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Former Yorktown Teacher Charged with Possession of Child Pornography



social media photo of Giuseppe Micciari

SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced the arrest of Giuseppe Micciari, 27, of Yorktown Heights, on charges of distributing, receiving, and possessing child pornography. Micciari was presented on Nov. 3 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause in White Plains federal court.

According to US Attorney Williams: A review of MICCIARI's phone revealed the existence of numerous videos and images containing child sexual abuse material.

MICCIARI's phone revealed the use of Telegram, an internet and cloud-based instant messaging service that permits its users to exchange messages, share media and files, and hold private and group voice or video calls. Among the communications contained in the Telegram app were communications revealing a request by MICCIARI's phone for an "account hack" of an individual's Snapchat account, as well as communications in which another individual asked, "what age teen content you have," and MICCIARI's phone replied, "there one big Mega 10-17."

A U.S. passport application submitted in connection with the issuance of a U.S. passport for GIUSEPPI MICCIARI identified MICCIARI's occupation as "teacher."

MICCIARI, 27, of Yorktown, New York, is charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. Both counts carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

According to the complaint filed in White Plains Federal Court,

A Homeland Security agent, acting undercover on a site called Telegram, found buyers and sellers of videos of children under the age of 12. The trail eventually led to a Paypal account, bank account and phone number of Micciari.

"Based on information provided to me by an investigator with Bank of America ("Investigator-I"), I am aware that the owner of the Visa card ending in 6297 is "Giuseppe Micciari" at Address- I. Investigator- I also advised that "Giuseppe Micciari" received regular deposits from a local school district ("District- I") up until May 2023," writes the HSI agent.

On August 9, 2023, Micciari arrived at JFK Airport on a flight from Italy, where Customs agents seized his devices. After a Judge signed a warrant to look in the devices, 32 images and videos of underage children were found engaging

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26 Rabbis Want Latimer to Challenge Bowman: Yes It Could Happen



By Dan Murphy

Last month, 26 Rabbis asked Westchester County Executive George Latimer to challenge Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a democratic primary next year. "Since being elected, Bowman has led the effort to erode support for Israel on Capitol Hill and within the Democratic Party. That's why we're turning to you, in the hope that you will announce your candidacy for Congress and restore our values to this important seat in Washington," wrote the Rabbis, see the letter below.

In the several media stories written about a possible Bowman-Latimer face off, Latimer has not ruled out a run, which leaves the door open.

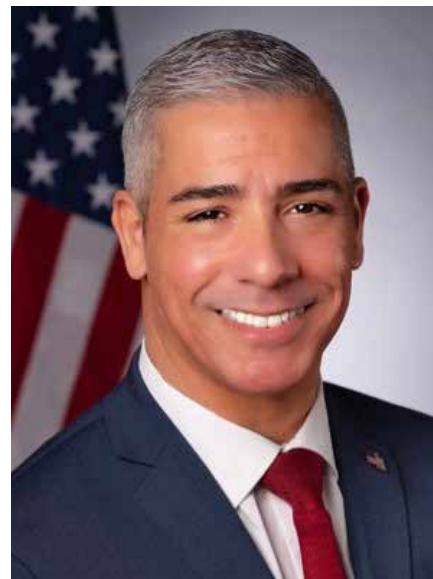
Several pros and cons to a Latimer run for Congress against Bowman next year: Pro-Latimer:

- Latimer is still the most popular democrat in Westchester County. If he runs, he will be well funded not only from his base of support in Westchester, but from those who are not thrilled with Congressman Bowman's first four years and want change. Currently, Westchester makes up 65% of the district, with the other 35% in the Bronx. Most believe that in Westchester Latimer can best Bowman.
- Latimer is politically savvy enough to walk the political tightrope that he would face, running against an incumbent member of Congress.
- The rationale for a Latimer for Congress campaign would focus on turning down the rhetoric and returning to electing a calmer representative.
- Latimer's path to victory would come from high turnout in mid Westchester and winning in Mt. Vernon and Yonkers, not an easy task. The 16th District also includes a large part of the Bronx, where Bowman got more

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No Surprises in Westchester Election 2023:

Dems Show Strength Across County; Republicans Win in Eastchester, Yorktown



By Dan Murphy

With no Presidential, Gubernatorial or County Executive race on the ballot in Westchester on Nov. 7, political parties and candidates had a difficult time getting their base excited and out to vote.

A total of 142,000 Westchester residents came out to vote in this off-year election. When George Latimer won re-election for County Executive in 2021, turnout was 165,000. When Governor Kathy Hochul won reelection in 2022, turnout was 306,000, more than double the turnout for this election.

Overall, democrats showed their strength and large enrollment edge countywide by winning most contests. But Republicans were able to hold onto their control in Eastchester and Yorktown.

Democrats were easily elected in Westchester's three largest Cities, with Mayor Mike Spano in Yonkers winning a record fourth term; Yadira Ramos-Herbert becoming the first woman of color to serve as Mayor in New Rochelle, and Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard winning a second term in Mount Vernon.

There was no change to the Super-Duper Majority that democrats hold

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St. John's Riverside Hospital & Dr. Nidhi Sahgal Discuss the Fight Against Breast Cancer



Dr. Nidhi Sahgal

By Dan Murphy

St. John's Riverside Hospital recently held a webinar during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The webinar, Fight Against Breast Cancer: The Progress We've Made, featured a discussion with Dr. Nidhi Sahgal, a breast surgeon for 22 years. Dr. Sahgal has dedicated her practice to breast diseases and breast surgery.

