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We Endorse Tony Colavita for Eastchester Supervisor



We endorse Tony Colavita for reelection as Supervisor in the Town of Eastchester.

Colavita is the only elected official in Westchester who hasn't taken a raise in 23 years! We start with this because it symbolizes how Colavita has served the people of Eastchester- by putting people and taxpayers first.

Why has Colavita been elected and reelected 11 times? By focusing on the fundamentals of local government: keeping taxes and spending under control, maintaining strong public services, protecting public safety, investing in parks, recreation facilities, and infrastructure, and preserving the quality of life that makes Eastchester a desirable place to live and raise a family.

* Eastchester has NEVER exceeded NY State's 2% property tax cap. For the past 5 years, tax increases have been at or below 1.25 %.
* The Town has earned Moody's highest municipal bond rating—AAA—and has received a 0% fiscal-stress designation from the New York State Comptroller's Office, which also ranks Eastchester in the top 1% for stable, well-managed finances.

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We Endorse Shelley Mayer for State Senate, District 37



We endorse Shelley Mayer for State Senate in District 37. Mayer is completing her 8th year in the Senate, after serving 6 years in the Assembly.

During her 14 years of service, Senator Mayer has helped ensure Westchester residents' voices are heard in Albany.

Mayer has not served in a hyper-partisan manner. In fact, she has earned the respect of not only Democrats, but Independents and even Republicans, who are collegial with Mayer, a rare occurrence in today's politics.

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Underage Sex Predators Come in All Ages:

33 Year old and 72 Year Old Arrested



Joseph Filingeri

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Sheriff Brian Hess announces the arrest of Joseph J. Filingeri, 33, of Mahopac, New York, on multiple felony charges, including Rape in the Third Degree and Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, following an investigation that uncovered evidence of sexual offenses involving multiple underage girls.

The investigation began late on the night of October 6, 2026, when deputies responded to a report of a missing teenage girl who was believed to be with a 33-year-old man. Deputies located the girl, highly intoxicated, in a vehicle with Filingeri and determined that he had purchased the alcohol. The girl was transported to the hospital for evaluation, and Filingeri was arrested for Unlawful Dealing

Conley's "Outsider" Status Becomes Campaign Flash Point in NY-17



Congressional candidate parachuted into Westchester last year; Lawler was born and raised in District 17 and raising his family here now

By Dan Murphy

In the final weeks of the congressional race, more and more voters are questioning Cait Conley's qualifications to represent District 17 in Congress because she only parachuted into Westchester last year and doesn't even own a home or pay property taxes in the county.

Conley's decision to move from Virginia to New Castle in 2025 for the sole reason to run for Congress is raising questions about the legitimacy of her interest in the District and has become a flash point in the race, which has attracted national

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Two Examples of the Problem with our Immigration Enforcement



By Dan Murphy

We have been sounding the alarm over ICE policy concerning the apprehension, detention, and deportation of illegal residents of Westchester. But we also support ICE's efforts to arrest, detain, and deport illegal residents who have been convicted of serious crimes.

This opinion puts us in the middle of an argument where, for the most part, republicans want to deport all illegal residents

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Early Voting Starts Oct. 24



Find your early polling location on page 12

Yonkers Author María Roel Shares Her Immigration Story in My Sand Castle



Yonkers resident Dr. María Roel is an educator, author, and international education professional whose life has taken her from Spain to several parts of the United States and Europe. Now she is sharing that journey through her book, My Sand Castle, also published in Spanish as Mi Castillo de Arena.

Originally from A Coruña, Spain, Roel has worked in education for more than 20 years in the United States and Europe. She currently teaches in Brooklyn and holds degrees in Law and Education as well as a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a concentration in International Education. She is also the founder of Roel International Education, an organization focused on international educational opportunities and cultural exchange.

My Sand Castle is a deeply personal story about immigration, family, identity, belonging, and the uncertainty that can accompany building a life far from home. The title comes from the central metaphor of the book: a person can spend years carefully building a life, a career, a home, friendships, routines, and a sense of stability, only to discover how quickly an unexpected change can make everything feel as fragile as a sandcastle facing an incoming wave.

Although immigration is at the center of the story, Roel says the book is ultimately about much more than immigration."It is about family, resilience, identity, perseverance, and what it means to create a home," she says. "Many people have experienced a moment when the life they carefully built suddenly felt uncertain. You do not necessarily have to be an immigrant to understand that feeling."

Yonkers has become an important part of Roel's own sense of home. After living in many different places throughout her life, she says she has learned that belonging is often created through ordinary experiences rather than major events.

She enjoys spending time outdoors with her family, walking and running with

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Nolan-Skipper County Board Race Gets Weird at Candidate Forum



By Dan Murphy

One of our favorite statements from Mayor Mike Spano is that he has tried to take "the drama out of Yonkers politics. For 16 years, he has done so. But on October 21, a community forum at Beczak took a weird and disappointing turn as an argument in the bathroom between three women turned into a heated exchange; punches were thrown, and the Yonkers Police got involved.

The three women are Kisha Skipper, a Democratic candidate for County Legislator District 15. Donna Nolan, mother of James Nolan, a Republican candidate and current County Legislator for District 15. And Stephanie Holguin, a former assistant to Skipper's campaign, who claims that she is owed $2,000 for her services.

The incident happened during one of the debates and got so loud that people ran to the bathroom and started recording on their cell phones. One video has also appeared on Facebook from inside the bathroom.

James Nolan has posted two videos, one from inside and one from outside. Both show heated exchanges that eventually turned into punches. Yonkers Police arrived and detained Skipper. She was not charged and later posted a video of her own on Facebook outside of the hospital with her arm in a sling. "There's, I was not arrested; yes, information out there. No, I was not arrested; yes, I was detained pending an investigation. I was released, and there will be more information forthcoming."

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Plan Better Family Weekends

Wednesday Wisdom - what if we told you that there was an easier way to make plans for the weekend and actually stick to them?

Join us next Tuesday* for a virtual "lunch & learn" with Kayla Kaplowitz of The Plan, a weekly newsletter/family events calendar subscription helping hundreds of local parents in Northern Westchester and Fairfield County.

Learn about helpful apps and tricks to turn those screenshot "maybes" into actual plans with friends and family.

This is a ZOOM program; please register online to receive the Zoom link.

*This is part 2 of a 3-part series. You can watch Part 1 on our YouTube channel (search "john c hart memorial library")

EVENT OVERVIEW: Join Kayla Kaplowitz, mom of 2 and founder of The Plan, for 3 free monthly workshops this Fall to learn the apps, tools, and calendar hacks that'll help you take charge of your family weekends and turn ideas into *actual* plans. Join one event or join them all!

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Several libraries in Westchester County have teamed up with The Plan's Kayla Kaplowitz to help any caregiver – parents, nannies, grandparents – become a better weekend planner for their family.

Kayla will be joined by North Salem mom of 2 Johna Rae Barrow, who loves building community and has honed her own family's digital system to prioritize family and friend connections.

Kayla's tried-and-true system will inspire you to turn ideas into actual plans, and be more intentional about making easy weekend plans with friends, family, your community, and of course, your kids.

In this "lunch n' learn" virtual workshop, you'll learn:

The apps, calendar hacks & systems she uses to capture "what-to-do" suggestions and turn them into actual family plans.

The simple AI prompt she uses to quickly add a perfectly-formatted, detailed event listing into your own calendar from anywhere (a flyer, a road sign, etc.).

The email and calendar settings that completely changed how she plans weekends with her family.

