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## \$50,000 Reward for Info on Who Robbed Waccabus Post Office

*Recent Crimes in Eastchester, Harrison, Raise Concerns*



*The Waccabus Post Office, photo by Google Maps*

By Dan Murphy

Three recent crimes in smaller Westchester communities have raised concerns about criminal activity usually not seen. The most glaring was in the hamlet of Waccabus has been called Westchester's "Secret Suburb" because of its small population (under 1,000), and the uber-wealthy residents who want to be left alone, (Sean Combs, Bryant Gumbel, Gwyneth Paltrow, Keith Richards, Ogden Reid and Stanley O'Neal former CEO of Merrill Lynch.

Even more quaint is the Waccabus Post Office, which delivers the mail for the 500 or so homeowners. It came as a surprise to many Westchester residents when the United States Postal Inspection Service posted a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects who robbed the Waccabus post office on Jan. 10 at 4:30 pm.

The Lewisboro Police Department reported that they responded on 1/10 to the Waccabus Post Office, located at 2 Post Office Road, on reports of an armed robbery. While there were no injuries, the incident had Post Office employees and residents, in disbelief.

"Up to \$50,000 is available to the person who can provide information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the suspects who robbed a post office in Waccabus. The incident occurred on Jan. 10. around 4:30 p.m. Witnesses say two suspects had silver guns and ran off with cash. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 1-877-876-2455 and reference Case No. 3948135-ROBB. All information will be kept strictly confidential," writes the US Postal Inspection Service.

Two other incidents, in Eastchester and three in Harrison, were out of the ordinary for those communities. In Eastchester, a car was stolen with a child inside. On March 2 at 10 am, Eastchester police received a 911 call reporting a vehicle which had been stolen while parked in the Green Knolls section of town. The vehicle was left running with the key inside. A child had also been left in the run-

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## A Heart-Warming American Idol Story from Westchester



*L-R-Kaylin Hedges, Sgt. Jeffrey Hedges, Hailey Hedges on American Idol*

By Dan Murphy

Westchester residents have another talented young resident to root for, this time on ABC's American Idol. Her name is Kaylin Hedges, a 15-year old student at Fox Lane High School. She lives in Pound Ridge with her family, but her American Idol story goes deeper than the fact that she sings like "Barbara Streisand", as Lionel Richie said on the show.

Hedges was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Her parents supported her desire to try and make it, and so they decided to move to Westchester. But her father, Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Hedges, had to deploy with the U.S. Army in order for the family to afford living here, and has missed Kaylin's birthday for the past nine years.

In her latest performance on American Idol, Katy Perry asked her, "Who is your biggest inspiration?"

"My dad. He's in the military, so he's stationed overseas. "I miss him."

Kaylin then dedicated her performance of the song, "I'm Already There" by Lonestar to her dad. She then listened to a video message from her dad, "It's your dad. I miss and love you very much... I have nothing but pride and admiration for you... but I just want you to know that no matter where I am, I'm already there."

But then Sgt. Hedges, who is deployed in Hawaii, surprised Kaylin and mom Hailey, at American Idol. All three Idol judges then voted to give Kaylin a Platinum Ticket, which allow contestants to skip the first round of Hollywood auditions and pick who they will duet with.

Even though she is 15-Kaylin has been singing for most of her life. "I loved music ever since I was tiny. I used to sing at all the county fairs and stuff and from that I started like discovering... I was like 'oh, I really like this. My parents took notice of that and they started to notice how many opportunities were in places like New York and they were like 'how do we get there?'"

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## Yorktown's Garbage Situation Still A Mess Will Competitive Ever Get it Right?



*A Competitive Carting truck, comingling trash in Yorktown in January*

*In This World, You Get What You Pay For!, Kurt Vonnegut*

By Dan Murphy

The legal question in a lawsuit against the Town of Yorktown, for awarding a garbage and recycling removal contract to Competitive Carting is, was Competitive the lowest, responsible bidder?

Clearly, Competitive Carting submitted the lowest bid to the Town last year, after the Town Board and Supervisor Matt Slater rejected the first three bids. So, the legal question before the court is -can Competitive Carting handle the job of removing garbage and recycling for the about 12,000 residents.

Many Yorktown residents, who have joined a Facebook group called Yorktown, family TRASH TALK, say no, and continue to complain about Competitive Carting's service, three months after their contract began.

Recent comments include:

*-Doesn't look like they will get it right. The transition period is over. What a complete s&^\*% show*

*-They came to my home at 4:30 am, if it happens again, I will be calling YPD-It's ridiculous!*

*-I was woken up at 5:28 am by the sounds of the garbage truck. Are they back to mixing all the recyclables in one truck? Is Competitive ever gonna get it 100 right,*

*-It's March, so much for the "ready to go" attitude publicly proclaimed at the October 2022 Board meeting.*

*-As the comments continue, the question now being asked is-Was it worth it for Slater and the Town Board to "save a couple of bucks" as one comment stated, "to have this kind of crappy garbage service?"*

The lawsuit filed by AAA, against the Town and Competitive Carting, includes "On August 29, 2022, Angelo Carlelemi, AAA Carting's Operations Manager, went to Town Hall to meet with the Town of Yorktown's Town Supervisor, Matthew Slater and the Town of Yorktown's General Foreman, Philip Marino.