Is an impact being made fighting breast cancer and early detection rates? "Every month when October comes around, everyone wears pink and has been touched by this disease in some form. My hope is that in October, women go for their mammograms and discuss their risk and family history with their doctors. We know one thing about Breast Cancer for a fact: The earlier we find it, the better we can cure it and save more lives."

Dr. Sahgal said that 1 in 8 women present with Breast Cancer, a number that has held steady for a while, but "our detection rate has increased every year because more women are getting Mammograms."

"Your biggest risk of breast cancer is being a woman, and aging is the second highest risk. Early detection is key in the treatment of breast cancer. Women should get an annual mammography at age 40 to help with early detection. If the breast tissue is not dense, that should be the only test you need."

"If the breast tissue is dense, we also recommend an ultrasound for a better assessment. If a woman is at high risk, they should start screening ten years earlier than their youngest relative with a positive finding on mammogram," said Dr. Sahgal.

A woman can be high risk based on their genetics or their family background. Dr. Sahgal divided the two categories into genetic breast cancer and hereditary breast cancer.

"Genetic breast cancer is less common, but it's important to do the risk assessment because there are specific genes that elevate one's risk for breast cancer.

"Conversely, if I have a patient whose mother and grandmother have had breast cancer but no genetic mutation is found, I put that into the hereditary category. There is something there that we may not be able to classify genetically."

Dr. Sahgal explained, "Our detection rate has increased every year because more patients are getting mammograms. In stage 1-which is very early, the survival rate over 20 years is 90%. In stages 2,3 and 4, the survival rates go down. So we do know that survival is improved the earlier we find it."

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Aerosmith Founding Member to Hold Benefit Show for Disabled Veterans



Ray Tabano, 2nd left, with Disabled Vets

Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame Aerosmith's founding member Ray Tabano will host a benefit show with three band's including his 3rd Step Band . Show proceeds will benefit Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 23. <https://www.dav.org/>

The concert will be held on Sunday Nov. 12th from 2-5pm. (Doors Open at Noon) at Pete's Saloon, 8 W Main St, Elmsford, NY 10523.

DAV vets from chapter 23 VA Hospital will present opening ceremony. A Rolling Thunder (Vietnam era) display will be set up for viewing. Raffles 50 / 50 raffles and a donation booth.

Some of our readers may not know that two members of perhaps the greatest American Rock band EVER, Aerosmith, came from Yonkers.

53 years ago, Aerosmith played their first ever show in Massachusetts. Raymond Tabano was the band's rhythm guitarist. Ray and his childhood friend Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler grew up in northeast Yonkers and attended Roosevelt High School. Later both moved to Boston and formed Aerosmith with Ray as the bands' original rhythm guitarist. Ray Tabano has been featured internationally in books, documentary films, tv and radio shows.

This concert has become a yearly event for a great cause.

Cassie Pelosi Named Con Edison's Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Cassie Pelosi

Congratulations to Cassie Pelosi for being named Con Edison's Scholar Athlete of the Week. Pelosi, a senior at North Salem High School and the Captain of the Varsity Girls Soccer team, has scored a record 71 goals for North Salem over her five-year career (she started playing for the varsity soccer team in the 8th grade!) Pelosi recently scored her third set of hat tricks (3 goals in a game) in a recent win over Haldane. She was League MVP in 2021, and 2022.

Cassie is a three-sport student athlete. In addition to Soccer, Pelosi has excelled on the Varsity Winter track team, winning the League Champion in Long Jump, 800m, 4X400m, and helping North Salem win their first League Championship in 2023. She also played on the Varsity Girls Lacrosse.

Academically, Cassie is in the top 1% of her class, with a 99% unweighted GPA. She will graduate with 9 AP Courses upon graduation, in addition to taking Advanced Science Research in her Senior Year.

A Member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society, Cassie has also served as the editor of the North Salem HS school newspaper, and as a member of the Environmental Club, Math Club. She also helped organize a clothing drive for Ukrainian refugees.

In the summer of 2022, Cassie completed 150 hours of volunteer work in a lab for Mount Sinai, working with researchers studying mice, bone metabolism, and endocrinology. She has also completed 100 volunteer hours for Second Chance Foods, a food rescue organization cooking, packaging, and delivering food to those in need. Cassie plans on attending Emory University next year, where she will be playing Women's Soccer.

"Cassie is one of the top performers I have had the pleasure of knowing, both in and out of the classroom. She is a natural leader and works to the best of her ability each and every day. She balances her academic and athletic strengths with a selfless attitude of giving, as she volunteers and participates in extracurricular clubs in an authentic fashion to better the world around her. She is the epitome of what we desire as the ultimate student-athlete in North Salem," said North Salem HS Principal Vince Di Grandi.

"Cassie is by far the most talented student athlete that I have had the opportunity to work with throughout my 20+ year career as an Athletic Administrator. She is the epitome of a student athlete. Her leadership in the school building and on the playing field is evident daily. Cassie works the hardest while no one is looking, always looking to improve herself and her teammates to be the best that they can be. Cassie has had the highest overall average for her class over the past three years: 2021, 2022, and 2023," said Athletic Director Denise Kiernan.