Strategies on how to turn your saved ideas from "we'll do that someday" to actually making a plan with friends/family

BONUS: Each attendee will have the opportunity to sign up for a complimentary 3-month Premium subscription to The Plan

ABOUT KAYLA

Kayla Kaplowitz is the creator and Chief Curator of The Plan, an independent, reader-supported weekly newsletter & family events calendar subscription helping hundreds of local parents in Northern Westchester and Fairfield County plan better weekends. What started as a personal solution – a single, curated calendar she built for her mom friends – has grown into a go-to resource for local families.

Before founding The Plan, Kayla spent 15+ years in tech PR, working with startup founders and creative leaders. She brings that same systems-thinking and content expertise to her workshops: sharing the exact tools, apps, and shortcuts she uses to make weekend planning for her own family feel easy and doable. She lives in South Salem with her husband and two daughters.

ABOUT JOHNA

Born and raised in Westchester County, she now lives in North Salem with her husband and two daughters. Her journey into motherhood began with two back-to-back COVID babies in 2020 and 2021! After experiencing isolation as a stay-at-home mom, she was more than ready to get out, explore our local communities, and fill her calendar with meaningful experiences.

Fast forward a few years, and life looks a little different! With both girls now in school full-time and her working full-time, she is navigating a new season of life. She is excited to be part of this workshop and share how a little organization, technology, and communication can make such a difference in creating the life we envision.

Even if you can't attend - these events will be recorded and posted on the John C. Hart Memorial Library YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/@jchlibrary)

Additional Events: November 17th (register here) https://yorktown.librarycalendar.com/event/plan-better-family-weekends-virtual-workshop-kayla-kaplowitz-plan-zoom-19865 Presented in partnership with the Pound Ridge Library & Lewisboro Library.

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Americans Behaving Badly



By Michael Gold

Recent stories in the media are making me question our ability to respect the rights of other people. A meanness has crept into American life, especially on social media.

Witness the seven men at a Cornell fraternity who allegedly raped a woman impaired by heavy alcohol and drug use at the school two years ago, a story that just came to light, because the woman recently brought a lawsuit against them.

How are some other men responding on social media? They're trying to identify the victim, to embarrass, harass and punish her online.

We do not have to excuse this woman for drinking to excess, then combining that with ketamine, which can cause hallucinations. But her poor judgment cannot not justify the predatory behavior of the fraternity boys who took advantage of an intoxicated woman.

A social media mob, as The New York Times calls it, is working feverishly to get Jane Doe's name out on the Internet.

Why are they doing this? These social media thugs think the alleged rapists are the real victims. I don't see how that's possible, but the men engaged in this disgusting effort to uncover Jane Doe's identity feel that the victim brought on the assaults herself. One of the leaders of this effort is a 23-year old man who has posted on social media asking Adolf Hitler for help to rid America of immigrants of color, as if Hitler were some kind of god.

In another sordid story, two men were charged in mid-October for allegedly supplying two Fashion Institute of Technology students in Manhattan with fentanyl last March. One of them, Moses Freire, allegedly raped one of the students, who died. Freire took photos of the two women he poisoned, then texted the photos to his friends.

On October 15th, a 16-year old boy killed three special needs children and a teacher at a school in Oregon. A fourth child and a second teacher were injured. The shooter had been a special needs student at that very school. The shooter's mother had purchased the shotgun for her son's birthday. The son, Griffin John II, killed four people and wounded two in three minutes.

How could this mother have not figured out that buying a shotgun for her emotionally troubled son was a really bad idea?

It seems we can't solve our problems. We can't even admit that we have problems.

How is it possible that we don't recognize school shootings as a national emergency? We're talking about the safety of our children.

The country has suffered 27 school shooting incidents with 17 people killed and 29 in the last year alone, according to Education Week, a nonpartisan news publication covering K-12.

We actually have a school shooting database now, to track every incident.

At the very least, we desperately need legislation that requires every potential gun owner to get training in basic safety measures before completing a purchase. The training should include watching videos of what a bullet does to the human body.

If Griffin John's mother had been legally mandated to take a gun safety and education course, which included a discussion of how to be a responsible gun owner, she might never have purchased this weapon for her child.

Every would-be gun buyer should be taught this basic principle from Spider Man – with great power comes great responsibility. You want to own a gun? Understand that the power it gives you means you potentially hold the lives of others in your hands.

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Who Punched a Bee Line Bus Driver in the Face in Yonkers?

From the Westchester County Police:

On Oct. 20, at 11:09 a.m., a passenger who was waiting to exit a Liberty Lines bus at McLean Avenue and South Broadway in Yonkers became irate when the rear door did not open fast enough.

After he got off the bus, he walked around to the driver's side and punched the driver one time in the face through an open window.

The man then ran off. The driver was unable to provide a description.

The driver also declined any medical attention.

County Police are reviewing video to see if the assailant can be identified.

Yonkers Police Nab 2 Shoplifters at the Same Time

From the Yonkers Police Department:

FIND OUT FRIDAY: DOUBLE FEATURE!

We're back with another edition of Find Out Friday, but this time we're giving you a TWO-FOR-ONE SPECIAL.

On Friday, September 18th (yes, these actually happened on a Friday), Yonkers Police Officer Steven Velasquez was patrolling the Cross County Center when he encountered not one, but TWO separate shoplifters attempting to make their getaway from Macy's — BACK TO BACK!

FIRST UP: Michael Silvera, 45, of Mount Vernon, attempted to leave Macy's with over $300 in unpaid merchandise. When confronted by Officer Velasquez, Silvera decided to test his speed instead of his luck. After a less-than-impressive attempt at fleeing on foot and an unsuccessful effort to bargain his way out of handcuffs, he was taken into custody- merchandise, hangers, security devices, and all.

ROUND TWO: One arrest wasn't enough for the afternoon. Davon Mallory, 25, also of Mount Vernon, helped himself to merchandise from the same Macy's before making a run for it. Officer Velasquez was back in action for a much longer foot pursuit, and with assistance from fellow YPD Officers, including Officer Tony Grippo, Mallory was apprehended. And Officer Tony G made sure EVERYONE knew it was Friday.

Both suspects tried fleeing. Both came dangerously close to being introduced to a Taser. And both thought they could make the whole thing go away by offering to give the merchandise back or pay for it. We're not sure what jurisdiction allows that, but here in Yonkers, we don't do streetside returns or transactions. Stealing in Yonkers will only earn you a free pair of metal bracelets and a first-class ride to our jail.

Both individuals were arrested and charged with Petit Larceny, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing Governmental Administration in the Second Degree.

Different suspects. Same store. Same officer. Same result.
We heard Macy's was having a sale. Unfortunately for our two friends from Mount Vernon- YPD was running a two-for-one special. Now they know.





Westchester Communities Get State Grants for Water Line Improvements

Governor Kathy Hochul announced nearly $500 million in grants for critical drinking water and sewer projects statewide, delivering on her landmark $3.75 billion commitment in the 2027 Enacted State Budget. By providing half a billion in grants to 106 projects totaling $1.4 billion in costs, Governor Hochul is helping communities upgrade the drinking water and sewer systems that New Yorkers depend on every day while minimizing costs for families and businesses. This investment will help local governments modernize aging infrastructure, tackle legacy threats such as lead service lines and emerging contaminants, and lay the foundation for sustainable growth and economic development while creating good-paying jobs.

"Investing in water infrastructure is an investment in the future of every New Yorker," Governor Hochul said. "My administration will continue ensuring communities have the financial support and tools they need to protect public health and safeguard our natural resources while keeping these critical investments affordable."

The grants are estimated to save communities $1 billion in debt service they would have faced if they had to finance the costs on their own, based on current market conditions. The projects are estimated to create 22,400 jobs in construction and related industries, including engineering, manufacturing, and local services.