"During that meeting, both Slater and Marino admitted that the Town's decision to discard AAA Carting's first bid without even looking at it was a "mistake"

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## Meet Westchester's Two New Youth Poet Laureates



*L-R BK Fischer, Westchester County Poet Laureate (Adult), Ken Jenkins, Deputy County Executive, Alexa Murphy, Youth Poet Laureate, Harmony Hopwood, Youth Poet Laureate, George Latimer, Westchester County Executive, Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director, Westchester County Youth Bureau*

During his Weekly Westchester Update briefing, Westchester County Executive George Latimer proudly introduced the County's two new Youth Poet Laureates. Alexa Murphy of Sleepy Hollow, Grade 11, and Harmony Hopwood of New Rochelle, Grade 9, were selected after a search was conducted by the Westchester County Youth Bureau.

Latimer said: "We are so lucky in this County to have talent of all ages and in all fields. Poetry provides those who enjoy it an outlet to express themselves and better understand the experiences of others through their own expression. Alexa and Harmony embody that spirit, and it was a pleasure to hear their stories and spoken word."

Murphy is an 11th grader at the Masters School in Sleepy Hollow, where she is also a member of the school's spoken-word poetry group, Outspoken. Murphy first joined the group in her sophomore year, and the experience helped her discover her deep passion for the art. Murphy is also a writer for her school's newspaper, Tower, is captain of the school's debate team and compete debates on a national level with the USA Development Team. In her position as Youth Poet Laureate, Murphy says she will do all she can to serve her County, and return a portion of all it has given her.

Hopwood is a 9th grader at New Rochelle High School who has been interested in creative writing her whole life, and always enjoyed creating stories, poetry and art. Hopwood says it has helped create a window of expression for those around her. Hopwood's goals have always been surrounded by wanting

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## It's That Time of Year, and the Bagpipes are Here

### Boys and Girls HS Hoops Playoffs at A Beautiful New County Center



We received this email from a reader and resident. "Kudos to County Executive George Latimer and his team that made renovations to the County Center. After being used as a COVID site for two years, the redesign is incredible!

"I just went to a high school basketball game to watch my daughter play and couldn't believe all of the lighting and videos, and the court is immaculate. -Henry Cisneros, New Rochelle.

Two of Westchester's best HS Hoops teams are Stepinac and Mount Vernon High schools. Stepinac is playing in the Catholic School High School playoffs and keeps winning. They play Christ the King HS this week to make the finals. Stepinac has one of Westchester best players in junior Boogle Fland.

The Valhalla Vikings beat Byram Hills, 65-48 to win the Section 1 Class B title last weekend at the Westchester County Center. They move on to the regionals on Long Island.

Fresh off a 2022 State Championship, the Mount Vernon HS Boys Basketball team recently lost to Scarsdale, ending their chances at a repeat. Scarsdale then lost in the finals at the county center to North Rockland.

This is the end of a legendary run for Mount Vernon High School Boys basketball. For the first time since 1997, they will not be in the Section 1 Finals.

Mt. Vernon HS Boys Basketball Coach Bob Cimmino has done something nobody else will be able to match.

Somers lost to Tappan Zee in the Section 1, Class A Boys Championship at the County Center.

Two great Girls HS basketball games at the County Center included White Plains High School winning the Section 1, Class AA Championship 40-37 over Magnus HS.

And two Westchester Girls HS programs faces off for the Section 1, Class A Championship, with Panas beating Harrison 50-47.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Schedule	
Sat, Mar 11, 2023	White Plains, NY
Sat, Mar 11, 2023	Peekskill, NY at 3pm
Sat, Mar 11, 2023	Norwalk, CT
Sun, Mar 12, 2023	Northern Westchester, Mahopac, NY at 2pm
Sun, Mar 12, 2023	Eastchester, NY
Sun, Mar 12, 2023	Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown, NY
Sun, Mar 12, 2023	Throgs Neck, NY
Fri, Mar 17, 2023	NYC
Sat, Mar 18, 2023	Yonkers (McLean Ave) at 1pm
Sun, Mar 19, 2023	Danbury, CT at 2pm
Sun, Mar 19, 2023	Pearl River/Rockland County
Sun, Mar 19, 2023	Mamaroneck, NY
Sun, Mar 19, 2023	Greenwich, CT
Sat, Mar 25, 2023	Mount Kisco, NY



Two of Westchester's Grand Marshal's for the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Parades. In-Peekskill Grand Marshal Dan McCarthy right, And Sound Shore Parade Grand Marshal Tony O'Callaghan congratulations and enjoy the parades!

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**Westchester EMS Gets \$4.2m Budget Increase**

**600 Columns..and I'm Still Here!**

*By Eric Wolf Schoen*



Typical day last week. I went for my coffee to Panera and someone came up to me upset at a Red Light Ticket they received. They wanted my advice how to fight it. They knew my opposition to the cameras having read it in Yonkers Rising.

