 5 causes Judge Wood did not dismiss.

They are:

- 1 -** The Stop Work Order is Arbitrary and Capricious and Contrary to Law (enables RC to expose all the wrong doing by Yorktown, NY, and those involved individually)
- 2 -** Declaration of No Material Breach (enables RC to expose the false violations of Yorktown, NY, and those involved individually)



**3 -** The RFP is Arbitrary and Demonstrates Slater's Real Interest in Re-Writing the Concession Agreement to Favor Yorktown (enables RC to expose Slater and members of the Town Board's bad faith as Yorktown and those involved individually)

**4 -** Retaliation as against Slater, Esposito, and Landi in their official and individual capacities for RC's free speech rights protected by Article 1, Section 8 of the NYS Constitution.

**5 -** Unreasonable Searches and Seizures in Violation of the NYS Constitution.(enables RC to expose all illegal activity by Yorktown and those individually involved)

Depositions and Interrogatories are currently being Scheduled.

## 16-Year Old Jogger Sexually Assaulted at Rye Town Park



**Richard Olmino**

The Rye Police Department arrested Richard A. Olmino, 21, of Port Chester, NY, in connection with an assault that occurred at approximately 12:00 am on June 23. Olmino, who at the time of his arrest was free on bail in connection with an arrest for Criminal Sexual Act first degree in Suffolk County, was arrested in Port Chester, NY, and subsequently charged with Sexual Abuse in the First Degree a class D felony. Additional charges are currently pending.

Olmino was processed at the City of Rye Police Department, arraigned, and remanded to the Westchester County Jail with no bail to return to court at a later date.

The Rye Police were assisted by the Westchester County Police, the Westchester County District Attorneys Office, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information regarding Olmino is urged to call the Rye Police at 914-967-1234.

At a press conference, Rye Police said that the incident occurred at Rye Town Park, with a 16-year-old girl, who was jogging. After briefly speaking to the girl, Olmino is accused of grabbing her and sexually assaulting her at knifepoint. The girl screamed and security came to break up the attack, with Olmino fleeing.

Westchester County Police and the FBI were able to identify Olmino, and waited for him near his home in Port Chester, where he was arrested and charged with first degree felony sex abuse.

Published reports claim that Olmino has a history of sexual violence against women. He was arrested in Suffolk County recently for 3rd degree rape, but was released on bail, and has arrests for public lewdness.

Two other recent incidents in Rye point to a possible connection with Olmino that Rye Police are investigating. On June 3, an 18-year old woman reported being assaulted on near Rye High School. After Rye Police asked for the public's assistance, a 15-year old reported being approached near Milton Road but was able to meet up with friends before an assault took place.

## Mount Kisco Man Charged with Manslaughter in Stabbing Death

Westchester County Police detectives have charged a Mount Kisco man with Manslaughter 1st Degree in connection with the stabbing death of another village resident over the weekend.

Both the victim and the deceased resided at 305 Lexington Avenue and were known to each other. The incident occurred inside that address. The suspect, Oscar Morales, 41, was arrested Sunday following an investigation by Patrol officers and detectives from the General Investigations Unit assigned to the Mount Kisco precinct. Morales was arraigned before Justice Mark Farrell of Mount Kisco Justice Court and remanded without bail to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

On Saturday, June 24, at 11:12 pm, WCPD Communications received a 911 call reporting an assault with a knife that just occurred at 305 Lexington Ave. Patrol Officers arrived at the scene and found a man with who had suffered multiple stab wounds.

Officers rendered first aid until the victim was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital Center. The victim was pronounced deceased at 12:18 a.m. According to witnesses, Morales and the victim had an argument that turned into a physical altercation, and Morales allegedly used a knife to stab the victim. Morales was placed under arrest at the scene and transported to the Mount Kisco Precinct.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending confirmation of his identity.

## Medication, The Titanic and Pride



*By Eric W. Schoen*

### Medication

Have you had a hard time getting prescription drugs prescribed by your physician? Apparently many people have across a wide range of drugs. Pharmacies are telling customers popular drugs are on back order, some for weeks.

Are we gonna blame this on the Pandemic? Are we at the point in this country that we are running out of drugs people need. And if your doctor orders a prescription from one pharmacy and they don't have it, they can't by law send it to another pharmacy to be filled. Even transferring a prescription from one CVS to another CVS is against the law. If the prescription is for 60 pills and the pharmacy only has 10, you lose the remainder of the prescription.

