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Is Bill Introduced to Remove Trump Name from State Park Wasted Time?

Westchester Residents Asked to Sign Up For GridRewards; Get Paid & Save the Planet



State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, who represents NYC, at Trump Park sign in Northern Westchester-Putnam

Assemblywoman Levenberg Sponsor, State Senator Harchham Co-Sponsor

"Given his divisive and un-democratic actions, some liken the renaming of the park to the removal of Confederate monuments." press release from State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal and Assemblywoman Levenberg

By Dan Murphy

Last month we wrote about our opposition to efforts to rename the Mario Cuomo Bridge (formerly the Tappan Zee Bridge). Our view was that is was a waste of time and money, and that our state has much more pressing issues that our elected officials should be focused on.

We take a similar view with the legislation introduced in Albany to rename Donald J. Trump State Park. The park is hidden in a remote area of Yorktown and Putnam Valley, on the Northern Westchester border with Putnam County. It is more of a large, 436-acre preserved greenspace, with only walking trails available to visitors.

Westchester Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, and Manhattan State Senator Brady Hoylman have introduced a bill to rename Trump park. Their claim is that the Trump name is hurting the parks popularity, and is contributing to its neglect and sparse visitation.

A release from Hoylman and Levenberg states, "In the bill's memo, the legislators argue that "New York State has always been known for welcoming and embracing people of all cultures and backgrounds, and even our park system reflects these values....The names of these parks and green spaces should do the same." During his presidential campaigns and his time in office, Trump disparaged many different groups of people. He also actively sought to undermine the results of the 2020 election, going so far as to instigate a violent riot on January 6, 2021 that left five dead and many others injured, including 138 police officers."

We took note of this part of the release. "Given his divisive and un-democratic actions, some liken the renaming of the park to the removal of Confederate monuments."

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Congressman Jamaal Bowman: Keep Tik Tok



Rep. Bowman with Social Media Creators Opposing TikTok Ban at Capitol

By Dan Murphy

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman became one of the first members of congress to support Tik Tok, as Congress debates whether to ban the popular mobile App. The Chinese-owed platform has come under scrutiny and criticism for its widespread use by millions of young americans, some to their detriment. Others in Congress claim that Tik Tok is being used by the Chinese Communist Party, (CCP), as an information collection and data mining tool.

"Tik Tok has become a community for free speech for 150 Americans. That includes many of the content creators that I just met with. They talk to me about a sense of family. They talk to me about a sense of community. They talk to me about a place that is helpful to their mental health, and to their sense of belonging. They talk to me about finding a place where they can communicate with others like them.

"Tik Tok is used as an educational tool where you have professors and teachers providing content for students to engage with and learn from. That is what Tik Tok is for so many Americans," said Rep. Bowman, who pushed back on claims that Tik Tok is hurting Americans, or that it is involved in spying for the CCP.

"Why do we need to ban a platform that 150 million Americans now use?" There are many apps on our phones right now that are Chinese apps. And so the idea that, 'Oh, TikTok is the boogeyman' — it's just part of a political fearmongering that's happening,"

Bowman added that the accusations made against Tik Tok are more of the same "fearmongering" coming from the Republican Party, who he says is "xenophobia around China."

"I haven't seen any hard evidence that TikTok is committing some form of espionage," he said. "What I've heard is speculation. And what I've heard is inuendo."

Rep. Bowman, who frequently posts on Tik Tok and has a large number of followers, said that Facebook is more of a security risk than Tik Tok. "When we look at American companies like Facebook looking the other way in 2016 when Russia colluded to impact our election — Facebook is a national security risk. We're not talking about a ban on Facebook."

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SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER

Mayors from Hastings to Sleepy Hollow are engaging in a friendly competition; encouraging residents to sign up for GridRewards to illustrate the importance of synchronicity when it comes to energy reduction. The challenge takes place now through April 28, 2023.

GridRewards, owned by Logical Buildings, AI tech leader in sustainability, is an app designed to get large numbers of people to lower their energy consumption at the same time by getting paid to do so. In order to alleviate stress on the grid when high energy demand is forecasted (think summertime heat waves), GridRewards users are prompted (via the app) to take simple, energy-saving actions, such as raising their thermostat a few degrees, or running dishwashers at off-peak hours. They are then compensated for their efforts — in cash.

Mayors from around the Rivertowns are urging residents, nonprofits and commercial property managers alike to sign up for GridRewards, especially as we near Earth Day on April 22nd. Niki Armacost from Hastings is leading the charge for her Village. "We're very excited to participate in another Mayor's Challenge this year using GridRewards!

There are many actions people can take to reduce their carbon footprint, but GridRewards is one of the very simplest we've seen. And if we all work together — which is of course the real trick and the brilliance of the app, it is not only Rivertowns residents who win, but every person living within a few miles of a horrible Peaker Plant".

When so many users reduce their energy consumption at the same time, or in a synchronized manner, it effectively creates a distributed virtual power plant (VPP) and reduces the need for expensive, polluting, fossil-fuel-powered Peaker Plants — for those hot summer days or when the grid is overworked.

According to the Peak Coalition, (peakcoalition.org), on days with extreme weather, like heat waves or sub-zero temperatures, redents consume more energy to stay cool and warm, which puts excessive demand on the grid. In response to this increased demand in electricity, highly polluting power plants known as "peakers" fire up in the South Bronx, Sunset Park, and other communities of color throughout New York City. These inefficient peakers spew harmful emissions into neighborhoods already overburdened by pollution, exacerbating widespread health problems.

Peaker plants are a prime example of how low-income communities and communities of color bear the brunt of a host of energy and industrial infrastructure that poses significant public health and environmental hazards. Most of these fossil fuel peaker plants are very old, some dating back to the 1950s, and many have been

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NYAG James Secures Indictment of Westchester Caseworker for Stealing \$300K+ from 95-Yr Old



"This demands an explanation from the Commissioner of Social Services and the managers in charge."

