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Lawler and Conley Go Down to the Wire in NY-17

House Speaker Johnson Returns to NY-17 to Campaign for Lawler



On Oct. 27 Congressman Mike Lawler was joined in Orangeburg by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and a senior couple who saved over $6,000 on their taxes this year thanks to the Working Families Tax Cut Act. Lawler also called on Cait Conley to condemn an anonymous group mailing false attacks into the district in the final days of the race.

The mailers, from a group calling itself American Forge Coalition, reached Republican homes across NY-17 on October 23 and 24. They claim Lawler "supports giving mass amnesty to up to 13 million criminal illegals." The only disclosure reads "Paid for by American Forge Coalition," with no address, phone number, or website, and no statement of authorization, as federal rules require. The phone number printed on the mail is Lawler's Pearl River district office. No FEC committee is registered under the name, and none of the 259 24- and 48-hour reports filed on the race since September 1 come from the group. The Department of Justice has told the Lawler campaign it referred the group to the FBI.

"Somebody is spending real money in the last weeks of this election lying about my positions on criminal illegal aliens, and they won't say who they are," said Congressman Lawler. "There's nobody to my right on the ballot, and voter suppression is illegal. You can figure out who comes out ahead if Republican voters stay home."

Conley's own policy page says it is time to "get rid of dark money flooding our elections," and says she worked at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure

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House Democratic Leader Jeffries Comes to Peekskill for Cait Conley



On October 25, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who may be the next Speaker of the House, came to Peekskill to rally democrats for Cait Conley in NY-17. The rally, held at Peekskill Riverfront Park, drew a lively crowd of local residents, union members, and elected officials to support Democrats in one of the most important races for control of Congress.

Jeffries joined Democratic congressional candidate Cait Conley, a combat veteran and West Point graduate, is challenging Republican incumbent Mike Lawler in New York's 17th District. Also on stage were lieutenant governor candidate Adrienne Adams, State Senator Pete Harckham, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie, and organizers from 1199SEIU.

Jeffries framed the coming election not merely as a routine vote but as a moment of accountability. He criticized policies he linked to rising costs, healthcare cuts, and broader national challenges, while praising Conley as a leader ready for the moment. "Here in the Hudson Valley, we have a great leader who has emerged for such a time as this, Cait Conley," said Jeffries. Conley herself spoke of fighting for working families, lowering costs, and restoring integrity in government

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Peekskill showed up today. This afternoon I joined a packed Early Vote Rally in Peekskill to get out the vote. It was great to stand with Cait Conley, candidate for Congress in NY-17, House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Lieutenant Governor candidate Adrienne Adams, State Senator Pete Harckham, and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg. Thank you to 1199SEIU, the Peekskill Democrats, the Cortlandt Democratic Committee, and NY Dems for bringing so many neighbors together.

The energy out there was incredible. Rallying with neighbors who are

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Former NYPD Sgt. Tiffany Howell Gets 4-12 Years for Fatal Wrong Way Crash that Killed Manuel Boitel



Attorney General James Announces Sentencing of Former NYPD Sergeant for Manslaughter

Sergeant Tiffany Howell Was Off-Duty When She Struck Manuel Boitel's Vehicle, Causing His Death

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the sentencing of former New York City Police Department (NYPD) Sergeant Tiffany Howell, 48, of Warwick, Orange County, for causing the death of Manuel Boitel while driving the wrong direction on the Taconic State Parkway in Westchester County with a blood alcohol content of at least 0.18 on January 22, 2026. On August

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We Endorse: Congressman George Latimer For Relection-NY-16



Rising Media Group and Yonkerstimes.com endorse Congressman George Latimer for reelection in NY-16. Rep. Latimer is completing his first term in the House.

Latimer challenged former Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a contentious democratic primary two years ago, after being encouraged to challenge the incumbent by thousands of Westchester residents.

Latimer's service to the people of Westchester is unm atched. He has served in the Assembly and State Senate, as County Executive, and now in Congress.

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Happy 100th Birthday George Riggs



George Riggs with State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins at his 100th birthday celebration

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I Am Back Beating the Drum for HBCUs



By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

More than a decade ago, I started talking to students, mostly teens, about Historically Black Colleges and Universities because I knew firsthand what an HBCU could do.

I was a 19-year-old student at Claflin University when I began visiting schools and encouraging students in New York to consider HBCUs. That work grew into what became The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative.

Katrina Jefferson encouraged me to expand the name from The New York HBCU Initiative to The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative. Professor Patricia Koger of Claflin University gave me the words that became my tagline, "Beating the Drum for HBCUs." And I am beating that drum again.

In 2020, the New York Amsterdam News described me as a "heartbeat" of the HBCU community. Six years later, I am continuing this work with an even greater sense of urgency.

The numbers help explain why. According to federal higher-education data, roughly 300,000 students attend HBCUs, and Black students continue to make up the majority of their enrollment. Yet HBCUs represent only a small fraction of American colleges and universities.

There are also encouraging signs for Black students nationally. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center's 2026 Persistence and Retention Report, 70 percent of Black students who entered

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What happens if you don't vote

By Robert M. DiVincenzo

First of all, lets talk about the polls. The polls are designed to influence the way people think, feel and take action or not, on election day. They are NOT the election. People get swayed one way or another by the polls and don't understand that who is being polled is the most important thing. If they are weak they will use it as an excuse to fuel their preconceived ideas and stay home (which they think is not voting) and as we will discover later, staying home and thinking you are not voting is not true. A poll that is not fact based and balanced fairly, is actually a form of propaganda.

That being said, please read on and let us expose an invasive and corrosive myth.

What if… Exposing a Myth

Let us expose a mind paralyzing myth. Sunday I heard a prominent conservative talk show host say, "What if people wont come out to vote". So why wouldn't they and most importantly, why wouldn't YOU?

It is because they have bought into the myth which has become a mind virus propagated by those who don't want you to get out and vote. This myth is, "my vote doesn't count, so why bother, nothing is going to change anyway". Nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing stays the same. Just take a look at your baby picture.

This excuse has become an inherently dis-empowering belief which is as infectious as a virus and results in lazy people slouching and falling to complaining, rather than being responsible for an outcome. No one knows how you voted unless you volunteer the information to them and its none of their business anyway!