The pharmacist cannot substitute one drug for another without doctor permission. And there are many drugs out there very similar in nature that the pharmacists know are substitutable.

Is this crazy or what? Granted some people misuse the drugs they are given and take advantage of the system, but there are many more who don't and need the prescribed drugs for serious conditions.

This broken system has been brought to my attention by several readers and requires action by the New York Legislature and the governing body for pharmacists in New York State. Let's get to it before someone gets seriously sick.

### Titanic

What would you expect from the tin can that was bringing passengers to the bottom of the ocean to the Titanic. The ship has no certifications and many warned that it was dangerous. Do I feel sorry for the people who lost their lives? Of course!

But they knew what they were getting involved with and they knew the danger. And I am sure someone went over the details of the craft they were boarding.

As an aside what were they expecting to find. A dirty, water soaked napkin? A bathroom curtain with the words Titanic on it? Leonardo Dicaprio? Any body would have disintegrated after of so many years.

There are rumors that one of the passengers got a discount to fill the seat. Another rumor has a passenger pulling out at the last minute and one of the deceased filling in. We will actually never know.

But I got furious when they added the 5 passengers to the count of the people who died when the original boat sank. These 5 people were on an adventure, better yet call it a joy trip on their excursion. It wasn't like they were on an adventure to collect artifacts or do scientific experiments. Their numbers should never be added to those who legitimately died when the boat sank.

Let's hope that the government puts in regulations to stop this stupidity from happening again. And I hope the taxpayers don't get stuck paying the bill for the recovery for people who should seek another means to get their thrills.

### PRIDE

So another Gay Pride month of June was come to an end. Kudos to those Yonkers folks involved with Yonkers Pride for the usual phenomenal job. I watched the colorful New York Pride on television. Every year it seems to get bigger with more spectators.

Statistic show 60-70% of the population support gay rights. That doesn't include conversations with 2 year olds about sex changes. If a library or school has Drag Bingo, parents have every right to request their child not participate if they don't want the child to. Parents I hope are reviewing the books their children are reading. If the book is objectionable to the parent they have every right not to have the child read it. No one is forcing anything on children.

Same goes from Drag Reading Hour. A parent has the right to request that his or her child not participate in the program. No one is forcing. LGBTQ issues on young children, but a school should have the resources if the issue comes up to deal with it.

While I think the Los Angeles Dodgers inviting a so called religious group to deface the cross is terrible, you have the right to support the team or not. A big deal was made this year about Pride merchandise being sold at Target and Kohls. Fact is these companies have had front of store displays with Pride merchandise for many years. You don't want it you don't buy it. It's as simple as that.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has staked his claim in the Republican primary on opposition to Gay rights. He has clashed with Disney. Parents have the right to take their children to a Disney park or movie. Disney is a big company. I stake my bet on Disney and think DeSantis has picked the wrong mouse to play

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### Music in the Park

#FinalYearCatskills

Yonkers's Park (in Shavonneville) | Thursdays, 6-7:30pm

Dutchess's Landing Park (in Catskill) | Thursdays 7-9pm

Windham Mountain Resort | Fridays 6-8:30pm

Catskill's Riverside Park | Saturdays 6-8pm

Athens Mountain Park | Fridays 7-9pm





## On 1-Year Anniversary of Dobbs Decision, Gov. Hochul Signs Sen. Mayer Bill Strengthening Access to Reproductive Health Care



State Senator Shelley Mayer, 2nd right, at bill signing with Governor Kathy Hochul

Legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) Ensures New York Providers Can Prescribe Medication Abortion and Deliver Reproductive Health Care Through Telehealth Services to Patients in States Where Abortion Services are Outlawed or Restricted

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) into law to strengthen access to reproductive health care and protect patients and doctors who require abortion care through telehealth services. This legislation expands the current law to ensure doctors, medical providers, and facilitators in the state are able to provide telehealth services to patients outside of New York without fear of litigation in states where abortion services are outlawed or restricted.

"We are witnessing a shameful regression of women's rights in this country as abortion access is restricted in states across the nation," Governor Hochul said. "In New York, we remain committed to ensuring abortion remains safe, accessible, and legal. This legislation will help more women access medication abortion and reproductive care by ensuring our health care providers can deliver telehealth services to out-of-state patients without fear of legal or professional repercussions. With this bill, New York is continuing to fight back against restrictive abortion laws and help more people access the care they need."

Legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) will help ensure more women can access reproductive health care and abortion services by prohibiting state law enforcement from cooperating with cases prosecuting doctors in New York who use telehealth services to prescribe medication abortion or deliver any reproductive health care to people in states with restrictive abortion laws. It also ensures that providers who comply with their practice are not subject to professional discipline from medical malpractice insurance companies for delivering these reproductive telehealth services to out-of-state-patients. This legislation expands the current law that Governor Hochul signed in June 2022 to protect New York health care providers of abortions when an out-of-state patient is physically present in New York.

In New York, we remain committed to ensuring abortion remains safe, accessible, and legal," said Gov. Hochul.

Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "New York will not stand idly by while women's rights are chipped away around us. Our state is a longstanding safe harbor for those seeking refuge and the Shield Act provides necessary protection to doctors who are providing critical reproductive health care to women across our country. I'd like to thank Senator Shelley Mayer for sponsoring this legislation in our chamber, and ensuring New York is doing all it can to fight against these horrific rollbacks on abortion rights. As we reach the one year mark of Roe being overturned, I'd also like to thank Governor Hochul for taking swift action to sign this bill into law ensuring these protections."

This legislation was sponsored by Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer. "Proud and grateful that my bill with Assemblymember Karines Reyes has been signed into law by Governor Hochul. This is another historic moment in New York State's nation-leading role protecting the right to reproductive health services, including abortion. By signing this bill today, Governor Hochul again leads the nation on this issue. This law authorizes licensed New York health care providers, in accordance with New York law, to provide telehealth services and prescribe medication abortion to women living outside New York State. I extend my gratitude to the providers, advocates, legal experts and legislative colleagues, especially my partner Assemblymember Karines Reyes, Speaker Carl Heastie and my courageous Senate Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who worked to craft a national model for this effort. We are fighting back, not backing down, for the rights that were stolen from us in the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Thank you to everyone who made this historic day possible."

## Dr. Frank Sanchez Named First Latino President of Manhattanville College



Frank D. Sanchez, Ph.D.

The Manhattanville College Board of Trustees has appointed Frank D. Sanchez, Ph.D., as the fifteenth president of the college. Sanchez brings extensive experience and visionary leadership at a time when Manhattanville is embarking on transformative changes to position itself for future growth.

Dr. Sanchez's impressive track record as president of Rhode Island College (RIC), where he served from 2016 – 2022, included elevating the school's "U.S. News and World Report" social mobility ranking to #2 among New England public institutions, dramatically growing student diversity, modernizing academic facilities, and significantly increasing fundraising, all of which aligns with strategic priorities at Manhattanville. Prior to RIC, Dr. Sanchez was Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the City University of New York (CUNY), the nation's largest urban public university, with 25 colleges and graduate schools. At CUNY, he led the development and implementation of the first system-wide strategic plan for student affairs, supporting more than 500,000 students.

Michael Dunn, Chair of Manhattanville's Board of Trustees, noted that the Board was impressed by Sanchez's background, clear sense of purpose, and belief in Manhattanville's powerful mission. "We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Sanchez as our new president," said Chairman Dunn. "His proven track record of transformative leadership, commitment to excellence, and dedication to student-centered education make him the ideal choice to guide Manhattanville through this pivotal moment in higher education. As president, Dr. Sanchez will play a crucial role in shaping the college's strategic direction, taking it to the next level towards fulfilling its mission of educating ethical and socially responsible leaders in a global community."

Dr. Sanchez thanked the Board for their confidence in him to lead the 182-year-old college. "I am grateful and inspired to join the Manhattanville College community and lead this storied institution at such an exciting and important time," he said. "The college is extremely well positioned to build on its successes of further advancing curricular innovation, elevating its value proposition, and designing a transformative educational experience for all."

Throughout his career, Sanchez has championed initiatives that promote access, equity, and diversity in higher education, making him a natural fit for Manhattanville given the college's commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive campus environment. As Manhattanville's first Latino president, Sanchez will draw upon his experience with modernizing systems to enable all individuals to realize their full potential.

At CUNY, Sanchez created numerous workforce development initiatives with public, private, and non-profit entities; led the development of the nation's largest military-friendly higher education system; established city-wide partnerships to support foster youth; and connected city, state, and federal resources to the most economically disadvantaged students. CUNY Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez, Ph.D., commented on Sanchez's unwavering commitment to student access and achievement: "During his years at CUNY and throughout his career, Dr. Sanchez has been known as an innovative advocate for student success, launching and expanding initiatives that emphasized the critical benefits of holistic support in boosting colleges' retention and graduation rates. With his passion for making higher education ever more equitable, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of an increasingly diverse student population, Dr. Sanchez is poised and well-equipped to lead Manhattanville College to a bright future."