I parked my car on South Broadway in the Square to pick something up and a long time friend said she enjoyed my column. I went to Will Library and one of the Security Guards came up to me and asked if was the guy in the newspaper. I was looking at the bulletin boards and someone came up to me and said they enjoy my column.

Let's not even mention the times I witnessed someone with a copy of the paper and jokingly asked them if they ever read the column on page 3 in the newspaper. We opened the paper and the astute readers said, 'Isn't that you?'

600 columns down, about twelve years of weekly writing, and trucks are still trying to go under bridges way too low for them on our region's parkways. I saw it again last week, the truck having to be backed up, traffic backed up at least a quarter mile on the Saw Mill south approaching the Cross County. If I don't see it, I hear it on the radio from the entrance to Yonkers to the border line on the Hutchinson River Parkway. Quite often when the truck gets wedged traffic is backed up north and south, east and west but we were lucky last week that the truck stopped before it reached the bridge at Yonkers Avenue so it didn't back up traffic in all directions. No one from the NYS Transportation Department is willing to address the problem. This problem must be a major expense in that the bridge has to be inspected to insure it's integrity every time there is a hit.

Red light cameras. Writing about them is always fun as it's rare I don't get a response. It seems like everyone has gotten one that costs not just the \$50 in the legislation but an extra \$15 'service' fee. The traffic lights are not calibrated, and if you get too close to the light you will get a \$65 ticket. Cars still stop short causing rear end accidents, a problem since the programs inception. It's a money maker for the city and has nothing to do with traffic safety. Fortunately people know where the cameras are by this point and try to avoid them.

Every other WESTCHESTER community has signs leading up to the cameras alerting motorists to their existence. The signs are just as effective as the cameras themselves. Problem is no one in City Hall gets it and they are just worried about the dollars the program brings in.

Bail reform the State Legislature passed is of little concern to the people of Yonkers and Westchester county. The only affect it has is when someone commits a crime that use to require bail or incarceration and now the person is set free. Free to commit more crimes!

The smell of cigarette smoke has been replaced by marijuana smoke. The only beneficiaries are the smoke shops and the supposed individuals who have been affected by previous laws and now get priority in obtaining a marijuana sale license. These people broke the laws and are now getting rewarded for it? Crazy!

We lost Charlie Brown's Steakhouse, a Yonkers staple missed by everyone. Many ethnic restaurants have opened throughout Yonkers and Westchester, and Yonkers will soon be home to Westchester county's first Chick-Fil-A. Some people love them, this writer has had better, particularly with French fries vs. the thick fries down the street at Nathan's.

The games our politicians have played with term limits are nothing but a joke. They have gone from a voter approved two 4 limit terms to 3 four year terms and now they are on their way to four 4 limit terms. Mayor Spano assured me that he was not in favor of terms greater than two 4 limit terms, and then went against his word approving the extension to three 4 four year terms. The question is not that Mayor Spano is doing a bad job. There are other people in the third largest city in New York State who can do the job of Mayor. Councilpersons are part time jobs according to the City Charter but they make them full time jobs.

While we are talking about elected officials, I have never seen a press release from either Councilpersons or Mayor that didn't start with the word, 'I.' Elected officials are partners with the people, elected with the support of the people so 'We' is a more appropriate word. It gets tiring when all you read is 'I' and 'me' and the occasional 'we.'

We've discussed McDonalds coffee price increase (still \$1 if you have the app) and my terrible experience at the pancake restaurant almost on the yonkers Greenburgh border as well as the robbery at my 7 Eleven. I still prefer plastic bags at the supermarket but I can live with disposable bags or paper bags for my groceries.

I never miss a chance to talk about my parents or my sister. Checking to make sure your health insurance plan is up to date is critical in this day and age. Could never understand why Kate Smith no longer sings 'God Bless America'

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Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo, District 14 (Yonkers and Mount Vernon), is proud to have voted on and passed the FY2023 Westchester County budget, which includes an increase in the capacities of the County's Department of Emergency Services.

The 2023 Emergency Services Budget includes six new positions and a \$4.2 million increase in the Department's budget from FY2022. Some highlights of this year's budget include, but are not limited to: the creation of fire prevention and education programs through social media; the transition of the former Parks EMS unit into the County EMS system; completion of a planning effort for a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan that will enable municipalities to receive Federal grant funding for mitigation projects; an update of Westchester County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and enhance preparedness for natural gas transmission pipeline hazards.

Legislator Tubiolo added, "Giving our first responders the tools, training, and appreciation is paramount for keeping our residents safe." Additionally, Legislator Tubiolo is pleased to support Rescue Task Force training in schools in coordination with local law enforcement, fire, and EMS and support the funding for training and equipment initiatives that increase Westchester County's emergency preparedness.

**Letter to the Editor: My Case in Federal Court Against the IRS**

*Many of you have responded to my ad last week about the IRS and the Federal Income Tax. I also wanted to update you on the status of my case, in White Plains Federal Court. Below is a letter that I wrote to the court.*

**Futia v. United States, No 22-CV-6965 (KMK)**

Dear Judge Karas:

I write in response to defendant's letter addressed to you, dated February 27, 2023 in which defendant advances four reasons behind its encouragement for you to deny my latest motion for preliminary injunctive relief.