County Legislator James Nolan

Westchester County Caseworker Chantel Chenault Fraudulently Withdrew Funds Belonging to a 95-Year-Old Suffering from Dementia Under Her Care

On March 24, New York Attorney General Letitia James announced the indictment of Chantel Chenault, 46, of Danbury, CT, on charges of grand larceny and identity theft for stealing more than \$300,000 from a 95-year-old woman with dementia while she was under Chenault's care. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) alleges that from March 2017 through April 2022, while employed as a caseworker with Westchester County Adult Protective Services (APS), Chenault transferred over \$500,000 from the elderly woman's retirement accounts to the woman's checking account and would bring the woman to the bank to make withdrawals multiple times per month. Chenault also regularly used the woman's ATM card at casinos without permission. Chenault was arraigned today in Westchester County Court before Judge Maurice Williams. Her next appearance in court is scheduled for June 15, 2023.

"Chantel Chenault used her position as a caregiver to steal from someone who trusted her and who couldn't protect herself. This betrayal harmed the victim and harmed the reputation of the Westchester County Adult Protective Services," said Attorney General James. "All New Yorkers deserve safe and secure services to support autonomy later in life. My office will always defend our seniors against those who attempt to exploit their vulnerability and will ensure bad actors are held accountable."

"There is nothing more insidious than exploiting the most vulnerable among us, especially when families put their trust in a caseworker they believe will treat their loved one with the respect and dignity they deserve," said Suzanne Miles-Gustave, Esq., Acting Commissioner, New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) "OCFS has zero tolerance for this type of abuse and referred this case directly to Attorney General James' office for investigation. I commend the subsequent caseworker who reported the alleged criminal activity to the appropriate

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New Alzheimers Association Report Finds Half-Million Caregivers in NY



The Alzheimer’s Association 2023 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures report, (<https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>) finds the burden on New York Alzheimer’s and dementia caregivers is growing. The new report released on March 15 shows there were an estimated 546,000 dementia family caregivers across the state in 2022, providing 884 million hours of unpaid care valued at \$19.09 billion.

The new report also reveals that New York caregivers and those across the country face significant emotional, physical and health-related challenges as a result of caregiving as well, including:

Dementia caregivers report higher rates of chronic conditions, including stroke, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer compared to caregivers of people without dementia or non-caregivers. In New York state, 59 percent of caregivers reported at least one chronic condition.

The prevalence of depression is higher among dementia caregivers when compared to caregivers for other conditions. In New York, nearly one-quarter of caregivers reported depression.

Seventy-four percent of dementia caregivers report they are “somewhat concerned” to “very concerned” about maintaining their own health since becoming a caregiver. In New York, 12percent report frequent poor physical health.

Across the country, 59 percent of dementia caregivers report high to very high emotional stress due to caregiving and 38 percent report high to very high physical stress due to caregiving.

“This year’s Facts and Figures report underscores the considerable physical and emotional toll New York caregivers experience when caring for someone living with Alzheimer’s,” said David Sobel, executive director of the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter. “It clearly underlines the need for caregiver support in New York and across the region. The Alzheimer’s Association offers free local support throughout our state including support groups and education, as well as the Association’s 24/7 Helpline. This support can be a lifeline to caregivers.”

The annual Facts and Figures report provides an in-depth look at the latest national and state-by-state statistics on Alzheimer’s disease prevalence, mortality, caregiving, dementia care workforce and costs of care. According to the report, there are 6.7 million people 65 and older living with Alzheimer’s dementia in the United States, including roughly 410,000 in New York state.

More on this report next week. Visit <https://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley> for more information.

Letter to the Editor:

The George Santon Blues

I am in total agreement with Eric Schoen’s May I See Your Resume column. How does a George Santos get to Congress? Bipartisan inaction.

The GOP should have done a better job vetting their nominee. And Democrats should have conducted bare minimum opposition research. How did they miss this glaring target?

As early as September 2022, a local Long Island weekly, run by a Republican, was reporting about Santos’ wild fabrications.

The political parties need to do better. Let the candidates battle it out in the actual election campaign.

The answer is not Westchester County’s proposed legislative cure placing majority party appointed county bureaucrats and staff to review and judge whether or not a candidate can be on the ballot.

Who watches these watchers?

It is a sure recipe to backfire with charges and counter-charges of incumbent protection, all at taxpayer expense.

*John Vorperian,
White Plains*

Let’s Not Weaponize Gas Stoves and the Grid Against Climate Action



A Ford F-150 EV Truck could power a home for a couple of days in case of a power outage

OP-ED By Anshul Gupta

What’s the rapidly growing trend that Germany, Washington State, New York City, Ithaca, Montreal, and now the City of Beacon have joined?

In all these places, new homes and small buildings will stop installing most appliances fueled by polluting methane gas by year-end, extending the practice to larger buildings within three years or less.

Energy, climate, and building experts from municipalities to states to nations are all reaching the same conclusion that the most cost-effective and energy-efficient way to tame the health- and climate-destroying pollution from burning fuels in buildings and vehicles is to power them with electricity. Electric vehicles and heat pumps use only a fraction of the energy of their fuel-based counterparts and will see their environmental footprint continue to decline as the electric grid transitions to cleaner generation.

Like most climate solutions, eliminating combustion also comes with tremendous public health benefits due to reduced pollution. New York currently leads the nation in premature deaths from pollution caused by burning fossil-fuels in buildings that disproportionately impacts people with lower incomes, people of color, pregnant women, children, and older adults.

With the US becoming the world’s largest exporter of liquified natural gas, we now see both gas and gasoline prices soar in response to geopolitical disturbances. EV sales are already booming because owners prefer their handling, fuel efficiency, and low maintenance. Many builders and home buyers are choosing all-electric buildings that are superior in comfort, health, affordability, and emissions.

None of these benefits have prevented the fossil-fuel industry and its allies from attempting to sow fear, uncertainty, and doubt about our clean energy future with culture wars over gas stoves and scaremongering over grid capacity and reliability.