Factually speaking, mathematically, not voting is passive voting. It is voting by forfeit!

You gave up your vote to another and allowed their vote to count twice. Allow me to explain. Lets say two people are running for office. You did not vote and you don't like the person who won. Well guess what; you voted for that person! You did not vote and you gave your vote to another voter who voted for the person who actually won; the candidate you don't like. You cannot argue with the math. You voted for the person you did not want to win by NOT voting. This is voting by forfeit.

What if… not voting is actually voting?

Lets pretend you are on a football team. You caught the ball and you ran with it all the way to the 5 yard line. Then mysteriously you stopped, turned around and gave the ball to the opposing team and they ran with it, scored and won the game! How long do you think you would remain on the team you were on?

You already know the answer to that question.

There really is no excuse for not voting because it is a myth. It does not exist. Do you understand?

Not voting IS voting.

Inherent in our system is voting for those who say they are what they represent. We vote for them and then most go to sleep for a time until they do, say and vote for something to the contrary. The tendency is for the electorate to go to sleep because of a false sense of trust. Do not go to sleep. Be watchful and be willing to call them out. This is your responsibility.

Remember: Thomas Jefferson said, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance". That vigilance we speak of is not sometimes, it is eternal.

So stop being brainwashed and VOTE for the candidate who is going to preserve our constitution and our constitutional rights. If they falter, lobby. Call them on it.

Exercise your sacred constitutional right we all have in our Constitutional Republic and VOTE WISELY!.

So, really, there is no "staying home".

Your say in the matter? Wake up; Use it or Lose IT!

Wake up NOW!: VOTE WISELY!.

Robert M. DiVincenzo, Yonkers

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Stop Driving Drunk with Kids in the car, and with a Loaded Gun?

New Rochelle Man Arrested for Driving Drunk at 4AM with a Loaded Gun in Car



On Sunday, October 25, 2026, at approximately 4:00 AM, a New Rochelle Police Officer on patrol observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way on Division Street. A traffic stop was initiated. During the investigation, the officer determined that the driver was operating the vehicle while intoxicated, and placed him under arrest without incident.

While conducting a procedural search incident to the arrest, the officer discovered an illegally possessed loaded firearm in the driver's possession, which added additional firearm related charges.

ARRESTED:

Jamell Green, age 43, of New Rochelle, NY.

CHARGES:

Mr. Green was charged with the following sections of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) and Penal Law (PL).

VTL 1192.03 – Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor)

VTL 1192.02 – Operating a Motor Vehicle with .08% BAC or Higher (Unclassified Misdemeanor)

PL 265.01 – Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree (Class A Misdemeanor)

PL 265.01-B – Criminal Possession of a Firearm (Class E Felony)

PL 265.03 – Criminal Possession of a Loaded Firearm in the 2nd Degree (Class C Violent Felony)

State Police Arrest North Salem Man for DWI with 1 Year Old Child in the Car

On October 27, 2026, New York State Police in Brewster conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on Danbury Road in the town of Southeast for violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. During the investigation, the operator, identified as Kayden C. Billingsley, 27, of North Salem, New York, exhibited signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered. Further investigation revealed that a 1-year-old child was a passenger in the vehicle. Billingsley was taken into custody and transported to State Police Brewster for processing, where she submitted to a chemical breath test that revealed a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.14%. The child was safely released

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Mount Pleasant GOP Condemns Captured Electioneering Violations by Tom Abinanti



Submitted by Mount Pleasant Republican Committee:

On Monday, October 26th, Democratic candidate for Town Supervisor, Tom Abinanti, committed serious violations of the Election Law at the Mount Pleasant Community Center Early Voting location. Video evidence recorded at the polling place confirms that candidate Tom Abinanti repeatedly bypassed polling place regulations at an active early voting site to solicit voters.

As documented on video, Abinanti entered the facility carrying campaign materials and attempted to enter a room hosting a senior program, located just feet from the active voting area. When staff intervened and informed him that soliciting during programming was prohibited, Abinanti disregarded their directives and immediately entered a second senior room within the venue.

Upon being instructed by site personnel to leave the building, Abinanti stated that he would relocate to the entrance of the building. Once outside on the exterior walkway—well within the 100-foot marker—he resumed handing out campaign literature until a Democratic poll inspector intervened and reprimanded him for electioneering within restricted limits.

Rather than leaving the premises, Abinanti combated the poll inspector, falsely claiming that no warning signs were posted—at which point the poll inspector explicitly pointed out the legal distance marker signs on site. During these exchanges, Abinanti explicitly proclaimed to election personnel that he is an "election attorney." As a practicing attorney, a 12-year former New York State Assemblyman who personally served on the Assembly Committee on Election Law, and a career politician whose current campaign relies heavily on criticizing his opponent over "ethical concerns," Abinanti cannot claim ignorance of standard voting rules.

Under New York State Election Law § 17-130(9), soliciting votes or distributing campaign material within 100 feet of a polling site entrance—or anywhere inside a building hosting a voting location—is explicitly forbidden and constitutes a Class A Misdemeanor.

For a candidate who bases his campaign on lecturing others about governance to invoke his self-proclaimed credentials as an election attorney while actively violating state election law on camera exposes severe hypocrisy. Voters in Mount Pleasant deserve integrity and adherence to the law. We call on Town administration to preserve all recorded video footage and relevant evidence so that the District Attorney can initiate a formal investigation of these documented violations.

Clean Energy Supports More Than 10k Jobs in Our Area

State Funds Can Help Employers Hire More

Clean energy already supports more than 10,000 jobs in Westchester and Putnam counties, and employers hiring new workers for clean energy roles can now apply for New York State subsidies that cover part of the cost of hiring and training. That was the message for employers, educators, workforce professionals and community partners at the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board's (WPWDB) 2026 Annual Meeting, held Tuesday, October 13 at the Gateway Center at SUNY Westchester Community College in Valhalla.

The meeting, themed "Building the Clean Energy Talent Machine: Aligning Training with Opportunity," opened with a keynote on the state of the clean energy sector from Angela N. Son, Founder and CEO of The Green Launchpad, and Antuan Cannon, Vice President of Talent Development and Innovation at Willdan Energy Solutions.

