

## A Sad Day on Lake Mahopac: Heroic Rescue By Emergency Service Can't Save Somers Woman



Video captures Jeep driving across Lake Mahopac

By Dan Murphy

For those of us who live on the Northern Westchester-Putnam border, Lake Mahopac is a landmark that draws drivers into Mahopac's business district and welcomes all to Putnam County. But on Monday, March 9, many were pray-

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## Rabid Coyote in Eastchester Attacks Three



The Westchester County Department of Health is alerting residents that a coyote in the Eastchester/Bronxville area has tested positive for rabies. The animal attacked six dogs and three people on March 9, near Siwanoy Country Club and Twin Lakes Park.

Anyone who has been bitten or scratched by an animal should seek medical attention immediately. Also, any animal bite or physical contact

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## St Patrick's Day Parades Underway, with Eastchester, Mamaroneck and Yonkers to Come



Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Gary Byrne

The 20th Annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday, March 15, at 3pm. Our 2026 Parade Grand Marshal is Mr. Gary Byrne, a County Sligo Native and the General Manager of the Springhill Suites Marriot Hotel

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## No Pay Raise for State Electeds Until We Get Relief & Rebate Checks "Tammany Hall on Steroids"



By Dan Murphy

This month, Democratic State Senator James Sanders Jr. introduced a bill (S.9329) that seeks to increase the annual salary for state legislators from the current \$142,000 to \$180,000—a nearly 27% hike.

Senator Sanders has argued that the increase is necessary due to the “expanded duties” and increasing “complexity” of being a modern legislator. He contends that the role has evolved into a full-time service position and that higher compensation is essential to:

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## Indian Point Ain't the Answer in November Guys



By Dan Murphy

Last week, US Department of Energy Secretary Chris Wright visited the closed Indian Point Power Plant in Buchanan, Westchester. Joining Wright

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## Working Families Party Breaks Out, Supports its Own Candidates, But Will it Work in Nov?

### Effie Phillips-Staley

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## Women Graduate and They are Still Paid Less



By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

For decades, girls were told a simple promise: work hard in school, earn a degree, and success will follow. Today, women are keeping their end of that promise. Across the United States, women now earn the majority of college degrees. In fact, women receive more bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees than men. Classrooms across America are full of young women preparing to lead in medicine, business, education, technology, and law.

But when graduation caps come off and paychecks start coming in, the reality looks different: if women are earning more degrees, why are they still earning less money?

The gender pay gap is not new, but it continues to shape the financial lives of millions of women, especially Black women. On average, women in the United States still earn less than men for similar work. Black women and Latina women often earn significantly less than white men in the same workforce. For many young women entering the job market today, this reality feels confusing and unfair.

Gen Z is a generation that pays attention to numbers. They track student loans, cost of living, rent, and starting salaries. Many young women are graduating with impressive résumés, leadership experience, and strong academic records. Even so, they enter workplaces where pay transparency is limited and negotiation rules seem unclear.

History helps explain why this gap still exists. For much of American history, women were excluded from many professions and leadership roles. Even after women entered the workforce in larger numbers, they were often pushed into lower-paying careers. While laws have changed and opportunities have expanded, the economic structures built decades ago have not disappeared overnight.

But Gen Z is not a generation that sits down and accepts the status quo. Young women today are asking harder questions about salary transparency, workplace equity, and corporate accountability. Social media has made it easier than ever for workers to compare salaries, share experiences, and challenge unfair treatment.

Women's History Month is often a time to celebrate pioneers who fought for voting rights, education, and equal opportunity. Those victories matter. But the next chapter of women's history is being written right now — in offices, classrooms, and across social media — by a generation of women demanding that equal education finally leads to equal pay.

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

## DA Cacace's Gun Buyback Program Takes Guns Off the Streets

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace recently announced the latest results from her office's efforts to combat gun violence and the trafficking of firearms in Westchester County.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, police agencies across Westchester made 61 arrests incident to a gun crime and recovered a total of 48 firearms.

Of the recovered firearms, there were 36 pistols, 7 revolvers, 4 rifles, and 1 derringer. Among the recovered pistols were 4 ghost guns, which are unserialized, untraceable firearms made with 3D printers or assembled from partially finished gun parts. Ghost guns are increasingly turning up at crime scenes across Westchester and New York State.

The largest recoveries were made in Yonkers (20) and Mount Vernon (15).\*

Nearly half (49%) of the arrestees were from out of county. Of these, the majority were from the Bronx, with smaller numbers coming from Connecticut, Poughkeepsie, Florida, Newburgh, California, Kentucky, Maryland, and Texas.