Research highlighting the health risks from gas stoves has been accumulating for decades. American Medical Association, American Lung Association, NYS Public Health Association, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, and all NYS chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics deem gas stoves a health hazard, particularly as asthma triggers for children. A recent public statement by a US Consumer Product Safety Commissioner just served to bring a long standing issue into limelight that some saw as an opportunity to help spark an anti-electrification backlash.

New York’s climate scoping plan recommends a prohibition on new gas stove installations starting in 2035. The provocateurs of the controversy seem to be missing the point that by next decade, New Yorkers may want a gas stove as badly as they want lead paint or asbestos in their homes today. According to the Energy Information Administration, more than a quarter of US homes are already all-electric and a majority of Americans do not cook on gas.

Major utilities like Con Edison support electrification of our transportation and buildings and are confident in the electricity generation, transmission, and distribution systems to keep pace with the demand. Our electric grid is stressed in the summer while the heat pumps add to the winter electricity demand. Programs like SmartCharge help steer EV owners’ charging behavior towards off-peak hours.

Cold-climate heat pumps and EVs would be just fine in upstate New York; much-colder Montreal’s ban on fossil fuels in new construction starts next year, and 80% of new cars sold in Norway are now 100% electric. By the time the climate law’s mandates fully take effect in the middle of the next decade, these technologies will be much cheaper and more versatile with advances in microgrids and vehicle-to-grid and vehicle-to-vehicle charging.

Even fossil-fueled heating doesn’t work during power failures without expensive generators. Electrification of our homes and vehicles actually has the potential to improve safety. Just like we stock up on groceries before storms, we’ll be able to stock up on electrons. A fully charged Ford F-150 Lighting can power basic cooking and heating equipment for 2–3 days in an emergency. Anyway, the climate plan doesn’t prohibit backup generators or pellet stoves.

On the road, a half-charged battery of a stranded EV can run the seat warmers for a couple of days – something that will deplete a conventional vehicle’s fuel in hours even if a snow-covered tailpipe doesn’t turn it into a lethal gas chamber first.

During the holiday blizzard in the Buffalo area, four people died in gasoline powered cars, at least 11 in their homes with fossil-fueled heating that doesn’t work in power outages, and one from carbon monoxide poisoning. Generators couldn’t keep up with blowing and drifting snow. A clinic was damaged from a catastrophic failure of their gas heating system. During the same cold snap, and also amid the terrible 2021 Texas winter storm, widespread gas network failures shut down power plants and caused millions of downstate customers to receive emergency warnings to curtail heating. Hundreds of residents of the New York City Housing Authority are without gas, some for weeks and months, due to dangerous leaks.

While power failures may not warrant delaying electrification, they indeed are a cause for serious concern. No amount of gas can help with electrically powered medical equipment, for instance. The frequency and duration of storm-related outages have been creeping up due to the worsening climate crisis and lackadaisical maintenance of our power distribution infrastructure. Inadequate winterization of substations caused widespread power outages in the Buffalo area during the historic Christmas blizzard. Our aging grid needs significant investments regardless of our climate goals.

Similarly, electrification isn’t just about the climate; it’s also about doing more with less, more cleanly, more healthfully, and more reliably. Instead of assailing this beautiful future with disinformation and divisiveness, let’s use beneficial electrification as a reason to unite for cleaner, safer and healthier energy and demand a robust, world-class electric grid.

Westchester resident Anshul Gupta is a steering committee member of the NYS chapters coalition of the Climate Reality Project.

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Manhattanville College ‘DEI’ Division Hope, Hype, Hoax?

OPED by Stephen Mayo

Editor’s Note: This Op-Ed references a story that ran in our paper regarding Mahattanville College’s creation of a DEI Department, which can be read online at <https://yonkerstimes.com/manhattanville-college-creates-a-division-of-dei/>

Word has reached our offices of the creation of a “distinct Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Division” at Manhattanville College to further its agenda of “academic excellence, purposeful education and social justice.”

Query: what campus pedagogical emergency compelled such an expansion? The private, 100-acre site, in what PR outfit Thompson & Bender calls “bustling” Westchester County with “easy access to robust entertainment options ...and business opportunities” appeared bucolic in a recent visit. What is now deficient in a program costing upwards of \$60,000 per year and which U.S. News and World Report ranks as a “Top Performer of Social Mobility?” Are we to infer that the “endemic intolerance and bigotry” which the education-industry complex has regularly warned us of the last few years has lately erupted or reached critical mass at Purchase? What are the evidence and data and how would a new “division” correct things?

Is this an example of the institutional isolation, even delusion, present in bureaucracies large and small? Less clinically, is higher education simply unready for the tasks of teaching modern youth? Is this the problem? The new realities of classic American trade and the boisterous workings of the complex “globalized” market suggest such a cause.

America’s macroeconomic competition now resides in the Far East and the Indian Subcontinent, where English is the primary subject of foreign language study. Fully half of India’s population is English conversant. Serious educators, both traditional and “awakening” will point their charges to the inviting professional and commercial opportunities in understanding, trading with and serving the product and service needs of a wanting (though steadily advancing) Third World, the customer-ready First and Second Worlds, and our own rich 330 million-wide domestic market.

The orderly backlog of US citizenship applications and the disorderly rushing of our borders by millions of our earthly cohorts demonstrates the appeal our progressive “Culture of Commerce.” Nineteenth and twentieth century America analog industrial production ultimately made the modern world. If our winning but now-widely challenged course of new digital intellectual creation is to continue, its “Express Lane” of advancement must be unimpeded by seedy rest-stops of political convenience and correctness. The wages of competitive unpreparedness pause for no person or nation; as regularly exemplified by the lagging European Social Democracies (measured by GNP; rates of employment, upward mobility, and business creation). The aggressive, market-attuned growth of leading Asian, Caribbean, African and Latin American economies, of course, demonstrate the fallacies of national “societal-lab” regimes.