Mid-Hudson:
Carmel, Town of, Water District No. 2 Treatment Plant Upgrades, $5,000,000
Mount Vernon, City of, Lead Service Line Replacement, $10,000,000
North Salem, Town of, Croton Falls Sewer District, $6,313,720
North Salem, Town of, Croton Falls Water District PFAS and Radiological Removal and Well Reactivation, $529,529
Ossining, Village of, Lead Service Line Inventory, $602,000
Ossining, Village of, Lead Service Line Replacement, $3,625,300
Port Chester, Village of, North Main Street Pump Station Replacement, $1,062,500
Yonkers, City of, South Yonkers Inter-pressure Zone Transmission Main, $5,000,000.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
BRIAN VIOLA,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THOMAS L. EGAN,

Defendant(s).
INDEX NO.: 67087/2026

SUMMONS

To any interested Party(ies)

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to respond to this notice, via upload to NYSCEF no later than January 15, 2027. In the event that you do so respond, on or before January 15, 2027, there shall thereafter be a personal appearance in this matter on February 5, 2027 at 9:30am, before the Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C.in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, Courtroom 1201, 111 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, New York 10601. This case concerns an action to discharge a mortgage encumbering the real property located at 512 Fifth St. Mamaroneck, NY 10543 and more particularly described as Section 154.27 Block 1 Lot 50 on the tax map. Said mortgage was originally made in favor of Thomas L. Egan. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default.

Dated: October___, 2026

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Yonkers Accountant Joseph Clay Pleads Guilty to Filing False Income Tax Return, Will Pay $5M Fine

On October 1, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jamie McDonald, and Executive Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation ("IRS-CI"), Harry T. Chavis, Jr., announced that JOSEPH CLAY pled guilty to an Information charging him with one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false and fraudulent U.S. individual income tax return. The charge arises from CLAY's orchestration of a nearly $6 million tax fraud scheme, from 2019 to 2024, involving the filing of thousands of individual income tax returns that included false information designed to fraudulently reduce taxpayers' federal and state tax burdens. As part of today's guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Cathy Seibel, CLAY agreed to pay the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") more than $5 million in restitution.

"Tax preparers are entrusted with helping their clients follow the law—not systematically falsifying returns to manufacture deductions and refunds," said U.S. Attorney Jamie McDonald. "Joseph Clay turned tax preparation into a years-long fraud scheme, filing thousands of false returns that deprived federal and state governments of nearly $6 million in tax revenue. Even a guilty plea to state tax fraud did not stop him: as he admitted today, Clay continued filing fraudulent returns for his customers."

"This case is a stark reminder that tax fraud is not a victimless crime," said IRS-CI Executive Special Agent in Charge Harry T. Chavis, Jr. "By orchestrating a scheme that manipulated thousands of tax returns and deprived both the IRS and New York state of millions in revenue, Joseph Clay abused the trust placed in tax professionals and harmed honest taxpayers across our community. Today's guilty plea sends a clear message: we will aggressively pursue those who exploit the tax system for personal gain. Our commitment to protecting taxpayers and upholding the integrity of our nation's tax laws remains unwavering."

According to the Information and statements made in public filings and court proceedings:

From 2019 through 2024, covering tax years 2018 through 2023, CLAY—who operated tax preparation businesses in Yonkers going by the names Premier Tax and Professional Services LLC and Prime Tax & Professional Services LLC—filed over 3,500 tax returns with the IRS and New York state authorities. During this period, CLAY repeatedly and routinely submitted false information in customers' tax returns, including, among other things, inflated and fictitious itemized tax deductions and fraudulent claims for residential energy credits, to reduce his customers' tax liability and increase his customers' tax refunds. In total, CLAY's conduct deprived the IRS of more than $5 million in tax revenue, and deprived New York state tax authorities of close to $900,000.

CLAY, 52, of Lodi, New Jersey, pled guilty to one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false and fraudulent U.S. individual income tax return, which carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison.

The maximum potential sentence in this case is prescribed by Congress and provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the judge.

Mr. McDonald thanked IRS-CI for their outstanding work in this case.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Carmi Schickler is in charge of the prosecution.

"The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known."

— Pete Seeger

Westchester BOL Expands Tax Relief for Older Adults

The Westchester County Board of Legislators voted unanimously to expand the County's property tax exemption for low-income senior citizens, giving older residents with limited means more help staying in the homes and communities they love.

The local law updates the County's existing senior exemption to match recent changes in New York State law, which now allows counties to offer a bigger break to seniors at the lower end of the income scale. With the Board's vote, Westchester is putting those higher exemption levels in place for eligible homeowners.

Until now, the most a qualifying senior could receive was a 50% exemption on the County portion of their property taxes. Under the new law, seniors with incomes below the County's $50,000 limit can receive more help, rising in steps to a 65% exemption for those earning less than $47,000 a year.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D–New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "Our seniors helped build this county, and they deserve to be able to afford to stay in the communities they call home. Cuts to SNAP, rising prices from federal tariffs, and the growing cost of living are putting enormous pressure on older residents, especially those with limited incomes. This law provides additional relief where it is needed most."

Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (D–Mount Vernon), Chair of the Board's Budget and Appropriations Committee, said, "By expanding the County's property tax exemption for lower-income seniors, we're taking meaningful legislative action to provide greater financial relief to those who need it most. Many of our seniors have spent decades contributing to our communities, and they deserve the opportunity to remain in the homes they've worked so hard for. I'm proud to support legislation that makes Westchester more affordable and helps our seniors age in place with dignity."

Legislator José I. Alvarado (D–Yonkers), Chair of the Board's Seniors and Youth Committee, said, "For seniors living on fixed incomes, every dollar matters. Property taxes can be a significant burden, particularly for those who have lived in their homes for decades. By expanding this exemption, we're helping more older residents afford to stay in the neighborhoods they know, close to the friends, families, and communities that are such an important part of their lives."

The new exemption levels apply to the 2027 tax year and begin on March 1, 2027. Seniors who think they may qualify should contact their local assessor's office to apply. Seniors who already receive the exemption do not need to reapply.











Aggressive Coyote Shot by Irvington Police But Flees



Village of Irvington Statement Regarding Coyote Incident

The Village of Irvington is advising residents of a coyote incident that occurred this morning, October 19, in the vicinity of Mercy University and the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. At approximately 8:30 a.m., Irvington Police officers responded to a report of a coyote sighting near Mercy University. While officers were canvassing the area, additional reports were received of a coyote behaving aggressively toward an individual on the Aqueduct Trail.

Officers subsequently located the animal in a nearby field. During the response, an officer discharged a firearm, striking the coyote. The animal fled into a wooded area and could not be located.

Greenburgh Animal Control responded to assist the Irvington Police Department in attempting to locate the animal. Despite these efforts, the coyote has not been located.

The Irvington Police Department will continue to monitor the situation and respond to additional sightings or reports as necessary.

Ongoing Village Response: At our October 5 meeting, the Board of Trustees held an information session with the Chief of Police to discuss the process and plan for continuing to address this issue. Watch the meeting recording here. We are working with neighboring villages, as well as our Police and DPW departments, to finalize a coordinated response plan. The Village has received approval from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a permit authorizing the trapping and destruction of coyotes.

Please follow this protocol: Emergency: If you encounter an aggressive coyote or feel you are in immediate danger, call 911. Sightings: To report a coyote sighting, please call the Police Desk at (914) 591-8080. As soon as the comprehensive response plan is finalized and approved, we will share the details with the community.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com





George Washington Slept Here in Yonkers 250 Years Ago



Valentine Homestead, With George Washington and "Farmer" Valentine in Foreground.
Courtesy of D. F. Valentine.

