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Political Season Quietly Begins in Westchester



County Executive George Latimer, and his challenger Christine Sculti
By Dan Murphy

The people of Westchester have not begun to focus on the upcoming Nov. 2 election. With a comeback of COVID lurking, Hurricane Ida leaving many communities flooded, and with parents and teachers going back to school, county voters of all parties have lots of other things to worry about.

But the day after Labor Day has always been the unofficial start of the political season, so here is an overview to get us started. The big race in Westchester in 2021 is for County Executive, with democratic incumbent George Latimer seeking re-election, running against republican Christine Sculti.

After serving for the past two years under the shadow of COVID, Latimer has built his re-election campaign on protecting the people of Westchester from COVID, no property tax increases, and serving with progressive values.

Sculti is the "Rocky" candidate for County Executive. Very few people give her a chance at winning, but in politics anything is possible. We will feature Sculti in a future issue so you know more about her and her campaign. We are glad that voters have a choice when they vote for County Exec is less than two months.

There is also a countywide race for Westchester County Clerk, with democrat Tim Idoni seeking a fourth term, with his challenger, republican Scooter Scott.

All 17 seats on the County Board of Legislators are up this November,

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When Will Technology Catch Up to Drunk Drivers? Should the METS GM Be Fired?



Westchester residents Shina McClam, top right, and Diego Trejo, top left, were killed by drunk drivers in the county.

NY Mets General Manager Zachary Scott was the latest drunk driver in Westchester, arrested on Aug. 31



By Dan Murphy

The recent news of three prominent cases of drunk driving in Westchester made this reporter ask the question, with all of the technological advances in our society, why can't we stop Drunk Driving?

On August 31, 2021, at approximately 4:17 a.m., Zachary Scott, the General Manager of the New York Mets baseball team, was discovered asleep behind the wheel of his car while stopped at a traffic light on South Lexington Avenue in White Plains. White Plains Police woke Scott, who was initially disoriented and confused. He admitted to drinking earlier in the night and failed the three standardized field sobriety tests that were administered. Following his arrest, Scott refused to submit to a chemical test to determine his blood alcohol content.

Scott, 44, of Rye, was charged in White Plains City Court with Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor. Earlier in the evening of Aug 30, Scott attended a fund raising party hosted by the owner of the Mets, Steve Cohen, at his estate in Greenwich, Ct.

Several members of the Mets also attended. The Mets left at 9pm in a bus, which took them back to CitiField in Queens, NYC. Scott left the party around the same time and apparently headed to the pubs in White Plains along Mamaroneck Avenue.

"Zachary Scott made an irresponsible decision to drive while under the influence," said Westchester DA Mimi Rocah said. "We are thankful nobody was hurt or killed but we will continue to hold people accountable for this kind of reckless and potentially dangerous conduct in Westchester County."

On August 12, Bedford attorney Robert Schuster, pled guilty to aggravated ve-

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Governor Hochul Visits Flooded Westchester with Schumer, Gillibrand: Aid Promised



The Sprain Parkway Southbound the day after Ida flooding, photo by Phil Reisman



Governor Kathy Hochul, above in Mamaroneck with U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and Mayor Tom Murphy, and below in Yonkers with Mayor Mike Spano, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Congressman Jamaal Bowman and Assemblyman Nader Sayegh



By Dan Murphy

Governor Kathy Hochul visited the aftermath of Hurricane Ida in Westchester County on Sept. 3, going to Yonkers and then to Mamaroneck. The Governor visited a flooded portion of Warburton Avenue in Yonkers that resulted in a landslide of a parking lot and a cancellation of MTA service on the Hudson River line.

"I can commit here today that the state will provide the resources for this project to get the engineering and design phase underway. My heart goes out to the first responders here representing those all over the State of New York. They teamed up with our State Police to literally save people from the raging waters that had turned their streets into rivers," said Hochul.