Certainly, early grade-schoolers will profit by preparation for the demands of diversity, inclusivity, and fair-dealing in a constantly expanding world marketplace and an ever-evolving town square. As future idea, product and service creating individuals they will have pronounced advantages against those from ethnically homogeneous systems. But trying to catch-up on or make up at secondary and college levels “woke” or personal sensitivity training foregone in primary school is a waste of time and effort.

Resources would be better utilized accommodating the imminent demand for teachers and scholars, administrators, accountants, advocates, engineers and mechanics, artists and draughts people, actuaries, and bakers in emerging local and interconnected economies (as uncertain as hiring prospects post-Covid may presently appear). And somewhat closer to “real-time” than ever before as the shortage of workers primed for immediate deployment becomes more apparent daily.

Former centers of industry in Yonkers, New Rochelle, White Plains and Mount Vernon could again hum with the clatter of C-level executive operations, newly re-invented streetside retail, and even modern, spatially appropriate permutations of traditional craft and manufacturing; all to fulfill the local demands for goods, services and sustenance, and fresh consumer needs in commercially awakened India and communistically austere China.

We must also consider the overwhelming appetite for domestic and exportable energy in all its forms; including the geometrically burgeoned electrical demands of transport, appliance and utility sectors, as well as the cleanest forms available of “analog” fossil-fuels gas, oil and even coal. Perhaps most impactful for the near future, channeling first fissionable, and ultimately, “fusible” nuclear power in a manner consistent with modern safety norms and the public’s comfort.

Real cultural and individual developmental objectives like these require aggressive national, state, and local policy formulation and implementation. In no way, do political choices like Manhattanville’s announced “Diversity” strategy come even close.

Why was the scheme at Purchase and hundreds of colleges more adopted? Which campus constituency has sought such a desertion of the usual utilitarian, affirmative instruction in economic and civic involvement of the past to plain ideological social engineering? Did a dean spy a student cafeteria, tumultuous with kids but devoid of the ethnic diversity which our inclusive and equanimous ideal (including the author’s) celebrates? Or have Manhattanville’s faculty idealists just swerved off-course in pursuit of vague relevance?

One can imagine effective strategies: wider scouting for unique freshmen by admissions staff acquainted with business-practice, the micro-economics of student-families and international economics; consulting research on teen-human potential and consumer behavior; more reasonable, transparent pricing of prices and fees.

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The Race for Mayor of Yonkers, Again?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Yes, it’s that time every 4 years when Yonkersites select a new Mayor. Or re-elect the current Mayor. Or re-elect an old Mayor. As the candidates are out getting signatures as we speak, what better time to reflect on this year’s race.

Add a wrinkle this year with lawyer Michael Sussman, Lawyer Extraordinaire de Yonkers taking the City Council to court for again for attempting to change the City Charter without a public vote as it has always been changed in the past. He wasn’t asked to the third time but a group of active citizens asked him to challenge the Council’s vote this year.

Changing the City Charter without a public vote or a vote by a Charter Revision Commission appointed by the Mayor is a bad precedent for Yonkers to get into. It takes away the checks and balances a Commission or public vote gives the citizens of Yonkers. Years ago the Council tried to do this and was fought successfully by a group of spirited citizens headed by Andrea Olson, a civic leader and Democratic activist. Andrea is probably turning over in her grave when she sees what a majority of this City Council has done.

What infuriates this writer is that current Mayor Mike Spano practically swore to me at a program at the Will Library that he wanted no part of a third term. He said to me, ‘Eric, if there’s anyone in Yonkers you of all people understand how difficult the job of Mayor is and how much it takes you away from your family. I would never want a third term!’ Weeks later he signed legislation giving him a third term, and once again signed legislation giving him the opportunity to run for a fourth term this year.

Was Spano telling me a lie? Or just just not telling me the truth? I know Spano a long time, and in Yonkers when you say one thing and do something else we call that a lie.

I’m not criticizing Spano because he has done a good job as Mayor. However, in the third largest city in New York State there are plenty of people in our 200,000 + population who could easily do the job of Mayor. What happened to business-people, lawyers like Al DeBello, Gerry Loehr, Terry Zaleski and Nick Wasicko. Business people like Angelo Martinelli and Dr. James O’Rourke. Law enforcement like Hank Spallone. I’m sure I have left someone out, but my point is there are plenty of qualified people to serve as Mayor of Yonkers.

The Democratic Party had a convention for the Mayoral nomination and Spano won unanimously. The convention could be considered a roll call for people who work for the Spano Administration. Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac is challenging Spano’s party nomination, and rest assured the Spano folk will challenge her nominating petitions. You see Spano has a successful history challenging Primary challengers, where Pineda Isaac is fairly new to the political ‘game’ process.

Pineda Isaac has done a decent job as Councilperson but again, here we go with the same people this time running for another City Hall position. She certainly is as qualified as anyone to be Mayor, but again I say that in the difficult times ahead after the pandemic monies are depleted we are going to need a leader who can read, understand and interpret a budget. Wasn’t it the State Controller who criticized Yonkers for using the same auditor and budget advisor for over 20 years without going out to bid.

The chances of Pineda Isaac beating Spano in a primary are not good. Just about the same as Republican Anthony Merante beating him in the general election. But I give Pineda Isaac and Merante kudos for taking a shot at it!

And yes, among the items the City Council is voting on again this Tuesday (actually for the second go round this time as the firm’s name was spelled incorrectly the first time) is the same auditor the city has used probably for 25 years at this point. Some says it’s campaign donations that butter the bread. I say it’s time we start examining Yonkers Government for change. Remember, don’t complain your taxes are high if you don’t take an active role in lowering them. And watch what I tell you. In a year or two, not this year you will be surprised by a big tax increase. Non-election year, of course!

Briefs: FLACO

As of March 28 Flaco the Owl from the Central Park Zoo has been on the loose for 54 days. Isn’t it impressive that in New York he’s been on the loose that long and no one has caught him or tried to change his location to a more secure and safer one. Only in New York kids, Only in New York!

Can you believe that New York Subway Stops will not be fully elevator accessible until 2055! How many people in WESTCHESTER are left by accessible Bee-Line buses at subway stations with no where to go. MTA (Money Taking Agency) what’s up.