Sanchez was raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming and has three sons aged 28, 27, and 19. Sanchez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an M.S. degree in Student Affairs and Higher Education from Colorado State University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University, Bloomington.

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human traffickers. His name is Tim Ballard, the feature character in the movie, portrayed by Jim Caviezel, best known for his portrayal of Jesus in The Passion of the Christ.

"I am so proud to be a part of this impactful film," said Jim Caviezel, who portrays the lead. "In fact, I'd say this is the second most important film I've done after The Passion of the Christ." Actress Mira Sorvino and actor Bill Camp are also in the film.

SOUND OF FREEDOM, based on the incredible true story, shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

Angel Studios, the distributor of Sound of Freedom, is also offering a # Pay it Forward program, where those who purchase a ticket online at Angel Studios, can purchase a ticket for someone who can't afford it. [https://www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom?utm\\_campaign=sound-of-freedom-theatrical&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=tickets-footer-ad#](https://www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom?utm_campaign=sound-of-freedom-theatrical&utm_medium=web&utm_source=tickets-footer-ad#).

The goal is to sell 2 Million tickets to help end child trafficking. Learn more about SOUND OF FREEDOM here: [soundoffreedommovie.com](http://soundoffreedommovie.com)

There are many groups and non profits working to end child trafficking. One that we highlight is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, <https://www.missing-kids.org/>.

Visit <https://www.angel.com/tickets/soundoffreedom> to purchase tickets. The film will be shown July 3,4,5 at the Regal UA Cortlandt Town Center.

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Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 South Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (“MHACY”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for Vacancy Prep Unit Turnover Services for MHACY at various sites as specified in this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”).

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served as Counsel to Nicholas A. Spano, who was the third highest ranking member of the State Senate Republican Conference and past Chair of the Westchester County Republican Committee. In 2009, he was elected to his current 14-year term on the Republican, Conservative, and Independence party lines. He did not change his enrollment to Democrat until 2019—notably, after Westchester County and the 9th Judicial District had become more favorable to Democratic candidates. This April, he told a journalist that “party switches in Westchester County are kind of par for the course.”

“The nominating convention for the 9th Judicial District, in which the Democratic Party’s nominees will be formally designated to the ballot, is not until August. In the current field of candidates are people who have consistently espoused and upheld Democratic values. Charles Wood is not one of them. As Chair Suzanne Berger recently said about this process, ours is a political decision. And so, we call upon the Westchester County Democratic Party to evaluate all qualified candidates and come to a consensus regarding who among them have the ability not only to be good judges—but good Democratic judges.”

The Hastings-on-Hudson Democratic Committee released a statement on June 9 which read, “At our meeting on June 7, 2023, the Hastings Democratic Committee voted to oppose the candidacy of Judge Charles D. Wood in the race for N.Y. State Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District. The current field includes ten candidates recommended by the Judicial Screening Committee of the Westchester County Democratic Committee (WCDC).

“We encourage our fellow Democrats to support two other candidates from among that list for the open seats on the bench. We are especially disturbed by Wood’s actions against two individuals during this year’s campaign. In the first matter, Wood filed an apparently meritless ethics complaint against another judicial candidate, Judge Veronica Hummel, seeking that she be “removed from office.” Although such a filing is confidential, news of it somehow reached the WCDC Judicial Screening Committee members by the time they met a few days later. Judge Hummel was denied their recommendation, though she had received it the year before, and she subsequently withdrew from the race.

“In the second matter, Wood threatened legal action against Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, of WCLA - PAC, for disseminating factual errors about his employment history. It turned out that the errors he cited were due to omissions made for “brevity” by Wood himself in his campaign résumé. In both cases, Wood’s use of his position to bully his opponents is incompatible with the conduct this Committee expects of our judicial candidates and judges.

“Further, the Hastings Democratic Committee finds Wood’s history as a lawyer serving the interests of the Republican party to be highly disconcerting. Prior to becoming a judge, Wood was employed for six years as Counsel to senior Republican State Senator and former Westchester County GOP Chair Nick Spano.

“Wood also handled election lawsuits for Republican candidates. His participation in two well-publicized cases stands out: the losses by Andrea Stewart-Cousins to Nick Spano for State Senate in 2004, and by Erin Malloy to Dennis Flood for Irvington Mayor in 2005. “We are dismayed that the attorney who argued against these local Democrats—and against the counting of voters’ ballots—is now seeking our support for State Supreme Court, where election disputes are commonly decided.