"So when people talk about these 500-year events, 1,000-year events, none of us are buying it anymore. Mother Nature has changed because of what man has done – man-made, man-induced climate change, the extent of greenhouse gases that have destroyed our environment have left us vulnerable, and we all stand together – local, state, and federal officials – to build the resiliency while we can, but also to address the specter of climate change with a greater sense of urgency because the future of climate change is right now," said Hochul, who also visited Mamaroneck with both U.S. Senators from NY, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

Both Schumer and Gillibrand pointed to a study by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for Mamaroneck, which has been flooding out during every recent storm. "Though the study was completed and we successfully fought for construction to be authorized and it was in the 2018 Water Infrastructure Act, I put it in there with Senator Gillibrand's help, the Trump administration in another one of their vicious moves, because it was anti-New York, decided not to move forward with construction," Schumer said.

"They disregarded the loss of human life here, they disregarded the destruction to the village, the cost to the village and the taxpayers, the cost to the small businesspeople, they just said 'no.' They let many other projects in other states go forward in states that were friendlier to them."

The project would involve deepening the Mamaroneck River and Sheldrake River and building breakwater walls along the Sound Shore. "The construction of the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake River Flood Risk Management Project is critically important to the families of the village, to the local economy and the future of the community," Gillibrand said. "We have been hit by these severe weather storms constantly, constantly over the last decade. This country is being devastated from flooding, from tornados, from wildfires. This is the impact of global climate change on our new normal and it is devastating, it is heartbreaking, it is deadly."

TOYS “R” US Returns in Partnership With Macy’s



By Dan Murphy

Good news for those of us who shopped at Toys R Us for years until their bankruptcy and closing in 2018. Macy’s has announced a partnership with Toys”R”Us and their parent company WHP Global.

Toys”R”Us kids of all ages can now shop an expansive assortment online from the most globally recognized leader in toys at macys.com/toysrus and in more than 400 Macy’s stores nationwide rolling out in 2022.

“As a Toys”R”Us kid, I could not be more excited to bring this beloved brand that so many of our customers know and love into Macy’s online and to our stores across America,” said Nata Dvir, Macy’s chief merchandising officer. “Our toy business grew exponentially in the past year, with many families looking to inspire their children’s imagination and create meaningful moments together. Toys”R”Us is a globally recognized leader in children’s toys and our partnership allows Macy’s to significantly expand our footprint in that category, while creating more occasions for customers to shop with us across their lifestyles.”

The Toys”R”Us experience at macys.com/toysrus lets shoppers search for the perfect product by age, toy type, character and brand. From perennial favorite toy cars and dolls to STEM-inspired products for creative learners, Macy’s expanded assortment of the hottest and most popular items, including products that highlight inclusivity, discovery and learning, will offer something for every parent and child. Powered by Macy’s, ToysRUs.com will serve as the dedicated authority for all things toys and play, with highly immersive and engaging content that seamlessly connects consumers to the toy offering at macys.com.

Within Toys”R”Us shop-in-shops rolling out to more than 400 Macy’s stores nationwide in 2022, customers will be welcomed by Geoffrey the Giraffe before discovering and playing across dedicated sections by age, interest and category, with interactive experiences, activation centers and iconic elements throughout.

Yehuda Shmidman, Chairman & CEO of WHP Global and Toys”R”Us, commented, “Our partnership with Macy’s marks the greatly anticipated return of Toys”R”Us in the U.S.A., and changes the retail landscape by combining two beloved retail brands together for consumers across the nation in a completely innovative way. We’re thrilled to be launching this new partnership together with Macy’s.”

The Toys”R”Us brand – with its famous jingle “I don’t wanna grow up, I’m a Toys”R”Us kid” and mascot Geoffrey the Giraffe – are synonymous with the joys of childhood for millions around the world. For more than 70 years it has been the most trusted destination for children and parents seeking great toys. Founded by Charles Lazarus, Toys”R”Us became the world’s most beloved toy store and a globally recognized household name in the toy category. As of July 31, Macy’s Inc. had 512 Macy’s locations, including Yonkers and Jefferson Valley in Westchester County.