Politicians that support Book Banning are doing the same thing as Book Burning. This is how the Nazis started. Florida Governor DeSantos has been public about the desire to ban books. So has a 101 year old holocaust widow talking about book banning recently on television

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Wrong Way Drunk Driver Arrested After Crash in Westchester

On March 23, 2023, at about 10:45 p.m., Troopers responded to the New York State Thruway southbound in Greenburgh, Westchester County, for a reported motor vehicle crash involving a wrong-way driver. The investigation determined that Juan Sinchim, 38, of Port Chester, NY, was driving northbound on I-87 in the southbound passing lane when he collided with another vehicle. Sinchim was taken into custody and transported to Westchester Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. The other driver was also transported to Westchester Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Sinchim was released from the hospital and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the town of Greenburgh court on April 24, 2023, and released to a sober party.

Mohegan Lake Man Arrested for Car Theft in Putnam Valley

This story hits home for those of us from Northern Westchester-Putnam who are used to leaving our cars unlocked, and occasionally “run into the house” for something with the car running. On March 11, 2023, the New York State Police from the Cortlandt barracks arrested Robert J. Kristoferson, age 29, of Mohegan Lake, for Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree, a class D felony. On March 11, 2023, Troopers responded to a residence in the Lake Peekskill neighborhood of Putnam Valley for a report of a stolen vehicle. The caller stated they started the vehicle before returning to the house to grab a bag and the vehicle was gone upon their return. With assistance from the Westchester County Police Department and one of their canine units, Kristoferson and the stolen vehicle were located soon after. Kristoferson was arraigned before the town of Putnam Valley Court and released to the Putnam Sheriff’s Office for an unrelated case with an order to reappear before the court on April 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

New York Working Families Party Announces Endorsements in Yonkers and New Rochelle

The New York Working Families Party today announced their endorsements in Yonkers and New Rochelle. “We’re very proud to endorse a slate of candidates in Yonkers and New Rochelle who will work to make our region more affordable for working families,” said Sochie Nnaemeka, Director of the New York Working Families Party. “With housing becoming more and more expensive, we need leadership that will center everyday people in housing and development decisions.” “Our chapter is excited to support Corazón Pineda-Isaac for Mayor of Yonkers,” said Peter Bernstein, Chair of the Westchester-Putnam Chapter of the New York Working Families Party. “As a City Councilmember, Corazón has been a champion for quality public schools, living wage jobs, and fair and affordable housing for families. We look forward to working with Corazón as Mayor to build a Yonkers that is safe, healthy, and affordable for everyone.” “We’re thrilled to endorse Yadira Ramos-Herbert for Mayor of New Rochelle,” said Jennifer Cabrera, Vice Chair of the Westchester-Putnam Chapter of the New York Working Families Party. “We know that Yadira will ensure that all New Rochelle residents are included when addressing critical issues like housing affordability, climate resilience, and quality public services. Our members look forward to electing Yadira as the next Mayor of New Rochelle.”

- Yonkers Endorsements:**
 Corazón Pineda-Isaac, Mayor of Yonkers
 Shatika Parker, City Council District 1
 Hector Santiago, City Council District 1
 David Tubiolo, County Board of Legislators District 14
 Ruth Walter, County Board of Legislators District 15
 Chris Johnson, County Board of Legislators District 16
 Jose Alvarado, County Board of Legislators District 17

- New Rochelle Endorsements:**
 Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Mayor of New Rochelle
 Martha Lopez, City Council District 1
 Kwamain Dixon, City Council District 3
 Shane Osinloye, City Council District 4

Incumbent Yonkers Mayor Spano has amended term limits twice so he can run for an unprecedented fourth term as Mayor. In 2022, over 260,000 votes (4.43% of the total vote) were cast for Governor Hochul on the Working Families Party ballot line, making up most of her margin of victory.

Empire City Casino by MGM: A Decade of Support for the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade



Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts (“Empire City”) has been a supporter of the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day parade for over a decade. Over the years, Empire City has provided critical resources such as free parking, staging, shuttle services to and from the parade, and more to support the success of this annual event. This year Empire City team members took to the streets and joined the procession along with over one hundred community organizations at the highly anticipated annual parade, which welcomes nearly 30,000 attendees each year. The Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue continues the tradition of honoring the heritage and contributions of the Irish community in Yonkers. “MGM Resorts prides itself on its commitment to supporting the communities we serve and we are so honored to be able to continue to support this celebration that brings residents of this great City together,” said Ed Domingo, Empire City’s Senior Vice President and General Manager. Ursula McIntyre, a longtime employee of Empire City, holds a leading role in organizing the parade as co-chair of the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. McIntyre, born and raised in Ireland, has resided in Yonkers for more than forty years and is deeply engaged in the community. She has received many recognitions over the years for her philanthropic contributions, including being honored by the City of Yonkers as a Women of Distinction in 2022 for her staunch commitment to the community over the years, as well as her professional achievements. In 2018, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce presented McIntyre with the Women of Excellence - Above and Beyond Award, and in 2014 the Aisling Irish Community Center recognized McIntyre for her contributions to the broader Irish-American community. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Westchester/Hudson Valley Chapter named McIntyre Women of Year in 2014 for her phenomenally successful fundraising efforts where she raised nearly \$120,000 for the organization. “It’s such an honor to work, live and be part of this incredible event in the City I call home,” said Ursula McIntyre, Empire City’s Assistant Director of Racing. “I am grateful to work for a company that truly recognizes the importance of giving back to our friends and neighbors and allows us to serve our in City both personally and professionally.” This year, Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald led the parade as the 66th Grand Marshal. The Parade Board recognized Fitzgerald’s contribution to the greater St. Barnabas neighborhood in Yonkers and Woodlawn. Fitzgerald has demonstrated great leadership and involvement in the broader community. For more information on Empire City, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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Returning to the initial questions; what identifiable and remediable evil is addressed by the college’s expenditure of time and funds? Considering the resource and opportunity costs, the precise societal and personal objectives should be identified. Little has been revealed. Is society not better served by relying on the nation’s 234-year record of incremental reform and improvement of our federal government and the 50 states? Indeed, the pluralistic product of our own laboratory of Republican-Democracy, seasoned with a most tolerant social climate and irrepressible private sector of individual and institutional initiative provides a known path – subject always to contemporary fine-tuning and correction. The continuing absorption of legions of benign, beneficent, and largely benevolent, mostly family-fortune seekers from around the globe proves the efficacy of America’s quiet mechanism of national reinvention and rebuilding - unmatched by any nation-state today, or in history. *Steve Mayo is a resident of New Rochelle, and a former candidate for New Rochelle School Board. He hosts a radio show on WVOX-1460AM every Monday at 530pm.*