Son and Cannon reported that Westchester and Putnam are home to 10,297 clean energy jobs, about 5.6% of the 184,536 statewide, according to data from NYSERDA and E2, a national nonpartisan business group that tracks clean energy employment. Nearly three of every four of those local jobs are in energy efficiency, which includes installing heat pumps, insulation and building controls, and performing energy audits. Statewide, the energy efficiency sector added 5,446 of the 6,087 new clean energy jobs created in 2024, while energy storage was the fastest-growing sector at 7.1%.

The speakers also mapped the sector's four branches, i.e., energy efficiency, energy storage, renewable energy and clean transportation, to specific roles, certifications and the education each requires. Attendees said that breakdown made an abstract industry more concrete.

"Before I came, I knew green energy was happening, but I didn't know how to get the job seekers we serve on board," said Barbara Saunders, Business Services Liaison at the Yonkers Career Center. "When they took the sectors and put them into pockets of real jobs and said things like this is an engineering job, this is a technician job, this is project management, that's when the light bulb went off."

Hands-on sessions on state funding

Nearly 100 attendees then split into two hands-on breakout sessions built around New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) programs:

"Hiring and Training New Clean Energy Talent," led by Cannon, walked employers and workforce staff through NYSERDA's On-the-Job Training program. The program reimburses employers for part of a new hire's wages during training, up to $11,000 per hire, for early-career clean energy roles paying roughly $18 to $40 an hour. Participants drafted real training plans using NYSERDA's template. "Designing a Clean Energy Career Pathways Program," led by Son, covered NYSERDA's $30 million Clean Energy Career Pathways Training solicitation. It funds training programs of $250,000 to $1.5 million that prepare and place new workers in entry-level clean energy jobs. Teams sketched program concepts covering target roles, employer partners, budgets and outcomes. The next application deadline is November 24, 2026, with rounds continuing through November 2027. "I do on-the-job training every day, so this was right up my alley," Saunders said. "He had us work through real-life scenarios and decide which positions would be approved and which would raise red flags. When we walked away, you could hear everyone in that room saying, 'Oh, wow, is that how it works?'"

"Clean energy jobs are already here in Westchester and Putnam, and the funding to hire and train for them are available right now," said Thom Kleiner, Executive Director of the WPWDB. "Our job is to make sure local employers, training providers and job seekers know how to use it. Watching all of these people roll up their sleeves and draft real training plans tells us this community is ready to move from talk to implementation." Employers interested in clean energy wage subsidies, and organizations exploring training programs, can contact the WPWDB or any Career Center in the network at www.westchesterputnamonestop.com.







Pre-Registration Opens November 7 for Golf Westchester 2027

E-Z RESERVE PROGRAM
An expanded 30-week program is available to those who pre-register.

Golf Westchester will open pre-registration for its 2027 E-Z Reserve program on Monday, November 2, allowing current participants to secure their same tee time and day for the 2027 golf season at any of Westchester County's six public golf courses. Pre-registration runs through Monday, November 30. Any times not retained by current participants will be made available to other golfers beginning in December.

From Tuesday, December 1, 2026, through Sunday, February 28, 2027, all remaining E-Z Reserve tee times will be available to new participants and returning golfers seeking a different day or time. Reservations will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one tee time per weekend day.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Westchester County's six public golf courses offer golfers of all skill levels the opportunity to enjoy beautiful landscapes, well-maintained fairways and an outstanding golf experience close to home. The E-Z Reserve program makes planning easy by allowing golfers to secure their preferred weekend tee time for the upcoming season. I encourage golfers to take advantage of this convenient program and make the most of all that Golf Westchester has to offer."

Westchester County Parks Acting Commissioner William Bland said: "E-Z Reserve is a convenient way for golfers to plan ahead and enjoy a consistent tee time at one of Westchester County's six public golf courses. We take pride in maintaining courses that offer a rewarding experience for golfers of all skill levels. We encourage players to take advantage of pre-registration to secure their chosen day and time for the upcoming season."

The E-Z Reserve program allows golfers with a valid Westchester County Park Pass to reserve a starting tee time for a series of weeks throughout the golf season. The program provides a convenient, consistent way for golfers to lock in their weekend rounds.

Golfers who pre-register for the 2027 season will receive an expanded 30-week program for a non-refundable fee of $400 per player. The season will begin the weekend of March 27, 2027, and conclude the weekend of October 17, 2027. Payment may be made by cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

After the pre-registration period, any remaining E-Z Reserve tee times will be available at the golf courses beginning December 1, 2026, for a fee of $400 per player.

Westchester County's six public golf courses are Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers; Hudson Hills in Ossining; Maple Moor in White Plains; Mohansic in Yorktown Heights; and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale. The courses open for the 2027 season on March 17, weather permitting.

E-Z Reserve applications will be available at all six golf courses. Applications, along with complete program rules and regulations, can also be found at golf.westchestercountyny.gov.

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

— Pete Seeger

The Catalytic Converter Crooks are Back in Westchester



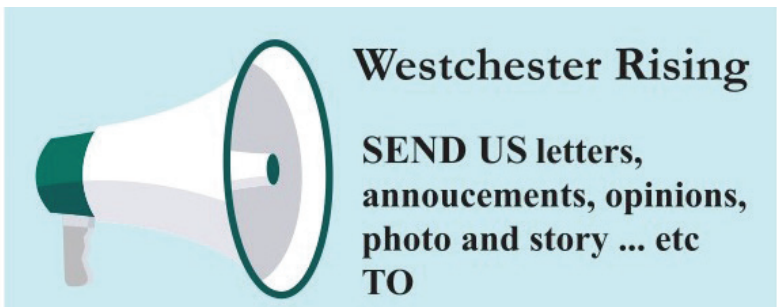
Larchmont PD Community Alert

Multiple catalytic converter thefts occurred overnight from vehicles parked in the Village.

Thieves can remove them in minutes, causing costly damage. Be on the lookout for jacked-up vehicles, people working under cars with tools, loud cutting sounds, or suspicious vehicles circling.

Protect your car: Park in a garage or well-lit area, consider an anti-theft shield, engrave your VIN, and use motion lights or an alarm.

Report suspicious activity to Larchmont PD at (914) 834-1000. Call 911 for emergencies.









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.

