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Latimer and Mayer Call for Ceasefire in Gaza: Bowman and Talib Lead “Free Palestine” Chant



Rep. Jamaal Bowman and Rep. Rashida Tlaib, leading a Free Free Palestine chant

By Dan Murphy

Every week brings news about the democratic primary for Congress between Congressman Jamaal Bowman and County Executive George Latimer. Latimer recently announced his call for a ceasefire in Gaza, as did State Senator Shelley Mayer.

And Jamaal Bowman released a video with and Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, leading a chant of Free Palestine, that went viral and had some Westchester democrats concerned.

The divisions between supporters of Bowman and supporters of Latimer can be found in two letters to the editor, found on pg 5. One is from a Bronxville resident; the second from a PBA leader. Both are democrats. One criticizes County Executive George Latimer, for his decision to challenge Congressman

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Can Progressives & Conservatives Agree? New Yorkers Taxpayer Lawsuit Against Public Funds for Bills Stadium Heads to USSC



New York Taxpayers Bob Schulz, left and Westchester resident Tony Futia, right, are asking the United States Supreme Court to hear their case against the use of public funds to build a new Buffalo Bills stadium

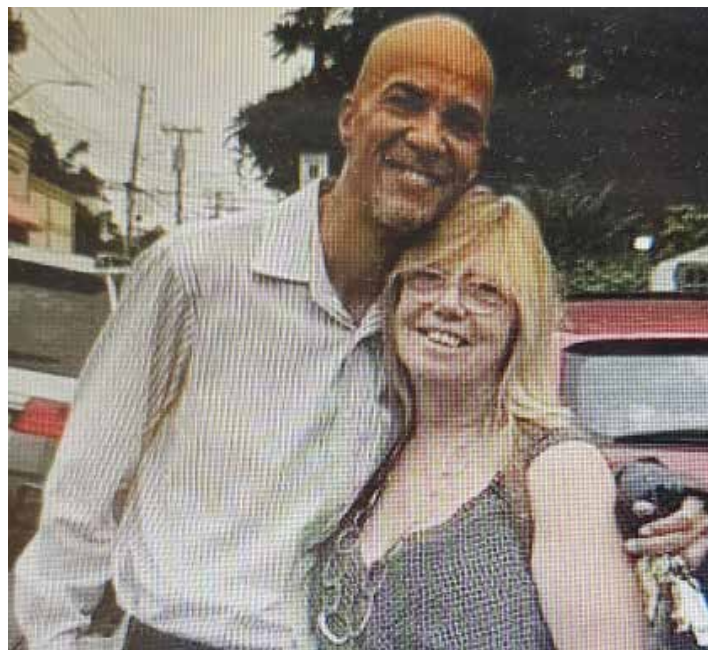
As a longtime Yankee fan, I remember when then Yankees owner George Steinbrenner held then NYC Mayor Rudy Guiliani hostage over his demand for a new Yankee stadium, or else he would move the “Bronx Bombers” to New Jersey. That was back in the 1990’s, and the new Yankee stadium didn’t open until 2009.

More than two decades later, my interest as a New York taxpayer in paying for a new stadium for any major league team has disappeared. The latest stadium to be built in New York is in Buffalo, for the Buffalo Bills.

The cost for the Bills stadium is \$1.4 Billion and includes \$850 Million in public funds, with the State funding \$600 Million in construction costs, and Eric

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Body Parts of Westchester Residents Found on Long Island: Suspects Arrested, But Released



By Dan Murphy

The gruesome discovery on Feb. 29 by a girl walking home from school on Long Island of body parts has led to the arrest of four persons in connection with the death of two Yonkers residents.

The body parts, which were found in three locations in West Babylon and Bethpage and were later identified to be 53-year-old Malcolm Craig Brown and 59-year-old Donna Conneely. Both were residents of Yonkers and were in a relationship.

Suffolk County Police arrested Steven Brown, 44, and Amanda Wallace, 40, on March 5. Jeffrey Mackey, 38, and Alexis Nieves, 33, were also arrested. But the Suffolk County District Attorney did not have the evidence yet to charge the four with murder. Instead, they were charged with tampering with physical evidence, hindering prosecution and concealing a human corpse.

And as a result of the Bail Reforms passed in New York State in 2019, the Judge nor the DA had the authority to hold them in prison. As a result, the four walked out of a courtroom, not once but twice, with GPS ankle bracelets.

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Westchester Astronaut to Discuss Upcoming Solar Eclipse at the Hudson River Museum



Ron Garan, above, will prepare you for the Solar Eclipse on April 8

Celebrate the Total Solar Eclipse at the Hudson River Museum!

A total solar eclipse is the rarest and most spectacular of all astronomical events. On Monday, April 8, our region will experience one—the last chance we’ll get until 2079! Celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event at the Hudson River Museum! Enjoy an array of special programs for all ages leading up to the event, including day and evening in-person talks with former NASA astronaut Ron Garan.

See the full list of programs at hrm.org/eclipse.

Saturday, March 23, 11am–5pm- Super Solar Eclipse Saturday

Get ready for the Solar Eclipse on April 8 with a special talk by former NASA astronaut Ron Garan! Join this Yonkers native for an awe-inspiring view of space and unbelievable stories from the International Space Station and hear how impending eclipses continue to reveal deep truths about our planet’s rare place in the cosmos.

Finally, experience the new planetarium show Moonbase: The Next Step (11:30am, 2pm, and 3:30pm). Saturday, March 23, 12:30pm

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Henrietta Wells Livermore: Leader of the Suffrage Movement from Yonkers



Left, Henrietta Wells Livermore

Henrietta Wells Livermore
Part One: The Early Years
 By Mary Hoar, Yonkers Historian

A friend to Republican presidents Calvin Coolidge, Warren Harding and Herbert Hoover, Henrietta Well Livermore was born in 1864 in San Francisco to Henry and Maria Wells, the fourth of five children.

Her father Henry came from a distinguished Massachusetts family and moved to California in his twenties in 1849; according to family legend, he was attracted by the Gold Rush. A year later when California became a state (1850), he became Deputy Clerk in the District Court. While working as a Court Clerk, he studied law and passed the Bar, developing a successful law practice... and success as a community volunteer. Active in the San Francisco community, he was elected President of the local Board of Education, Police Commissioner and President of the YMCA. During Lincoln's presidency, he served as Chairman of the Republican Committee of the City and County of San Francisco, and was elected a Judge in 1863.

Wells moved his family back to Massachusetts in 1866. Continuing political activity while practicing law, he was elected to both the Massachusetts State Assembly (1880-1882) and the State Senate (1883, 1885). A Presidential Elector on the Republican Ticket in 1888, he was chosen Secretary of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, January 1889.

Henrietta received a top private education at Harvard Grammar School and the Cambridge Latin School and received her BA from Wellesley College in 1887. She married Dartmouth grad Arthur Livermore in 1890 and the couple moved to Texas where he practiced Law. After a few years, the couple went back to Massachusetts.

Henrietta returned to Wellesley, both giving birth and earning her master's degree in 1893. Shortly afterwards, the Livermore family moved to Yonkers to establish Arthur's law practice.

The couple was socially active from the time they moved here. They held literary evenings, hosting well known poets. Henrietta immersed herself in Local causes. Arthur, a successful New York lawyer, was very involved in St. Andrew's Golf Club and an excellent golfer; drafted for their golf team, he served as team captain and traveled for competitions.

The couple had two sons, Henry and Russell, and purchased a house on Park Avenue, property bordering on then St. Andrew's Golf Club. The couple lived there for the rest of their lives.

She contributed an article titled "The People's University," to "Woman's Venture," the book written by many of Yonkers' well educated, prominent women; its "front piece" was a photograph by internationally famous Yonkers photographer Rudolf Eickemeyer. The book's price of 25 cents benefited the Homeopathic Hospital and Maternity. This book had a place of

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If You Steal Hard Lemonade, Be Prepared to Do Hard Time

6 months for Man who Grabbed A Truck Full of Mike's



Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced on Feb. 29 that a truck driver from New Rochelle was sentenced to six months of incarceration for stealing a semi-tractor trailer containing more than \$32,000 worth of alcohol from a lot off Interstate-87 in Yonkers.

The defendant, Kelvin Garcia Liriano, 28, pleaded guilty on Nov. 20, 2023, to Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony. The defendant was also sentenced to five years of probation and is required to pay \$42,793.76 in restitution.

On March 21, 2023, at approximately 1:15 a.m., the defendant stole a \$45,000 semi-tractor trailer containing 1,560 cases of Mike's Hard Lemonade, a liquor-based beverage, worth \$32,793, from a lot in Yonkers located off I-87. The defendant drove the vehicle to Brooklyn where the vehicle was later found by police abandoned and empty on Atlantic Avenue.

New York State Police from the Hawthorne Barracks arrested the defendant in the Bronx on April 17, 2023, following a joint investigation with the Westchester County District Attorney's Criminal Investigator Squad. The Yonkers Police Department and the New Rochelle Police Department assisted with the investigation.

The case was before State Supreme Court Justice James McCarty in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Adrian Murphy, Auto Crimes Coordinator in the Trials & Investigations Division.

Westchester County Parks to Hold Seasonal Job Fairs

Westchester County Parks will hold two job fairs for those who want to learn more and apply to seasonal jobs at its parks, Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westchester County Center and Saturday, April 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Muscoot Farm in Katonah.

Attendees can apply on the spot to the numerous positions in the Westchester County Parks Department including Naturalists/Educators, Nature Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Recreation Attendants. Locations span the entire Westchester County Parks system at our 50+ facilities. Job descriptions are available here.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "The Westchester County Parks Department is busy year-round and needs to staff up in the summer as it is their busiest season. In addition to pools and beaches, nature centers and other facilities are hiring."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "We have a variety of seasonal positions available where folks of all ages can work outdoors while learning more about our over 18,000-acre parks system."

The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. Parking will be free for those attending the job fair. Muscoot Farm is located at 51 Route 100 Katonah, New York 10536. Parking is free.

For questions, email: PRC-SeasonalJobs@westchestercountyny.gov.