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

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

Joy and Brotherhood Music Performed in Hindi celebrating India's 75th Independence



Mr. Abner Bishamber Lall, told of seeing the Union Jack flag lowered and India's flag raised for the first time in 1947 when he was 15 years old

photo (c) Robert Kalfus

By Robert Kalfus

The Westchester Music of India (MOI) Group, founded as an all-volunteer group in 2014, has successfully performed to an Indo-American model for MOI combining Western style chorus singing with fusion of Indian and Western instruments.

This past Sunday was the ninth and a historic performance, performing with a live orchestra of Western instruments augmented with certain Indian instruments, billed as "A Celebration of India's 75 Years of Independence with Joy and Brotherhood", at the PepsiCo Theatre, SUNY at Purchase, NY. In 1947, India and South Asian nations found freedom from colonial rule, when Great Britain's Union Jack flag came down and India's flag was raised.

Jawaharlal Nehru was sworn in as India's first Prime Minister by Great Britain's Lord Mountbatten, on August 14, 1947. Later that night, Independence night, August 14, 1947, Prime Minister Nehru spoke at midnight, saying "At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom." The first morning of an independent India was August 15, 1947.

Mr. Abner Bishamber Lall, age 91, delivered a rousing and heartfelt speech to the hundreds attending the performance, remembering "I was a 15 year old boy, in 1947, when I saw the two flags of the Union Jacks descend, and then the twin flags of India's Independence raised for the first time."

In the summer of 1785, German composer Friedrich Schiller wrote the poem Ode to Joy as a celebration of the unity of all mankind. Ludwig van Beethoven chose it for the fourth movement of his Ninth Symphony, and Ode to Joy was first performed May 7, 1824 in Vienna. The Ode's theme of humans as free and rational beings and the sanctity of brotherhood and peace closely aligned with Beethoven's own beliefs. Symphony No. 9 was also the first time ever that human voice was included in a symphony.

Over the years, Beethoven's Ode to Joy has remained a protest anthem and a celebration of music and an expression for freedom of the human spirit. Protesters in Chile sang the piece during a demonstration against the Pinochet dictatorship. Chinese students broadcast it at Tiananmen Square. Leonard Bernstein, the former conductor of the New York Philharmonic, conducted it at a special concert in the German capitol on Christmas Day after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The Joy and Brotherhood program displayed twelve different songs, all sung in India's national language of Hindi, and after an intermission, Ludwig van Beethoven's Ode to Joy was featured its historic first world's premiere performance, sung in Hindi! and conducted by Avinash Lall, who worked for months with the assistance of David Baranowski, conductor of the Hudson Chorale, and Wil Dannenberg, assistant conductor, for preparing the chorus to sing in Hindi for this performance. MOI gratefully thanked the Hudson Chorale, the Westchester Choral Society, Hudson Valley Singers, Westchester Chordsmen, Christ Church Tarrytown, the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, the India Center of Westchester, and the MOI Orchestra, all whom contributed to this magnificent performance.

MOI welcomes all singers and instrument players to contact the website www.WestchesterMOI.org and at info@WestchesterMOI.org, and can be viewed on Facebook.

MUSCOOT FARM'S FARMERS MARKET RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Muscot Farm is getting a head start on its annual Farmers Market as it will open for the season, Sunday, April 2 and will run every Sunday through Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The weekly farmers market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 20 local vendors each week. Vendors vary every week and updates will be available on muscootfarm.org.

County Executive George Latimer said: "The Farmers Market at Muscot Farm is a local staple that Westchester residents and visitors look forward to every season. It is a great place to become acquainted with various local vendors and help support small businesses."

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Sundays at Muscot Farm during Farmers Market season is a great family destination as visitors can browse the market and visit the farm animals."

Muscot Farm is located at 51 Route 100, Katonah, New York 10536. Admission is free. For more details, call Muscot Farm at (914) 864-7282 or visit <http://www.muscotfarm.org>.

Latimer, Harckham, Pierce, Take to the State for Charity in Katonah

Katonah Classic Stage presents a play reading of Neil Simon's comedy hit "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" on April 8th at the Bedford Hills Community House. While we don't have Jim Gaffigan, we do have a unique cast of elected public servants from the Town of Bedford, Westchester County, and the State of New York who will have the opportunity to display their acting talent.

For tickets and additional information, visit <https://katonahclassicstage.com/events/psa/>. Hope you can join us for a unique and fun evening while supporting professional local theatre.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue takes us through the trials and tribulations of Mel Edison, a man who is out of work, out of money, and going out of his mind; trapped with his wife, Edna, in their New York City apartment with an air conditioner that threatens to freeze him alive and walls as thin as paper. Mel is about to have nervous breakdown – and it might just be the best thing that ever happened to him!

Come laugh with us as Westchester County Executive George Latimer, State Senator Pete Harckham, County Legislator Erika Pierce, and others support the arts by showing off their acting chops!

The Bedford Hills Community House is located at 74 Main Street Bedford Hills. The performance will take place at 8 PM, Doors open at 7:15. RUN TIME is 2 hrs, with one 15 minute intermission.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/e5c1891d-1c06-4704-adc8-f4f450f91f06>.