The gun industry is so powerful it can toss politicians up in the air as eas

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Governor Hochul Announces NY Legal Cannabis Market Surpasses $4 Billion in Retail Sales

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York's regulated adult-use cannabis market has surpassed $4.1 billion in retail sales since adult-use sales began in December 2022, marking a major economic milestone for the state's burgeoning cannabis industry. This achievement reflects the growing number of New Yorkers choosing to purchase cannabis through the legal market and the contributions of licensed cultivators, processors, distributors, retailers, entrepreneurs and workers who are building an equitable and thriving industry. New York currently ranks third in adult use retail sales nationally.

"When New York legalized adult-use cannabis, we made a promise to build an industry that is safe, fair and creates real opportunity for the communities hit hardest by decades of failed drug policies. Topping $4 billion in sales shows that promise is a reality," Governor Hochul said. "Hundreds of licensed dispensaries are now open across the state, most licenses have gone to equity entrepreneurs, and cannabis revenue is going back to communities that need it most. We will keep shutting down illegal shops, stand up for small businesses that play by the rules and ensure this industry continues on a path of growth and equity."

Under Governor Kathy Hochul's leadership, New York has continued to grow its legal cannabis market while advancing social and economic equity, supporting small businesses, strengthening public health, progressing science and research and reinvesting cannabis revenue into communities across the state. As more consumers turn to licensed dispensaries, the state has also continued efforts to address illicit cannabis activity, helping protect consumers and support businesses operating within the regulated market. To date, enforcement efforts have resulted in the seizure of illicit cannabis products with an estimated value of $125 million, further protecting public health and safety.

New York State Office of Cannabis Management Executive Director John Kagia said, "Reaching $4.1 billion in cannabis sales is an extraordinary milestone for New York, but the real story is the people and businesses behind that number. From the advocates and lawmakers who made this market possible, to the entrepreneurs who have built New York's legal cannabis supply chain from the ground up, and the workers who show up every day to keep the industry's engine running – this achievement belongs to them."
serve."

New York's Cannabis Market at a Glance
$4.1 Billion +: Retail sales to date
$1.41 Billion: Retail sales through the third quarter of 2026
2,351: Cannabis licenses issued statewide
1,039: Licensed adult-use retailers statewide
2,257: Storefront Inspections to date
738: Padlocked and closed illegal cannabis storefronts to date
1,615: Notice of Violations Issued
$276,853,531: Estimated value of illegal products seized
744: Licensed adult-use dispensaries open and operating
56%: Share of adult-use licenses awarded to Social and Economic Equity applicants
5 Adult Use License Types: Cultivator, Processor, Distributor, Microbusiness and Retail Dispensary







Enjoy Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Fall 2026 Nov. 2-16



Cozy gatherings, fresh fall flavors and diverse cuisine await in Westchester during Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, taking place November 2–16, 2026. In celebration of this time-honored tradition, Westchester hosted a kick-off event at the newly renovated Whisk Restaurant, located in the Sonesta White Plains Downtown. Inspired by the County's diverse culinary scene and seasonal flavors, the event highlighted Westchester's vibrant food scene, exceptional hospitality and abundance of fall activities. Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said:

"Fall is a wonderful season to experience Westchester's diverse dining scene, from seasonal specialties to the creativity of our local chefs. Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is a key event for Westchester, adding visibility to our restaurants while supporting the small businesses and hospitality professionals who help drive our local economy. We invite residents and visitors alike to savor the flavors of the season, discover new favorites and make a getaway of their dining experience in Westchester."

Prix-fixe lunch and dinner menus at over 50 diverse restaurants representing 23 towns, cities, and villages entice visitors and residents to explore Westchester's culinary world without ever leaving the County. At all locations, diners can savor meals priced at $24.95, $29.95, $39.95 and $44.95 (tax, beverages, and gratuity not included).

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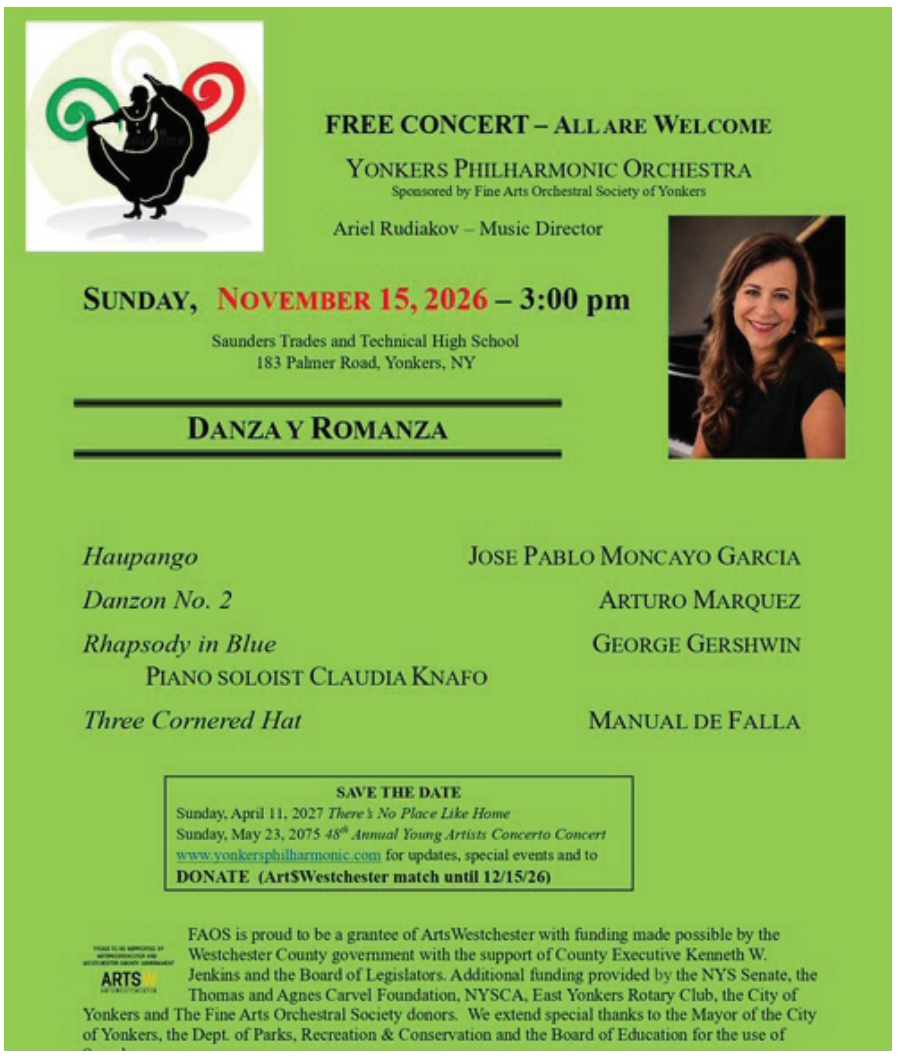
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Scardsale Students Awarded National Society of High School Scholars Scholarship