Among those arrested, 38% were between 21 and 30 years old, 34% were 20 years old or younger, 16% were between 41 and 50 years old, 8% were between 31 and 40 years old, 2% were between 51 and 60 years old, and 2% were between 71 and 80 years old.

DA Cacace said: "Each tally on a spreadsheet represents an illegal firearm taken off the streets, a potential life spared and a family left intact. I am proud of the significant amount of seizures we accomplished with our local police departments in Q4 2025.

"Looking behind these numbers at the human toll of gun violence, we are reminded how critical this work is for those who are caught in the crossfire, average citizens taking their kids to school or making a trip to the grocery store. Just one life lost to the scourge of gun violence is one too many.

"Though we have made significant progress in conjunction with our municipal partners most acutely affected by gun crime, there remain areas of improvement we must address with renewed urgency. That the second-highest cohort of arrestees are teenagers is particularly disturbing and reflects an unacceptable trend that was super-charged by the pandemic. We must work with our legislative partners to tackle this newfound epidemic, for the safety of our communities and for our young residents themselves."

\*These numbers include not only gun recoveries but also gun-related recoveries, such as shell casings and recoveries falling into the Other and Unknown categories.

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## Dog Bites Two Yonkers Cops and His Owner

On Feb. 26, at 118 New Main Street, at 12 noon, two Yonkers Police Officers observed that a male was urinating in public and had a dog not on a leash—they approached him to issue the appropriate summons. While writing the summons, they discovered that the male had a warrant.

Officers attempted to place him under arrest, at which point he resisted arrest and encouraged his dog to attack the Officers. At that time, the male's dog bit both officers and the male himself. The male was eventually placed into handcuffs, and the dog was controlled.

The male was charged with the original city ordinance violations, charges related to his open warrant, as well as resisting arrest, assault 2nd degree, and obstruction of governmental administration.

The Officers responded to an area hospital to be treated for the dog bite. Yonkers Animal Shelter responded to take possession of the dog.

## Westchester County Parks Event in Yonkers Saturday, March 14

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## Too Many DUI's with Kids in the Car



Leandra's Law, officially known as the Child Passenger Protection Act, is a New York State law that significantly increased the penalties for driving while intoxicated (DWI) with a child in the vehicle. It was signed into law in November 2009 following the tragic death of 11-year-old Leandra Rosado, who was killed in a crash while riding in a car driven by a friend's mother who was intoxicated.

16 years later, there is still a large number of parents driving drunk with kids in the car in Westchester. Here are two of the latest, and check out the times of arrest.

### Elmsford Woman Charged with DWI with 2 Kids in the Car at 230AM

On March 1, 2026, at approximately 2:32 a.m., troopers assigned to the New York State Police Hawthorne barracks conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on the Sprain Brook Parkway in the Town of Greenburgh for violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

During the stop, the operator, identified as Josefina Parades-Leocadio, 45, of Elmsford, New York, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered, which Parades-Leocadio subsequently failed. Further investigation revealed that two children, ages 12 and 14, were in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Parades-Leocadio was taken into custody and transported to SP Hawthorne for processing, where she submitted a chemical breath test that yielded a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.22%. The children were safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Parades-Leocadio was charged with the following:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law) – Class E Felony
- Driving While Intoxicated – Unclassified Misdemeanor
- Vehicle and Traffic Law Violations

Parades-Leocadio was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Town of Greenburgh Court on April 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

### Peekskill man charged with Leandra's Law following traffic stop

On March 8, 2026, at approximately 3:44 a.m., New York State Police from the Cortlandt Barracks (SP Cortlandt) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on N. James Street in the City of Peekskill for a violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

During the stop, the operator, identified as Jorge Quizhpi, 47, of Peekskill, New York, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered, which Quizhpi subsequently failed. Further investigation revealed that a child, age 4, was in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Quizhpi was taken into custody and transported to SP Cortlandt for processing, where he refused to submit to a chemical breath test. The child was safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Quizhpi was charged with the following:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony, and Driving While Intoxicated.

## Westchester County Moves Forward on Airport Modernization



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced the selection of HNTB to lead the comprehensive feasibility study and concept design for the modernization of the terminal at Westchester County Airport (HPN).

The selection marks a significant milestone in the County's effort to reimagine the decades-old terminal and deliver a more modern, efficient and passenger-friendly experience, while maintaining full County ownership and operational control of the Airport.