Historical drawing of Gen. George Washington in Yonkers at Valentine
George Washington Slept Here…
The 250th Anniversary of Washington's First Yonkers Headquarters

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Two hundred fifty years ago, Washington and his troops joined General Benjamin Lincoln at Thomas Valentine's home on Valentine Hill, moving his headquarters from Harlem Heights to Yonkers. Valentine's Hill, his headquarters before marching off to the Battle of White Plains, had an ideal location. The view from Valentine's Hill swept from Long Island Sound on the East to the Palisades on the West, from the Westchester highlands to the North to Manhattan Island to the South.

Thomas Valentine was an ardent supporter of the Patriot fight for freedom, freedom for himself, his family, and his friends. He gladly allowed Washington-- and other patriot leaders-- to use his farm on more than one occasion.

Nineteenth Century reports from older residents who lived on Valentine's Hill during the Revolution spoke about witnessing our army and our Commander-in-Chief. Elizabeth Valentine spoke often of seeing Continental soldiers. She fondly recalled Washington, although focused on coming events, would pay kind attention to children. He took her, a little girl, on his knee and spoke to her. Even as a child, she was impressed with "his commanding form" and his "gracious kindness."

According to Nathaniel Valentine, speaking to The New York Times in the late 19th century, as a child Rebecca Valentine was impressed by General Washington, and spoke of his using the Valentine home for headquarters. She frequently mentioned the prayer Washington said just before leaving for the battle of Chatterton Hill. "In the presence of the child and before members of the Livingston family, he began his supplication… 'The Lord God of gods, the Lord God of gods, He knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the Lord, save us not this day.'"

Other residents pointed out locations Thomas Valentine stood while talking with Washington, before he left for White Plains.

Rich Valentine, a direct descendant of Thomas, tells the story of a famous sketch depicting Valentine speaking with George Washington on his horse. Not only did the two men talk, Thomas also presented Washington with a bridal for his horse, a bridal Thomas especially made for the General incorporating the family symbol of a heart! Valentine allowed Washington to borrow oxen and a cart to haul weaponry to the impending battle.

Washington's right wing occupied Valentine Hill October 12th to 27th, entrenched in camps from Valentine Hill northward. The left wing pushed on to White Plains.

Washington's expense submission from his time there read: "To Exps. At Valentine's Mile Square—20 Dolls ."

After the Patriots left, British troops galloped onto Valentine Hill, claiming to have watched through their field glasses Valentine speaking with Washington through; no doubt, they wanted to know what they were speaking about. Unfortunately, a local doctor was afraid of the British and attempted to run away; the British Calvary chased and killed him, then dropped off his body.

While at the Valentine home, Washington wrote to Elizabeth Williams Philipse, wife of Frederick III; he assured her he had issued no orders "for removal of stock from Inhabitants… I shall not withhold my consent to your retaining such parts of your Stock as may be essential"

After speaking with Thomas Valentine, Washington left Valentine Hill October 22nd, heading to White Plains.

On October 28th, the sounds of the battle were heard on Valentine Hill. The main part of the fighting was over by 5 pm; Washington and his men retreated. Later, Washington estimated 150 Continental soldiers were killed or wounded; he believed his men had inflicted at least 300 British casualties.

They survived to fight another day… and another.

Nick Spano Honored by Westchester County Board of Legislators



L-R-County Legislator James Nolan, Nick Spano, BOL Chair Vedat Gashi

The Westchester County Board of Legislators celebrated Italian American Heritage Month on Monday evening with a ceremony honoring West Harrison business owner Dave Franze and former State Senator Nick Spano of Yonkers. Franze, whose parents emigrated from Calabria, founded West Harrison Fitness Center in 1979 and has organized Harrison's free summer concert series for two decades. Spano, whose grandfather emigrated from Bari, represented Westchester in Albany for nearly three decades, first in the State Assembly and then in the State Senate. Chairman Vedat Gashi said, "Italian Americans have helped build Westchester for generations. Their spirit of family, hard work, and community is woven into every corner of our county. This year's honorees show what that legacy looks like in action: pride in where you come from, turned into service for the people around you." Minority Whip James Nolan said, "Nick Spano has dedicated decades of his life to serving the people of Yonkers and Westchester County. Throughout his career, he has remained proud of his Italian American roots and has helped keep the traditions, values, and heritage of our community visible for future generations. Nick understands that being Italian American is about family, faith, hard work, service, and giving back."

Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson Helps Westchester Residents Recover Lost Money at Unclaimed Funds Workshop



Westchester County Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson, in partnership with the New York State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds, hosted a successful Unclaimed Funds Workshop on Tuesday, October 20, at the Thomas H. Slater Center in White Plains, helping residents locate and reclaim money that rightfully belongs to them. More than a dozen residents participated in the workshop, with many successfully recovering unclaimed funds or identifying potential funds belonging to family members and loved ones. The event not only helped put money back into residents' hands but also empowered participants to share valuable information with relatives who may be unaware that they have unclaimed assets waiting to be claimed. Westchester County Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson said, "At a time when so many families are working hard to make ends meet, every dollar matters. What made today's workshop particularly meaningful was seeing residents discover money they didn't even know they had, and others learning that their loved ones may have funds waiting for them as well. This is what effective government looks like — bringing resources directly into our communities, removing barriers to information, and making a real difference in people's everyday lives. I am grateful to State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and my colleagues in state government for their partnership in helping our residents reclaim what is rightfully theirs." The workshop provided residents with information about the types of unclaimed funds held by New York State, including forgotten bank accounts, uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, and funds belonging to deceased family members. Participants learned how to navigate the claims process, search for unclaimed assets, and access assistance through the State Comptroller's Office.

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Help Send Urgently Needed Medical Equipment & Winter supplies to Ukraine



Yonkers resident Oksana Kulynych is organizing a community donation drive to send urgently needed medical equipment, medical supplies, and winter clothing to people in Ukraine affected by the ongoing war. With assistance from St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church and other Ukrainian organizations, the initiative titled "Urgently Needed Donations to Ukraine," is bringing together community members to help people facing difficult and dangerous conditions.

The United Ukrainian Relief Committee, a Philadelphia based organization founded in 1944 to assist refugees following World War II, will collect the donated items in Yonkers on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 10:00am at 77 Homesite Pkwy, Yonkers, NY 10701 (off Saw Mill River Rd). The supplies will be shipped in a container to Lviv, in western Ukraine, for distribution to areas where assistance is urgently needed. Donations include a Hoyer lift, wheelchairs, walkers, other medical equipment and supplies, and essential winter clothing such as jackets, hats, socks and gloves. As winter approaches, these donations can help provide essential support to people in need, including those who require medical assistance and protection from the cold. The organizers welcome donations from individuals, families, and the wider Yonkers community. To donate or obtain more information, please contact: Oksana Kulynych, Phone: 914-396-9595.

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and democrats want to protect all illegal immigrants. Here are two examples of the problem. On October 1, New Castle detectives arrested Juan Guambana, 50, of Ossining, for lewd conduct in Chappaqua: he was on the roof of a woman's home with his pants down, recording her through her bathroom window. He was arraigned the same day on unlawful surveillance charges and released on his own recognizance, ineligible for cash bail. Guambana was deported in 2020 and came back in 2021. The New Castle Police Department has confirmed he is in the country illegally.

We FOIL'd the report of Guambana's arrest and received the following from the New Castle Police Department. "On October 1, 2026, the New Castle Police Department arrested Juan G. Guambana (50) of Ossining, NY, for six (6) counts of Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree, New York Penal Law § 250.45(1), a class E Felony. The arrest stems from an investigation by New Castle Police Detectives into reports of a male suspect watching a female resident through the bathroom window of her residence on several occasions during the early morning hours.On October 1, 2026, Detectives established surveillance around the residence and observed the suspect, Guambana, actively looking through the bathroom window while the female victim was inside. The suspect was taken into custody and was not known to the victim. The Town of New Castle Police Department was assisted in this investigation by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges may be filed as more information becomes available. At this time, Detectives believe Guambana was acting alone, and there is no indication of any ongoing threat or danger to the public. The suspect was arraigned in the Town of New Castle Justice Court on October 1st, 2026. He was released on his own recognizance and is scheduled to reappear on November 5th, 2026, in the Town of New Castle Court at 6:30 p.m." end of report.