Robert Kong

The US is going through a teacher shortage, but a new generation of students has the opportunity to change that. Robert Kong, a high school student from Scarsdale, NY, was recently awarded the Future Educators Scholarship by National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), which recognizes students who have a passion for teaching youth and an aspiration to change the education system. During the pandemic, Robert offered free coding classes over Zoom, which eventually grew into TechSpaces Education, a nonprofit that makes STEM education accessible and engaging. As TechSpaces grew, Robert recruited and mentored student volunteers who designed lessons, organized workshops, and expanded programs beyond what he could have done alone. Today, through coding classes, AI workshops, community events, and open educational resources, TechSpaces has helped 350,000+ learners across 130 countries see themselves not just as users of technology, but as creators of it. Robert's goal is to create a learning environment where every student believes they belong. He hopes to combine education, tech, and human-centered research to develop new educational tools that expand opportunities. He also plans to study how future technologies can support different students

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Happy 100th Birthday George Riggs



By Dan Murphy

On Oct. 24 and 25, the family of Mr. George Riggs and his church, the Messiah Baptist Church in Yonkers, celebrated his 100th birthday

Mr. Riggs is one of the longest-living World War II veterans, serving in the Navy aboard the USS McCracken-APA during the invasion of Okinawa, Japan.

A birthday celebration at Castle Royale included family, friends, and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Councilperson Deana Norman.

Mayor Mike Spano sent a proclamation that declared Oct. 24, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS DAY.

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am honored to join with family members and friends of GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS, who we recognize today on the momentous occasion of his 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 24, 1926 to Arthur and Lillian Riggs in Green Pond, South Carolina, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS celebrates his extraordinary 100th Birthday, surrounded by the love and admiration of his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS answered our nation's call to service by enlisting in the United States Navy on May 17, 1944, serving aboard the USS McCracken (APA-198) during the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945. Following his honorable discharge on March 5, 1946, his wartime service was recognized with the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Medal, and a personal letter of appreciation from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS pursued educational and technical training, earning certificates through Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, the Board of Education, the New York Fire Department's Fire Prevention, and The Delehanty Institute's School of Radio, Electric and Television; he built an accomplished career as a Senior Engineering Technician, working for TECA Corporation and Vickers America and International Engineering Manufacturing Company, where he was selected to travel to China to help establish a factory; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS has demonstrated a lasting commitment to fellowship, leadership, and faith as a Past Master and life member of St. James Lodge No. 98, Free and Accepted Masons, and as Grand Photographer Emeritus of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York; he is also a proud member of Messiah Baptist Church in Yonkers, where he was baptized in April 1972; and

WHEREAS, Among his greatest sources of pride are his two daughters, Lillian Riggs and Joyce Riggs Spearman, both United States Army veterans, who carry forward their father's distinguished legacy of military service and dedication to our country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Yonkers is honored to raise its voice in tribute to GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS, who has, for ten decades, exhibited a steadfast commitment to life, serving as a quintessential role model for all to follow, and as living proof that kindness bears great rewards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, do hereby proclaim this day as: GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS DAY On the Occasion of His 100th Birthday in the City of Yonkers, and I call upon all residents to join in honoring GEORGE ARTHUR

RIGGS on this extraordinary milestone, thanking him for his dedicated service to our nation, and wishing him continued happiness, good health, and abundant joy surrounded by his beloved family and friends.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, this 24th day of October 2026.

MIKE SPANO, MAYOR.

Mr. Riggs is in great health, and danced at his birthday celebration. God Bless and Happy 100th Birthday!

Latimer Picks Up Endorsements for Congress



Fuller Center for Housing of Greater NYC and Jim Killoran Walk for Homes Nov. 8



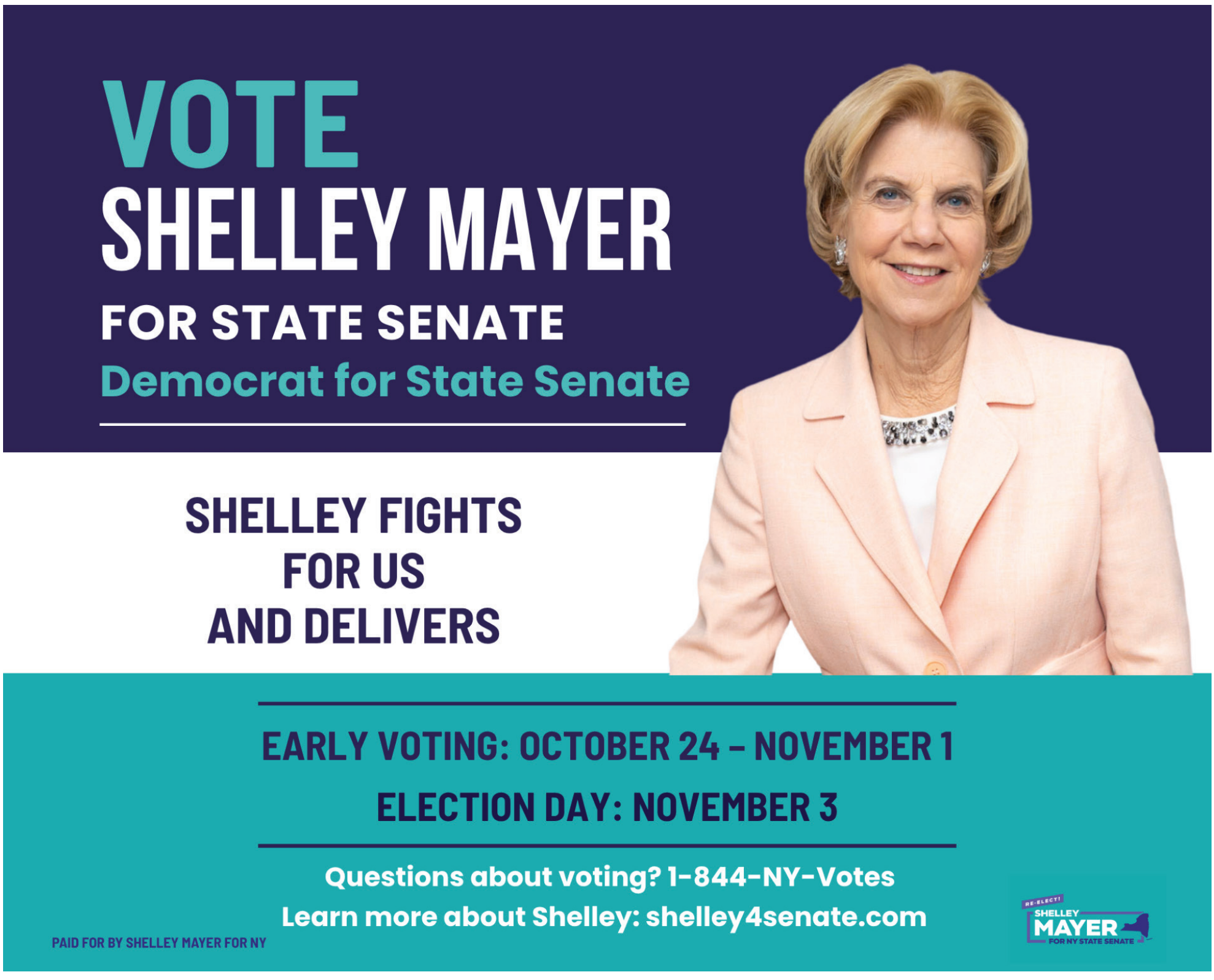
Our all important Walk for Homes November 8th beginnjng at Constitution Park to raise support awareness and the realization that seniors, veterans and GenZ'rs deserve a decent place to live. The Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City join us.i will start on SoNo New Ro and meet there. Join me or donate text #WeBuild to 44321 to donate.