Jenkins said: "We all deeply value flying out of Westchester County Airport, but the reality is the currently terminal is not functional for basic needs like having a cup of coffee, sitting down on a chair or going to the bathroom. When flying out of HPN, we want our passengers to be safe and comfortable. Selecting HNTB with industry-leading expertise in airport planning and design is an important step toward delivering that experience. This is not expansion this is modernization – and we desperately need it."

The selection follows a rigorous and transparent procurement process. The County's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) conducted national research to identify firms with demonstrated expertise in terminal concept planning and aviation design.

Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi said: "This is great news for Westchester residents and everyone who travels through our airport. Today's announcement moves us closer to giving airport visitors the experience they deserve. We're taking a careful, responsible approach to modernizing an aging terminal while ensuring the County remains firmly in control of its future. I'm happy we're taking this important step forward."

County Legislator Nancy Barr said: "Westchester County residents and visitors enjoy the convenience of traveling in and out of HPN but people often complain about the lack of adequate seating, bathrooms and eating options, particularly once they have gone through security. Changes that were made post 9-11 have created challenges for those who have to get to the terminal two hours early or whose flights get delayed. I look forward to seeing creative ideas for modernizing the space."

A Pre-Qualification Board convened in August, followed by review by the Professional Selection Board in September. Eleven nationally recognized firms were approved to participate in the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. After careful evaluation of submissions, interviews and technical review, HNTB was recommended to the County Executive for final approval.

The RFP called for a comprehensive feasibility study that will produce distinct terminal modernization concepts. The study will include:

- Maintaining the existing terminal footprint, while fully reimaging the current 96,000-square-foot, three-level structure and its 700-linear-foot frontage.

- Evaluating adjacent areas that may be repurposed, including frontage roadways, loading dock areas, and rental car quick-turn and ready lots.

- Aligning the redesigned terminal with current industry standards and passenger expectations.

Throughout the study and all future phases, the County will uphold all Terminal Use Regulations (TUR), including the 240-passenger-per-half-hour operational limit. The County will continue to engage the Airport Advisory Board and stakeholders as the project advances.

Most recently HNTB supported Garden City Regional Airport in the delivery of a new terminal and currently serves as the program manager for the John F. Kennedy International Airport Redevelopment Program.

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## Rep. Latimer Introduces Bill to Prevent President from Interfering with Administration of Elections



Westchester Congressman George Latimer, left introduced the Protecting Our Integrity and Nation from Tyranny (POINT) Act, legislation to prevent the President or any agent of the Executive Branch from attempting to influence or prevent the administration of an American election.

The Constitution, federal law, and Supreme Court precedent gives state and local governments-broad authority to administer elections, subject to laws passed by Congress. For example, federal law

establishes clear policies and procedures for setting federal election dates and certifying federal election results.

The role of the Executive Branch in this process is merely a supportive one.

However, in recent weeks, President Trump and his administration have taken unprecedented steps to meddle in the American electoral process. On January 28th, the FBI executed a search warrant at the election headquarters of Fulton County, Georgia, seeking ballots from the 2020 election. The President has also called on Republican-led states to redraw their congressional districts for political gain, issued an Executive Order to overhaul election rules and practices nationwide, and cast doubt on the practice of mail-in voting. President Trump has even called for the Republican Party to “nationalize” voting in the United States.

“The guarantee of free and fair elections is the very bedrock of our democracy,” said Congressman Latimer. “However, from the moment President Trump took the oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution, he has made every effort to subvert the electoral process for political gain. I am introducing the POINT Act because our elections must remain insulated from the impulses of bad-faith actors who seek to undermine the will of the voters. I’m proud to be in this fight and I urge this Congress to act to keep our elections free and fair.”

The Protecting Our Integrity and Nation from Tyranny (POINT) Act would:

Prohibit the President, Vice President, an employee of the Executive Office of the President, the Attorney General, the Director of the FBI, the Director of National Intelligence, or other cabinet secretary, agency director, or department head from engaging in election interference, or using, providing, or loaning any government property, personnel or resources for the purpose of engaging in election interference. A violator would be subject to a fine, a prison term of up to 5 years, or both.

Prevent the President from deploying members of the Armed Forces or exercising federal law enforcement authority in a state where such deployment or exercise of authority would likely disrupt, postpone, delay, prevent, or influence the result of an election, referendum, or ballot question. Under the bill, there would be a judicial review process for states to bring an action, including but not limited to a demand for emergency injunctive relief, in district court, as well as an expedited process for appeals. In these actions, the President would have the burden of proving that such a violation did not occur.