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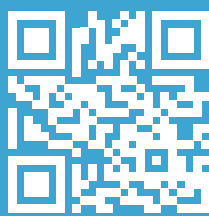
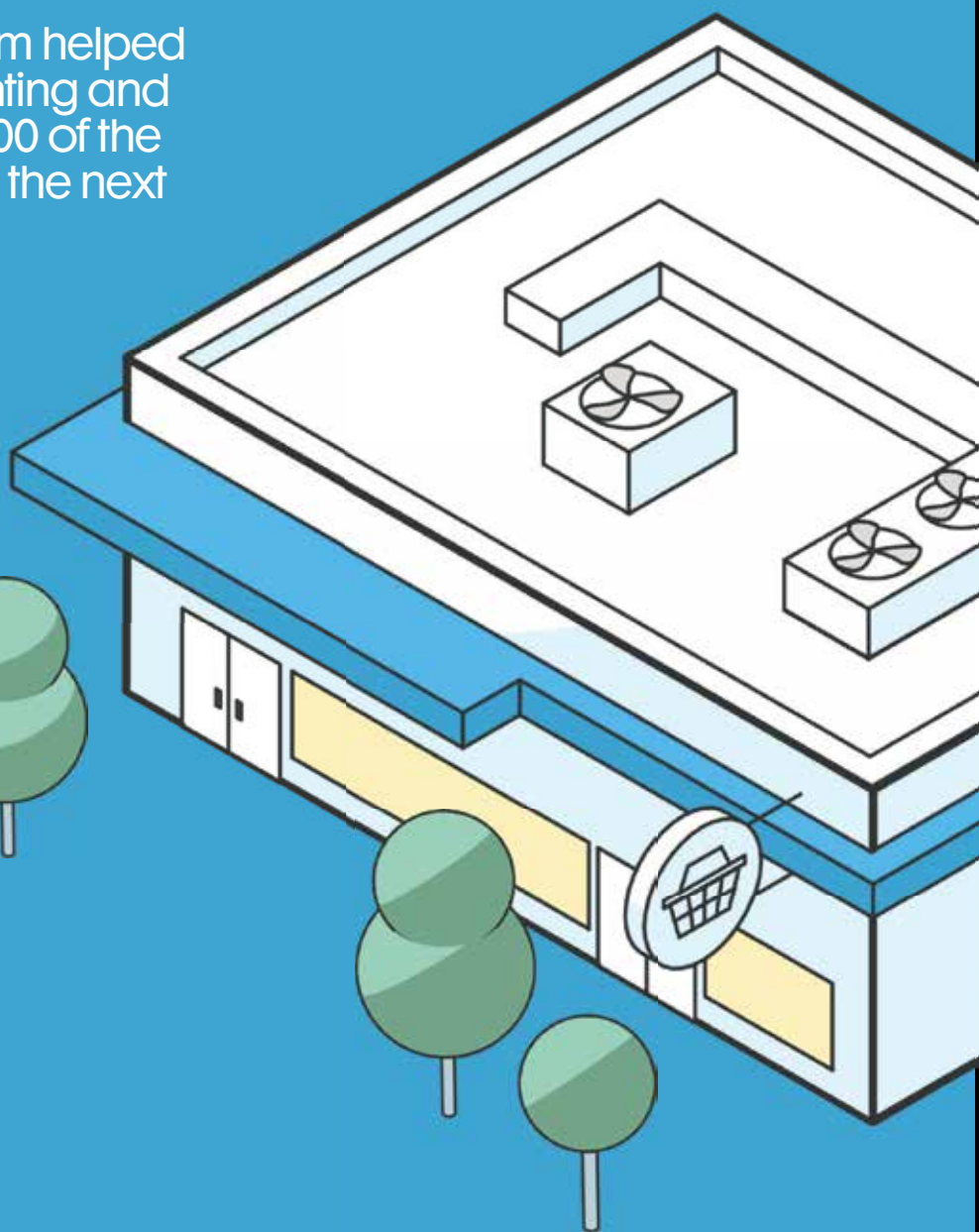
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Making the Case to Welcome, Embrace and Support Immigrants to the Hudson Valley



L-R Joe Torres, Dr. Belinda Miles, Sec'y Rodriguez, Carola Otero Bracco, and Robert Weisz

Leaders in education, non-profit, business and government, appeared on stage together at SUNY Westchester Community College to participate in a panel discussion to illustrate the many benefits and dispel the many myths surrounding the settling of migrants in neighboring communities. The event was co-hosted by the college and Neighbors Link.

The theater in the Hankin Academic Arts building on WCC's campus was almost full to capacity. The audience heard the immigrant stories of all the panelists. New York Secretary of State, Robert Rodriguez, whose family came to New York from Puerto Rico, said, "But for a war in 1898, my family would have come as immigrants, but as a result of that war, we are citizens!"

Moderator, Joe Torres, news anchor for WABC Eyewitness News and host of the public affairs show, *Tiempo!*, opened the discussion by having each panelist share their origin story as a way to honor the idea that so many of us are immigrants. He then teased out their perspective of current trends in immigration through their respective expert lens.

This was done with the backdrop of 4,000 migrants arriving each week from the southern border to the New York City area over several months. This has spurred concerns about the ability to process and house the newly arrived residents. The strain on services has revealed and laid bare issues such as a lack of affordable housing that plagued the city prior to the arrival of the migrants.

Compounding the housing issue is the lethargic process of obtaining work authorizations, which would allow the migrants – many of whom have extraordinary marketable skills that are needed in the workforce – from being able to earn income to provide for themselves and their families.

Carola Otero Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link said, "We have immigrants coming in who are playing a key role in our economy and in our culture. And it's important to understand the value they bring."

Secretary Rodriguez said, "The governor's focus has been on expediting the legal process to allow immigrants work authorization. Neighbors Link is a vital partner to making sure we provide the legal support to help folks navigate their asylum and work authorization applications. In the case of Venezuelans we've been able to expedite their work authorizations to where it is now 30-60 days as opposed to 180 days from when the application was submitted."