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ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam to Move on After 33 Years of Leadership

JANET LANGSAM
Portrait of a Cultural Career

- 50** Years of experience as an arts administrator
- 33** Years as President & CEO of ArtsWestchester
- 2** Served as Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Affairs in two NYC Mayoral Administrations: Hon. Abe Beame, Hon. Ed Koch
- 4** Partnered with four Westchester County Executives to deliver the arts to residents and visitors: Hon. Andrew O'Rourke, Hon. Andy Spane, Hon. Rob Astorino, Hon. George Latimer
- Selected by Mayor John Lindsay to lead pilot program to decentralize city government through community planning boards.
- \$3M** State funds secured to restart the arts post-pandemic
- \$7M** Grew ArtsWestchester's annual budget from \$1 million to \$7 million
- \$10M** Led an effort to secure funds for upstate arts councils
- \$30M** Funds secured for arts institutions during NYC fiscal crisis as Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Affairs
- \$75M** Total funds raised for the arts during her tenure as ArtsWestchester CEO

After 33 years leading ArtsWestchester, nurturing artists and bolstering the county's cultural infrastructure, Janet Langsam will transition from CEO to CEO Emeritus effective June 30.

An American cultural advocate, artist and journalist with more than 50 years' experience as an arts administrator, Langsam is a former Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Affairs for New York City. A seasoned arts executive with an exceptional track record, Langsam's leadership has been transformative for ArtsWestchester since taking the helm in 1991. She guided the organization to unprecedented accomplishments, including the acquisition and adaptive reuse of the organization's neo-classical landmark headquarters, the launch of the ArtsMobile, the commissioning of more than 30 works of Public Art throughout Westchester County and the successful management of the organization's grants program and overall operations throughout the pandemic.

"Janet leaves an indelible mark on New York State. Over her career to date, she has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for the arts as a tireless advocate for arts in our communities," said John Peckham, Chair of ArtsWestchester's Board of Directors. He continued, "We are grateful to Janet for her leadership and more than three decades of contributions that have kept the arts alive and vibrant in the Hudson Valley. But more importantly, Janet has fought tirelessly to support the key goals of diversity, equality and inclusion for decades - and that is her proudest legacy."

Throughout her tenure at ArtsWestchester, Langsam spearheaded fundraising efforts that secured more than \$75 million for the arts, highlighting her unparalleled dedication to the cultural vibrancy of the region. The arts council flourished under Langsam's leadership, seeing its annual budget grow from \$1 million to nearly \$7 million. During the pandemic, she rallied for the broader arts community by securing \$10 million annually for upstate arts councils and \$1 million in state funds for ArtsWestchester's Restart the Arts Program.

A pivotal moment in Langsam's tenure came in 1998 when under her visionary leadership, ArtsWestchester acquired the historic 12-story bank building in White Plains, transforming it into an arts incubator with new offices, galleries, artist studios and spaces for creative businesses. The investment created a signature home for the organization as well as an income stream. Significantly, this bold vote of confidence in the city's future played a crucial role in fostering the revitalization of the city's downtown.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Janet Langsam leaves an extraordinary legacy of cultural enrichment in Westchester County. Her visionary leadership at ArtsWestchester built the leading cultural organization

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Yonkers Budget Tango



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Cue Ginger Rodgers and Fred Astaire. Yes, the Yonkers Budget Tango has returned. Put on your dancing shoes. This annual ritual is back after a several year hiatus when Yonkers was flush with money from the Federal American Rescue plan.

The money funded 200 positions. Former Superintendent of Schools Edwin Quezada warned city officials that the positions, paid for with federal Stimulus funds were essential to the district. Music and Art teachers, counselors, social workers, psychologists, other pupil support positions. And that public officials would have to figure out how to make up the difference when funds ran out.

"I'm going to stand tall and tell officials: This is your issue. You have to fund these positions so that they remain." Quezada's words according to the Journal News. The good man has arrived in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia! So much for standing tall. But give him credit. He alerted the powers to be far in advance that there would be a problem.

City officials through late last year knew there would be a problem and did nothing about it. When the Budget Tango begins, everybody looks for a 'scapegoat' to blame for the lack of funds. Years ago it was Pierorazio's miscalculation of the numbers. A joke because the city should know if it is paying out more than it should be. It tarnished his reputation. But that's how things go in the City of Hills. Target the weak guy and get rid of him or her.

Hey wait a minute. We have a new man to blame. The dollars lost here are federal dollars. So why not blemish the man of the moment, Congressman Jamaal Bowman. He claims to have allocated a billion new dollars! They call it the 'Bowman Billions.' And the loss of federal dollars is what is causing the problem. Why can't Bowman find a mere \$86 million in Washington, D.C.? He brought billions before so he says. All we need to solve the problem is a mere \$86 million!

Where are the federal dollars coming to Yonkers as occurred for the last few years? Mind you Bowman didn't vote for the Infrastructure Bill which had money for Yonkers and many other communities. Federal bucks missing: Blame the man who didn't vote for them, good 'ol Congressman Bowman. Nobody ever blamed the Congressman before, and the powers that be really have no use for his fire alarm tricks, so what better person to blame!

Eric stop the silliness. The seven folks on the City Council and the Mayor are to blame for relying on federal money that they knew would soon dry up and not planning what would occur if the dollars weren't there. But they will try to find someone to blame, whether it be the State Legislators, the former or interim Superintendent of Schools, never looking in the mirror to see what poor planning took place.

And for lord knows how many years, they have paid the same firm bucks to audit Yonkers books and say everything is alright. State comptrollers have criticized this, but the 8 folks in City Hall continue to hire the same firm. Why? Because the the firm tells them what they want to hear. Everything is coming up roses. Grey sky's are going to clear up, so put on that happy face. Sure the 8 folks responsible for running Yonkers have smiles on their faces when the auditing firm gives big bucks to many of their political campaigns, including to

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290
Winter Ducks, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The wide embayments of the lower Hudson River are important winter habitats for many species of ducks. Hike to observation spots to see a variety of waterfowl. Meet at entrance to the RV park; free; for all ages; winter hiking conditions.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466
Take Out the Trash!, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Help keep our beautiful salt marsh beautiful by collecting trash left by the tides. It's a great way to have fun, get some exercise and give something back to the earth.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050
Westchester Spring Home Expo, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Buy general admission tickets at the door on event day. Also: March 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get details at <https://countycenter.biz/event/westchester-spring-home-show/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851
Maple Saturday, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Ever wonder how maple syrup is made from maple trees? Join us for demonstrations, tastings and an optional \$5 pancake lunch! This is for all ages and an indoor/outdoor event.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Sugaring-Off Party, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Enjoy winter's sweet rewards at this annual celebration that offers food, music and sugaring demonstrations all day. Free.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720
Back to the Bamboo Again, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

It has become a seasonal tradition at Read to visit this wonder and utilize some of the materials that can be made out of this grass. We'll create a variety of items, many that you're welcome to take home.

Westchester County Board of Legislators Organizes Saw Mill River Flood Sites Tour



Groundworks Hudson Valley Executive Dir. Oded Holzinger explaining flooding issues at Ardsley site to stakeholders

In response to complaints from residents and businesses increasingly affected by flooding, a comprehensive tour of flood sites along the Saw Mill River took place on Thursday afternoon. The tour was initiated by Westchester County Legislator David Imamura (D - Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington), who serves as the Co-Chair of the Board's Saw Mill Watershed Advisory Board (SWAB), along with Legislator David Tubiolo (D - Yonkers, Mt. Vernon). Imamura collaborated with Groundwork Hudson Valley, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, and Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky to facilitate the tour, which included stops at heavily impacted areas in Mount Pleasant, Elmsford, Ardsley, Hastings-on-Hudson and Yonkers.

Currently, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (D.E.C.) is conducting a study on flooding. The visit was a proactive step for stakeholders including State, County, Town and Village elected officials, Planning and Engineering Department administrators, and environmental agency representatives to survey the affected areas and identify specific challenges to be addressed. Participants learned about the state of the infrastructure of dams, levees, culverts, and other drainage systems; the severity of accumulated debris; and the impact of climate change on the frequency and severity of flooding.

As Co-Chair of SWAB, Legislator Imamura aims to ensure that every level of government is aware of its role in addressing this issue. This includes identifying the subsequent actions that must be taken to prevent future flooding and how to move expeditiously towards a resolution. He said, "While flooding has been a serious issue that has impacted District 12 and other districts along the Saw Mill River for many years, climate change is making the issue even more severe. Flooding doesn't respect municipal boundaries which is why we have to work together to combat this issue."

Legislator David Tubiolo said, "As Co-Chair of SWAB as well as the Chair of the Committee on Parks & Environment, I take the issue of flooding in the County seriously and we are committed to mitigating its impact on our community."

NYS Majority Leader Senate Andrea Stewart Cousins said, "While flooding in these areas is nothing new, this on-site tour provided valuable insight from the mayors and other local officials who deal with the problem. I look forward to seeing the DEC's study so we can work together to come up with the most effective methods to decrease debris in the Saw Mill River and improve the infrastructure surrounding it. My thanks to Legislator Imamura, the D.E.C. and Groundwork Hudson Valley for arranging it."

Chair of the Board of Legislators Vedat Gashi (D - New Castle, Somers, Yorktown) said, "Through this tour, we at the Westchester County Board of Legislators gained valuable insights about this regional challenge that flooding presents. Flooding doesn't respect municipal boundaries - it requires a collaborative effort, and that's what we're doing. I look forward to the DEC's study so we can continue our work to mitigate flooding from the Saw Mill River and elsewhere."

Minority Leader Margaret Cunzio (C - Mt. Pleasant, North Castle, Pleasantville, Valhalla, Sleepy Hollow, Briarcliff Manor) said, "After touring the Saw Mill River in the Mount Pleasant/Thornwood area with elected officials, local leaders from the affected municipalities, NYS representatives and the D.E.C. - I'm hopeful we can secure additional funding and resources to help mitigate flooding. The extensive flooding has caused damage to property, as well as put lives in danger. Working together, I am optimistic that we find the means to alleviate the situation and help constituents in this area."

Minority Whip James Nolan (R - Bronxville, Yonkers) said, "District 15 has one of the worst flooding sites along the Saw Mill River and it heavily impacts my constituents. Yesterday's tour of the different flooding areas along the Saw Mill sheds more light on the challenges. Happy to start looking at more ways to address the issue with my colleagues to help all of our residents."