First, defendant argues my request should be denied because the Court has denied my prior requests and "Plaintiff cites no basis for reconsidering those rulings." In fact, my latest motion for preliminary injunctive relief plainly stated, "The record of this case now includes sufficient factual evidence which proves, without a shadow of a doubt, that Futia was acting within his rights and in good faith in choosing the path of 'redress before taxes.'" Defendant deliberately overlooks my use of the word "now" which obviously is referring to my commensurate filing titled, "Opposition to defendant's motion to dismiss" with its "Addendum," and would have the Court do the same, even though said filing took place after a decision by the Court to hold off on deciding my motion for injunctive relief until the matter was further along.

Second, defendant argues, "the relief Plaintiff seeks is barred by the Tax Anti-Injunction Act, which provides that no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of any tax shall be maintained in any court by any person." In fact, the Tax Anti-Injunction Act cites fourteen exceptions including the exception included at Section 6330 (a)(1) which reads in part, "No levy may be made on any property or right to property of any person unless the Secretary has notified such person in writing of their right to a hearing under this section before such levy is made. Such notice shall be required ...for the taxable period to which the unpaid tax ...relates." The Secretary did not notify me of my right to a hearing before the levy was made on my property for any taxable periods at issue. In addition, neither Congress nor the IRS has the power, through 26 U.S.C. 7421(a) (the "Tax Anti-Injunction Act") or any other means to nullify the constitution's tax clauses and then force me to pay a constitutionally prohibited tax, and then abide by a tyrannical policy of "taxes before redress," especially after refusing for more than a decade (1999-2012) to respond to my First Amendment petition for redress of the griev-

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# Letters to the Editor:

The NYS Legislature should reject Governor Kathy Hochul's proposal that would enable NYS to override local zoning if a locality does not comply with state quotas to build affordable housing and to address NY's severe housing shortage. Instead -the state should provide financial incentives to taxpayers who live in communities that do their fair share or build more than what the state is expecting each local government to do to address our housing shortage.

The Westchester Municipal Officials Association, many Town Supervisors and Mayors object to the plan to give the state power to overturn local zoning. Local zoning enables a community to maintain the character and integrity of the community. Communities have different needs.

I believe that we need to address the affordable housing shortage and offer another suggestion. NYS should provide financial incentives to residents who live in communities that meet or exceed their housing quota. When the NYS Legislature approved the tax cap when Andrew Cuomo was Governor - a provision was included. Only taxpayers who live in communities that complied with the tax cap would be eligible for a tax rebate. Local governments that voted to exceed the tax cap would have to explain to their constituents why they wouldn't get the tax credit. This incentive worked. Most communities comply with the tax cap.

NYS should do something similar with housing. Each community should be asked by the state to build a certain amount of affordable housing units in their community. If they comply the taxpayers who live in that community would be eligible for additional tax relief. If the locality does more than required the tax relief check would be greater. governments should also be offered additional financial assistance from the state if they exceed housing construction goals that the state sets for them. Encourage local governments to approve more housing by making additional grants available to those that cooperate.

An obstacle to housing development proposals has always been NIMBY-not in my back yard. If taxpayers would get a check from NYS because their community did more NIMBY could possibly be replaced by YIMBY--yes in my back yard.

**PAUL FEINER**  
Greenburgh Town Supervisor

Dear Mr Schoen,

In the article 'A robbery too close for comfort' you write, 'Drinking their slurpee in a corner of the store so they can't be viewed. I am convinced people are pigs' in this article:

You probably know what I'm going to say: Pigs aren't 'sloppy, filthy, deceitful' etc - these are people traits; pigs are actually very clean, friendly and affectionate, far better behaved than the people you refer to in the 'Robbery' article. We have unfortunately put animal names on all kinds of bad human behavior: Lowlife people are 'snakes,' cheating men are 'dogs/skunks,' con artists are 'rats,' complainers are 'crabby,' stubborn/stupid people are 'donkeys' etc.

We continue to talk this way out of habit...and sometimes to make ourselves feel superior; either way, in 2023, it should end. Women, ethnic groups, LG-BTQ groups etc demand that derogatory labels they've been given in the past be stricken - for good reason: Such names send a dangerous, disrespectful message; its no different for the animals. In fact its more dangerous for them; it helps continue cruelty, malice and contempt for them.

So pls try to be conscious of these terms that unfortunately involve animals. The robbers you referred to are 'thieves' 'cheats' 'crooks' 'lowlifes' 'criminals' etc; there's no reason animals shouldn't be respected - it doesn't lessen us, it makes us better people. Again, wow re 'Animals are people too.'

Thanks very much  
Kiley Blackman  
ADOW

**Letter to the Editor-Re- Anthony Futia:**

Thanks for the information regarding the Federal Income Tax. Over the past year, I have read with interest your stories from Mr. Anthony Futia, and his attempts to educate Westchester residents and all Americans on this issue.

I found your March 3, 2023 Issue of Westchester Rising most interesting. It detailed the different ways our Federal government gets its revenue, and it's not all from income tax.

I think Mr.Futia is brave to move forward with this effort. One question that I have is that he has no website-or contact info -in case residents like me can find out more information or perhaps participate.