Belinda Miles, President of SUNY Westchester Community College, said, "Having doors of higher education open— and having a commitment to open access to institutions that provide a pathway and shine the light for people to see what opportunities exist is critical and we do that here at WCC."

Robert Weisz Chairman and CEO of RPW Group, who was born and raised in Montevideo, Uruguay, offered these comments, "People are coming here to rebuild their lives and work. Companies are desperately trying to find employees from the restaurants to the landscapers to doctors and nurses and researchers. One area that requires creative thinking is how to bridge the language gap and create incentives for the employer and opportunities for the worker to close that gap."

For more information visit www.neighborslink.org.

Congratulations Mayor Spano



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As I walked into my polling place at Yonkers Middle High School on Tuesday I felt proud, happy and sad. Proud that with all that is going on in the world today I was able to cast my ballot freely without any interference or soldiers carrying guns making sure no one would prevent me from doing my civic duty. Happy to see in this off year election without the Presidential candidates that several of my neighbors were casting their ballots too!

Sad? The poll workers who traditionally were senior citizens working this very long day were not there. They have been replaced by very competent younger people, but there was something about their absence. Many stopped working with the advent of Covid afraid of exposure. But many of them have gone to the voting booth in the sky and are no longer with us.

The seniors and their 'kibitzing' with the voters many of who were their neighbors made for a lively scene at the polls. There was my neighbor Ethel Samuelson who was so proud to see me cast my first vote on Election Day 2 days after my father had died. Ethel, loud unique voice and all ran things like a General in the Army making sure everything ran perfectly at the polls.

Sad that my mom is not alive to accompany me to the polls and cast her ballot together with me. Sad that the old lever voting machines are no longer with us and that everything is computerized. And sad that voters in 2023 don't have the unique pleasure and ability to cast their ballots on the lever machines. They worked so well for so many year. Memories!

Congratulations Mike Spano on your reelection as Mayor. With voter approved term limits he should have served a maximum 2 four year terms. After Tuesdays election and the completion of the term he was elected to he will have served 16 years! As I have said before he swore to me that he would not go beyond 2 terms, and you can't call it anything but a lie when he and the City Council twice changed the City Charter which now allows him to serve 4 four year terms.

A tidbit of information. Charter changes use to be done by a Charter Revision Commission that would pose changes to the electorate for vote on Election Day. We never had the City Council and the Mayor make changes even though they have every right to. This City Council Charter change method is new and has only taken place over the last 10 years or so. For something like term limits a vote by the public should occur.

It is time that the Mayor or the City Council who both have the ability to appoint Charter Revision Commissions do so. With a Commission the change is clear and it gives the public another opportunity to participate in their government. I have served on 3 Charter Revision Commissions appointed by 2 Mayors each of whom put a question on the ballot. The Commission has the right to propose any changes it wants to the electorate and takes the politics out of the process.

Mayor Mike Spano has done a good job in office during his first 3 four year terms. We have been witness to big changes to the character of our city. First and foremost is the Waterfront. How many years has there been talk of change on the waterfront and now it is a reality. Problem is what one must go through to get from the highway and parkways to the waterfront. Main Street and New Main Street both need a 'cleaning up' for lack of a better term. Basically, the whole area that we refer to as 'the Square' requires attention.

Our schools are rated among the top in New York State and in the nation. Mayor Spano has made some excellent choices for the Board of Education. The President of the School Board has had a long tenure in that role. It's only fair to him that another Trustee step up to the plate and serve as School Board President. I still oppose the \$15,000 compensation he receives which is unnecessary for a volunteer position.

Mike has done a good job of putting fresh faces on our city boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving contact his office and I am sure you will receive proper consideration. City unions have contracts and seem pleased with working conditions. For the ethnic and religious groups concerned with diversity in the workplace, my suggestion is to bring forth to the Mayor candidates for appointment.

Our Parks and the services they offer give citizens plenty to do. Crime is down thanks to the hard work of our police officers and leadership. One hopes that there will be no fires in Yonkers but our Fire Department is top notch. Department of Public Works employees keep our city clean. Now if only the public will help out! Our libraries? State of the art!

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Third Precinct Police Community Council

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Usual quality of life issues and concerns will be discussed. A special recognition tribute will be given to Douglas Horsting who was the organized retail crime law enforcement liaison officer. Residents and merchants of southwest Yonkers area are strongly urged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact either Bob Stauf, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey of the Third Precinct at 914 377-7427.

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NYPD Cop & Boyfriend Living in Yonkers Charged with Selling Kilos of Fentanyl-Heroin



NYPD Officer on Modified Duty Conspired to Distribute Kilogram Quantities of Fentanyl and Heroin

SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced last week the filing of a Complaint in Manhattan federal court charging GRACE ROSA BAEZ and CESAR MARTINEZ with conspiracy to distribute narcotics and distribution of narcotics.

“Grace Rosa Baez took an oath to protect and serve. As alleged, she flagrantly violated that oath by pushing poison, including Fentanyl and Heroin, which are driving the nation’s deadly opioid crisis. My office and our law enforcement partners will continue to aggressively pursue those peddling these deadly poisons-no matter who they are.”

As alleged in the complaint, From at least on or about October 9, 2023, through on or about October 19, 2023, BAEZ and MARTINEZ had numerous conversations with a confidential source (the “CS”) working with law enforcement regarding wholesale narcotics trafficking. In particular, during those discussions, BAEZ and MARTINEZ offered to sell the CS kilogram quantities of fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine. For example, on or about October 11, 2023, BAEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that BAEZ could sell the CS two kilograms of fentanyl for \$30,000 per kilogram, could sell the CS an additional 400 grams of heroin with pricing to be negotiated later, and further agreed to provide the CS with a sample of the fentanyl. BAEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that the fentanyl was top quality and directed that the CS meet her on or about October 16, 2023, to obtain a sample of the drugs available for sale.