Oded Holzinger, Executive Director of Groundwork Hudson Valley said, "Addressing flooding in the Saw Mill River watershed involves the community, decision-makers, and experts collaborating to enhance quality of life and environmental health. Floods disrupt Yonkers to Chappaqua, straining the county economically and socially. We continue to lead these efforts, including green infrastructure, habitat restoration, and flood mitigation while nurturing local green jobs and community stewardship."

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Letters to the Editor:

Letter to the Editor: George Latimer's Faustian Bargain with AIPAC

Letter to the Editor/Op Ed:

When Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced in December his challenge to two-term incumbent Democratic Congressman Jamaal Bowman (CD-16), I was reminded of Upton Sinclair's famous line "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it."

Latimer – a recent recipient of over \$600,000 from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a lobbying group that purports to represent pro-Israel policies, but which Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI) has called a "cancerous presence on our democracy, and politics in general" – certainly understands that waging a primary fight against Congressman Bowman wouldn't come cheap.

As many seasoned politicians know all too well, AIPAC prides itself on cowering politicians, Democrat and Republican alike, who run afoul of its agenda. That agenda has for years included backing the most reactionary and repressive coalitions in Israel and ensuring that American taxpayers fork over billions in economic and military aid year after year with few if any conditions on that aid. Recently, AIPAC has announced it intends to spend upwards of \$100 million against progressive Democrats around the country, including Congressman Bowman, who, in its view, are insufficiently supportive of Israel and the policies of its extremist government.

In agreeing to being bankrolled by AIPAC (which account for 40% of his most recent contributions), Latimer most likely misunderstood how the Faustian bargain he has struck has alienated many of his longtime supporters. As a district leader who has personally knocked on doors, canvassed at train stations, and attended fund raisers for him, I count myself among those longtime Latimer supporters deeply disappointed by his cynical opportunism.

By needlessly injecting himself into this contest, and accepting AIPAC's funds, I believe George has let his pride and ambition get the better of him. Moreover, slandering his opponent, as he has done recently, with reckless and false accusations of Congressman Bowman receiving "money from Hamas" has only compounded the level of disappointment and anger at his unseemly tactics. To date, Latimer has not retracted those malicious remarks, despite receiving a letter from Congressman Bowman's campaign threatening a defamation lawsuit if he failed to do so.

Is George Latimer so desperate to win at all costs that he is willing to drive a wedge through an already fragile Democratic Party coalition? More to the point, how does currying favor with the most reactionary elements of the Israel lobby supposed to win over progressive voters?

Regrettably, Latimer's ambition – he prides himself on never having lost a race for office – has led him to hitch his fortunes to this lobby. That move might have made a lot of tactical sense in the immediate aftermath of October 7th. However, what he has failed to understand is that the base of the Democratic Party has shifted tremendously on the root causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the present war in Gaza.

Young people, people of color, liberal Jews as well as Arab-American and Muslim voters in greater numbers than ever believe we must end unconditional US military and diplomatic support for the Israeli assault on Gaza, a grave humanitarian catastrophe which has left more than 30,000 Palestinians dead, the vast majority of them women and children.

By now the world has witnessed both the unspeakable horror of the Hamas attack on October 7th and the subsequent savage response of the Israeli military. Rather than listen to his constituents who object to Israel's scorched earth campaign in Gaza, and the endless bloodshed, Latimer continues to parrot AIPAC talking points, and to slander his opponent, all in his desire for victory at all costs.

To his credit, Congressman Bowman has been one of the few (but growing) legislators to call for a cease fire in Gaza, a position supported by large majorities of the American public, according to recent polls. He has met with interfaith groups of all stripes, and forged alliances with social justice groups such as Jewish Voice for Peace and If Not Now to try and arrive at a just resolution of the Gaza conflict. Michelle Goldberg, opinion columnist for the New York Times, has described Bowman's attempt to bridge the increasingly tribal divides as "decent and brave...knowing how much ire would be directed at him."

As for Latimer, one voter -- whose conversation with him at a town hall meeting sparked the controversy on "Hamas money" – remarked, "What does it say about his [Latimer's] character if this is what he'll do to win?"

Bill Gaston

Bronxville, NY

Mr. Gaston is a Democratic Party District Leader in the Village of Bronxville. The views expressed in this article are his own, and do not represent the views of the Bronxville Democratic Committee, which has not endorsed any candidate in the race.

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Letter: Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester Call on Congressman Bowman to Denounce Cop Killer Assata Shakur



The APA issues the following statement related to the actions of Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester is calling on Congressman Jamaal Bowman to publicly denounce fugitive cop killer Joanne Deborah Chesimard, also known as Assata Shakur. Chesimard, a notorious cop killer, is currently one of the FBI's most wanted terrorists and has a \$1,000,000 reward out for her apprehension.

Disgracefully, Congressman Bowman has proudly admitted to putting the cop killer Joanne Chesimard on his "Wall of Honor" in the Bronx middle school where he once worked as the principal. Congressman Bowman has explained the purpose of the wall saying "Each and every member of the Wall of Honor has played a major role in moving our society from a bigoted, oppressive existence toward a world of freedom, justice and equality."

Chesimard was one of three people accused in a May 2, 1973 shooting that broke out when they were stopped in their vehicle for a motor vehicle violation on the Jersey Turnpike. At the time, Chesimard was wanted for her role in several other felonies, including a bank robbery. Chesimard and her accomplices opened fire on police, executing New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster. A second trooper was also wounded in the shooting.

Chesimard, was found guilty of first-degree murder, assault and battery of a police officer, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault with intent to kill, illegal possession of a weapon, and armed robbery. She was sentenced to life in prison. On November 2, 1979, Chesimard escaped from prison and lived underground before being located in Cuba in 1984. She is thought to currently still be living in Cuba.

Joanne Chesimard, aka Assata Shakur is a cop killer, an armed robber and a fugitive from justice. She is not a hero and there is no place for her on any "Wall of Honor." Murdering a dedicated public servant does not move the world any closer to a more just society. Congressman Bowman's misguided adulation of a cop-killer is appalling. That Congressman Bowman was teaching middle school children that Chesimard was worthy of honor is disgraceful.

Sadly, this is not the first time Congressman Bowman has displayed his explicit bias towards police. Bowman has referred to police as agents of "white supremacy" and has been quoted saying "police are terrorizing black and brown communities throughout the country." This is yet another unwarranted display of disrespect towards the entire profession of policing.

On behalf of the thousands of law enforcement officers who risk their lives protecting the people of Congressman Bowman's Congressional District, I request that he do the honorable thing and denounce Joanne Chesimard, aka Assata Shakur, apologize to the family of slain NJ State Trooper Foerster and ensure that Chesimard's photo is taken down from the "Wall of Honor."

The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA) is a unified coalition of more than 40 law enforcement labor organizations from throughout Westchester County, representing more than 4,000 law enforcement officers.

VEE'S CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail process to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

EATZTOUR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/23/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail copy to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C., LLC filed with SSNY on 08/29/23. Office: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: 200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of MYLILWRKSHOP.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State on 3/6/2024. Office located in Yonkers, NY. Hector Jimenez has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 237 Roberts avenue, Yonkers NY 10703, principal business location of the LLC, purpose: any lawful business activity.

Notice of formation of Mixed by Maya, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2024. 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 the LLC, 45 Inverness Rd New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Ashlee B. Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/6/2023. 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, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of TARRYTOWN 44 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Benjamin Sinanaj, 4 Farm Way Dr., Ardsley, NY 10502. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Palisades Property Management LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/18/2024. 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 The Mulford Corporation, 1511 Central Park Ave, Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Calimero II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marie H. Durif-O'Dowd, 1632 First Avenue, Apartment 326, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Ana Lucia Nail Lounge LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/8/24.. Office: New York 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, 115 Chelsea Street Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ALPHONSE, JULIE & GLENN CONSULTING LLC. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/2024. 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 the LLC, 142 Garth Rd. Ste. 3N Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecchi, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 326 PROSPECT AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 03/24/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 130 Franklin Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Jaylee's Beauty Lounge, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/23. 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, 55 Cole Street, Ste. 101, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Yugen Creationz LLC. Arts. Of. Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/28/024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Commerce Dr, 102. New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of 25 COUNTY ROUTE 62 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail process to is Floann and Raymond Landeck, 79 Pembroke Dr., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of SurgeExpand, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2023. 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, 324 Palisade Ave -1F, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of A Soft Delicate Flower LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/3/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1840 Crompond Road Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. 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, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Pachamama Vibes, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 762 Hoover Avenue, Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company ETAMNI LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 01/29/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 2 Hudson Street Apt 4G Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company ETAMNI FAMILY CLEANING LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 01/29/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 2 Hudson Street Apt 4G Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company DAVIS AND DAVIS MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 01/29/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 2 Hudson Street Apt 4G Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of Safety First Shooting LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/2024. 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 the LLC, 465 Tuckahoe Road suite #1168 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Buffsicle, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/15/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 Old Post Road, Rye, NY, 10580. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Fourth Precinct Community Council

Latimer-Bowman

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The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

Happy St. Patrick's Day We would like to thank everyone for attending these meetings and look forward to seeing you in future meetings! If you have any concerns, please get in touch with the non-emergency department. (914-377-7900) For anything emergency-related, please call 911.

Jamaal Bowman. The second letter calls on Bowman to denounce cop killer Assata Shakur. When Bowman was an educator at a Bronx Middle School, Shakur was placed on the school's Wall of Heroes.

Rep. Bowman recently held an event with Rep. Rashida Tlaib at a "Muslims for Reps. Jamaal Bowman & Rashida Tlaib Fundraiser," in New York City. At that event, Bowman posed a video of him leading the crowd in a "Free Free Palestine" chant.

The video, link- <https://twitter.com/jacobkornbluh/status/1764502019547464123>, titled, "The movement for justice is growing," drew criticism from Jewish democrats in Bowman's district.

Bowman has accused Israel of "genocide" and "mass murder" in Gaza. Talib was censured for "promoting false narratives" about the October 7th attacks by Hamas on Israel, and for "calling for the destruction of the state of Israel."