Establish a statutory cause of action by any state resulting from the infringement by the President or Congress upon certain rights and powers of the states specified in the U.S. Constitution. Under the bill, there would be a judicial review process for states to bring an action, including but not limited to a demand for emergency injunctive relief, in district court, as well as an expedited process for appeals.

## Two Female Westchester Entrepreneurs Build Thriving Brands Through TikTok

By Bryan Fumagalli

As Women’s History Month in March spotlights the achievements of women in business and beyond, two Yonkers entrepreneurs are demonstrating how digital platforms can turn personal purpose into growth.

Denise Francis and Shaina Rainford are leveraging TikTok not just for visibility, but as a driving force behind brands rooted in wellness and haircare.

### Denise Francis

Francis, known as the ‘Self-Love Queen’ on TikTok, uses her platform to promote self-love and mental health for women. She received a grant from TikTok which she used to launch Heal Sis, a mental wellness app focused on helping black women heal, grow and break generational cycles by making mental health care and wellness accessible, affordable and community centered.

“The goal is to bridge the gap between community care and individualized care when it comes to mental health and become a new form of mental health care for black women,” said Francis, a Brooklyn native who moved to Yonkers in 2020. “We stress the connection between self-love and mental health through our black girl healing socials, retreats and group therapist-led sessions and group guided journal sessions. Black women have always thrived in community.”

Though the app was created in 2024, Francis founded The Self Love Organization in 2017 after studying psychology at City College of New York.

“I was able to build a beautiful community on TikTok of black women who want to heal and start their healing journeys by exiting survival mode and entering thriving mode. They began following me because I have been sharing my journey – the good, bad and ugly – online.”

In addition to helping her movement get off the ground, TikTok has invited Francis to participate in multiple initiatives and creator events.

For more information, visit @livenaturallylove on TikTok or theselfloveorganization.com.

### Shaina Rainford

Rainford, founder of Bask and Lather Co., has built a natural haircare brand specifically for textured hair. Her bestsellers, Strong Hold Edge Control and Scalp Stimulator, have gone viral on TikTok Shop driving massive sell-outs and fueling significant growth through authentic content and real customer testimonials.

“We started this in 2020 after my younger sister lost her hair due to ringworm,” said Rainford, a Bronx native. “My mother grew desperate when doctors told her my sister’s hair may never grow back so she researched natural oils shown to promote hair growth and created a concoction which became our stimulating hair growth oil. When her hair grew back in it was thin, so my mom did more research that showed Jamaican black castor oil adds volume to hair and her hair grew down to her waist.”

Rainford had hair challenges of her own after acquiring life threatening COVID while working as a nurse practitioner at Scarsdale Medical Center deployed to White Plains Hospital.

“After recovering, my hair started to shed and literally break while touching it and I found myself desperate to find a solution,” she said. “With those same oils, my hair came back better than ever in a matter of weeks, and I said to my mom if I’m young and healthy and going through this there must be many people going through it. We started to share my sister and I’s before and after photos on social media and people started to buy it like crazy.”

While primarily focusing on women and children, Bask and Lather offers products for all hair types and even boasts a line of men’s products.

“TikTok is one of our big sales channels that’s been a huge top of funnel awareness platform for us,” Rainford said. “In fact, when TikTok Shop was becoming popular in the summer of 2023 we were going viral constantly resulting in organic sales, direct conversion with no ads needed. It really blew up the brand and on Black Friday/Cyber Monday we were the No. 1 personal care brand on the platform.”

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## Modern Women with a Modern Vision: Panel Discussion at the Hudson River Museum



At the Hudson River Museum March 15

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This program is part of Women's History Month 2026.

Sunday, March 15, 2026 12:30–2pm, HRM Theater (New!), Hudson Room

This event is free with general admission, To Register, visit:

<https://hudsonrivermuseum.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#!/instances/a0F-Po00000ReN1ZMAV>

Read the panelists Bio's at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com)

## Working Families Party Breaks Out, Supports it Own Candidates, But Will it Work in Nov?

By Dan Murphy

The recent election of Analilia Mejia, in the democratic primary in New Jersey to represent the 11th District, has emboldened the Working Families Party in New York and Westchester to start endorsing their own candidates for November before Democrats make their selections in a democratic primary in June.

Mejia is a self described political outsider, who "has spent her life organizing for working families — training leaders, building coalitions, and fighting for communities that are too often ignored. She doesn't take corporate PAC money. Her campaign is rooted in people power."