On or about October 16, 2023, BAEZ and the CS met in Yonkers, New York, near BAEZ and MARTINEZ’s shared apartment. During the meeting, BAEZ handed the CS a plastic candy container and indicated that the fentanyl sample was inside. As depicted below, the bottle contained a small, clear bag filled with a white powdery substance, which was later tested and confirmed to contain fentanyl.

On or about October 17, 2023, BAEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that BAEZ had a sample of heroin ready for the CS and asked the CS to meet her in Yonkers. During their meeting, BAEZ handed the CS a clear plastic bag filled with a white powdery substance, which was later tested and confirmed to contain heroin. BAEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that she had additional heroin available for sale and that she would provide the CS’s phone number to her boyfriend, MARTINEZ.

Later that day, on or about October 17, 2023, MARTINEZ called the CS and negotiated the sale of approximately one kilogram of heroin and 800 grams of fentanyl. MARTINEZ further stated, in substance and in part, that he would have cocaine for sale in the following weeks. Later in the evening on or about October 17, 2023, MARTINEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that on or about October 19, 2023, MARTINEZ and BAEZ could sell the CS one kilogram of heroin for approximately \$25,000 and an additional 800 grams of fentanyl with pricing to be negotiated later. MARTINEZ directed the CS to test the purity of the fentanyl and then pay BAEZ and MARTINEZ based on the quality of the fentanyl.

On or about October 18, 2023, BAEZ and MARTINEZ continued to discuss narcotics transactions with the CS, including negotiations over pricing. BAEZ and MARTINEZ told the CS, in substance and in part, that they would also sell the CS approximately 400 grams of a lesser-quality heroin and an additional sample of fentanyl.

On or about October 19, 2023, the CS and BAEZ met in Yonkers to complete the narcotics transaction. BAEZ handed the CS packages containing suspected narcotics, including what appeared to be one kilogram of suspected heroin, which was labeled “#1”; 400 grams of suspected heroin, which was labeled “400”; 640 grams of suspected fentanyl, which was labeled “640 MANZANA”; and an additional, separate sample of suspected fentanyl.

on the Westchester Board of Legislators, with 15 democrats winning election on Nov. 7. Some of the hopes that republicans had to pick up a few seats did not materialize. Republican Legislator James Nolan held onto his seat by defeating former Legislator Ruth Walter 53-47. Nolan is the only republican on the county board, with Legislator Margaret Cunzio a registered conservative. Cunzio was reelected without opposition.

Democrats won the other three competitive county board races, with BOL Chair Vedat Gashi handily defeating republican Dan Branda -60%-40% in the 4th district; Legislator Colin Smith also held onto his seat, defeating Joe Torres 54%-46%, a larger margin than Smith’s victory over Torres two years ago; in the 1st district; and in an open seat in district 10-democrat Judah Holstein, 55%, defeated republican Beth Acocella-45%. The democrats victories in the county board races showed no push back on crime, or migrants or any other hot button issue that republicans had hoped to capitalize on. Overall, Westchester voters are satisfied.

The same can be true in the Towns of Eastchester and Yorktown with the Republican leadership in Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita and Yorktown Supervisor Tom Diana. In Eastchester, Colavita ran unopposed and the two candidates for Town Board, Sheila Marcotte and Anthony Giacobbe, only had opposition from Conservative Bob Fois, who lost by 34 points.

In Yorktown, Diana was elected Supervisor for his first full term, as was Councilman Ed Lachterman. Republican council candidate Patrick Murphy was also elected. Town Clerk Diana Quast, a democrat, was reelected, bucking the trend for a republican sweep by defeating republican Jenna Lennox Belcastro, 52%-48%.

Four seats on the State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District were on the ballot, and the four democratic candidates won election. Incumbent State Supreme Court Justices Fran Connolly and Justice Charley Wood were reelected, and

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The Mayor must address affordable housing. We want to be sure the budget silence is real and that we won’t wake up one day with problems like we had in the past. The Inspector General’s office is awfully quiet. More auditing should be done of city departments. Yonkers has been criticized for using the same outside auditing firm for way to many years. This should have and must change.

The City must look at campaign financing. Candidates running for office and in particular the Mayor have their campaign coffers filled with donations from companies who do business with the city. This gives the appearance of a pay to play environment. The City Charter is specific in terms of donations to candidates allowed from city employees. This is an area that needs review.

The lack of an active daily paper that questions the affairs of the city is a problem caused by newspapers lack of local coverage. This paper, it’s editor Dan Murphy and his assistant Bayan Baker do an excellent job reporting on Yonkers but the job requires more than 2 people for a city of our size. The lack of an active cable public access program is an area city residents need to get more involved with. We pay a lot of money for cable television and one of its mandates is the ability of the public to use its facilities for community purposes.

Good luck Mayor Spano as you enter term number four. It’s critical that the citizenry play an active role in municipal affairs to support the Mayor. If you see a problem bring it to the attention of those in charge. If you see something commendable make sure the powers that be know about it!