I enjoy reading your paper in Yorktown every week. As a longtime resident and taxpayer, you have made me concerned about the tax implications of the Par 3 Golf Course debacle, and now the substandard garbage service.

keep up the good work and God speed  
Gene Murray  
Yorktown

# Obituary: Elizabeth Mary Turner



1927-2023

After a well-lived life of 95 years, Elizabeth Mary Turner (Betty) left this world with a treasure chest of memories and coincidences befitting a transplanted New Yorker to Texas. Born in Bronxville on July 16, 1927 and raised in Tuckahoe, New York, Betty enjoyed her Catholic schooling at Our Lady of Good Counsel in White Plains. After graduation and secretarial school, she rode the train into Manhattan each day where she worked as an executive assistant at Johns-Manville Corporation. One day a handsome young man, Stan Turner, asked if he might sit in the empty seat next to her where they struck up a conversation. A few months later they were married in a chapel in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Shortly thereafter, the couple left for Beaumont, the headquarters of the company where Stan worked, and Betty found a job with a gentleman from Austin who owned a company in Beaumont. His name was Maurice Acers, and he had served as chief of staff to former governor Allen Shivers as well as having previously been Special Agent in Charge of the San Antonio office of the FBI. Maurice coaxed Betty and Stan into moving to Austin, where Stan found a job as a pilot for State of Texas officials.

Back in Beaumont one day in the late 1950s, Maurice climbed into a cab to the airport with a female passenger who had just finished a presentation to a group of real estate agents. Another fortuitous conversation occurred, and a long distance romance ensued with Ebby Halliday resulting in their 1965 marriage. Maurice maintained a home in Austin while commuting to and from Dallas for a few years. Tragically in 1967, Stan Turner died in a plane crash.

A few years later, Maurice closed his Austin operations and moved full time to work with Ebby in Ebby Halliday Realtors. He was actually returning to his hometown. He asked Betty to move to Dallas, which she gladly accepted and worked as executive assistant to both Ebby and Maurice. She was a key component to the unprecedented growth of the firm for the next 45 years.

After Maurice's death in 1993 from lung disease, Betty devoted her full attention and then some to helping Ebby with her meetings, speaking engagements, and trip plans. She traveled with Ebby overseas many times and a couple of times to the Irish homeland of her forefathers. Betty accompanied Ebby to countless dinners and charity events throughout the years. When Ebby (at 102) reduced her office hours, Betty took the work to Ebby at her longtime residence on Preston Road behind the Ebby Little White House office at the northwest corner of Preston Road and Northwest Highway. Betty was steadfast in her service to Ebby until her death in 2015 at 104. Betty retired shortly thereafter, at the age of 88, having worked almost continuously for 70 years, 54 of which were for Ebby and Maurice. Betty's support of numerous charitable, civic and educational institutions in the Dallas area were appreciated by many individuals over the years. Her involvement will be greatly missed.

Betty passed away quickly (seven days), but peacefully from the ravages of COVID-19 on January 30, 2023. She is predeceased by her parents, Daniel and Elizabeth Hendron, who emigrated from Co. Armagh, N. Ireland, and her sisters Eileen McNally, Ann Schlegel, and brother Daniel Hendron. She is survived by several loving nieces and nephews. In keeping with her unassuming demeanor, Betty requested there be no public memorial service. She willed her body to science.

Gifts in remembrance of Betty may be made to the Ebby Halliday Foundation. [www.ebbyhallidayfoundation.org](http://www.ebbyhallidayfoundation.org).

**Heart Warming American Idol Story, continued from pg 1-**

"And then my dad came home one day and was like 'I got a way that we can get there,' but that means I have to deploy. It was really scary because he had to deploy to like dangerous places in order for me to be able to pursue music in New York, where I got to do all these school musicals and plays and stuff, but he did and we got here."

Her big break when she was 10, when she won the lead role in the Hollywood Bowl's production of "Annie." Since then, she has appeared on Broadway and on TV.

Join me in rooting for Kaylin, and in thanking her dad, not only for his service to our country, but in showing what giving up yourself for your children is all about.

American Idol airs Sundays at 8/7c on ABC.

**Poet Laureate continued from pg 1-**

wanting to represent excellence and create change in any way she can. In her new role as Youth Poet Laureate, Hopwood would like to provide diversity in her preferred fields and create more opportunities within her community for people like her.

Youth Bureau Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden said: "My office was proud to conduct this search in an effort to showcase the future of our County - which is the motivating factor in everything we do. Congratulations to those chosen, Alexa and Harmony, and thank you to County Executive Latimer for his support for this fantastic program."

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## County Legislators Nolan and Cunzio Oppose Governor Hochul's Housing Compact Plan

On Monday, March 6, 2023, the Westchester County Legislature Minority Caucus introduced a Legislative Resolution Against Governor Hochul's New York Housing Compact, which includes two bills, "The New Homes Target and Fast Track Approval Act" and "The Transient-Oriented Development Act of 2023" which would end most instances of local zoning in New York State. The "New Homes Targets and Fast-Track Approval Act" requires the town to meet or exceed a residential dwelling growth target or enact by local law two of five "preferred actions" to be considered in "safe harbor" status. "The Transit-Oriented Development Act of 2023" would amend local laws to adopt land use regulation within three years for higher density development for areas located within one-half mile of any publicly accessible areas of a Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") transit station.