In the race for Congress here in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties, Congressman Mike Lawler will once again be in the political fight of his life in November to hold onto his seat. And his election, or defeat will likely determine which party has control of the House in 2027.

Six democrats are running to see who will run against Lawler on the democratic line. So far, the three favorites are Rockland County Legislator Beth Davidson, Veteran Cait Conley, and Briarcliff millionaire Peter Chatzky.

One of the other candidates is Effie Phillips-Staley, a Tarrytown Trustee. Effie just received the NY Working Families Party endorsement for Congress in NY-17 and will be on the ballot on the WFP line in November, regardless of who wins the democratic primary.

"We are proud to announce Effie Phillips Staley for Congress NY17 as our pick for the NY17 primary. If we are going to defeat Mike Lawler and reject the MAGA agenda in the Hudson Valley, we need a bold, working-class vision for the future. The NYWFP is fighting for a Working Families Guarantee: homes people can actually afford, universal childcare, healthcare for all, and real protections for our immigrant neighbors. Effie Phillips-Staley shares this vision for the future and has the moral clarity and determination our communities need now," said the NYWFP.

"I am proud to be in this fight with you and thank you for your support. The progressive movement is growing across the nation and I firmly believe that the best way to defeat Mike Lawler is to show moral leadership and fight for what's possible, not cater to Republicans by watering down our priorities," said Phillips-Staley, who did not make a larger announcement about this endorsement other than adding a comment to the NYWFP post.

The Lawler campaign used the NYWFP endorsement to attack Phillips-Staley. "The Lawler for Congress campaign responded after NY-17 Democratic candidate Effie Phillips-Staley proudly announced she has earned the endorsement of the New York Working Families Party — and made crystal clear what it cost her: a public pledge to support raising taxes, abolishing ICE, socialized medicine, and the so-called "Block the Bombs" legislation that would cut off arms to Israel while it defends itself against Hamas and Iranian-backed terror proxies

"The price of admission to the Working Families Party is pledging allegiance and selling your soul to Hamas sympathizers and open borders activists," stated Ciro Riccardi, campaign manager for Lawler for Congress. "Beth Davidson, Cait Conley, Peter Chatzky, and Mike Sacks must publicly state right now whether they will seek or accept the Working Families Party line if they win the primary. Because if the WFP's prerequisite for endorsement is raising taxes, supporting the abolition of ICE, embracing Sanctuary Cities, and cutting off Israel while it fights Hamas, then any candidate who takes that line is telling voters exactly where they stand."

The political calculation that many are asking is, will the WFP endorsement of Phillips-Staley have a negative impact if another democrat, as expected, wins the democratic primary in June? Will the anti-Lawler votes be split between the democrat and WFP candidates?

Two years ago, former Congressman Mondaire Jones ran against Lawler and lost by 23,550 votes. Also running in that contest was Anthony Frascone, on the WFP line. Frascone got 7,530 votes, less than 2%.

Members of the NYWFP claimed that Frascone was not the choice of their party but the choice of the Lawler campaign to split the vote against him.

Frascone denied that charge, and in the end, his votes did not meet the margin of Lawler's victory.

Perhaps that is why the WFP endorsed Phillips-Staley now. But some democrats we spoke to are concerned that, "if this election is razor thin, we may need all of the votes to beat Lawler"

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*Pay Raise, continued from pg 1-*

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Several of Sanders' colleagues in both parties have labeled the timing "tone-deaf" given the ongoing affordability crisis, soaring energy bills, and the fact that the last major raise was enacted relatively recently in late 2022.

Westchester State Senators and Assemblymembers have neither supported nor opposed the pay hikes.

Senator Shelley Mayer has been vocal about the "affordability crisis" and is currently sponsoring legislation to limit Con Edison's retroactive utility billing, arguing that constituents cannot afford sudden spikes in their bills while their incomes remain stagnant.

Senator Pete Harckham (Westchester): He has also prioritized utility relief, introducing a dozen bills in 2026—including the ASAP Act—to lower energy costs by expanding solar. Like Mayer, he has focused his public platform on "kitchen-table issues" rather than salary increases.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (Yonkers): As the leader of the Senate, she has not yet moved the bill to a floor vote. Her recent focus has been on the 2026 One-House Budget Resolution, which emphasizes "taxing the wealthiest" to fund municipal services and lowering energy costs for residents.

One common-sense proposal that Rising Media supports is a Republican plan to provide New Yorkers with some relief from rising energy bills by issuing a \$400 rebate check.