Mazel Tov Mike! Happy Diwali! We Salute our Veteran’s TOMMORROW, November 11! Reach Eric Schoen at histooisyonkers@aol.com, follow him on Twitter (X) @ericyonkers or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

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Weekend Events at Westchester Parks

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

The Westchester, White Plains

Mall Walk at the Westchester: Fridays and Tuesdays, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Get details at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/mall-walking> or call (914) 231-4539.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Fall Photography, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Bring your camera to explore Lasdon's fall landscape. Concepts such as composition, lighting and exposure will be discussed as we talk about what makes a good image. All experience levels are welcome.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/fall-photography/2023-11-10/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Eat, Drink & Decorate!, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Folks ages 18 and older can join Caitlin of CM Cookies for an evening of seasonal Muscote mocktails and snacks while learning all of the tips and tricks of how to decorate cookies. Get details and register <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2023/11/10/eat-drink-decorate-/449810>

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Yoga at the Quarry with YogaSix, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Join staff from YogaSix and Cranberry Lake Preserve on a guided hike, followed by 30 minutes of yoga, meditation and breathing. Registration is required at (914) 428-1005.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Animal Interactions: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Enter one of Muscote's enclosures where you will see, touch and learn more about an animal. Also: Dec. 9. Get details and register <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2023/10/14/1697295600/animal-interactions/449741>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Birding, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Join us for this walk and find out which of our feathered friends are passing through the Conservancy on their way south. Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

One with the Invasives, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Learn how to remove and identify these problematic plants.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Canoe Burning, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Learn about and witness the burning of the tuliptree canoe, which is a traditional Lenape practice of creating canoes using fire. Stop in at any point during this outdoor demonstration! For all ages.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. It features more than 20 local vendors each week; every Sunday until Nov. 19. Get details at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2023/07/02/1688308200/muscote-farm-s-farmers-market/441909>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Animal Survival, 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Learn how animals start to prepare for surviving the cold winter months. We will also make a bear and cave craft that you can take home.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Bulb-Forcing Workshop, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Learn how to force spring bulbs to bloom indoors for you. Go home with two pots of bulbs and instructions on how to get them to flower for you in the middle of winter.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/bulb-forcing-workshop/>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

The Rodents of Read, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Read's rodents have interesting methods for foraging and surviving. Learn how these mammals live in their habitats.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

Westchester Knicks, 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Get details and tickets <https://countycenter.biz/event/westchester-knicks-vs-maine-2/>

Hudson River Patriots, NDAR, Honor Yonkers Resident Del Vecchio with Good Citizen Award



Honoree Michael Del Vecchio with Philomena Dunn, Regent of the Hudson River Patriots Chapter, NDAR.

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian

On Sunday, October 15th, the Hudson River Patriots Chapter NDAR honored Yonkers resident Michael Del Vecchio with its prestigious Good Citizen Award for 2023! The award was presented at a very appropriate location, the Yonkers Historical Society's Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road, one of the few restored pre-Revolutionary tenant farmhouses remaining in the metropolitan area.

On learning of Michael's Eagle Scouts projects to honor the forgotten Revolutionary War Patriots buried in St. John's Cemetery, the Hudson River Patriots Chapter decided he was more than worthy of this esteemed award. He investigated each patriot buried in St. John's, determined the exact location of each grave and marked every soldier's resting place with both a flag and a Revolutionary War Medallion.

As part of the award ceremony, Michael read the names of all the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in St. John's cemetery.

When asked why he selected this undertaking for his Eagle Scout project, he told those gathered he wanted to do something significant, that was important to our American history. The soldiers buried at St. John's are so important to our history, although laying in unmarked graves, some with stones covered by time; he wanted to rectify the ravages of time and give our patriot soldiers the acknowledgment and appreciation they deserved.

He received both a certificate and a pin commemorating this important recognition, one of the most significant the chapter awards.

Michael's parents are Cindy Pramann and Michael Del Vecchio, Sr.; he is a recent graduate of Archbishop Stepinac High School.

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter was formed in 2001 by merging three Rivertown chapters, Yonkers' Keskeskick Chapter, Tarrytown Chapter and the Hastings' General Jacob Odell Chapter.

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in sexual conduct with an adult, and Micciari's Telegram account was also found with messages back and forth to purchase same content.

In those messages, Micciari attempted to buy the Snapchat password of a minor girl who was attending "School District-1", so that he could hack into the account.

According to the Yorktown School District, Micciari worked as a teaching assistant at Brookside Elementary School and then Yorktown High School from 2019-2023. Micciari was also set to coach Yorktown High school's JV football team this year but resigned in August.

High school sports websites and Micciari's professional media account show that he was a coach for the Yorktown Athletic League from 2011-2014, and that he played on the Yorktown HS Football team, until his graduation in 2014.

The Yorktown School District and Superintendent Dr. Ron Hattar confirmed in a letter to parents Micciari no longer works for the school district.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Giuseppe Micciari's alleged conduct is vile and disturbing, especially given that, as a teacher, Micciari was entrusted with the care of children. Investigating and prosecuting those who sexually exploit children remains of paramount importance to this Office, and we will do everything in our power to protect the children of our community."

HSI Special Agent in Charge Ivan J. Arvelo said: "Giuseppe Micciari was entrusted with our most vulnerable segment of society – our children. His alleged depraved acts betrayed that trust. Not only is Micciari accused of collecting and sharing of these heinous acts, but also attempting to hack into a student's social media. HSI New York and our law enforcement partners will continue to work tirelessly to ensure predators seeking to exploit children face just consequences for their actions."

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that, in part, extends the temporary limited moratorium on the issuance of “Cigarette Dealer Licenses” pursuant to section 31-153 of the Code notwithstanding any other ordinance, law, or resolution, no person shall be issued a new license under section 31-153 as previously enacted with General Ordinance No. 13-2023. This moratorium shall not impact current license holders. This ordinance is effective immediately and shall expire and have no further force or effect on or after May 1, 2024.