On March x, Latimer posted on X-Twitter, "I support President Biden's temporary ceasefire that finally brings home all of the Israeli hostages and gets humanitarian aid to Gaza. This is about building enduring peace resolutions and this plan will save countless lives and restore humanity."

The decision by Latimer to support a ceasefire was noteworthy because of his many democratic supporters in Westchester have questioned Bowman's comments about Israel. And the American Israeli-Political Action Committee, (AIPAC), has helped their supporters donate to Latimer's campaign.

Bowman responded to Latimer by saying, "George Latimer's opposition to a ceasefire was why he was recruited by AIPAC and their Republican donors to run against me in the first place. It's disgraceful that it took 30,000 deaths and hundreds of thousands starving for George to change his tune."

State Senator Shelley Mayer also stated her support for a ceasefire. "I couldn't let this week go by without speaking about the War in Gaza – 150 days since the seizure of hostages and they must be released now! We cannot wait anymore for them to be reunited with their loved ones. And, we know too many innocent Palestinians have suffered.

"On the eve of the holy days of Ramadan, I join the call of Vice President Harris and many others for an immediate bilateral ceasefire – at least for the next six weeks but hopefully for much longer – that includes: 1) immediate release of all of the hostages, 2) an immediate cessation of hostilities in the Gaza Region and resumption of food and humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and 3) and a real plan for a long-term peace that ensures Israeli security and self-determination for Palestinian civilians – a true two-state solution. This is a subject that is difficult and emotional for me and others. We cannot wait any longer for peace for all – we must have the release of the hostages followed by the full cessation of all attacks on all innocent civilians in Israel and Gaza," said Mayer.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 64370/2023
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552
Section: 165.32, Block: 2050, Lot: 2

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.

PAULINE SMART, if living, and if she/he 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 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; 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.

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

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 \$682,500.00 and interest, recorded on November 05, 2010, in Control Number 502993237, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552.

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.

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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.

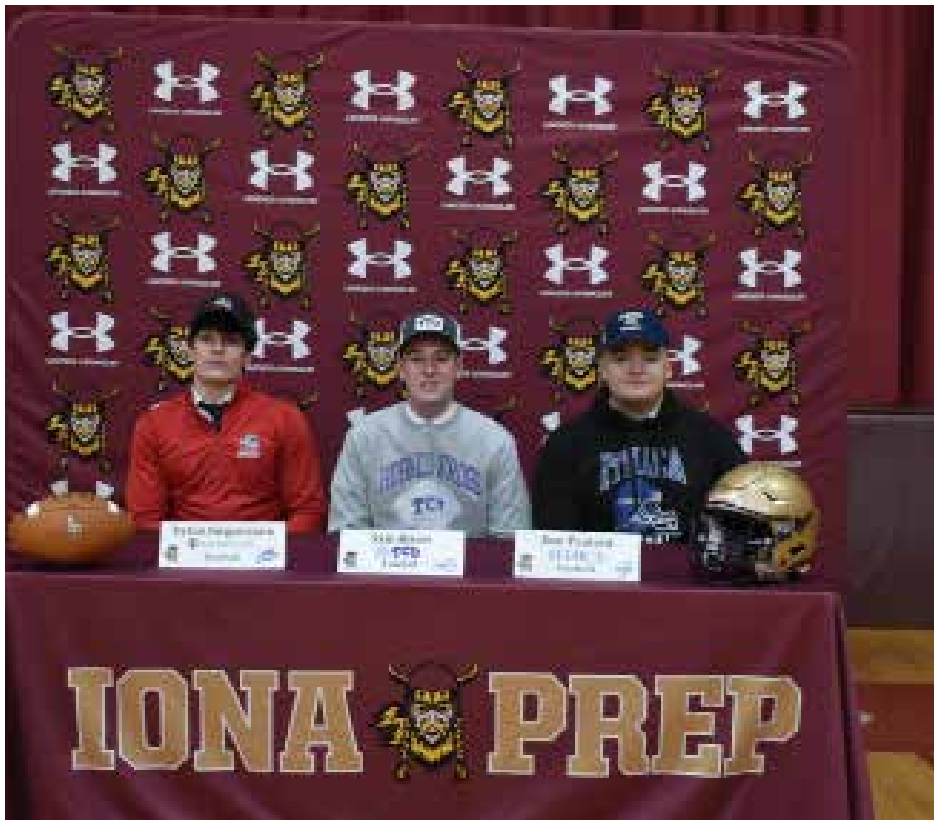
Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

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: March 1st, 2024

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Three Iona Prep Scholar-Athletes Commit to Play Collegiate Sports



L-R: Dylan Iorgoveanu, 17 (Queens, NY) Stony Brook University (DI Football); Sam Bisesi, 18 (New Canaan, CT) Texas Christian University (DI Football); Dan Pauletti, 17 (Rye Brook, NY) Ithaca College (DIII Football)

Three Iona Preparatory School scholar-athletes committed to playing collegiate sports. The ESPN-style event held at the Tully Gym included remarks by Athletic Director Ryan Mahoney, Varsity Football Head Coach Joe Spagnolo, and other school dignitaries, with proud parents, teachers, and fellow students watching remotely on LocalLive. The following Gaels committed:

Dan Pauletti, 17, Rye Brook. Commitment: D3, Ithaca College. Sport: Football, Center/Offensive Line. Other offers: Merrimack College, Sacred Heart University, Hobart College, New Haven University. Sports at Iona Prep: 4 years of Football & 2 years of baseball. Accomplishments: All-County, All-League CHSFL, Team Captain in 2023, First Team Offense on Prep RedZone. GPA: 82

Dylan Iorgoveanu, 17, Queens, NY. Commitment: D1, Stony Brook University. Sport: Football, Wide Receiver. Other offers: Stonehill College, Lehigh University. Sports at Iona Prep: 4 years of Football & 2 years of indoor & outdoor Track & Field. Accomplishments: CHSFL Semifinalist in 2022 & 2023. Member of the 2021 CHSFL & New York State Catholic Football Championship Team. Team Captain of the 2023 football team. GPA-94.

Sam Bisesi, 18, New Canaan, CT. Commitment: D1, Texas Christian University. Position: Football Kicker/Punter. Other offers: Elon University, Army West Point, Syracuse University, Oklahoma State University, Michigan State University Sports at Iona Prep: 2 years of football, 1 year of varsity golf.

Accomplishments: 1st Team All-State, Special Teams player of the year in CHSFL, All-County. Member of the 2022 & 2023 CHSFL Runner-up/Semifinalist football team. GPA-88.

For more information on Iona Prep, visit IonaPrep.org.

Westchester County Airport Avports Team at First Aviation Expo



Earlier this month, members of the Avports team at Westchester County Airport were very proud to be part of White Plains' 1st Annual Youth Aviation Expo, held at the Eastview Middle School. The event, organized by the City of White Plains Youth Bureau, was an ideal setting for aviation professionals to connect with some 200 middle and high school students to describe airport management career opportunities and meet individuals who work for airlines, law enforcement, educational institutions, the FAA, and members of the community. Avports is focused on mentoring and guiding future aviation professionals and sharing the passion for flying. Pictured L-R: Lauren Walsh, Brittney Grove, Joshua Andres, Francisco Tejada, and Faizon Rassoules.



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Officials from St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, a division of Saint Joseph's Medical Center, and the St. Vincent's Auxiliary Board joined together today to celebrate the winners of the 32nd Annual Youth Awards.

Twenty two high school students from schools in Westchester County, Rockland County and Fairfield County, CT were on hand to receive their awards. Joining them were the students' families, high school guidance counselors and school representatives. In addition to the St. Vincent's Youth Award, the students received U.S. Congressional Certificates of Achievement. St. Vincent's Annual Youth Awards were established in 1993 by the Auxiliary Board to recognize young people who support St. Vincent's values, and to promote

lifelong patterns of volunteerism. Every year they honor students from area high schools whose volunteer service best exemplifies St. Vincent's values.

The 23 students who were honored are:

Faria Ahmed, Harrison High School, Amelia Brooks, Rye High School, Shaila Diaz Furment, School of the Holy Child, Jonathan Durinda, Rye Neck High School, Katherine Dyer, Byram Hills High School, Clara Gornstein, The Leffell School, Emma Gornstein, Ardsley High School, Kathleen Heraty, Bronxville High School, Ava Kellner, Fox Lane High School, Jiyu Kim, Summit School at Nyack, Sophia Levy, White Plains High School, Ojilvy Sanchez, Fordham Preparatory School, Melody Sapione, Port Chester High School, Rishi Shadaksharappa, Scarsdale High School, Charles Szeliga, Salesian High School, Grace Villar, Sacred Heart Greenwich, Sien (Eunice) Wang, The Masters School, Caralyn LoConte, The Ursuline School, Owen Master, Mamaroneck High School, Siena O'Brien, Maria Regina High School, Stella O'Brien, Maria Regina High School, Jordan Prado, Archbishop Stepinac, Nigel Presume, Iona Preparatory School.

"We are incredibly proud to recognize these outstanding young individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to service and embody the values of St. Vincent's Hospital," said Michael Spicer, President and CEO. "Their dedication to making a positive impact in their communities is an inspiration to us all."

"These remarkable students have shown exceptional compassion and selflessness through their volunteer work, and they truly represent the spirit of St. Vincent's. We applaud their efforts and are confident that they will continue to make a difference in the lives of others as they pursue their future endeavors," said Bernadette Kingham-Bez, Senior Vice President.

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ArtsWestchester Announces 2024 Arts Awards Winners



George Otero-Pailos



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ArtsWestchester will honor nine individuals and organizations at its April 10 Arts Awards event for their contributions to the cultural landscape of Westchester County.

“Our region’s outstanding quality of life would not be possible without the inspired work of these honorees,” said ArtsWestchester CEO Janet Langsam. “These honorees motivate all of us to continue to support excellent creative work by Westchester artists and arts organizations.”

Since its inception in 1976, the Arts Awards have celebrated vision, commitment, and leadership in the arts community. This year’s winners represent a diverse array of talents and contributions:

Artist Award: George Otero-Pailos of Rye is recognized for his pioneering artwork and experimental preservation practices.