"We have worked too hard to have our local zoning laws taken away and the value of our homes compromised. We see opposition to this because the state has been trying to impose land-use regulations on communities with local control for decades. These new zoning laws would take away Home Rule from municipalities and prevent reasonable and appropriate development regulations to ensure that development is compatible with the surrounding uses, such as open spaces, building height, or parking restrictions. These laws would negatively affect our communities!" said Westchester County Legislature Minority Leader Margaret Cunzio (C-Mount Pleasant)

"The most important thing we local elected officials can do is put as much pressure as possible on the State Legislature not to pass the Housing Compact. "The New Homes Target and Fast Track Approval Act" would override local land use regulations and create an unprecedented burden on local services like fire and police. It is unacceptable. The impact it would have on the Village of Bronxville would be catastrophic. I am happy to propose this legislative resolution to help save local zoning. "The Transient-Oriented Development Act of 2023" is short-sighted. Governor Hochul has been advocating creating more affordable housing, but this bill does nothing to create affordable housing. Instead, it will create more luxury apartments in neighborhoods across Westchester," said Westchester County Legislature Minority Whip James Nolan (R-Yonkers). "The proposed changes would cost Westchester County nearly \$40 million. I am seeking help from my Westchester County Board of Legislators colleagues to support this resolution. Westchester County does not need this," continued Minority Whip Nolan.

If the legislative resolution passes, it will be effective immediately. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and the Members of the Westchester County State Delegation.

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ance, which refusal, and nothing more, led to my decision to stop paying the tax.

Third, defendant argues, "Plaintiff appears to challenge the constitutionality of the levies used to collect his unpaid taxes." Appearances can be deceiving. In fact, my underlying challenge goes to the constitutionality of the tax on labor. Naturally, if the tax on labor is found to be unconstitutional then any means used by the government to collect such tax would also be unconstitutional.

Fourth, defendant argues, "The Government's motion to dismiss is now fully briefed and, if that motion is granted, Plaintiff's request for a preliminary injunction will be moot. It would be imprudent to consider Plaintiff's requested relief at this stage." In fact, under the facts and circumstances of this case, it would be imprudent not to immediately consider and grant my request for injunctive relief. Whether my first impression, straight First Amendment constitutional claim is eventually decided by a jury, as I have requested, or by the judiciary, that final decision is not near-term. Justice and fairness demand my motion for injunctive relief be granted so that I, an 87year old retiree living on his retirement pay and social security may have the resources to not only maintain this first-impression constitutional case, but to support life itself," end of letter to the court, but Fuia continues.

A investigation of the income tax by Legal and tax professionals over the past 25 years concluded that, except for the very few who are engaged in specific activities, the citizens of the 50 states of the "united states" of America have NEVER been required to file or to pay " income taxes." professional researcher's concluded the IRS is engaged in lies, frivolous explanations and constructive fraud on a massive scale. THIS ACCUSATION SHOULD BE EASY TO DIS-PROVE JUST ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AND SHOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE LAW. Americans who have been frightened into filing and paying "income taxes.(hiring more IRS agents, intimidating radio and TV commercials / ads.) have been robbed of their money. Millions of lives have been ruined. Hundreds of thousands of innocent people have been imprisoned on the pretense they violated laws that do not exist. Some have been driven to suicide. Marriages have been destroyed. Property has been confiscated to pay taxes that were never owed.

## Register for Hilltop Hanover Farm's Tomato Masterclass

Take your tomato-growing to the next level and register for Hilltop Hanover Farm's Tomato Masterclass, three-part series, taking place Saturdays, March 25, June 24 and Aug. 26, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$20 per person; children five and under are free. Register here.

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- Class III: Taste the wide range of tomato varieties and participate in a Q&A to learn more about the process; great for tomato lovers of all ages.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Growing and harvesting your own vegetables is not only an enjoyable hobby, but a great skill to have. I'm excited that Hilltop Hanover is offering this program to residents."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "The staff at Hilltop Hanover Farm are extremely knowledgeable, and participants of this Masterclass will leave with an amazing set of new skills."

Classes may be taken independently; registrants of all three classes will receive a \$10 farm stand voucher upon completion of the series. All ages are welcome; children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Hilltop Hanover Farm is located at 1271 Hanover Street, Yorktown Heights, NY. For additional info, call: (914) 862-5050.

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and during that meeting, both Messers Slater and Marino admitted that the Town's During that meeting, decision to discard AAA Carting's first bid without even looking at it was a "mistake" and Mr. Slater admitted that he "messed up" and that the Town "didn't handle [the bidding process] properly."

"During the same conversation, the Town informed Mr. Carlelemi that the bid would be workable if the price came down to approximately \$3,000,000 per year. After the meeting concluded, Mr. Marino opined to Mr. Carlelemi that Brian Amico was a "f\*\*\*\*ing wannabe" and that Amico did not even own his company (referring to Competitive Carting)...Amico has told employees of AAA Carting on multiple occasions that the Town "begged" him to submit a bid for the public contract on behalf of Competitive Carting Corp," states the suit.