The proposal, offered as an amendment on the Senate floor by Senator Rob Rolison, would have provided a one-year utility bill tax-and-surcharge holiday and a two-year green energy tax holiday. Government taxes, fees, and mandates account for approximately one-third of a customer's utility bill. The amendment was voted down, but more importantly, there is no proposed legislation from Governor Kathy Hochul or the Democratic majority in Albany to provide some form of rebate to 8 million New Yorkers who have received rebate checks in the past.

"New Yorkers are being bled dry by some of the highest taxes in America, congestion pricing, skyrocketing utility bills, endless tolls and transit fees, parking fines, and every other scheme Albany can dream up to squeeze more money out of working people. It is hard to imagine a more arrogant display of self-interest. It's Tammany Hall on steroids," said NYS Conservative Party Chair Gerard Kassar.

Social Media posts that we agree with include:

"The average household income is \$86k a year; they want to increase their salaries to \$180k. Let's earn a raise by solving the affordability crisis in NY: property taxes, car insurance premiums, utility prices, and many other major expenses that are forcing working people to flee the state."

"The average salary in New York, as of February 2026, is \$26.01 an hour or \$54,094 per year. 76% have no savings, real estate, or any holdings. Own nothing and be happy living in an affordable city is the way to go."

Note: Last week, we suggested a Tariff Rebate or Dividend check for all Americans.

President Trump has repeatedly proposed sending \$2,000 rebate checks to moderate- and middle-income Americans, funded by tariff revenue. Recently, the administration has suggested these checks could arrive by the end of 2026.

An alternative proposal has been introduced by democratic Congressman Henry Cuellar, who recently introduced the American Consumer Tariff Rebate Act of 2026, which proposes smaller payments (roughly \$1,020 for singles and \$2,040 for joint filers) specifically to offset the rising cost of household goods. This plan also sounds good.

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that certain tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) were unlawful.

On March 4, 2026, the U.S. Court of International Trade ordered the government to begin refunding over \$130 billion in duties collected from importers. These refunds go directly to the companies (importers of record) that paid the taxes. While some Democratic lawmakers have introduced bills to force companies to pass these savings on to consumers, there is currently no federal mechanism to ensure this happens.

Westchester Congressman George Latimer has introduced a bill requiring the Trump administration to refund the tariff revenue to small businesses.

We have not seen any comment from Westchester's other Congressman, Mike Lawler. Perhaps he should consider supporting a rebate for all Americans.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. 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, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Supreme Site Safety, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/2026. 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, 318 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Monte Builders Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2026. 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, 23 Bronxville Ln Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of DoubleStripe Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/7/2026. 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, 23 Mt. Joy Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

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

Notice of Formation of Israelov Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/27/2026. Office Location: Westchester. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 51 Nethermont Ave, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of FOREVER JADE LLC, filed with SSNY on 02/10/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC: ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

## Westchester County Youth Bureau and Youth Advisory Board Host Youth Service Awards



The Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Westchester County Youth Board hosted the annual Youth Service Awards to honor outstanding high school juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves for their leadership and dedication to service and social justice.

The 12 students received certificates from Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and the Westchester County Board of Legislators, along with awards from the members of the Westchester County Youth Board and their NYS Legislators. Students who were honored all had an impressive body of accomplishments ranging from creating accessible sports opportunities for disabled youth, establishing a community volunteer network and using arts and media to promote social awareness. Many had to overcome enormous personal obstacles with resilience to achieve their goals.

Jenkins said: "It is often said that youth are the leaders of tomorrow. While this is meant to be a compliment, I would like to respectfully disagree. The young people we are honoring today are not waiting for tomorrow. They are not waiting for a degree, a certain age or an invitation to care about their neighbors. They have looked at the challenges facing their communities and they have stepped up now. Tonight, we aren't celebrating their potential -- we are celebrating their presence and their proven track record of action."

Westchester County Youth Bureau Executive Director Ernest McFadden said: "Each year, the WCYB proudly salutes Youth Service Award recipients whose actions remind us of the power of compassion, integrity and selfless service. This award honors young people who consistently choose to uplift others, lead by example and make a meaningful difference in our community. Their dedication to serving with humility and heart represents the very best of youth leadership and inspires us all to give back."

Westchester County Youth Board Chair Dr. Alexandria Connally said: "As Chair of the Westchester County Youth Board, it is my distinct honor and privilege to celebrate 12 extraordinary young people whose talent, character and leadership inspire us all. With these leaders at the helm, Westchester County's future is bright and promising, and I am confident they will continue to shape our community with vision, integrity and purpose."