The penalties for offenses pursuant to this ordinance are as follows:
A violation of this article shall constitute a Class II offense.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: October 30, 2023
Vincent Spano, City Clerk

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 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.

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than 80% of the vote when he faced a challenge two years ago from two County Legislators: Vedat Gashi and Catherine Parker.

• Israel: While Bowman continues to try and mend fences in the Jewish community, he was one of only five House members to vote against a resolution supporting the state of Israel to exist. Latimer will certainly be able to use Bowman’s votes against Israel to his benefit, but will that translate into enough votes to win? And can Latimer win on this issue alone?

Pro-Bowman:

- It is almost impossible to defeat a sitting member of Congress in a primary. But candidate Jamaal Bowman did just that, beating longtime Westchester Congressman Eliot Engel. Now with four years serving the people of Westchester, Bowman has the power of incumbency on his side.
- Bowman lives in Yonkers. If he can win his home city, then a victory over Latimer is almost certain. Add to that Bowman’s strength in Mt. Vernon and the Bronx and the numbers make it difficult for Latimer to overtake Rep. Bowman.
- Any redistricting changes in the district will help Bowman. This complicated issue is now in the NY courts. But if the court rules that the state legislature and the governor can try again to draw “fair” lines, the democratic controlled senate and assembly may try to tweak both of Westchester’s congressional districts.

One theory has NY Dems adding some democratic portions of Westchester to the 17th District, currently represented by republican Congressman Mike Lawler. Lawler won by only 1,800 votes in 2022. The rumored shift would place White Plains and Scarsdale in CD 17.

This change would help a democratic candidate next year against Lawler. Right now, all indications are that former Congressman Mondaire Jones will be the democratic candidate.

To compensate for the switch in Westchester, Rep. Bowman’s 16th District would get more of the Bronx, and the democratic voters in NYC.

The bigger, national picture for democrats is the hope that by beating Lawler, democrats are closer to retaking control of the House; republicans currently hold a slim, 5 seat majority.

That change could have big implications for Rep. Bowman, and whether he gets a challenge from Latimer. One Westchester democrat said, “If the district stays the same, I think George runs and he can win. But if they change it, he won’t run.”

The one unknown that cannot be measured is how strong the unhappiness with Bowman in Westchester will correlate to support and votes for Latimer. Rev. Michael Gerald from Tuckahoe had announced that he was challenging Bowman but put his campaign on hold pending a decision from Latimer.

The letter to Latimer from the Rabbis reads: “We are rabbis from across the Jewish denominational spectrum. While we represent congregations and organizations throughout New York’s 16th Congressional District, today, we are writing in our personal capacities, to urge you to announce your run for Congress.

“Three years ago, Jamaal Bowman unseated Eliot Engel and brought a deeply concerning agenda to Washington. Many of us tried to engage the Congressman early in his term, seeking constructive dialogue about the damaging positions he took – especially on matters related to America’s relationship with Israel. Regrettably, Congressman Bowman disregarded our outreach and doubled down on his anti-Israel policy positions and messaging.

“Last April, many of us signed an open letter to Bowman citing his troubling record and urging him to change course. We were once again met with silence – and then, even more damaging actions in Congress. Bowman boycotted President Herzog’s historic speech, refused to sign a resolution that rejected Israel as a racist or apartheid state, and voted against legislation supporting the Abraham Accords and celebrating Israel’s 75th anniversary of statehood.

“Last week, more than 1,300 Israelis were brutally massacred by Hamas terrorists. Thousands of others were physically, sexually, and psychologically injured, to say nothing of the nearly 200 taken hostage. Your statement of unequivocal support for our ally was immensely appreciated by our community. “Inexplicably, but predictably, while Congressman Bowman condemned the attacks, he put the blame on Israel for its “blockade of Gaza.” He now is calling for an immediate ceasefire, effectively a position of appeasement toward Hamas’s terror regime.

“Since being elected, Bowman has led the effort to erode support for Israel on Capitol Hill and within the Democratic Party. That’s why we’re turning to you, in the hope that you will announce your candidacy for Congress and restore our values to this important seat in Washington.

Sincerely, Rabbi Jonathan E. Blake, Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz, Rabbi Chaim Axelrod, Rabbi Sasha Baken, Rabbi Adam Baldachin, Rabbi Lester Bronstein, Rabbi Jeffrey Brown, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Rabbi Reuven Fink, Rabbi Leora Frankel, Rabbi Howard Goldsmith, Rabbi Daniel Gropper, Rabbi Shmuel Hain, Rabbi Evan Hoffman, Rabbi David Holtz, Rabbi Nuriel Klinger, Rabbi Binyamin Krauss, Rabbi Chaim Marder, Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern, Rabbi Daniel Reiser, Rabbi David Schuck, Rabbi Zach Sitkin, Rabbi Jay Stein, Rabbi Annie Tucker, Rabbi Scott Weiner

“If you add up Gashi’s votes and Parker’s votes against Bowman in 2022, you get 44%. If George (Latimer) can squeeze another 6 points, then he can win. It’s not impossible,” said one Westchester democrat.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company TM Studio Ink LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/18/2023 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 : 5 Palisade Avenue 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 2023 Holdings LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/21/2023 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 : 5 Palisade Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

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 RyPlunk LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 104 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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St. John’s Riverside Hospital has both Digital Mammography and 3D Mammography. “With the advent of 3D Mammography, there is value to it for women with dense breasts, as well as for detecting some other things that a digital mammography can’t. The younger you are, the more dense your breasts tend to be, so there is a need for 3D Mammography in some of our patients.”