Arts Organization Award: The Neuberger Museum of Art, in Purchase is a world-class museum and cornerstone of arts education and engagement since 1974.

Sophia Abeles Education Award: Arc Stages, in Pleasantville has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to providing contemporary theater programming and arts education to local communities.

Community Award: The New Rochelle Council on the Arts has been a catalyst for cultural enrichment in New Rochelle for nearly five decades.

President’s Award: Lee Balter of Tarrytown is honored for his extraordinary support of the arts in the Hudson Valley and his tireless advocacy for arts education and access to the arts.

Larry Salley Photography Award: Elizabeth Diaz of Yonkers is recognized for her powerful photographic work and a portrait series celebrating the transgender community.

Advancing Equity Organization Award: Yonkers Arts and New Era Creative Space are acknowledged for their commitment to promoting equity and inclusion through the arts.

Advancing Equity Individual Award: Andromeda Turre of Katonah is honored for her groundbreaking work in using jazz as a tool for social change.

ArtsWestchester’s 2024 Arts Awards will be held at 11:30 on April 10 at the Brae Burn Country Club in Purchase. For more information, visit www.artswestchester.org.

DA Rocah Charges Ruben Santiago with 27 County for Attempted Murder for Former Girlfriend in Sleepy Hollow

Defendant allegedly continued to violate an order of protection after his January arrest while in custody

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that a man arrested in January for shooting his former girlfriend in her Sleepy Hollow home, in violation of a protection order, was arraigned on a 27-count indictment. The defendant remains remanded in Westchester County Jail.

DA Rocah said: “This defendant allegedly forced his way into his former girlfriend’s residence where he shot her in the presence of young children, and then continued to violate an order of protection. This case highlights the potentially deadly combination of firearms and domestic violence. We will continue to fight to keep guns out of the wrong hands, and seek justice for the victims, which include children.”

The defendant, Ruben Santiago, 39, was arraigned today before Judge Susan Capeci in Westchester County Court on an indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Attempted Murder in the First Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, three counts of Burglary in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Aggravated Criminal Contempt and Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, all felonies, and 11 counts of Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree, four counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Assault in the Third Degree, all misdemeanors.

The defendant is due back in court April 4.

It is alleged that at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 2, the defendant, in violation of an order of protection, forcibly entered the Sleepy Hollow home of his former girlfriend and shot her with a .38 revolver while young children were present. The victim, who suffered gunshot wounds to her neck and hand, was treated at an area hospital.

The charges against the defendant also include the following allegations:

- assaulting the victim while children were present on Dec. 29, 2023, resulting in the defendant’s arrest on Dec. 29, 2023, by the Sleepy Hollow Police Department, and the victim being granted the order of protection.

- violating the order of protection between Dec. 30, 2023, and Jan. 1.

- violating the order or protection again between Jan. 16 and 24 while in custody following his arrest on Jan. 3 by Sleepy Hollow police.

The investigation was conducted by the Sleepy Hollow PD, with assistance from the FBI’s Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, Westchester County’s Real Time Crime Center, the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force, New York Police Department, and the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

The case is being prosecuted by the Special Prosecutions Division’s Domestic Violence Bureau Chief Joyce Miller and Domestic Violence Deputy Bureau Chief Janelle Armentano with assistance from Assistant District Attorney Omar Youssef.

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

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tion from the ground up and made it the beacon that it is today. She helped shape the cultural landscape of our region, and for decades has shown her tireless dedication to the arts.”

Langsam came to ArtsWestchester — formerly the Westchester Arts Council — after a successful tenure as President and CEO of the Boston Center for the Arts where, among other projects as landlord, she worked with the Boston Ballet to create a new building and rehearsal space. A Queens native, Langsam is a founder and past chair of the board of the Queens Museum. Americans for the Arts recognized her twice with the Michael Newton Award and the Selina Roberts Ottum Leadership Award.

Langsam served in the administrations of New York City mayors Abe Beame and Ed Koch as the Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Affairs. During her tenure during New York City’s fiscal crisis, she leveraged more than \$30 million in new funds for the arts. Later as a Housing Commissioner, she jumpstarted a city housing project that converted tenement buildings into artist housing. She worked with the Lindsay administration on a federally funded pilot program to decentralize city government services through community planning boards. Her ability to navigate the complexities of government and her advocacy for the arts later resulted in successful public/private partnerships with four Westchester County executives — Andrew O’Rourke, Andrew Spano, Rob Astorino, and George Latimer. She is also Immediate Past-President of ARTS NYS, a state-wide service organization with a primary purpose to strengthen the arts throughout New York State.

A nationwide search has begun for Langsam’s successor.

Henrietta Wells Livermore, continued from pg 2-

honor on the book table next to Allison's "History of Yonkers," at the St. John's (Hospital) Fair. Henrietta advocated cooperative housekeeping, believing if 25 families banded together, they could save up to 15 % on their supplies. Even more would be saved if a few cooks made meals for the entire group of families!

Mrs. Livermore was president of the New York Wellesley Alumni Association and organized stimulating programs on literature and current events. She made presentations for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and studied vocal music with the esteemed Mary Hamilton Lawton. Mrs. Livermore, an active member of the Woman's Institute, focused her presentations to its members on literature and music. She was the official Tuesday Club of Yonkers delegate to the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs; this state organization focused on literature, philanthropy, municipal improvements, and art, including industrial art.

One of her favorite causes was the Fairview Garden School; it provided garden plots for children to grow flowers and vegetables in the spring and summer while spending time outdoors in the fresh air, and a clubhouse for them in the winter. She considered Fairview "a happy mingling of play and work, vacation and school, athletics and manual training, pleasure and business, beauty and utility." Henrietta remained "interested" in Fairview, even when absorbed in the battle for a woman's right to vote.

She headed the Civic League's "School Visiting Committee;" during her tenure it became the Education Committee to reflect the committee's expanded vision. Among committee accomplishments were presenting school assemblies; advocating for vocational training; supporting teaching English language; and promoting the use of sanitary drinking cups in schools. Other successes were formation of the Yonkers Teaching Training School (opened 1909 at School 18) and arranging for the Russell Sage Foundation Trust's purchase of land to put the Fairview Garden School on a "secure financial basis," making it the "foremost one of its kind," according to Mrs. Livermore's February 1910 report.

She was instrumental in forming the Yonkers Branch of the State Consumers' League and was an active member of the Terrace City Sunshine Society.

By March 1910, her focus expanded to obtaining the vote for women. She became Yonkers representative to the Westchester County Woman's Suffrage Association and served on its Executive Committee. This passionate advocate held a meeting of Yonkers' women in her Park Avenue home on March 4th; they organized the Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association, and elected Henrietta President. Ten days later, the new group hosted a gathering, dubbed by the Yonkers Herald as the "largest meeting ever held in this city for woman suffrage" at the Amackassin Club. Attended by 500 people, many from "Yonkers Society," chairs were jammed into the ballroom. Another report had closer to 700 people attending. The Yonkers Herald noted the speech of Keynote speaker Carrie Chapman Catt brought thunderous applause... from the men!

Henrietta's life became filled with holding meetings, attending meetings, and making passionate speeches on women's right to vote, including at the 1910 State Suffrage convention in Niagara Falls. She was appointed to several positions in the New York State Woman Suffrage Association and elected to several offices including Vice President.

Women in North Yonkers became energized and formed their own affiliated group to further the cause, the Palisade Suffrage Club. With other suffragists, Henrietta met with former Mayor Michael Walsh who was attending the Democratic National Convention. Although not an official delegate, this strong supporter of women's right to vote promised he would try to get suffrage onto the official platform.

She became well known in the movement and suffrage celebrities came to Yonkers. Dorothy Dix and her humorous monologue was the highlight of one Yonkers Woman's Suffrage Association December 1911 meeting. Mary Ware Dennett, National Secretary of the Woman's Suffrage Association, spoke about the progress of the suffrage movement throughout the nation. NYC's Mrs. Finch, tied women's suffrage to business, pointing out, "The right to vote is the laboring man's greatest protection." Livermore worked closely with Carrie Chapman Catt, Susan B. Anthony's choice to lead the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA). Henrietta was appointed chair of NAWSA's Literature Committee, responsible for creating, publishing and distributing suffrage literature throughout the country.

The Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association opened permanent headquarters at 67 South Broadway opposite the Public Library November 1912. Speakers celebrating the opening were: Rev. Arbuckle, Baptist Church of the Redeemer; Rev. Twamley, St. Andrew's Memorial Church; Mrs. Livermore; Mrs. Robinson; Homer Folks (Secretary of the New York Charities Aid Association and Chair of the New York State Probation Association); and former Mayor Michael Walsh.

Her debate with prominent Anti-Suffragist Mrs. William Forse Scott was held at the Amackassin Club to raise money for the Garden School. In the midst of all this work, she added a few new local projects including the Yonkers Committee for a Safe and Sane Fourth of July, the Women's Auxiliary to the Tuberculosis Dispensary, and advocated for the purchase of the Copcutt property to create an accessible park for "people in the tenements."

Yonkers Suffragists issued "The-Up-To-Date-Woman" January 1914 to educate people on what the real issues were. This sixteen-page paper featured articles by some of Yonkers' most prominent women in Yonkers, such as Mrs. Leo Baekeland, Sara McPike, Mrs. William Ives, and many others. So many people wanted to read it, the papers disappeared in just one day. It was popular and generated a lot of interest, it was attacked by anti-suffragist Mrs. William Forse Scott in a letter sent to Yonkers papers; this was the same woman Henrietta had debated in the past.

Mrs. Livermore and Mrs. Robinson continued to speak to the people of Yonkers. The Men's Forum of St. Andrew's Memorial Church invited them to address their club at a monthly meeting; a large, receptive audience attended the presentation given by the two women. The Modern Woodmen of America, Daughters of Scotia, the Grey Oaks Club the Knights of Columbus and many other local organizations asked Livermore, Robinson, and other local suffragists to address meetings.

Whatever the size of the meeting, whether a large gathering at the Elks Club or a small school PTA meeting, Henrietta was there to explain why she believed women should have the right to vote.