Youth Service Award recipient Eric A. Rodriques said: "I am truly honored to receive the Youth Service Award. I am very thankful that my achievements have been recognized by the Westchester County Youth Bureau as well as the elected officials. It is a blessing to represent Mount Vernon and to hear about the impressive achievements of the other honorees. This experience brought me great joy, seeing others succeed just as much if not more than myself. I hope we all continue down this path and create meaningful change in our respective communities. The reason for my achievements was never for recognition, but simply to be myself and serve others, which is why I am so honored and grateful to receive this award."

"Lastly, I am grateful to God, my family, my school, and the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau for supporting me and providing a platform that made everything possible."

2025-2026 Youth Service Award Recipients:

Rafael Aldana-Diaz (Yonkers) – Saunders Trade & Technical High School, Leila Sadek (Yonkers) – Yonkers Montessori Academy

Rowan Dias (Scarsdale) - Deerfield Academy, Harrison Greebel (Scarsdale) – Scarsdale High School

Joshua Jones (Peekskill) – Peekskill High School, Adanhyr Morocho-Chuchuca (Sleepy Hollow) – Sleepy Hollow High School

Lily Mei Peckham (Bronxville) – Bronxville High School, Dana Proudian (Mamaroneck) – Rye Neck High School

Eric A. Rodriques (Mount Vernon) – Mount Vernon STEAM Academy, Micahia Simpkins (New Rochelle) – New Rochelle High School

Zior Williams (Mount Vernon) – Mount Vernon STEAM Academy

Chairwoman's Award-Aiden Mendez (Ossining) – Ossining High School

### *Sad Day, continued from pg 1-*

for a person who decided to drive their Jeep across the lake, during a warm March day. At 5:31PM, Carmel Police were responding to a child who was struck by a car while riding a bicycle near the intersection of Route 6 and Route 6N.

At 5:45PM, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services 911 and the Carmel Police Department received multiple calls reporting a vehicle on the ice on Lake Mahopac that eventually broke through, causing the vehicle to submerge near 228 East Lake Blvd.

Once the dive teams arrived, the rescue operation immediately began to locate the submerged vehicle and gain access to the victim. The victim was removed from the vehicle and transported for medical treatment.

The sole occupant/driver of the vehicle, later determined to be a 55-year-old female from Somers, was removed unresponsive by rescue divers. Emergency life-saving measures were performed by the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and Carmel EMS units en route to Putnam Hospital Center, where the female regained a pulse. The female later died at the hospital.

Special mention to MFVFD firefighter and rescue diver Aaron Wisotsky, who, at great risk to himself and without any rescue gear, rowed across freezing waters to arrive first on scene, putting himself in harm's way to (once again) render aid.

Mutual Aid was provided to the Mahopac Falls FD Dive Team from the Yorktown dive team, Croton Falls FD, and Somers FD.

The woman's name has not been released, but those who knew her prayed for her family, with some identifying her as a retired law enforcement officer.

"She was highly respected and much loved and had a family and children who loved her deeply."

"This woman was an amazing human being. Her personality and humor cast by a life of service. Fearless and compassionate. Stepping up to protect those who could not protect themselves, making a difference in someone else's life every day. If you have never walked in the shoes of the first line of defense in your cities, you couldn't understand the visions that disrupt your mind on a daily basis, long after the crisis has passed. She held the hands of many victims in society, witnessing the worst of humanity. My heart hurts for her family and those who knew and loved her. May you always know that she was a hero. Through this action choosing you above herself. May she have found the peace her heart and mind longed for in her rise on Angel's Wings. Godspeed, sister."

The prior incident was also serious. "On Monday, March 9th at 5:32 pm, Putnam County 911 advised Carmel Police of a bicyclist struck on South Lake Boulevard (State Route 6N) in the vicinity of Mahopac Chamber Park. Carmel PD K9 Unit PO DeSantola arrived on scene within 30 seconds, finding an 11-year-old male Mahopac resident in the roadway, conscious but bleeding with injuries to the face and head. CPD units were assisted by an off-duty EMT, an off-duty nurse, and Putnam County Sheriff's Deputies. Out of precaution, a medevac helicopter was put on standby. Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, along with Carmel EMS, responded and transported the child to Westchester Medical Center. Carmel PD, PCSO, Yorktown PD, and Westchester County PD assisted Carmel EMS with an escort on local roads and the Taconic Parkway to the medical center. The child is reported to be in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation determined that the driver who struck the bicyclist, a 50-year-old male resident of Kent, NY, was not at fault and will not face charges at this time. Carmel Police Detectives continue the investigation."

with an animal suspected of having rabies must be reported to the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000, available 24 hours a day. Residents who may have had any contact with a wild or stray animal are also advised to notify their health care provider and contact the Health Department immediately for guidance.