We tried to determine what, if any, action ICE took to try and arrest Guambana after he was released. We found no evidence of any ICE actions regarding this case and also wonder if he will return for his court date. After speaking with a New Castle resident with knowledge of this case, this is an example of someone who should be deported.

On the other side of the issue is someone we will call Juan. Juan is a member of the church that my family and I attend in Westchester. In addition to being a Christian, Juan has a wife and two young children. He owns a small business in Westchester and is an upstanding citizen. Juan was arrested by ICE six months ago, apparently because he entered the country illegally 20 years ago. Since then, he has been a productive member of our community and has committed no crimes. It's unclear why ICE decided to arrest him. To our knowledge, he was not caught up in the arrest of another wanted criminal during an ICE sweep.
Here lies the problem. I don't want my tax dollars being used to arrest Juan. Our federal government needs a policy for the millions of "Juans" in our country. We want these responsible people to remain here. But we also want ICE to continue to deport people like Guambana. By committing their crimes, they no longer have the right to live here and should be deported. Juan remains in ICE custody. Guambana is free without bail. Where is the justice in this?

Fly Over to Untermyer Gardens Conservancy to Enjoy the Fall Foiliage



If you didn't make it to Untermyer Gardens yet this autumn, make a point to soon. These beautiful colors can only hold on for so much longer.

I loved this pic by our gardener/photographer John Jacono from this past week. Enjoy! https://www.facebook.com/UntermyerGardens

Celebrate Halloweekend and Día de Muertos at the Hudson River Museum



Celebrate the spookiest weekend of the year with fun programs and projects for all ages! You're invited to explore the themes of Exquisite Creatures through hands-on activities, art making, and a chance to see live reptiles and insects in action. Plus, enjoy guided tours of the exhibition for families, themed planetarium shows, and a costume parade through the galleries. Come dressed as your favorite creature and leave with the prize of a creepy crawly (trick or) treat!

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12-4pm — Family Art Workshop: Flying Bats
12–4pm — Family Science Workshop: The Magic of Structural Color
12:30pm — Planetarium Show: Legends of the Night Sky
1pm — Creature Features: Live Animal Show
1pm — Museum Highlights Tour
1–4pm — Face Painting
2pm — Planetarium Show: The Sky Tonight
2pm — Halloween Costume Parade
3pm — Tour of Exquisite Creatures and Jungle Bliss
3:30pm — Planetarium Show: Asteroid Mission Extreme
Visit HRM.org to learn more.

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with a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Following the arrest, the case was turned over to the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation. After an investigation conducted in coordination with the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, investigators arrested Filingeri on October 16, 2026.

Filingeri was charged with:

Facilitating a Sexual Performance by a Child with Alcohol, a Class B felony;Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance, a Class C felony

Disseminating Indecent Material to Minors in the First Degree (three counts), a Class D felony;Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a Class D felony; Rape in the Third Degree, a Class E felony

Filingeri was arraigned in the Town of Carmel Justice Court, where bail was set at $100,000 cash, $200,000 bond, or $300,000 partially secured bond. He was remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail.

72-Year Old Man Indicted on 30 Counts of Possessiion of Child Sexual Abuse Material

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace today that a Long Island man was charged via a 30-count indictment for possessing child sexual abuse material. The defendant, Richard Heumann, 72, of New Hyde Park, was arraigned on Tuesday before Judge Robert Prisco in Westchester County Court for 30 counts of Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a Class E felony. He pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance, as the charge is not bail-eligible under New York State Law. The defendant is due back in court on November 17, 2026.

DA Cacace said: "We will never turn a blind eye to the despicable actions of individuals who seek out, possess, or distribute child sexual abuse material. The defendant allegedly possessed a cache of illegal content, which not only contributed to the continued abuse and exploitation of real children, but compounded the devastating harm suffered by these young victims. This indictment underscores my office's steadfast commitment to combatting this type of online depravity and ensuring those who exploit the vulnerable face the wrath of our criminal justice system."

On Feb. 12, 2025, it is alleged that the defendant, while in White Plains, possessed 30 separate digital files depicting children under the age of 16 engaging in sexual conduct. The White Plains Police Department arrested the defendant at his Nassau County home on Dec. 17, 2025, following an investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Child Sex Abuse Material Bureau Chief Laura Forbes. The charges against the defendant are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.



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We Endorse Shelley Mayer, continued from pg 1-

Mayer now serves as Chair of the Senate Education Committee, reflecting the respect she has earned with her colleagues and another way she can turn the concerns of parents and students in Westchester into action.

Mayer is accessible, visible, and deeply responsive to constituent needs. She is a leader in Albany who combines legislative competence with genuine community trust. Shelley Mayer has proven time and again that she possesses both.

Mayer was one of the loudest voices speaking out against utility rate hikes.

Senator Mayer also continues to work well with her leader in the Senate and fellow Westchester resident, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Both Mayer and Stewart-Cousins are from Yonkers, and both continue to serve Yonkers and all of Westchester.

Whether fighting to safeguard working families, protecting reproductive freedoms, or advocating for our senior citizens and veterans, Senator Mayer's priorities reflect her community's core values.

Mayer's opponent is Tom Fix, who is not running an active campaign, nor has he taken advantage of the NYS matching funds campaign. He ran for Assembly in 2024.

We endorse Shelley Mayer for State Senate District 37.

We Endorse Colavita, continued from pg 1-

* Colavita has also made public safety a priority. Eastchester has a fully staffed and accredited police department. The Town has also partnered with the Eastchester and Tuckahoe school districts to place uniformed School Resource Officers on local school campuses. In addition, the Town has maintained a DARE program in Eastchester schools.
* During his tenure, parks, recreational facilities, and community institutions have been improved, including Lake Isle, the Library, Town Hall, and every park and recreation facility in the Town.
* How has Colavita kept property taxes in check? By making the tough decisions, Governments tend to grow. Thanks to Colavita, Eastchester's government has become leaner. The town's full-time workforce has been reduced by 25%, while maintaining exceptional services. Departments have been consolidated to save taxpayers' money. To reduce costs, the town shares services and buys jointly with the schools and villages. The savings have helped Eastchester maintain a fully staffed, accredited police force and some of Westchester County's finest parks and recreation facilities.
* Tony Colavita Made Eastchester a Safer Place to Live. Eastchester is the 16th safest town in America, according to SafeWise. Solar speed signs rotate through every neighborhood. The town adopted an anti-vaping law and new laws regulating E-bikes and gas-powered scooters. And Eastchester was the first town to opt out of marijuana sales and public use.

Democrat Cat Sayles is challenging Colavita. During this campaign, Colavita has asked, "When they tell you all they're going to do, ask them what they have done."

Sayles has never held elected office. Her major professional experience is serving as the Chief Operating Officer at Sustainable Westchester. But last year, Sustainable Westchester officially shut down the Westchester Power Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, which automatically enrolled over 100,000 households across 30 municipalities into green energy plans unless they opted out. Critics and ratepayers frequently complained about higher electricity prices and the confusion surrounding the automatic opt-in structure, and State regulators and the PSC countered that Sustainable Westchester voluntarily terminated the program after submitting deficient municipal filings that failed basic transparency and ratepayer-protection standards, such as providing inaccurate price comparisons.

In our view, Sayles has been unable to articulate a rationale for why voters should vote out Colavita. We believe that the reason for this is that the people of Eastchester are satisfied with the leadership that Colavita has provided over the past three decades on every issue,

We endorse Tony Colavita for reelection as Eastchester Supervisor.