The suit argues that the Town violated its obligations under GML § 103 and Town Law § 122 by not examining the finances of Competitive, and by changes the bond requirements to benefit Competitive.

"The Town's abject failure to conduct due diligence raises serious questions about Competitive Carting's foundational capabilities, in determine, inter alia, whether Competitive Carting has the necessary "capital and infrastructure" to fully perform under the Public Contract."

AAA Carting has contracts with the City of White Plains, the Town of Kent, the Village of Briarcliff, New York State O.O.T., New York State Office of General Service, the County of Westchester, the County of Putnam, the Town of Putnam Valley, the Town of Carmel, and they had the prior contract with Yorktown, with no complaints from residents.

Most interesting was this paragraph: "Given AAA Carting's long and current history of servicing towns and municipalities, the awarding of the Public Contract to Competitive Carting, whose reliability is more suspect, to put it charitably, strains credulity and gives rise to a strong inference of an improper purpose," asks AAA and Caputo in the suit.

The argument is favor of giving the contract to Competitive has always been the low bid. But now that argument is being met with-You Get What You Pay For.

Perhaps the strongest part of the suit filed by AAA against the town takes issue with the changing of the Bond requirement. AAA's attorney Nicholas Caputo, from the firm CARMEL, MILAZZO & FEIL, LLP, argues in the suit that Competitive Carting had troubles securing a one-year bond from a bond insurance company, and that the town amended the contract after it was awarded, to allow Competitive to submit one-month bonds, which are cheaper and easier to obtain.

And that change given to Competitive violates the terms of the original bid which stated, "For the life of the contract, the successful bidder shall provide a performance bond issued by a Surety in an amount equal to no more than 100% of the annual value of the contract."

The suit continues, "Instead, in contravention of the Town's Instructions, Competitive Carting has been permitted by the Town to submit a monthly performance bond. The Town's concession to Competitive Carting to completely ignore the Instruction's annual performance bond requirement, a material term of the bid (and a statutory requirement), was wholly improper. Competitive Carting did not, and could not, obtain a performance bond as required by the specifications, and therefore did not fully comply with all of the specifications."

"This special treatment also compels inquiry into what motivated the Town to give Competitive Carting a material financial edge over other bidders," and points to "the Town's apparent favoritism of Competitive Carting."

AAA is asking the court to annul the contract and award the contract to AAA or order a new BID.

Residents are encouraged to join in the suit against the Town's decision to award the contract to Competitive. They can do so by filing an Amicus brief, which will help the case by having an aggrieved party from Yorktown. You can email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com if you are interested.

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in our ball parks or why the President of our Yonkers School Board gets paid \$15,000 for a volunteer job. Even Mayor Spano agreed with me on that one.

I've written stories about such iconic figures as Len Spano and Angelo Martinelli upon their passing. Story about about a Police Officer killed in the line of duty. Reviews of WESTCHESTER Broadway Theater productions until it's sad closing. I questioned Why in the pandemic YPIE funds weren't spent on more computers for Yonkers students.

Getty Square hasn't changed much and until someone comes up with a plan, I would not spend \$3,000 to live on the Waterfront.

So much ahead. George Santos. Need I slay more? Will all candidates running for office have to have extensive background checks? What happens when the COVID money run out with the Yonkers budget? The TARGET taking over Sears and Wanamakers. With schools being build on the West side of town will bussing either be cut back or eliminated. Will churches and Parochial schools have to shut their doors due to finances. Will unions start running slates of candidates similar to the Nolan win?

During our time together I got two new knees, lost weight, and was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. I have the best doctors treating my Parkinson's, but sadly there is no cure. I would encourage you to make a gift to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131 or parkinson.org on the internet. It takes money to find a cure.

After 600 columns and my diagnosis, I've realized that life is short and there is so much to do. Forgive me if I take a week off or two. I'll try not to do it when there is breaking news or something I feel is important for you to know or me To comment on.

Thank you for inviting me into your homes each week. I hope our acquaintance will continue for many more years! Fight for your rights. Include Yonkers Rising and the Westchester Rising Newspapers in your fight. The local paper has deteriorated so much it's sad. It use to be so good and full of local information. No more!

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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 #: 68953/2019

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, As Owner Trustee On Behalf Of CSMC 2018-RPL1 Trust Plaintiff, vs People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, Arthur Kindle, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, April Kindle-Pautsch As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Shirley Kindle-Sheppard Aka Jennifer Kindle-Sheppard As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Mark A Kindle As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Unknown Heirs Of Arthur Kindle 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, 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: 445 Franklin Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 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 Unknown Heirs of Arthur Kindle, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David F. Everett of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Second day of February, 2023 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 foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated July 1, 2008, executed by Arthur Kindle (who died on October 6, 2021, a resident of the county of Lake, State of Illinois) and Shirley Kindle AKA Shirley A. Kindle (who died on September 7, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$356,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 482420347 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on September 9, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 6, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 502983160. The mortgage was subsequently modified on December 30, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 27, 2014 and recorded on March 6, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540593075. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 16, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 20, 2018 and recorded on April 23, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 581133048. The property in question is described as follows: 445 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE 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: February 27, 2023 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. 75442.