Next Week, Part 2: Success Through Education

March is Colorectal Cancer

Screening Awareness Month

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The Westchester County Department of Health is partnering with hospitals and health systems Countywide to raise awareness about how to identify and reduce the risks of colorectal cancer, and to encourage residents age 45 and older to schedule a colorectal cancer screening.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Colorectal cancer is the third most common of all cancers, and during the past decade, the incidence of colorectal cancer has been increasing in people under age 50. That's why the recommended age to start screening was lowered to 45 in 2021. If you are in your forties, this is the right time to talk with your doctor about your family history, identify your risk factors and learn how lifestyle changes can reduce your risks."

More than half of all colorectal cancers are linked to physical inactivity, poor nutrition, excess body weight, and tobacco and alcohol use. Maintain a healthy weight, exercise regularly and eat more vegetables, fruits and whole grains. Avoid tobacco and limit or avoid red and processed meats, sugary drinks, refined grains and alcohol.

Dr. Christine Molmenti, Associate Professor and Cancer Epidemiologist within the Department of Occupational Medicine, Epidemiology and Prevention, Northwell Health Cancer Institute said: "There are different types of colorectal cancer screening tests that are effective. A colonoscopy, where precancerous polyps are detected and removed, is the only screening test that both prevents cancer and detects cancer early. With the increasing number of younger patients developing colorectal cancer, it is important to be aware that age 45 is the recommended start date for colonoscopy. If there is a family history of colorectal cancer or an advanced polyp, it is best to arrange for a screening colonoscopy even earlier."

Racial and ethnic background also is a factor. Blacks have the second-highest rates of colorectal cancer and are most likely to be diagnosed later. Ashkenazi Jews have one of the highest colorectal cancer risks of any ethnic group in the world, according to the American Cancer Society. Other risk factors include a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, which are small clumps of cells that adhere to the colon, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, Type 2 diabetes and inherited gene changes.

Some screening tests can be done at home, are low-cost and require no prep or sedation, but must be performed every one to three years and may require a follow up colonoscopy. A colonoscopy can be performed every 10 years for those with no risk factors, but requires preparation and sedation in a medical office or health center.

Residents who are uninsured or underinsured can call the Cancer Services Program of the Hudson Valley at 855-277-4482 for information, and referral to free cancer screenings (colorectal, breast and cervical) and diagnostic testing at health centers throughout the County.

To learn more, attend one of these cancer screening education sessions:

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 to 7 p.m. "45 is the New 50: The Importance of Screening and Early Detection of Colorectal Cancer" at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers. A light dinner will be served, followed by a bilingual education session. Referrals for free colorectal cancer screenings for uninsured or underinsured participants will be provided by White Plains Hospital and health insurance navigation will be provided by Westchester Community Health Center. To register, visit Cancer Support Community Greater NY & CT at Gilda's Club - (gnosishosting.net) or call 914 644-8844 x103.

Thursday, March 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Early Onset Colorectal Cancer Symposium at Phelps Hospital Auditorium, 701 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow. Presented for healthcare providers by the Northwell Health Cancer Institute in collaboration with the Katz Institute for Women's Health, Phelps Hospital and Northern Westchester Hospital. To register, go to <https://Colorectalsymposium.eventbrite.com>.

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DiNapoli: New York's Public and Private Colleges Face Significant Challenges

A new report by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli highlights the challenges New York's higher education sector is facing, including a looming enrollment cliff, growing costs of attendance, and rising student debt. The report examines both public and private institutions of higher education.

"New York has a robust higher education sector that attracts students and investment to our colleges and universities, which benefits our state and local economies," DiNapoli said. "Declining enrollment over the last decade has already hurt the finances of several public and private institutions, forcing a few to downsize or close their doors. New York's future depends on our institutions of higher education staying competitive by ensuring they are affordable, are diverse, and nurture a spirit of innovation and community in their students."

Falling Enrollment and Looming Enrollment Cliff

In large part due to demographic changes, attracting potential students has become more competitive, and New York's share of enrollment has decreased. In Fall 1970, New York's higher education institutions enrolled about 1 in 11 students nationally; in Fall 2010, when enrollment peaked nationwide, it was 1 in 16. New York's share of national enrollment remained stable at 6.2% between 2010 and 2020.

In Fall 2022, there were 896,000 students enrolled across all postsecondary institutions in the state. This was the lowest total enrollment over a 15-year period, a decline of approximately 73,000 full-time students, or 7.6% since Fall 2008. The decline was led by the nearly 14% drop in enrollment at public institutions, driven by decreases at community colleges that began in 2011.

In Fall 2023, 367,542 students were enrolled at the State University of New York (SUNY), its first year-over-year increase since Fall 2010. Most of the growth (nearly 75%) occurred at community colleges. Still, total enrollment was lower than in Fall 2021 and not all SUNY institutions experienced increases.

The college-age population that drives enrollments at postsecondary institutions has been dropping as a share of the total population nationally, and is forecast to undergo a precipitous drop beginning in 2025 – a looming "enrollment cliff." The impact of enrollment declines over the last decade has impacted the finances of several public and private institutions, with a handful of institutions downsizing or closing.

While higher education enrollment typically grows during or immediately after a recession, the COVID-19 pandemic had the opposite impact, with enrollment declining in 2020 and 2021. Social distancing restrictions and a strong job market as the economy recovered may have played a role. The pandemic also spurred a rise in student transfers and withdrawals, or "stop-outs", and declines in the upward transfer of community college students to higher degree programs, particularly for disadvantaged students.

Degrees and Return on Investment

Outcomes related to earning a degree, including salaries upon graduation, are more positive for New York's college students than those in other states. Collectively, New York's institutions exceed the national performance in enrolled students completing their degrees (69.1% compared to 62.3%). However, completion rates at community colleges are also lower than at four-year schools. Less than half of the students in public two-year colleges who began in Fall 2016 completed their coursework by June 2022. Declining enrollment and low completion rates resulted in 3.4% fewer associate degrees awarded in academic year (AY) 2020-21 than in AY 2009-10.

Research has consistently demonstrated that individuals with a college degree earn more than those with only a high school diploma. Median earnings for bachelor's degree holders in the state are nearly \$82,000 higher than for those in peer states, including California, Florida and Texas and neighboring states like New Jersey and Massachusetts. Overall, earnings in New York increased from 2010 to 2022 at a rate greater than nationwide and higher than the median.

Additional Challenges

For AY 2020-21, New York's public and private average undergraduate charges were both higher than the national average, particularly for in-state costs at two-year public institutions. Private four-year tuition, fees, room and board of \$58,423 in New York was 26% higher than the national average of \$46,313. Public two-year, or community college, in-state tuition and fees of \$5,576 in New York were 59% higher than the national average of \$3,501. Public four-year out-of-state tuition and fees were 26% below the national average of \$27,091.

Growing college costs nationwide have led to unprecedented growth in student loan debt in New York and the country. Federal Reserve Bank of New York data indicates that in the third quarter of 2023 New York's per capita student loan debt was \$5,830, higher than the national average (\$5,370) and peer states like Texas (\$5,170) and Florida (\$4,960).

Student diversity varies by system and campus. According to SUNY's data, the proportion of "minority" students in Fall 2022 was 37.2%, up from 33.2% in Fall 2017. At CUNY, 76.1% of all students in Fall 2022 identified as a race or ethnicity other than white, up more than six percentage points from Fall 2010.

DiNapoli's report examined options to facilitate growth and innovation in the higher education sector, including setting strategic goals, implementing additional approaches to spur applications and enrollment, addressing costs and financial aid gaps, and considering partnerships to keep up with innovation.

Read the Report at: https://www.osc.ny.gov/files/reports/pdf/higher-education-nys.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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Yonkers Idol to Star in Off Broadway Production "Issue #9"



Ada-Victoria Israel

Tori Israel Set to Delight New York Audiences Former Yonkers Idol 2019, Yonkers Junior Idol 2017, Ada-Victoria Israel is starring in her first Off Broadway play, the world premiere of "Issue #9!"

From April 4 to 21, The Theater for the New City will present the world premiere of "Issue #9," an original musical written and directed by Briana Barteneff, composed by J.H. Greenwell. It's set in an upstate gas station's convenience store, where adolescent bullying and obsession with unattainable beauty ideals prompt tragedy in teenage girls and revenge by family members who love them.

The story revolves around Lexi (played by Ada-Victoria) and her mother Natalie, who move to Germantown, New York, in 1995. Natalie takes a job at the local gas station, and becomes unaware of her daughter Lexi's struggles. Lexi deals with toxic friendships and an eating disorder after becoming obsessed with teen magazines. Lexi eventually succumbs to the compulsive dieting culture of the time, which leads to her tragic death. Natalie, initially ignorant of the severity, takes control and tries to expose the incredibly harmful influence that pervasive teen magazines hold over our youth. She takes a terrible revenge.

Don't miss this original play, on a limited run at the Theater for the New City, 155 First Avenue (between 9th and 10th Street), New York City from April 4th and April 21st. You will not be disappointed.

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Congressman Mike Lawler Signs Discharge Petition Aimed at Forcing Vote on Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan Aid, and Border Security



Rep. Mike Lawler

On March 12, Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17) released the following statement after signing onto Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick’s (PA-01) discharge petition to force a floor vote on the Defending Borders, Defending Democracies Act (H.R.7372). Lawler is one of the original cosponsors of the bill and was one of 9 members who signed its discharge petition today (6 Republicans and 3 Democrats).

“We are in the most precarious circumstances since the lead up to World War 2, which is why it is imperative that we get aid to our Democratic allies in Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan,” said Congressman Lawler. “In addition, the failure of the Biden administration to secure our borders and stop this massive influx of migrants has created a humanitarian crisis and a national security catastrophe across the country.”

“This legislation is critical towards ensuring we not only secure our own borders and protect our national security, but defend democracies across the globe,” continued Congressman Lawler. “Today, I joined together with a bipartisan group of colleagues to sign a discharge petition aimed at advancing this legislation to the floor of the House for a vote. The time for action is long overdue.”

“I came to Washington to advance common sense solutions, and the Defending Borders, Defending Democracies Act is just that,” concluded Congressman Lawler. “It is my sincere hope that the rest of my Democrat and Republican colleagues will join me in this effort.”