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Lawler Is Our Choice for Congress

Two-time incumbent has earned a third term

Mike Lawler is our choice to represent District 17 in the United States Congress for the next two years.

Lawler has built an extraordinary record of service, achievement and results for the communities he has represented since 2023. What more could his constituents in Westchester County ask for?

He's engaged – his office has closed more than 10,000 cases.

He delivers – he's brought home more than $120 million in funding for clean water, infrastructure, and public safety improvements, and was the driving force in expanding the SALT deduction that saved the average family $4,000+ this year.

He works with people in both parties – he's been rated as one of the most bipartisan members of Congress.

This has been one of the most spirited political campaigns in recent history in Westchester County with televised debates, relentless social media posts and intensive television, radio and digital advertising. The issues are abundant, but we see one distinguishing factor between Mike and his opponent Cait Conley.

Cait Conley is a carpetbagger. She parachutted into Westchester last year as the Democratic Party's hand-picked candidate to run for Congress.

She's never lived in District 17's four counties – Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess! She is currently renting a home in New Castle so she doesn't even pay property taxes here.

Her primary residence is in Virginia.

Say what?

Conversely, Lawler was born and raised in Rockland County, and has represented District 17 in Congress for almost four years. He lives in Pearl River with his wife, Doina, and their daughters, Julianna and Elizabeth, where he owns a home.

Lawler is one of us. Conley is an outsider.

We watched last night as thousands of Teamsters rallied in Elmsford to support Lawler. That type of support isn't usually given to a Republican in today's hyperpartisan climate.

We also appreciate the compassion Lawler has given to the family of Sheridan Gorman here in Yorktown, and believe Lawler is one of only a few members of Congress who could work to resolve our immigration problem, which requires continued enforcement to remove those illegal immigrants who have been convicted of crimes but at the same time provides a path for those who have lived here for decades and have become members of our community.

We applaud Lawler's work in Congress and salute his legacy of leadership. He has earned another term.

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We Endorses Saritha Komatireddy for NY Attorney General

By Dan Murphy

Something is happening with Saritha Komatireddy that does not usually happen to Republican candidates running statewide in New York. People are listening to her. We have watched this campaign since the summer, watched the debate two weeks ago, and reached a conclusion in a race we frankly thought would be a sleeper at the start of the year.

We emphatically endorse Saritha Komatireddy for Attorney General.

Start with fraud

Readers of this paper know where we stand on fraud. We have written about it for years, and we will keep writing about it, because it is the quiet crime that costs every family in Yonkers money whether they ever notice or not.

New York's Medicaid program is the largest in the country, and billions of dollars a year leak out of it through phony billing, phantom home-care aides, pill mills and nonprofit operators who treat public money as their own. The Attorney General runs the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. It is one of the most powerful fraud-fighting tools any state official in America has. Under Letitia James, New York went from #1 to #51 (the rankings include Wash., DC).

Add the EBT skimming epidemic that has drained food money from poor families across Westchester and the Bronx, the opioid settlement dollars that have gone places they were never meant to go, like government-funded injection sites, and the shelter contractors who collect hundreds of millions while people freeze outside their doors. Because the shelters are too dangerous. In each case, the Attorney General had authority to act. In each case, we have found little evidence that she did.

Komatireddy spent more than a decade as a federal prosecutor in Brooklyn. She built the cybercrime practice in that office and teaches the subject at Columbia Law School. She put cartel bosses and ISIS and al Qaeda terrorists in prison and convicted the most senior Mexican law enforcement official ever prosecuted for working with drug traffickers. She knows fraud is theft, theft is a crime, and crimes are supposed to be prosecuted. That is her whole pitch on the subject, and it is enough.

Crime and the streets

Ms. James likes to say the Attorney General has no real role in street crime. That is only partly true. The office has an Organized Crime Task Force that can step in when local prosecutors will not. It has special jurisdiction in hate crimes. It can and should investigate the nonprofits and contractors who run the homeless shelter system, which has been broken for as long as anyone in Yonkers can remember.

Komatireddy has proposed an Office of Civil Commitment inside the AG's office, staffed with doctors and law enforcement professionals, to get severely mentally ill people off the sidewalks and subway platforms and into treatment before someone else dies. She'd pay for it with Medicaid dollars recovered. Last winter people froze to death on New York City streets. Commuters have been pushed, slashed, and set on fire. The current approach helps nobody, least of all the sick. Her plan is specific, lawful, and the first serious proposal on the subject we have heard from a candidate for this office.

On antisemitism, she has pointed out that the Attorney General has used state civil rights law to protect access to other buildings but never a synagogue and has brought discrimination cases for students of many backgrounds but not Jewish ones. She says she would do both. We see no reason to doubt her.

Why now

Ms. Komatireddy is 42, a mother of four, the Brooklyn-born daughter of Indian immigrants, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She was headed for medical school when the September 11 attacks turned her toward law enforcement. She served under Presidents Obama, Biden, and Trump, and ran the Drug Enforcement Administration staff. She has never run for anything before.

That is part of why she is catching on. She does not talk like a politician. She talks like an apolitical prosecutor explaining a case, and voters who are tired of being lectured find it a relief. The polls have tightened since Labor Day, and the tightening has come from people who are not natural Republican voters, including families in immigrant neighborhoods who have had enough.

The other part is Ms. James herself. Whatever one thinks of her fights with Washington, they have consumed the office. The state's chief law enforcement officer has spent seven years looking south toward the White House while the problems in front of her went unattended.

Their debate has changed many New Yorkers' views and given the NYAG's race some attention amid the everyday chaos that seems to occupy our politics today. It has also inspired many to move forward and support Saritha. She is a reasonable choice.

We are not asking readers to make a radical decision. We are asking them to hire a prosecutor to run a prosecutor's office. Saritha Komatireddy has earned the chance, and we urge Yonkers voters to give it to her on November 3.

We urge readers to vote. Early voting starts on October 24.

Nolan-Skipper County Board Race, continued from pg 2-

James Nolan issued the following statement after the incident.

"I am deeply disturbed and outraged by the violent altercation that took place last night at the Beczak Center involving my opponent and my mother.

"The incident began when a woman who claims she is owed money questioned my opponent. After walking away from the confrontation, my opponent later argued with the same woman in the restroom. My mother attempted to intervene and de-escalate the situation. It wasn't until the door was open and my opponent's friends were behind her that she started to become violent. According to multiple eyewitnesses, my opponent then physically attacked my mother, repeatedly punching and scratching her, causing her to bleed from her face and arm.

"Several witnesses have provided accounts of the incident, and cell phone recordings and surveillance footage are available for investigators to examine. Judgments should not be cast by anyone without knowledge of the situation and without having seen the evidence.

"There is absolutely no justification for violence. Anyone seeking public office is expected to demonstrate sound judgment, self-control, and the ability to handle confrontation without resorting to physical aggression. These standards are not optional. This is a clear example of why she is not fit to serve public office.

"Thankfully, my mother will recover. I sincerely thank the responding Yonkers police officers, paramedics, and everyone who has expressed concern for her well-being.

"I have full confidence that the Yonkers Police Department and District Attorney's Office will thoroughly investigate this incident and pursue appropriate criminal charges that are warranted. Violence is unacceptable, accountability is essential, and nobody is above the law," stated Nolan.

The New Horizon Foundation offered a different perspective on the videos, posting on Facebook, "Representative Nolan just put this video out targeting Keisha Skipper. We see the video but see a radically different interpretation. That young woman and Donna Nolan look like they're cornering Keisha in the bathroom. Keisha just wanted to leave the bathroom and they're standing right at the door intimidating her. If Donna Nolan wanted to help, she should have called someone to de-escalate the situation and get that woman to not confront Keisha in the bathroom. Instead, Donna Nolan participated in the altercation. Yonkers politics is really an embarrassment at this point."