The Symphony of Westchester Opens Season at Iona University with Beethoven Program



November 7 Concert Features Pianist Alon Goldstein and a program of Beethoven favorites

The Symphony of Westchester will open its 2026–2027 season at Iona University with an All Beethoven Program on Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 p.m. at the Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium in the Murphy Science and Technology Building in New Rochelle. The new season continues on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. with an All Baroque Program featuring music by Handel and Bach. The Symphony will present its Young Artist Showcase on Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m., featuring winners of the orchestra's 12th Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition. The season concludes on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 p.m. with an All Romantic Music Program featuring works by Brahms, Elgar and Bruch. All performances take place in the Murphy Science Building at Iona University, located at 25 Mayflower Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10801, across from Iona's main campus at 715 North Ave. Free parking is available at the top of the hill on Summit Avenue. Tickets are $60 for general admission, $45 for seniors over 65 and $20 for students with valid ID. Tickets and season information are available at https://thesymphonyofwestchester.org/concerts/ or by calling 914-654-4926.



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ily 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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college in fall 2024 remained enrolled the following fall, the highest Black persistence rate in more than a decade. Black student retention at the institutions where they started also rose to 59.6 percent.

Those numbers matter because they challenge an old and dangerous narrative that Black students are somehow disengaging from higher education.

HBCUs are not relics of the past. They are institutions competing for the next generation.

But their survival should never be taken for granted. Historically, America had more Black colleges than it has today. Some institutions have closed after confronting combinations of financial difficulties, declining enrollment, accreditation challenges, and other pressures. Others found survival through consolidation.

Clark Atlanta University is one of the most prominent examples. According to Clark Atlanta University's official institutional history, Atlanta University, founded in 1865, and Clark College, founded in 1869, consolidated in 1988 to create the university we know today.

Funding inequity has also shaped the HBCU story for generations. Federal and state analyses have documented billions of dollars in historical funding disparities between Black land-grant universities and their predominantly white counterparts.

At the same time, new investment demonstrates that HBCUs remain essential to American higher education. According to the U.S. Department of Education, in September 2026, the federal government announced more than $174 million in additional one-time funding for HBCUs. The Department reported that, combined with $438 million in additional funding announced the previous year, more than $612 million in new HBCU funding was directed toward these institutions during fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

That investment matters. But money alone cannot introduce a ninth grader in Yonkers to Claflin University. A federal appropriation cannot put a Howard University brochure into the hands of a student in Mount Vernon. A statistic cannot sit down with a family in Harlem and explain that North Carolina A&T, S.C. State, Morehouse, FAMU, or one of our other HBCUs might be where their child belongs.

People have to do that work. That is why The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative is here.

I want students in Mount Vernon, Yonkers, New Rochelle, White Plains, the Bronx, and beyond to hold HBCU brochures in their hands. I want them to see the flags. I want them to learn the history. I want them to know about scholarships, admissions opportunities, and institutions they may never have encountered before.

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Republicans are corrupt and looking to destroy social security

Letter by Clifford Jackson

The Republican Party of today is a far cry from the republican party of the civil war. The "radical republicans "under the leadership of Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Senator Charles Sumner led the fight against the evils of slavery. They along with Frederick Douglass and William lloyd Garrison and Harriet Tubman fought for the ending of slavery, all of them were responsible for passing the civil rights acts of 1866 and 1875 as well as the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments.

In the case of Charles Sumner he was beaten on the senate floor by fellow senator John C Calhoun an avowed white supremacist. This was during a time when republicans not only had standing as fighters for freedom but were in line with the constitution.

The republicans today are anathema to anything like their forbearers and are a bastion of corruption, racism and lawlessness that would make the radical republicans of the 19th century shake their heads in disgust! It started with Reagan where the republican party moved in the opposite direction of people like republican Mayor Fiorello Laguardia or republican congressman Vito Anthony Marcantonio. "Greed is good " became a part of the republican party platform and more acceptable in this society as a whole.

The explosion of homelessness around the country is a direct result of this depravity. The Reagan tax cuts in the 1980s widened the gap between rich and poor in this society as well as the ferocious demonization of not only the poor, but to add to what Robert F. Kennedy said "the vanity of distinction, " where people have a pseudo air of superiority over those who have less in the way of money and material possessions. This became a very American value, especially here in Larchmont.