Notice of formation of Beagal, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/11/2022. 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, 47 Washington Blvd Mt Vernon NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of 808 Commerce LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC at 808 Commerce Stret, Thornwood, NY 10594. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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

Notice of formation of PRESS START! Mobile Gaming LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/03/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 455 Tarrytown Rd Suite# 1521 White Plains NY, 10607. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of CR8TIONZ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES INC. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1434 Western Ave, Suite 1 #7811 Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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**Westchester Chamber Music Society (WCMS)  
Launches New Youth Initiative March 19**



*The Amerigo Trio, L-R Karen Dreyfus Inbal Segev, Glenn Dicterow*

With great pleasure the Westchester Chamber Music Society (WCMS) announces a new youth initiative to partner with chamber music programs at schools and colleges across Westchester County.

The Amerigo Trio (pictured above) was formed in 2009 by the former New York Philharmonic concertmaster Glenn Dicterow, with the violist Karen Dreyfus and the cellist Inbal Segev. Named for the Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci, they are committed to the exploration of the riches of the string trio repertoire, both old and new.

At this concert, The Music Conservatory of Westchester (MCW) will present one of its best student chamber music groups. The MCW ensemble will include two violinists, Elizabeth Kim and Tiana Kaga, and the cellist Leon Wang, all local high school students. They will be accompanied on harpsichord by Jean Newton, their coach and executive director of MCW.

For 72 years, the Westchester Chamber Music Society has brought to Westchester first-rate artists, such as the renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma; the Amerigo Trio with the violinist Glenn Dicterow; the Emerson, Brentano, and Kalichstein ensembles; and award-winning young talent, including the Dover and the Ulysses String Quartets.

Our mission is to provide live, world-class chamber-music concerts, support chamber-music performers, and help to sustain the arts community.

Following the concert there will be a Q&A with the professional and student musicians. Tickets are \$20 per for first-time attendees of a WCMS concert; General Admission \$40; Students free; Concert can be viewed remotely, and a recording will be available for 48 hours after the live concert.

For tickets and to check COVID protocols, visit: [WestchesterChamberMusicSociety.com](http://WestchesterChamberMusicSociety.com)

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ning vehicle.

The owner of the vehicle was the in immediate vicinity of their vehicle and escorting another uninvolved child to the bus stop. The owner observed a male enter their vehicle and attempted to stop the male before he drove away from the scene with the child inside.

The vehicle proceeded to Scarsdale Ave. at Harney Road, where the suspect stopped and removed the child from the vehicle. Witnesses state that after the suspect removed the child from the vehicle, he attempted to reenter the stolen vehicle, but once he was observed by the witnesses he fled the scene in another awaiting vehicle. The awaiting vehicle was last seen on Harney Road near the Bronx River Parkway.

The victim and witnesses describe the suspect as a male black, approximately 20 years old, 6 feet tall with a thin build and dreadlocks. Witnesses state that the suspect's vehicle wanted in connection was a White Audi SUV occupied by four black males and a black female, in their late teens or early twenties.

The stolen vehicle was recovered, and the child who had been in the vehicle was found to be unharmed and quickly reunited with their parents. We are fortunate that no one was harmed in this incident. Unfortunately, over the past two years, we have seen a significant increase in the number of stolen automobiles along with larcenies from vehicles. As always, we remind residents to remain vigilant of their surroundings, never leave their vehicle running unoccupied, never leave their key inside the vehicle, and be sure to lock their devices especially overnight.

Updated by EPD on March 2-The suspect vehicle has been located in New Jersey and is impounded. The vehicle was located on the side of the roadway where it had been abandoned. The vehicle had been reported stolen several days ago from a municipality in New Jersey. Our detective division is working dilligently investigating the case to indentify the suspects involved.

We would like to thank all of the law enforcement agencies that assisted with the investigation, especially the Westchester County Police Department.

Again, we ask anyone who has any knowledge, witnessed, or has video recording of the incident to contact our detective division at 914-961-3464.

In Harrison, a rash of burglaries are connected to a South American Theft Group. In January, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with the help of the Harrison PD and other local law enforcement, arrested Jorge Pogge and Ingrid Gomez who are believed to be from an organized crime syndicate consisting of highly skilled criminals, primarily from Chile and Columbia.

Harrison Police were also able to deter one more more burglaires after arresting four persons in possession of tools used to commit burglaries. HPD made a traffic stop on Feb. 4 after the car was being found searching for homes to burglarize. Three of those arrested were given appearance tickets and released; one is being held on a warrant in California.

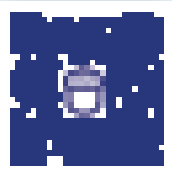
These individuals were found to have multiple aliases and have histories of residential burglaries across the United States.

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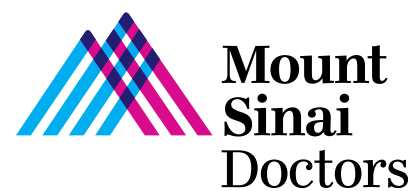
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