We do not agree with their view that Donna Nolan participated in the altercation. We don't see that on the video.

But we also wonder whether Skipper was not allowed to leave and why Skipper was detained. Apparently, Donna Nolan was punched by Skipper; that is the allegation, and that is why we are told Skipper was detained.

Either way, it is a bad visual to have a candidate for County Legislator detained and placed in a police car at a candidate forum.

The YPD hasn't issued a statement yet, and if no charges were filed or arrests made, they don't have to comment.

For the other candidates who participated, this incident completely undermines anything they had to say.

Both the NY Post and USA Today have picked up on this story. Seems like the political soap opera is back in Yonkers. NY Dem in wild bathroom brawl with GOP opponent's mom during campaign event was the Post headline.

We agree with James Nolan and wsant to see all of the evidence before placing the blame on anyone.



Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Notice of Formation of elinfonet.com, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Raymond Nardo, P.C., 55 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 205, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of AyurvedaNewYork, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on Sept 4, 2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 145 Palisade Street Suite 200 PMB 1015 Dobbs Ferry New York 10522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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Notice of Registration of Radford Scott LLP, a foreign LLP organized in Dekalb Cty, Georgia on 8/7/23, filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/26. Office location: 145 Palisade St, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Westchester Cty. LLP Election on file with clerk, DeKalb Cty Superior Court, 556 N McDonough St, Decatur, GA 30030. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLP at its principal office, Two Town Ctr, 125 Clairemont Ave, Decatur, GA 30030. Purpose: The practice of law.

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Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter -Thomas Jefferson

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Notice of formation of TradeGrade LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Treacy Quality Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/25/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 111 Madison Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limitless Laughs Productions LLC
Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 18, 2024 Office location: Westchester County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.
SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 42 BROADWAY, FL. 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, 10004
Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC
WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, was filed with the New York State Department of State on June 25, 2026. The office of the LLC is located in Westchester County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon the Secretary of State is: 2444 Boston Post Rd #1024, Larchmont, NY 10538. The registered agent of the LLC is Pierre S Williams, 31 Lexington Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552, upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in real estate services and travel agency services, and any other lawful business activities permitted under New York law.

Notice of Formation of Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC, 130 Beech Street, #3R, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LUX OCULI NYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/2020. 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, 108 South Buckhout Street, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formatioin of MISHA SCHWARTZ PRODUCTIONS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/07/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 77 VIRGINIA AVE, DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522. Purpose: Any Lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Castlebridge Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 8/6/2026. Office: 14 Legendary Circle, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Purpose: Business technology/consulting.

Notice of formation of B Delights Bakery and Cafe, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated Brenda McDonald as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Newkirk Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Notice of LLC Formation

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Gill Tech Law PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him or her to: Brenda L. Gill, Esq., 40 Memorial Highway, #23A, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: To practice the profession of Law.

Notice of formation of HitchNGo LLC. Mobile Tow Hitch Installation. Filed with the SSNY on 06/17/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4 Lafayette St, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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attention. Conley's newcomer status to the District provides a striking contrast with her opponent – two-time incumbent Mike Lawler, who grew up in the District and is raising a family here.

According to official records, Conley owns property in Virginia and North Carolina and does not pay property taxes in NY-17, which indicates she is currently renting in New Castle.

"Cait doesn't own a home here, and she's never paid taxes here. But you know where she does? Virginia," said Lawler. "Think about it. Cait doesn't pay taxes here, but wants to raise ours even higher. Is she serious?"

Voters are being asked to examine Conley and Lawler's opposing views on a wide range of issues, but the residency comparison cannot be debated.

Conley is an outsider who moved to District 17 last year.

Lawler was born and raised in Rockland County, which represents about 50 percent of District 17, and has served in the U.S. Congress since 2021. He lives in Pearl River with his wife, Doina, and their daughters, Julianna and Elizabeth. In the 118th Congress, Lawler introduced 58 bills, seven of which passed the House, and one became law. Additionally, five of his bills were incorporated into broader legislative packages that were signed into law. In addition, his district office has successfully closed 10,000 constituent cases and has secured critical assistance and resources for families across the Hudson Valley.

Ironically, the new tax law that Lawler helped negotiate underscores the controversy surrounding Conley's residency.

The tax law raised the SALT cap from $10,000 to $40,000 for filers making under $500,000, and the Tax Foundation estimates it cuts 2026 taxes for the average New York filer by $4,079. At the Spring Valley NAACP forum on Oct. 7, Conley said "The best thing that Congress could have done for New Yorkers was absolutely nothing." Conley's plan would have resulted in a tax increase of over $4,000 for Hudson Valley families.

"Cait Conley pays property taxes in Fairfax County, Virginia, and not a dime of them here," said Ciro Riccardi, Lawler's campaign manager. "Mike pays a mortgage and a property tax bill in Pearl River like everybody else, and he stood up to his own party to get families here the largest tax cut in American history while delivering on his promise to lift the cap on SALT."

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their dogs, exploring the parks and gardens of Yonkers and Westchester, and biking along the South County Trailway.

She also enjoys discovering local restaurants and businesses. One favorite is a Spanish and Basque restaurant that reminds her family of the food and culture of Spain.

For Roel, living in Yonkers offers a balance she particularly appreciates: proximity to New York City while still having access to quieter neighborhoods, green spaces, and the Hudson River.

Through My Sand Castle, Roel hopes readers will not only understand more about the emotional realities of immigration, but also reflect on their own experiences of change, uncertainty, family, and belonging.

My Sand Castle and Mi Castillo de Arena are available on Amazon.
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Behaving badly, continued from pg 3-

The gun industry is so powerful it can toss politicians up in the air as easily as softballs, but it's far past time for our elected leaders to show some spine and rebel. It's their job to protect us, not cave to a lobby that is solely interested in profit to the exclusion of all other considerations, like our lives. Yes, Americans love their guns, but we need to build some kind of protections into the system for everyone else.

I was an elementary school teacher in New York City for 18 years. We practiced shelter drills on a regular basis. When the principal called out over the loudspeaker the code words, it was my job to immediately lock the door, then herd the children into a corner of the classroom in such a way that none of us could be seen from the window in the door. You try tightly bunching up 25 or more kids into a corner, so they're out of sight. School administrators would then walk by every door to make sure that not even one child could be seen.

A few of the kids giggled, but notably, most of them did not. I think they sensed that this was a very serious business, that their little lives depended on them being able to hide well from a stranger who meant to harm them.

It's not just the terrible hole in our gun safety laws, where we have this inability to see an appreciation for the lives and integrity of other human lives, but in a host of other areas. There's a general pattern of blindness afoot, about how our actions can affect others.

Take a look at Elizabeth Holmes, former CEO of Theranos, for instance. No, she didn't kill anybody, but she could have come close. Her blood testing kit caused a great deal of unnecessary distress.

Theranos was started in 2003. Holmes thought she could take a shortcut to glory, wealth and fame by fooling investors about the capability of her blood test product.

A documentary film came about Holmes came out in mid-October. She claimed that with just one little drop of blood pricked from your finger, her company's product could figure out the amount of cholesterol and iron in your blood, as well as learn other genetic information about you, or whether you had some kind of disease, such as cancer or diabetes, instead of having a medical technician stick a needle in your arm.

Theranos attracted a number of famous and wealthy investors, including Rupert Murdoch, Larry Ellison, the CEO of Oracle, and George M. Schultz, a former secretary of state under President Reagan. The company sold 1.5 million blood tests for about 175,000 consumers in Arizona. Holmes became a billionaire.

It was a lie. The blood testing product didn't work. The results were often inaccurate. A number of patients who got the test results underwent medical procedures that were either unnecessary or damaging to their health. Some people were falsely told they had cancer and were traumatized.