Today's MAGA Republican Party is insane with its level of corruption that becomes more outrageous everyday. Whether it is the confirmation of white supremacist christian nationalist like Peter Hegseth, or totally unqualified Kash Patel as FBI director and his daily exhibition of corruption, we are in the bowels of disgrace and corruption with almost every agency of government under Trump.

Trump and the republican party are looking to privatize social security and medicaid. The big beautiful bill, that will take effect next year , will allow them to loot these two socialist programs started under President Roosevelt and President Johnson respectively. The stealing of funds from these two programs, under project 2025, will be transferred to Trump's oligarch billionaire crony's such as those who fund AIPAC.

The cuts to medicaid and food stamps are something that Mayor Mamdani and Governor Hochul are trying to fill the gap here in NY. Half of all nursing homes are funded by medicaid. Do the math! That means that there will be some nursing homes that will have to close down with the cuts to medicaid. Planned parenthood centers are closing down as i write this because of cuts to medicaid that funds planned parenthood.

Clifford Jackson, Larchmont

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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Security Agency "to protect our election systems."

"Well, here it is in her race," said Lawler. "And the question is, will Cait Conley condemn the far-left groups that are very clearly trying to suppress voters in the waning week of this election? That's the question, and every reporter here should ask her.

The Working Families Tax Cut Act, which Lawler helped pass, raised the cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction from $10,000 to $40,000 and kept the 2017 tax cuts from expiring. Had they lapsed, the standard deduction would have been cut roughly in half and the child tax credit would have dropped from $2,000 to $1,000 per child.

"I was clear when I told my own party I wasn't voting for a tax bill that didn't fix SALT, right? The SALT caucus worked together and got the cap raised from $10,000 to $40,000," said Lawler. "Now that's significant money for people paying some of the highest property taxes anywhere in the country. The Speaker could have told us to take a hike, but I know many families around here are happy that he didn't."

"You have 3.3 million seniors in the state of New York who are no longer paying taxes on their Social Security. That's a big deal for a lot of people," said Speaker Johnson.

Conley would have let it all go. At the October 7 NAACP forum at Rockland Community College, Conley said of the expiring SALT cap, "The best thing that Congress could have done for New Yorkers was absolutely nothing and just letting it go away."

Conley doesn't pay property taxes in NY-17. She still owns the house in Fairfax County, Virginia, where she filmed her launch video, as POLITICO reported under the subhead "Running for New York, from Virginia." Since January 2025, she has paid Fairfax County almost $11,000 in property taxes and county charges on that house. Her campaign says she lives in Ossining, but the Hudson Valley Digger found she moved to Millwood, in the Town of New Castle, in 2025.

Her campaign has also misspelled several towns in the district, including writing "Ossinging" for the town she claims as home.

"How much has she paid in property taxes in this district? The answer, of course, is zero, because she doesn't own a home here," concluded Lawler.

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ready to flip NY-17 reminded me how much is at stake this year. Cait is a leader who will fight for us in Congress, and with her, we'll move NY-17 FORWARD.

Assemblymember Dana Levenberg said, "To build healthy communities here in the Hudson Valley, we need better representation in Congress. That's why we are ready to elect Cait Conley and make Hakeem Jeffries the next Speaker of the House!"

Conley said, "He (Lawler) talks about being proud of his service while in Congress. I have to tell you, if I were him, I wouldn't be proud. You see, after 9/11, I had the privilege of serving this nation. My alma mater just up the river (West Point) instilled in me the ethos of duty, honor, country. That ethos is the foundation of my life of public service. Fighting for our community, our families, and our country."

Notice of Formation of The Spinning Top LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/2017. 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 The Spinning Top LLC, 81 Pondfield Road #287, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Denyshas LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/2023. 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 Rocket Corporate Services Inc. 2804 Gateway Oaks Dr. #100 Sacramento, CA 95833 Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of ISPARDA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/2026. 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, 113A Woodale Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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.

Notice of formation of ACH HOLDINGS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on October 8, 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 Corporate Creations Network Inc., 600 Mamaroneck Avenue #400, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of ALLIANCE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/03/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 7 RYE RIDGE PLAZA, UNIT #680, RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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 everyythingpancakes, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2026. 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, 45 Birch Brook Rd, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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 I WASH NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 24, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Westview Ave 508 Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Elite Air Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/07/2026. 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, 193 Kneeland Rd, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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.

Notice of Formation of DYLSOFT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/29/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.



Notice of formation of Affogato House LLC filed with the SSNY on 6/11/26. 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, 173 Huguenot Street, Ste. 200, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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 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 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.

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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.

Stone & Oak Management Group LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 92 Hamilton Ave, Apt 1A, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Holiday Heroes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/2026. 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 THOMAS DOOLEY 51 PARK DRIVE MT KISCO NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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We are registered Democrats. We will remain registered Democrats.

While we do not support the Republican national political agenda, **when it comes to our hometown, we consider the person not the party when voting.**

That's why we are voting for Tony Colavita. Change for the sake of change makes no sense.

Tony has demonstrated leadership and always does what is in the best interest of our town regardless of partisan politics.

He is experienced, having served for six years on the town board prior to becoming Supervisor and he has accomplished a great deal during his tenure.

We live in a very safe community with a stable tax base, great services and parks. That's why many of us moved here and that's why we are staying here.

We will be voting for Supervisor Colavita and hope you will too.

Authorized Signatories:

Eileen Frey
John Yanni
Jennifer Lang
Dawn Giangregorio
Lauren Nickoletos
David Fair
William Deegan
Nicole Denaut
Anthony LeStrange
Margaret Baker
Michael Dinger
Richard Pregiato
Shana Westhoff
Adrienne Bloomfield
Morris Marcus
Danielle LeStrange
Walter LeStrange

Supervisor Colavita said, "Thank you to everyone who signed the Democrats for Colavita letter, demonstrating that in local elections, you vote for the person who puts the best interests of Eastchester, Tuckahoe, and Bronxville first, and not party politics. I'm honored to have their support."

We Endorse Latimer, continued from pg 1-

Throughout his decades of public service—from the Westchester County Legislature to the New York State Capitol and Westchester County Executive—George Latimer has proven that government works best when leaders focus on results over rhetoric.