Health officials note that unusual behavior is often the first sign of rabies in an animal. A rabid animal may appear aggressive or unusually tame, lose its fear of people, act irritable or excitable, or appear lethargic. Other possible signs include staggering or frothing at the mouth. Residents should never approach or attempt to handle a wild or stray animal. Any animal behaving strangely should be reported to local authorities.

Keeping pets vaccinated against rabies is also essential. New York State law requires dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies and receive regular booster shots.

For more information about rabies prevention, visit [health.westchestercountry.gov](http://health.westchestercountry.gov) or call the Rabies Infoline at (914) 813-5010.

Eastchester Police had issued a warning days before the Coyote was deemed to have rabies. "Our department received numerous calls of coyote sightings and aggressive behavior, in the California Ridge neighborhood. Several of the incidents involved coyotes approaching and attacking dogs either on the street or in a residential backyard. The coyotes are believed to have dens on private property as well within the Twin Lakes County Park. We have contacted and are working closely with the NYS DEC Police. Residents in the area of California Ridge and Bronxville Manor should take extra precautions when walking their dogs and should not leave pets unattended in their yards. Young children should not be left attended outside near Siwanoy Country Club and Twin Lakes Park."

in Tuckahoe Byrne said he will "lead the Parade with heart, optimism and an unwavering belief in the good of people."

The Parade steps off at Immaculate Conception Church in Tuckahoe and its route travels to Main St then north on White Plains Rd to Lake Isle Park in Eastchester. Bag pipers, Irish dancers, local scout and youth sports groups, marching bands, elected officials, and fire and police organizations highlight the Line of March. The Green Line, painted along the Parade route a few days prior to announce the coming festivities, is sponsored this year by Jack's Bar & Restaurant in Eastchester—the place for modern Irish cuisine and innovative beverages.

Grand Marshal Byrne will be joined by Parade Honoree Annmarie Mulhern-Flannery, a Registered Nurse and RN Case Manager at White Plains Hospital. Byrne came to the United States in the mid-1990s with his lifelong passion for hospitality shaped by his family's hotel business and its legendary dancehall, the Baymount and Silver Slipper in Sligo, one of Ireland's most popular gathering places.

Honoree Annmarie Mulhern-Flannery's Irish heritage stems from her mother Kathleen's roots in County Clare and from her father John, the son of immigrants from County Donegal. She has lived in Eastchester for 25 years and has belonged to EIASC for those 25 years serving in leadership roles including Vice President and has volunteered at many events.

The parade starts at 3pm from the Immaculate Conception School and proceeds north on Main Street, Eastchester. At the White Plains Road intersection, it continues north on White Plains Road to Lake Isle Country Club.

On March 21, the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off on McLean Avenue. If you haven't been to this one, it worth the trip, and debates over whether the Yonkers parade is the 2nd best parade in New York continue. Read More at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com).

And on March 22, the 14th Sound Shore St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place along Mamaroneck Avenue in Mamaroneck. This year's Parade Grand

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC

Plaintiff,  
vs.

V.C., MINOR CHILD, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN JESSICA SALES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

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

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 15th, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

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

Mortgaged Premises:

609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502

Section: 6.70, Block: 44, Lot: 9

Marshal is Joe Carvin of Port Chester.

Joe Carvin has lived and worked on five continents, speaks five languages, and built a three-decade career in emerging-markets finance before transitioning into public service and global education. His finance career included senior roles at Manufacturers Hanover Trust and Deutsche Bank, and later as a founding partner of Altima Partners, where he helped raise and manage a \$700 million global agriculture fund investing across four continents.

He is the founder and Executive Director of One World United and Virtuous, a global education nonprofit operating in 200 classrooms across 10 countries. Through innovative cross-border learning programs, he prepares young people for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century by cultivating leaders of character and fostering global cooperation.

He has also served in multiple public roles, including as USAID's youngest project manager in Senegal and as Town Supervisor of the Town of Rye, where he implemented reforms that improved services while significantly reducing costs and taxes. Elected as Trustee of the Village of Port Chester in 2022, he continues to serve his community. He holds degrees from Harvard Kennedy School, NYU Stern, and Tulane University, and is the proud father of three children.

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