“Wood last won election to his current 14-year term on the Republican, Conservative, and Independence ballot lines, and changed his party affiliation to Democrat in 2019. He is not a Democratic incumbent, and our concerns about his sincerity as a Democrat were heightened by statements such as this one, made recently to the press: “Party switches are kind of par for the course” (Judge Who Censored The New York Times on Behalf of Project Veritas Seeks New Term as a Democrat, New York Focus, 4/5/23).

“For these reasons, we ask that the delegates of the Ninth Judicial District designate two qualified candidates who are better suited for the office and better aligned with the Democratic values we’ve all worked so diligently to uphold.”

Other Westchester democrats we spoke to have questioned Wood’s attack on Hummel, who serves as an acting Justice in the Bronx. “The email from Hummel was sent privately, and in the email, which is now public, she did not criticize Wood, and only referenced a NY Focus Article and WCLA-PAC e-blasts. Other lawyers, and the NYSAG’s office have reviewed the matter and found no violations of judicial ethics,” said one Yorktown Democrat. More details on the Wood-Hummel dispute can be found by reading our prior article.

What further clouds the matter of Judge Wood and his reelection campaign is that there will be no vote by Westchester Democrats before November. A Judicial convention will be held by the democratic parties in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties, and that convention will select the democratic party’s nominee for November. There are at least 8 other Westchester democrats seeking to replace Wood as the democratic nominee. This makes the effort of convincing leaders in the Westchester Democratic Party to endorse someone other than Wood more difficult.

But as one Sound Shore Democrat told us, “Our politics and our Judiciary has changed so much since 2009 when Judge Wood was elected as a Republican. Today, I don’t think the Westchester Democratic Party should endorse him.”

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## Westchester Students Win Big at Salvation Army Music & Creative Arts Talent Competition



Hundreds of grade school to high school aged students competed in The Salvation Army's Star Search regional music & creative arts talent contest last weekend. Students from 12 states and Puerto Rico gathered in Hershey, PA to take top spot in dance solo, guitar solo, brass solo, drum solo, piano solo, vocal solo, drama monologue, youth bands, youth chorus, singing company, timbrel brigade, dance troupe, and/or drama troupe – and Westchester students won big.

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### Yonkers

- Level B Drama Troupe– 3rd Place

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## Stepinac Student from Yonkers Gets A Thrill of A Lifetime on Broadway Stage



Stepinac High School's Calvin Lindo (Class of '24) of Yonkers, pictured above, had the thrill of a lifetime as one of the best musical theater performers in the nation's high schools who was honored at the 2023 Jimmy Awards ceremony held at the iconic Minskoff Theatre on Broadway.

Calvin, who won the 2023 Roger Rees Best Leading Actor Award for his performance as Frankie Valli in Stepinac Theatre's National High School Premiere of Jersey Boys, was the only contestant for The Jimmy Awards who was interviewed in the WABC-TV Eyewitness segment (link below) that aired on the eve of awards ceremony. When he saw his name in lights on Broadway, he exclaimed on camera: "I think that this is a big jump towards Broadway!"

Calvin was one of an elite group of about 100 talented contestants—out of more than 140,000 finalists from across the country— who vied for the top honor.

Reflecting on his experience, he said: "The Jimmy's National High School Theatre Awards is a step towards realizing my dream of becoming a musical theatre actor on Broadway. I have had the opportunity of a lifetime studying my craft for a week at the Julliard School and learning from professional Broadway actors, directors, and choreographers. It has been a dream come true! I will always cherish this opportunity of meeting new friends from across the country who share my same passion and drive. And I will never forget stepping onto the Minskoff Theatre stage for the first time!"

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Questions were asked, and responded to under oath by three former IRS agents, former IRS council, tax and constitutional attorneys, forensic tax accountants, computer engineers and others who described in vivid detail the deliberate fraud and deception of the IRS federal personal income tax laws.

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Futia’s court case against the federal government and the IRS, etc. is public information. I have provided online my argument’s and 67 exhibits of written, audio and video documentation of fraud and deception of IRS the courts and the federal government for all to see and judge for themselves.

I especially encourage all to go online and watch Exhibit 50 part four for the sworn testimony of Victoria Osborne, forensic accountant, who discusses **1.** Her review of personal master files revealed IRS fraud and corruption in hundreds of individual master file cases she examined. **2.** IRS Changing dates of time barred assessments **3.** IRS overcharging for late payments and IRS under payments on refunds to taxpayers. Watch the video of IRS fraud and deception.

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