New York’s 17th Congressional District is just north of New York City and contains all or parts of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties.

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9. Bid IFB-7133 – Opening date 4/12/2024: Repairs to leaking valve in the City Hall elevator located at 40 South Broadway (AC).
10. Bid 7087A – Opening date: 4/12/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide cleaning and disposal of the collection nets in the Saw Mill River at the Larkin Plaza Daylighting (KS).

Letter to the Editor: Jesus Christ Did Not Validate Sin

Mr. Clifford Jackson has grossly distorted God’s Word with his marxist liberation theology.

Jesus Christ DID NOT hang out with prostitutes. No record in the Word of God that says this. People have imposed this false idea to justify their sin instead of repenting and doing what is right . (And homosexuality is a grave sin, a form of idolatry.)

Jesus Christ hung around with disciples—disciplined believers and reached out to those who wanted to believe. In John 8 there is one incident in which the self-righteous hierarchy, who wanted to play gotcha, interrupted Jesus Christ’s teaching of God’s Word to accuse a woman of adultery.

Think about that. Here is the only begotten son of God, the Messiah they claim to be waiting for. He’s teaching God’s Word—and they disrupt his teaching. They did not want the answer of God’s Word and they would have shut up, sat down and listened at his feet. They disrespected God when they interrupted the teaching of His Word by His only begotten son and threw this woman down at Jesus’ feet. Basic respect for God’s Word would have compelled them to at least wait until he finished teaching. But they had no true love for the true God—or they would have honored His son, not schemed to kill him.

What did they want? John 8:6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. They wanted to accuse and destroy. (Sounds very familiar to what’s going on today.)

Think and ask questions. They said they caught her in the very act. How did this crowd just happen to be present when this woman was supposedly committing adultery? Did they show that they cared about the woman’s life or repentance?

In their devilish arrogance, they thought that had an excuse to charge the son of God however he answered. They have proven they neither love God nor want to minister to this woman. .

What did Jesus Christ say to the woman? What he didn’t say was, let’s celebrate your sin of adultery, let’s make flags and have a month for it and teach little kids how to do likewise.

No, he told her: “go and sin no more.” Forgiveness is contingent upon repentance—repentance is changing your ways to God’s ways.

Mr. Jackson is in sync with the accusers, in his arrogance, and ignorance of God’s Word and willful disobedience to and distortion of it. If he wants to speak about Jesus Christ, he needs more accurate study of God’s Word.

By the way, GOD is not a respecter of persons. Those who repent, confess Jesus Christ as Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead get the same salvation and spiritual enablements regardless of their background. Anyone who truly wants a better understanding of God’s Word may contact me through Mr. Murphy.

Judith N., Yonkers

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Bill Stadium Suit, continued from pg 1-

County government funding \$250 Million. The NFL will give the Bills owner, Terry Pegula, a \$200 million loan, and Pegula will fund \$350 of the remaining costs.

For New Yorkers to pay for an NFL teams stadium is not only a waste of money, but a violation of the State constitution, according to four New Yorkers, who have sued the State for the expenditure, and have now asked the U.S. Supreme Court to consider their case.

New York taxpayers Bob Schulz, Westchester resident Tony Futia, Joshua Trost and William James, argue that in prior case law, the courts “give deference to public funding programs essential to addressing the problems of modern life, unless such programs are patently illegal.” Schulz v State of New York, 84 N.Y.2d 231, 241 (1994).

The lawsuit against the deal, filed in State Supreme Court last month, asked the court to declare the public funding plan “null and void” based on “Article VII-Section 8.1 and Article VIII, Section 1, of the New York State Constitution, which “prohibits the giving or lending of State and County money “in aid of any... private corporation ... or private undertaking”

Bob Schulz, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit said, “By appropriating \$600M in state funds, and authorizing \$250M in county funds to aid the Buffalo Bills, Gov. Hochul and the Legislature have violated provisions of the Constitution that prohibit the use of public funds in aid of private undertakings. We are asking the Court to invalidate those appropriations.”

Westchester resident Tony Futia said, “New York state has been deliberately not teaching generations of children civic education as required by section 801 of the NY State Education Law.”

According to polling, most New Yorkers do not approve of the public expenditures for new stadiums, and a political odd couple of sorts, with conservatives Schulz and Futia joining with progressive democrats to oppose the “corporate bailout” of the Buffalo Bills.

State Senate Finance Committee Chair Liz Krueger said, “I’m sorry, this is a terrible way, a terrible way to use the taxpayers’ money.” Assemblyman Ron Kim said that 40 years of data show that public funding of stadiums is “one giant scam in economics.”

The owner of the Buffalo Bills, Terry Pegula, is currently worth \$5.1 billion. The estimated cost of renovating the existing stadium was for a total cost of \$350 Million.

“We can’t use public money in aid of a private undertaking by a private corporation,” Schulz said. “They’re doing indirectly what the Constitution prohibits them from doing directly.”

So far, the courts in New York State have rejected Schulz and Futia’s arguments, who now have one last act of recourse: The United States Supreme Court.

Schulz and Futia will ask the nine USSC justices to consider their lawsuit, based on the argument that the U.S. Constitution guarantees New York residents and taxpayers the right to have their government abide by the New York State Constitution. And the NY Constitution is being ignored with the use of public funds for the Bills stadium, which will be owned by the City of Buffalo but will clearly benefit a Billionaire, and those who have contracts to build and operate the new stadium.

What happens if the USSC rules in Schulz and Futia’s favor? The ownership of the Bills should issue a refund to the taxpayers of New York State.

“They’re fully aware of this lawsuit. If they go ahead with this lawsuit without waiting then it’s certainly their fault,” Schulz said. “That money has to be paid back to the taxpayers.”

The State funding for the new stadium was included in last year’s state budget.

Futia, who we have featured in our newspapers and online during his ongoing battle with the IRS, said most New Yorkers do not understand that the public financing for stadiums used for private use is illegal in our state.

The value of NFL teams has doubled every ten years, so ownership can well afford to finance their own new stadium. And the cost to renovate the existing stadium was only \$350 Million. I wish the Yankees had done just that and kept the old Yankee Stadium open.

Editor’s Note: Governor Hochul has been criticized for pushing through the expenditure, including accusations of benefits from the new stadium going to her husband William Hochul, who is general counsel and senior vice president at Delaware North, the Buffalo-based hospitality giant that has operated concessions at the Bills stadium for the past 30 years. Media reports state that while no hospitality contract has been concluded, Delaware North’s history with the Bills puts them in a favorable position.

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those who may run for higher office.

Mind you this has taken place for years. Yes, money can be found for big salary increases for the, let’s call them the Yonkers 8. They all have city paid for cars, benefits for life, pensions, free gas and car maintenance. And staff that duplicate another Yonkers patronage mill, the Constituent Affairs office. Who handles the problems constituents have. City Council staff or the Constituent Affairs office. What a mess.

So what’s the solution. I don’t have to tell you. You know. But I’m going to speak for a minute to the 200 or so staff paid with stimulus funds. The Yonkers Budget Tango has gone on since I was in high school, 1974-1978. Reliance on one shot funds. You probably love your job, and the threat of loss of it scares you. You have a dedication to your profession and your students, but I want you to be crystal clear that nobody is looking out for you.

If you find a comparable job in another school district, take it so you won’t have to deal with this Yonkers nonsense every year. Believe me, as someone who observed the yearly threats from City Hall and the Yonkers Public Schools for 30 years I know how taxing it can be on you. Get those resumes flowing and though you love your students, your Principals and your schools, the higher ones that make the decisions are not looking out for you.

They will say before Election Day as they did last year that all is well, balanced, the city contributed the most ever to education, we solved the educational financial crisis, but it’s all one big game. And you don’t want to get yourself or your families sick over it. Don’t. It’s not worth it. Worry about yourself and your family.

And yes, one day the city of Yonkers will stop the yearly Budget Tango. I hope it’s in my lifetime. But please, for me don’t let you or your friends or family get upset about it. Skip the trips to Albany with your students wasting precious class time. The State legislators who make the decisions are right here in Yonkers for you to lobby. All they want you to go to Albany for is the famous picture on the grand staircase.

Everybody in Albany knows Yonkers fiscal woes. Now the politicians in Yonkers need to solve them!

It’s 8 p.m. Saturday Night. Do You Know Where Congressman Bowman is?

I am sitting at a friends house on Saturday night. All of a sudden a little before 8:00 p.m. the phone rings. It’s Research New York. They are doing a survey on the upcoming elections and the political climate in general. At 8 p.m. on a Saturday night? Boy this politician must be hungry for votes.

Something told me it was polling being done by Congressman Bowman. And I wanted to go on record against what he was doing 1000%. Yes, after the lady started asking me questions I knew the survey was for Bowman. The key was that she couldn’t pronounce Latimer, but she clearly pronounced Jamaal Bowman correctly.

She even pronounced my last name correctly. Some of these pollsters or telemarketers ask for Eric Shore. Or Eric Scone. Where they see that in my name I do not know. But she had a hard time pronouncing Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel’s Prime Minister. Proof she was working for Congressman Bowman. After I told her the correct pronunciation, I asked her who he was. She told me they don’t give her information on the names she is calling about, they just give her a script.

The call went on for 12 minutes! On a Saturday night! All I could think of is that at 8 p.m. on a Saturday night the last thing Brother Jamaal, all Peace and Love of him would be doing is sitting for 12 minutes taking a survey. In the pictures we see of him online and sent to us he’s having fun. Making it seem like he is one of us. Dancing, protesting with squad member Rashida Tlaib, and having a good time of it.

The questions I was asked were all negative about George Latimer and AIPAC and positive about Brother Jamaal. She asked if I knew about Latimer’s public service and Jamaal’s education work. She asked about the millions of dollars he brought to the district and the billions of dollars that he was responsible for allocating.

She asked if I knew how he voted on the infrastructure bill. I said yes. He voted no. That was important to me and people I know in Westchester and beyond.

After 11 minutes I told her I was getting tired and asked how much longer the survey would be. She said I was the last person she had to call and could I please finish the survey. I can’t blame her for the disaster Congressman Bowman has been.