Holmes was prosecuted for investor fraud and found guilty in 2022. She's now serving time in a minimum security prison in Texas. She's currently seeking to have her sentence commuted by President Trump.

Jack Nicholson's character in the movie, A Few Good Men, shouted, "You can't handle the truth!' How is it that Americans have become so hardened to events that we can't look inside ourselves and think about the consequences of what we do, to ourselves and the people around us?

We have become resistant to learning. Americans are reading less, so we're learning less. Also, critically, we're not paying attention to objective media sources.

"Overall, about half of U.S. adults (53%) say they at least sometimes get news from social media," stated a 2025 Pew Research Center study. Facebook and YouTube are the leading social media sites for news consumption.

"Facebook and YouTube outpace all other social media sites as places where Americans regularly get news: 38 percent of U.S. adults say they regularly get news on Facebook, and 35 percent say the same about YouTube," the study said.

"Smaller shares of Americans regularly get news on Instagram (20 percent), TikTok (20 percent) or X, formerly known as Twitter (12 percent)," the Pew study stated.

Social media is quite possibly the worst place to get news. Our social media feeds inflame and incite hatred of others. The algorithm just keeps putting out twisted bits of rage-inducing posts, urging us to despise the people who don't agree with us.

Computer nerds used to have a saying – garbage in, garbage out. If you program the computer badly, it's going to give you bad data.

That's what's going on today. We're paying attention to the least objective media available, with a bias that intensifies over time, because of an algorithm that feeds us trash meant to get us angry and blast other people on the Internet.

We need to start teaching ethics classes in high schools. Included in all discussions should be several lessons on how to behave ethically on social media. Jesus said it best: " Do to others as you would have them do to you."

This might help sensitize kids in a nation that's forgetting how to feel.

The lyrics to the song "Amazing Grace" goes, "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

We're currently in the lost and blind phase.

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Was Jesus Christ a Socialist?
What Does the Word of God Say?

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By Judith Niewiadomski

Contrary to claims that Jesus was a socialist, he was not. He told individuals to give—He did not say to empower bureaucrats to seize money from those who worked for it. God calls that theft, not giving. You can only give what is yours.

There is a spiritual dimension to wealth and poverty. In Malachi 3, God promises to both multiply back and protect what we have worked for when we put Him first by tithing. If you give nothing there is nothing to be multiplied back. A million times zero is still zero. Farmers only get a crop when they put some of their seed into the ground.

Families are responsible for their older relatives and widows. Biblical principle is: "Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread." (2Thesslonians 3:8-12)

Government programs cannot build a whole, successful, self-functioning person, family, nor society because they are not grounded in love. Often what is behind them is uncaring bureaucrats and power-hungry politicians who want to keep people dependent and gain power and money for themselves. In contrast, people have a relationship and moral responsibility with their family. Voluntary giving has a dimension of self-sacrifice, the willingness to give without expectations of a return, which God, per Malachi 3:7-12, will multiply back and protect.

In the gospel and first century church periods rabbis and ministers were supported by their communities at times, but quite often they worked. The Apostles had jobs or small businesses and gave of their income and time to bring the light of God's Word to others. Even religious scholars like the Apostle Paul were skilled in trades by which they could support themselves.

In the gospel of John, Jesus Christ rebukes people who followed him only because they wanted to see a show or miracles or get free food. " Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not." (John 6:26-36)

Here, Hebrew idiom and the figure of speech heterosis emphasize that Jesus Christ is not telling people not to work, but to put more effort into their spiritual life that will provide for them through eternity. The context shows that some people were following Jesus to get free food-eternally-- not to hear and understand and live by his teachings. They didn't ask how they could do the works of God but for him to work a sign----like manna from heaven (free food). By calling him the son of Joseph, they showed that they did not believe he was the only begotten son of God.

No where does the Word of God show Jesus nor his disciples doing mass handouts of money to the poor. There are two miracles of the multiplication of food because there was not enough for all those gathered to hear him teach. As faithful believers, he and his disciples tithed and any necessary distributions were handled by temple or synagogue officials. In the age of grace, after the followers of Jesus Christ were cast out of the synagogues, the Christian church chose disciples to organize support for believers' widows who did not have children old enough to support them or did not have children. Their support came from voluntary giving by other members of the believers' community. The church did not forcibly seize what they had, nor distribute it to someone outside the community.

Socialists have rejected the Word of God and substituted the ideology of an extremely devilish God, Jew, and Christian-hating manmade ideology and often distort the message of Matthew 19 trying to justify their envy of those they see as "rich."

"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions." (Matthew 19:16-22)

The word perfect is the Greek work teleios, (used also of the ultimate completion of Jesus Christ's ministry when he returns for his church.) The young man had already done everything he knew to do to serve God, and asked how he could do more. The young man would not be denied eternal life if he did not choose to give up his life and serve full time in the ministry. Eternal life is a gift available to all, contingent on doing Romans 10:9,10, not on man's works. But rewards are awarded for works done, such as speaking and teaching the Word of God or serving in other ways.

Not everyone has to be a full time minister, priest, rabbi, nun, or monk. (If all were, who would they serve and preach to?) God is not a respecter of persons (Deuteronomy 1:17) i.e., showing partiality or favoritism. The principle of impartiality in judgement and its ultimate application comes in the revelation to Peter in Acts 10. Peter receives a vision that no longer are certain foods to be considered unclean (not kosher) but cleansed by God because by the work of Jesus Christ, the law was fulfilled. This preliminary revelation in Acts 10 prepared Peter to go into the house of Cornelius, a Gentile and Roman officer, teach him the Word of God and get him born again.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)...While Peter yet spake these words, holy spirit fell on all them which heard the word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the holy spirit. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." (Acts 10:35, 36, 44-46) Cornelius' prayer and free will giving of his own opened him up to receiving greater spiritual understanding.

John 12 shows the motivation animating people who are always concerned about other people's money. When a woman follower anointed Jesus with a very costly ointment, one of his disciples
had his heart and mind on the money, not the loving heart of the woman who was giving one of her most precious possessions. "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?
This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always." (John 12:3-8)

Judas, the wolf in sheep's clothing, sounds like socialist politicians we hear today. In verses five and six God reveals for all time the real motivation of the complainer who wanted to appear benevolent: "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein."

Don't be deceived by socialist politicians. Virtually every well known socialist politician is a millionaire, usually without working for it, and most became millionaires by becoming politicians. They did not labor many hours a day for many years, building a business that eventually produced a finacial return; they took it from the taxpayers and by manipulating government regulations. You are rewarded for what you give voluntarily of what is yours, not by voting for government to forcibly take what someone else has worked for.

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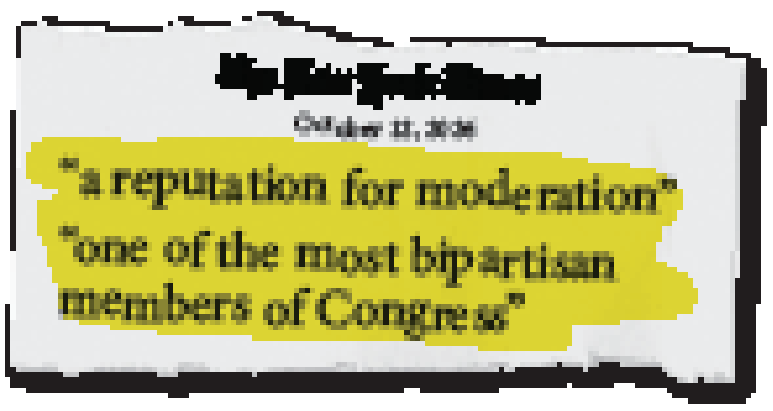
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