If an abnormality is found, Dr. Sahgal can perform a non-invasive biopsy. “One of the biggest fears women have about testing is that they will have a scar if a biopsy is needed. This is untrue; there is no scar to make a diagnosis.”

“If a diagnosis of cancer is made, the first step is to see a surgeon, who will go over your entire history and see if additional testing is needed. After that, the next step for most women is surgery,” said Dr. Sahgal.

“There are several types of breast cancer surgery, including lumpectomy and mastectomy. A lumpectomy is the removal of the cancerous tissue in the breast and lymph nodes under the arm but not the entire breast. This type of surgery has been around for thirty years, but what’s new is we can do less and less lymph node surgery because we can better identify which lymph nodes are the first ones cancer would go to and only remove those.

90% of breast cancer comes from the ducts in the breast, and 10% comes from the glands in the breast. Breast cancer has three biological markers that we test for that help guide treatment and also grade the cancer to assess how aggressive it is. Grades range from 1 to 3, three being the most aggressive. The grade not only tells us how aggressive the disease is, but it also helps guide treatment.

Dr. Sahgal explained that usually, women who choose a lumpectomy have radiation treatment after surgery. “A lumpectomy followed with radiation after surgery, for women under 70, is comparable to a mastectomy in reducing the chances of the cancer coming back in most women with a single breast cancer diagnosis.

The other form of breast cancer surgery is a mastectomy, which is the removal of the entire breast. Dr. Sahgal said that while fewer mastectomies are being performed today because of better outcomes from lumpectomies, “a mastectomy is always an option. Full removal of all breast tissue reduces the need for radiation therapy post-surgery, which some women want to avoid, so it’s an operation that works well. Further, we always follow up with a plastic surgeon to discuss reconstruction options with women who make that choice.”

The goal of any breast cancer surgery is to remove all diseased cells. After surgery, the patient is sent to the medical oncologist at St. John’s to determine the next best step. Depending on the patient, it could be as simple as daily oral medication, and other times, it’s chemotherapy (medicine given intravenously). Other post-surgery treatments include immunotherapy. It depends on the scenario, the stage of the cancer, the age of the patient, and the health of the patient.

One test that Dr. Sahgal and the Oncology Department of St. John’s Riverside Hospital use in certain situations is an Oncotype recurrence score. “It helps to guide us as to what the chances are that this tumor will come back. This helps us determine the best medical treatment for breast cancer and is an amazing advancement in the medical oncology world.”

Of the 300,000 breast cancer patients in the country every year, 1% are men. “Symptoms for most men who have breast cancer have chest irritation, which could resemble a rash that itches or is painful. Many times, it is discovered by their primary care provider. If you have those symptoms, then you should let your doctor know. Also, if your mother had breast cancer, you should be vigilant because the genes for other cancers, such as prostate and pancreatic cancer, can be connected to breast cancer,” said Dr. Sahgal.

What can people do to prevent breast cancer? Dr. Sahgal says, “A high-fiber, low-fat diet helps reduce the risk of many cancers. Staying active is also key; even if it’s 10 minutes of walking outside daily, the more you stay active, the less the chance of cancer. Breastfeeding has also been shown to help reduce the risk of breast cancer in women, but of course, some of us can’t control this. “

Dr. Sahgal said all the media attention about breast cancer awareness month has resulted in “a much higher awareness from people about the importance of testing. October begins my busiest time of year because women are going for mammograms during Breast Cancer Awareness month. While many women are still hesitant because of the fear of the unknown and other stigmas around breast cancer treatment, we must continue to fight and be proactive about our health, and you can make a difference.”

To make an appointment for a mammography, call St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Central Scheduling at (914) 964-4329 or for a Breast Surgeon Referral call (914) 964-4DOC (4362).

Dr. Nidhi Sahgal is a fellowship-trained, board-certified breast surgeon who specializes in the treatment of breast cancer. With over 22 years of experience both at Essen Health Care and St. John’s Riverside Hospital, she has performed hundreds of successful breast surgeries and helped countless patients survive their diagnosis of breast cancer. Dr. Sahgal received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed her General Surgery training at North Shore University Hospital and fellowship training in breast surgery at Stanford University Hospital.

SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; ALECIA NATALEE MOORE, POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATRIX AND HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; ALECIA NATALEE MOORE, AS NATURAL GUARDIAN OF DK A/K/A DDM A/K/A DDM A/K/A DM, MINOR HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; KENTON MOORE, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; KADIA MOORE DAVIS, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; TANEISHA MOORE ISAAC, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; TAMARINE MOORE HENRY, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; JASON MOORE, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; LUSAN MOORE, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; KYLIE MOORE, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH MOORE A/K/A KENNETH ARTHUR MOORE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; “JOHN DOE” AND “JANE DOE” said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein,, Defendants. Index No. 63827/2023 Mortgaged Premises: 55 Vernon Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 Section: 165.81 Block: 4029 Lot: 12. To The Above Named Defendant(s): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. If you fail to appear or to answer within the aforementioned time frame, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Mortgage to secure \$400,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office on April 2, 2007 under Control Number 470810667, covering the premises known as 55 Vernon Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located.. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, New York 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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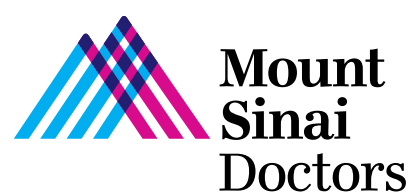
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