What did this call by the Bowman camp at almost 8 o’clock on a Saturday night prove. Congressman Bowman is desperate for votes, a little short of 3 months prior to the Primary!

Personal Note: Javelin throwing in the Olympics (only kidding) required me to have shoulder surgery earlier this week. I’ll be back as soon as possible!

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Expedition Space: Reach for the Stars with Astronaut Ron Garan

Join former NASA astronaut Ron Garan for a talk suitable for all ages. Garan will share an awe-inspiring view of space and unbelievable stories from the International Space Station. Learn how seeing Earth from orbit changes an astronaut's perspective forever and how impending eclipses continue to reveal deep truths about our planet's rare place in the cosmos.

In this talk, visitors will discover:

- What astronauts experience during the thrilling 8-minute blast-off into orbit around Earth.
- Why the view of Earth takes your breath away when you finally reach the weightless wonder of space.
- What it's like to see 16 sunrises every day while orbiting our planet.
- Why gazing down on Earth's glittering atmosphere fills astronauts with wonder.
- How an elevated orbital perspective reveals humanity's interconnect-edness in a profound way.

Simultaneous ASL interpretation will be provided.

Pre-order autographed copies of Ron Garan's books at rongaran.com/hrm for pickup at the HRM on March 23. His books are also available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

Purchase tickets at HRM.org. Programs featuring Ron Garan are generously sponsored by Betsy May Stern with additional support from Yolanda F. Johnson and Christina O'Neill.

Saturday, March 23, 7pm

The Orbital Perspective: An Evening with Astronaut Ron Garan

Join us for a special evening with NASA astronaut Ron Garan, including a cocktail reception. He will share his breathtaking tales of gazing down in wonder at Earth's shimmering atmosphere and intricately interconnected ecosystems from the awe-inspiring vantage point of space. Discover how this sight fills astronauts with wonder about the miracles required to sustain life on our planet. Learn how the approaching eclipse highlights Earth's precious singularity.

Includes cocktail reception. Purchase tickets at HRM.org.

About Ron Garan: Former NASA astronaut, serial entrepreneur, humanitarian, and highly decorated combat fighter pilot Ron Garan racked up 178 days in space and more than 71 million miles in 2,842 orbits around our planet. During that time, Garan conducted four spacewalks in support of the construction and maintenance of the International Space Station. Prior to those space journeys, he lived and conducted research on the bottom of the ocean in the world's only undersea research laboratory, Aquarius. Before reaching the summit of his career, Ron, a former test pilot and graduate of the US Naval Test Pilot School, taught hundreds of elite fighter pilots how to "up their game" as a flight instructor at the prestigious USAF Fighter Weapons School, the Air Force version of Top Gun. Garan is also a graduate of Yonkers Public Schools.

Garan currently serves as CEO of *ispace technologies U.S., Inc.*, a global lunar resource development company specializing in designing, building, and operating lunar landers.

Sunday, April 7, 11am–5pm

Super Solar Eclipse Sunday

Get ready for the once-in-a-lifetime Total Solar Eclipse, happening tomorrow! Learn all about the eclipse in a live planetarium show. Make a pinhole viewer in a Junior Docent-led workshop. Practice looking at the Sun safely through a solar telescope. Sit for unique solar and/or lunar face painting by Agostino Arts. Look at artists' depictions of the sky in Collection Spotlight: The Art of Skywatching. Plus, pose in front of a special eclipse backdrop for a memorable photo. Join us in awesome anticipation!

Monday, April 8, 2–5pm

Super Solar Eclipse Viewing Party!

Today's the day! The HRM opens its doors from 2–5pm with fun and educational activities inspired by today's once-in-a-lifetime Total Solar Eclipse. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. In our region, the eclipse starts at 2:30pm, approaches 91% totality at 3:25pm, and ends at 4:36pm. The next total eclipse that can be seen from our region will be in 2079!

Eclipse Viewing in the Courtyard

View the eclipse's progress with safe tools, including two solar telescopes that reveal incredible details of the Moon's jagged silhouette and sunspots on the face of the Sun. Observe the eclipse with pinhole viewers, mirror projections, exclusive HRM eclipse glasses (while supplies last), and other safe methods. Recommended for ages 8+. Please note, the Museum is not responsible for the cancellation of outdoor activities that are dependent on the weather; all general admission ticket sales are final.

Eclipse Live Stream in the Lobby

Watch the eclipse live stream from locations along its path over North America, including museums, schools, and observatories, from Texas to Maine. Feeds will be displayed on the video monitor in the HRM Lobby, accompanied by a space-themed soundtrack.

Open-Door Eclipse Presentation in the Planetarium

Stop by the Planetarium for an ongoing, open-door presentation on the unique nature and history of Earth's eclipses, and why they have been so avidly watched by astronomers. We'll use the Planetarium's digital projection system to fly out into space and get an astronaut's-eye-view of the event as it happens.

Capture the Moment in Greene Education Center

Pose for a photo-op in front of a solar eclipse—no special glasses required!—and take a picture you'll treasure forever (or at least until the next eclipse in 2079)!

Visit HRM.org for more information.

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Another oddity to this strange case is the one of those charged, Steven Brown, is the cousin of the deceased Malcolm Brown. The family of Malcolm Brown attended the court proceedings and were vocal about their desire for justice.

One family member shouted at Steven Brown, "How could you" in court. Another said, "do the right thing," asking him to help police solve this case.

According to prosecutors, the four allegedly used butcher knives and meat cleavers to dismember the victims' bodies.

The four pleaded not guilty and the criminal charges are not considered violent crimes, which is why they were released without bail.

Some are blaming Suffolk DA Ray Tierney for not charging the four for murder immediately. But Tierney blames the new bail reform laws as the problem.

"As a prosecutor, you're ethically required to only charge the cases which you can either establish probable cause for or prove beyond a reasonable doubt. These particular charges are what we can charge now. This situation, with these four defendants being released, would have never happened if the prosecution would have been able to argue dangerousness. In New York state, we cannot argue dangerousness as a factor in our bail applications," Tierney said.

Under New York's bail reform laws, passed in 2019, the crimes committed and charged so far do not meet the eligibility for bail.

"It is our understanding that the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) is still investigating these murders. Unfortunately, due to "Bail Reform" passed by the New York State Legislature in 2019, charges relating to the mutilation and disposal of murdered corpses is no longer bail-eligible, meaning my prosecutors cannot ask for bail. This is yet another absurd result thanks to "Bail Reform" and a system where the Legislature in Albany substitutes their judgment for the judgment of our judges and the litigants in court. We will work with the SCPD to resolve this investigation as soon as possible and implore our Legislature to make common sense fixes to this law," said Tierney.

Westchester Assemblyman Matt Slater highlighted the case to call again for changes to New York's Bail Reform laws.

"I am appalled to discover, yet again, that dangerous criminals are being released onto our streets. These individuals are violent and pose a significant threat to our communities. Thanks to our governor and the failure that is bail reform, they are allowed to roam freely among us. Our district attorneys have their hands tied by nonsensical restrictions preventing them from requesting bail. New Yorkers, district attorneys and victims' families are tired of it. Enough is enough, and it is time we put the people of this state's safety first, NOT the criminals' freedom," said Slater, who has co-sponsored legislation which would provide judges with more discretion based on dangerousness when issuing a securing order and allows for limited pre-trial detention upon such a determination, and A9167-which requires law enforcement and courts to notify the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency when an arrested person or defendant is not a United States citizen.

The people of Yonkers are saddened by the loss of life, and their prayers go out to the families of the victims.

One person said she knew one of those charged. Alexis is a good friend of mine. She isn't capable of this crime! Something is NOT adding up."

Nobody knows the reason for these crimes. Some are guessing that drugs and gangs were involved. "Who actually is responsible for committing the murders and who gave those individual's the locations of the bodies and the instructions to do what they did, and why," is another good question posed.

Someone asked about a reward for information. No details on a reward yet.

Yonkers Third Precinct Police Community Council

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 20 - 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Merchants and residents of the Third Precinct area are strongly encouraged to attend this important community meeting. Usual quality of life concerns will be discussed. For further information please contact either Bob Stauf, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey at 914 377-7427.

been an exemplary student this year, demonstrating tremendous effort both inside and outside of the classroom. What I find most remarkable about Henry is **Henry Martin, Con Ed Scholar-Athlete, continued from pg 16**

is that his work ethic is contagious in the classroom. He makes the students around him better students. It is clear that he possesses natural leadership skills as he consistently motivates, challenges and encourages his peers. It is clear that Henry is self-disciplined and motivated to succeed as a wrestler, which in turn helps him stay disciplined and motivated in the classroom," said Izabella Zappa Math Teacher

Henry has a 3.5 GPA, and has taken challenging academic courses at Croton-Harmon High School. "Henry's willingness to learn and continually seeks opportunities for constructive feedback whenever he can. Throughout this school year in AP US History, we focus heavily on crafting evidence-based argumentative analyses of historical events. Henry approaches this by crafting a strong thesis and identifying sources that would support his claims. Henry's goal is to push himself as a writer and to not simply re-tell history but

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Henry Martin, Croton-Harmon HS, Named A Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Henry Martin

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Croton Harmon High School junior Henry Martin for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the Week. Henry was the first Croton-Harmon wrestler to ever place in the New York State Championships. In doing so, he won three matches, increasing his single season win total to 42 wins (only 3 losses). Martin has been an all-league wrestler in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons, and was all-league in Football for his sophomore season.

Henry is active in the Boy Scouts and is working towards achieving Eagle Scout. He also volunteers at Veterans and Memorial Day events in his community, and also volunteers for the Harry Chapin run against hunger. "Henry has
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The Easter Bunny Returns to Cross County Center This Spring!



Photo ops with the Easter Bunny at Cross County Center have begun and continues through Saturday, March 30. Special Sensory Bunny and Pet sessions are available this season for the first time! Visitors are encouraged to dress in their Sunday best for photos with the lovable bunny!

Easter Bunny photos will take place in a specially designed pop-up house, located between Gap and Bath & Body Works. Each child who visits the Bunny will receive a free gift.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday's from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.--Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information and reservations, please visit <https://www.crosscounty-center.com/event/Easter-Bunny-Photos/2145558448/>

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