Westchester Parks Foundation to Host Largest Volunteer Earth Day Event April 22 1,000 Volunteers Expected

Westchester Parks Foundation is getting ready for its largest volunteer event of the year with its annual Pitch in for Parks community cleanup program. The weeklong event will kick off on Monday, April 17, culminating on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 with over 1000 volunteers bringing the national spotlight on environmental causes. The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester in celebration of Earth Week.

Seth Mandelbaum, Chairperson, Westchester Parks Foundation stated: "Pitch in for Parks started back in 1994 and it has grown each year in the number of volunteers who demonstrate their desire to be stewards of the environment by acting locally. This year the culmination will be held on Earth Day itself, so we expect a record-breaking number of volunteers to come out and get our Westchester County parks ready for Spring."

Last year, 731 volunteers clocked 2,512 hours at 16 parks throughout Westchester for clean-up efforts. They planted 78 trees, removed 4,395 pounds of trash and painted 2,272 sq ft of fences, trail markers, and other surfaces in the parks. To help accommodate park stewards, additional projects have been added for volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, for trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Earth Day events will be held at Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers; Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Blue Mountain Reservation in Peekskill.

Pre-registration is required to participate. All tools will be provided, and volunteers should wear clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit <https://www.thewp.org/events> and scroll down to the park in your neighborhood to sign up.

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When will the D.A. Brag vs Trump escapade come to closure. Fish or cut bait. Either indict the man or put this saga to an end. We are all tired.

Ny lifeguards paid \$20 an hour and they still have a hard time finding candidates. Remember when a lifeguard job was a dream job?

Another year with no theatrical musical presentation in Yonkers Public School while most schools in Westchester offer semi professional productions reviewed and rated by the Journal News. It's hard to believe the district can't come up with \$25,000 per school so our students can enjoy, no pun intended, 'The Sound of Music.'

A Joyous Passover and Happy Easter to all of my readers and friends. My cousin Dr. Fred Meyerowitz, long time Yonkers dentist passed this year so sadly he will not be leading our service but we look forward to being with his family and friends to enjoy a delicious Passover meal.

Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at thistooisyonkers@aol.com.

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RATES OF PENALTIES:

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

All bidders must wear a face mask/shield at all times and social distancing must be observed by all bidders at all times. Bidders who do not comply with the face mask and/or the social distancing mandate will be removed from the auction.

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee

David A. Gallo & Associates LLP, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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Bowman also said that young democrats could take a Tik Tok ban under the Biden administration as a political danger for the President, as he prepares for a reelection run in 2024. "I think the more we learn, the more you'll see people stand up and defend TikTok. Let me say this: If information comes out that clearly shows TikTok as a problem, I will say I was wrong. I have no problem saying that. I just haven't seen that information as of yet.

CITY OF YONKERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Yonkers City Council will hold a public hearing on the Petition on March 28, 2023, at the City Council Chamber, located at 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, pursuant to Section 43-165 of the City Code of the City of Yonkers, to consider A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL ORDINANCE NO.4-2000, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 43 OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, AND THE ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP BY AMENDING SAID MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF 21 SCARSDALE ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS SECTION 4, BLOCK 4544, LOT 1, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, FROM THE CURRENT "I" ZONE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION TO AN "A" ZONE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION.

All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS

DATED: March 15, 2023

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action to Foreclose a Mortgage

Index #: 68953/2019

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, As Owner Trustee On Behalf Of CSMC 2018-RPL1 Trust Plaintiff, vs People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, Arthur Kindle, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, April Kindle-Pautsch As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Shirley Kindle-Sheppard Aka Jennifer Kindle-Sheppard As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Mark A Kindle As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Unknown Heirs Of Arthur Kindle If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 445 Franklin Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Arthur Kindle, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David F. Everett of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Second day of February, 2023 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated July 1, 2008, executed by Arthur Kindle (who died on October 6, 2021, a resident of the county of Lake, State of Illinois) and Shirley Kindle AKA Shirley A. Kindle (who died on September 7, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$356,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 482420347 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on September 9, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 6, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 502983160. The mortgage was subsequently modified on December 30, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 27, 2014 and recorded on March 6, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540593075. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 16, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 20, 2018 and recorded on April 23, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 581133048. The property in question is described as follows: 445 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: February 27, 2023 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 75442.

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operating in the city for decades without any modern pollution control equipment. Some plants run on highly polluting fuels like kerosene or oil, at least part of the time.

"Since launching the first demand-response offering in Westchester three years ago, Sustainable Westchester and Logical Buildings have seen highly impactful results driven by County residents, businesses and municipalities using GridRewards," said Jim Kuster, Interim Executive Director at Sustainable Westchester.

"The growth in participants committed to engaging with the platform and taking action when prompted validates our shared goal of reducing carbon emissions and also providing valuable grid services."

On April 12, at 12:00 - Join the New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and Nonprofit Westchester for a 30 minute webinar about Sustainable Westchester's GridRewards, a demand response tool that can pay your business or nonprofit to reduce electricity usage at key times. Learn how to enroll your buildings and show the community your business/nonprofit is taking action on Earth Day! Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/GridRewards>

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“I have received many unprompted messages from constituents who are dismayed at driving past signs for Donald J. Trump State Park,” said Assembly-woman Levenberg, who has also opened a survey soliciting local opinions on the topic on her section of the Assembly website. “Frankly, it is triggering for many people to have a daily reminder of the hatred and vitriol Donald Trump unleashed in our nation’s politics. Having one’s name on a park or a sign along our roadways is an honor, one that Donald Trump does not deserve, given his behavior.”

State Senator Brad Hoylman said: “New York wants nothing to do with Donald Trump. Just last week, Trump once again called for public protests. The last time he rallied his supporters, five people were killed and mass destruction of the U.S. Capitol ensued. Our public spaces should be named after people that embody the values of civility and inclusivity that New Yorkers are proud to honor. Our bill makes clear that Donald Trump is not that person.”