Latimer has stood up to President Trump on a variety of issues and has joined his Democratic colleagues in calling out the administration on budget cuts and the nonsense we hear and read every day.

As the national focus has turned to the congressional race in NY-17, Latimer has continued doing the work of the people.

Latimer now serves the people of Yonkers, parts of the Bronx, and lower- and mid-Westchester. He joins Westchester's former Congressmembers Nita Lowey and Eliot Engel.

Latimer serves as a steady hand in Congress who knows how to get things done.

Latimer's opponent is republican Joseph Cinquemani, who has run an active campaign, but not enough in this district.
We endorse Congressman George Latimer for reelection.



Trump's Warmongering and Waste Make our Struggles Worse

Letter to the Editor:

As President Trump not only refuses to end his illegal war on Iran but considers new strikes, Congress must act.

Thousands have been killed, including children and 21 U.S. servicemembers.

Congress must show up and speak for their constituents who roundly oppose Trump's war by rejecting EVERY Pentagon funding bill, including the annual National Defense Authorization Act, Defense Appropriations Act, or standalone legislation that could be used to fund further violence and suffering.

People across the country are struggling in the face of Trump's illegal warmongering: American households have already spent roughly $2,000 extra in economic costs. Our bills could get even higher amidst cuts to healthcare, SNAP, and other vital programs.

Congress must vote NO on authorizing so much as one more dime for illegal war.

Sincerely, Joseph De Feo, Yonkers

Editor's Note: We have received more than a dozen letters exactly the same as the one above.

DWI with Child in the Car, continued from pg 3-

to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Billingsley was charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a Class E felony, and Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor.

Billingsley was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Town of Southeast Court on December 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Student Scholar, continued from pg 8-

rather than expecting everyone to learn the same way. Beyond research, Robert is the founder of TechSpaces Education, a youth-led nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to free STEM, coding, and AI education. Through TechSpaces, he has helped develop educational programs, workshops, open-access learning resources, and volunteer-led initiatives reaching students around the world. He is also the author of Kiki the Hamster Codes Her Own Way, an illustrated introduction to coding for children with different learning needs, and has created technology-repair guides and educational media reaching over 100,000 users.

Robert is an avid speedcuber, rower, and educator who enjoys building communities around learning. He hopes to continue combining research, engineering, teaching, and service to create technologies and educational opportunities that are both innovative and inclusive.

Learn more at https://www.nshss.org/scholarships/s/nshss-future-educators-scholarship/

Former NYPD, continued from pg 1-

19, 2026, Howell pleaded guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide (a class B felony) and Manslaughter in the Second Degree (a class C felony) before Judge Anne B. Bianchi in Westchester County Court. Today, Howell was sentenced to concurrent sentences of four to 12 years in prison. Howell's driver license has been revoked, and she has waived her right to appeal.

At 11:37 p.m. on January 22, Sergeant Howell was driving south in the northbound lanes of the Taconic State Parkway at more than 50 MPH when she crashed head-on into a car driven by Mr. Boitel, causing his death. Sergeant Howell had a blood alcohol content of at least 0.18 at the time. Mr. Boitel was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after midnight.

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed. Also, the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI's assessment indicates an officer may have caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

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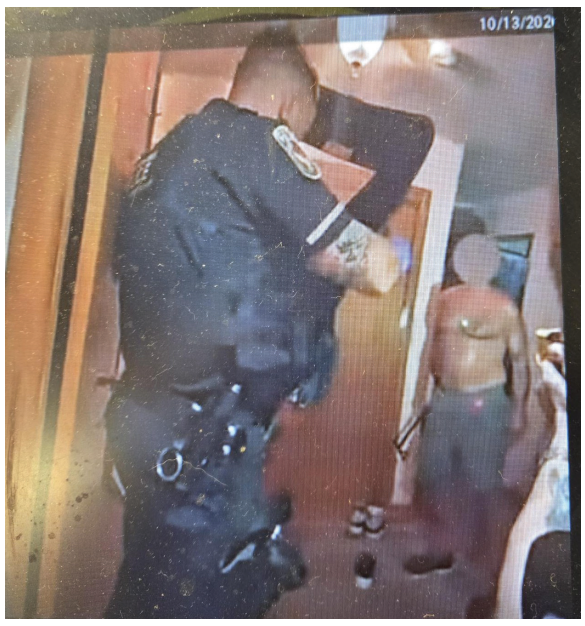


NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins joins representatives from ArtsWestchester and Cross County Center at the unveiling of a new mural celebrating Cross County Center's 70-year history as a shopping and community destination in Yonkers.

Created by acclaimed artist Andrey Kravtsov, also known as Key Detail, the mural features colorful, 1950s-inspired imagery highlighting the generations of memories and connections made at the center.

The mural is part of CHARM (Cultivating Havens for the Arts through Regional Murals), a statewide initiative launched by Governor Kathy Hochul and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). The mural is located in the North Lot between Zara and Shake Shack.

Yonkers Police Officers Confronted by A Man with a Hachet



From the Yonkers Police Department: We're back with another episode of FIND OUT FRIDAY, and today we're finding out that greeting our Officers with a hatchet is a surefire way to be introduced to electricity.

On October 13th, Yonkers Police Officers from our Emergency Service Unit (ESU) and 2nd Precinct responded to a residence after concerned family members called for assistance regarding a relative who was behaving erratically, holding a "cutting tool".

Upon entering the home, Officers were confronted by a man armed with a large hatchet who had been shouting aggressively and was refusing repeated commands to drop the weapon. With the situation becoming increasingly dangerous, Officers had to act quickly to bring the encounter to a safe conclusion.

A well-placed TASER deployment, courtesy of our friends at Axon, quickly brought the situation under control, causing the man to drop the hatchet and allowing Officers to safely take him into custody. Officers then transported him to a local hospital for medical treatment and evaluation.

The bottom line? Our Officers were faced with an armed individual in a potentially deadly situation and were able to resolve it without resorting to deadly force. That is why we invest in these invaluable tools and the training that accompanies them.

Why do we post this stuff? To show you the dangers our Officers face every day, and the lengths they go to in order to bring dangerous situations to a safe conclusion. Excellent work by all involved, demonstrating the training, professionalism, and restraint that help keep our Officers and the public safe!

Watch the video https://www.facebook.com/reel/1601393327574861.



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