The bill, also informally known as the “Anyone But Trump Act,” passed the State Senate on June 10, 2021. Hoylman-Sigal and Levenberg hope that the time is finally right for the bill’s passage in both houses.

“This park has tremendous potential, and we deserve a great state park,” said Levenberg. “This park cannot be great with such an ignoble name.”

Senator Hoylman-Sigal added, “It’s the shame of New York that we have a state park named after a twice-impeached U.S. president. Let’s correct this for the benefit of future generations.”

Westchester State Senator Pete Harckham is also listed as a co-sponsor. The legislation was not voted on in the Assembly in 2021, but died in the Cultural Affairs Committee.

What is also interesting to note is that the park is located in both Westchester and Putnam Counties. Putnam County voters twice voted for Trump for President, with 56% of the vote in 2016 and 54% in 2020.

In the comments below the bill online, Cythia Radliff writes, I feel it would be a disgrace to change the name of the President Donald Trump park sign. I love President Trump and know many other people do.”

And one of the many Trump voters in the area reminded us, asking the democratic legislators, “What if Trump doesn’t get indicted? And what if he is reelected in 2024? Both are a real possibility, what happens then if we remove his name from the park? Do we put his name back?”

Caseworker Steals from 95-year old , continued from pg 1-

authorities immediately. Reinforcing what we know in OCFS, the vast majority of human services professionals approach their work with the utmost care and compassion.”

Chenault became the elderly woman’s caseworker in 2017. As the woman’s physical and mental health declined, Chenault was responsible for arranging home health aides from a third-party provider to provide care. Chenault went on medical leave in March 2022, and the new caseworker at APS assigned to the elderly woman noticed there had been a substantial drop in her assets in just a matter of months. Further investigation revealed that the woman’s bank accounts and retirement accounts were entirely depleted and as a result, she could no longer afford home health care. A forensic audit of her bank accounts identified a pattern of suspicious withdrawals and transfers, and the use of her ATM card at times when she was homebound. In total, Chenault is alleged to have stolen more than \$300,000 from the woman over a five-year period.

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted Chenault on charges of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Identity Theft in the First Degree, and Official Misconduct.

Westchester County Legislator James Nolan called for an investigation by the Board’s Committee on Human Services, Human Rights and Equity of the practices of the Department of Social Services relating to the protection of the assets of adults under the care of its Adult Protective Services division.

“Last Friday’s shocking allegations by the Attorney General’s office revealing how a Westchester County caseworker looted \$300,000 from the assets of a 90-year Yonkers woman with dementia over the course of five years demands an explanation from the Commissioner of Social Services and the managers in charge,” Nolan said. “Above all, the public needs to be assured that measures have been put in place since the fraud was discovered in 2022 to ensure this happens to no one else.”

“A simple solution is to mandate that caseloads rotate yearly,” Nolan continued. “This fraud was discovered by a co-worker but only after five years. An annual rotation of cases within APS would prevent fraud on such a massive scale.”

Bronxville Baseball Preview-Spring 2023



Bronxville Baseball 2023 New Head Coach, Michael Schultz (Center) with Captains (L to R) Ethan Jaquette, Connor Kenny, Ted Heraty and Chris Lockwood.

As the weather is more consistently warming up, Bronxville Baseball is excited to continue the success of the program over the past few years as they gear up for a fantastic 2023 Season. Led by a strong class of seven returning Juniors and Seniors, the Broncos will have a perfect blend of talent, experience and promise from standout underclassmen. Senior Captain and 2022 All League, All Section and League Pitcher of the Year, Chris Lockwood, looks to continue his dominance on the mound; and, help with run production in the middle of the lineup while splitting time at 3B and 1B between pitching outings. Senior Captain and 2022 All League and All Section SS/P Ethan Jaquette looks to keep sparking the offense while shutting down opposing hitters as part of one of the top 1-2 rotations in Section 1. Senior Captain and 2022 All League Honorable Mention Ted Heraty has put in off-season work and plans to be a healthy contributor as a pitcher, middle infielder and key part of the top of the lineup. And Junior Captain and 2022 All League Catcher, Connor Kenny, will return as the field general and an important run producer in the middle of the Bronco order. Other important returnees include: Sr. 1B/P/OF and 2022 All League Selection Jeremy Freeman, Sr. P/OF Jack Deneen, Sr. OF/C David Lopez-Ryan, speedy Sr. CF Jaime Valdes, Jr. P/OF Nick Raneri, Soph. OF/IF Jack Gangemi (2022 All League Honorable Mention), Soph. P/OF/IF Henry Vail, Soph. P/3B Jack Kennedy, Soph. P/OF/1B Gavin Smart and Freshman P/MIF Jake Donnelly. Jr. Toby Wardell is a new addition to the 2023 roster, and there is some promising young talent on the JV who will have the flexibility to be called up as needed.

New Head Coach Michael Schultz (BHS ’86) is excited to lead the program this season and continue the upward trajectory established under longtime Head Coach Anthony Vaglica. “It’s been 40 years since I suited up at Bronxville for Phil Kuczma (1983-1986),” Schultz noted. “In my junior year (’84-’85), many of our top athletes migrated to what was then a Club Lacrosse program. While I am proud of Bronxville’s reputation as one of the top Lacrosse schools around, I am even more proud to have been part of a ‘baseball resurgence’ at the school.” Schultz, who is Principal at The Chapel School in Bronxville and has over 30 years of coaching experience, served as Varsity Asst./Hitting Coach for the Broncos from 2013-2015, and again from 2019-2022, helping to compile an impressive 36-7 record over the past 2 seasons. With 51 players signed up for Modified, Jr. Varsity and Varsity baseball, the present and future of Bronxville Baseball is bright. The Varsity season begins in Florida, as the Broncos open up against Briarcliff at Disney/ESPN’s Wide World of Sports on Sunday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 4. “We have a tough schedule this year,” Coach Schultz added, “but we have a very talented group of young men who also have great chemistry. Our love for each other and the game of baseball should make for another memorable season, and maybe even a few more Ws. Let’s Play Ball!”

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