In a related story, Sephora recently announced that it was partnering with

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20 Years Later, Westchester Will Never Forget September 11, 2001


The names of the Westchester County residents we lost on Sept. 11, 2001: William Abrahamson, Peter Craig Alderman, Kazuhiro Anai, Sharon Balkcom Yelena Belilovsky, Michael J. Berkeley, George Bishop, Michael A. Boccardi Michelle Renee Bratton, Thomas M. Brennan, Jonathan Eric Briley, Mark Brisman, Lloyd Brown, Ronald Bucca, Tom Burke, Mary T. Caulfield, Alex Ciccone Kevin Francis Cleary, Robert J. Coll, Helen Crossin-Kittle, Joan Cullinan, Patrick W. Danahy, Dwight Darcy, Marisa DiNardo, Simon Dedvukaj, Simon A. Dhanani, John J. Doherty, Christopher Michael Duffy, Paul Fiori, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Kevin Joseph Frawley, Alan W. Friedlander, John Patrick Gallagher Charles Garbarini, Peter Gelinis, Kieran Joseph Gorman, Yugi Goya, Gary Haag, Richard B. Hall, Vincent Halloran, Ward Haynes, Nobuhiro Hayatsu, Katsuyuki Hirai, Thomas Warren Hohlweck, Jr., Montgomery McCulloch Hord Louis Steven Inghilterra, Ariel Louis Jacobs, Arthur Joseph Jones, Douglas G. Karpiloff, Satoshi Kikuchihara, Takashi Kinoshita, Glenn Kirwin, Richard J. Klares, Gary Koecheler, Vanessa Langer, Denis Lavelle, Joseph Leavey Michael A. Lepore, Richard Lynch, Jr., Michael J. Lyons, Katie Marie McCloskey, John T. McErlean, Jr., Francis McGuinn, Michael McHugh, Jr., Barry J. McKeon, Robert C. McLaughlin, Jr., Christopher D. Mello, Yamel Merino William Minardi, Krishna V. Moorthy, George Morell, Dennis Moroney Takuya Nakamura, Soichi Numata, James A. Oakley, Diana J. O’Connor, Amy O’Doherty, Marni Pont O’Doherty, Samuel Oitice, Sean Gordon Corbett O’Neill, Chris Orgielewicz, Timothy F. O’Sullivan, Michael B. Packer Thomas Palazzo, James Nicholas Pappageorge, William H. Pohlmann Hemanth Kumar Puttur, Vincent A. Princiotta, Valsa Raju, Robert A. Rasmussen John Reo, Joseph R. Rivero, Gregory E. Rodriguez, Edward Ryan, Tatiana Ryjova, Sam Salvo, Eric Sand, Robert Scandole, Marian Serva, Daniel Shea, Joseph Shea, Linda Sheehan, Thomas J. Shubert, Allan Shwartzstein, David Silver, Michael John Simon, Thomas E. Sinton, III, Rochelle M. Snell, Robert Speisman, Joseph P. Spor, Jr., Timothy C. Stout, John Swaine, Sean Patrick Tallon, Michael A. Tamuccio, Kenichiro Tanaka, Joanna Vidal, Jeffrey Walz, James Arthur Waring, Timothy Matthew Welty, William Wik, Marc Zeplin, Ivelin Ziminski, Joseph J. Zuccala

The names of the Westchester men and women who lost their battles to 9/11 related illnesses: John LoBianco – Yonkers Fire Department, Detective Michael Houlahan – New York City Police Department, Firefighter Eduardo Rivera – Yonkers Fire Department, Police Officer Christopher Barry – New York City Police Department, Fire Commissioner Peter Guyett – Yonkers Fire Department Deputy Chief Frank Strollo – New Rochelle Fire Department, Police Officer Nicholas Finelli – New York City Police Department, Police Officer Joseph Heid – New York City Police Department, Battalion Chief Kevin Byrnes – New York City Fire Department, Emergency Medical Technician Luis de Pena – New York City Fire Department EMS, Detective Joseph Seabrook – New York City Police Department, Detective James W. Monahan – New York City Police Department, Captain Ronald G. Peifer Sr. – New York City Police Department, Detective Charles Wassil Jr. – Peekskill Police Department, Lieutenant Roy McLaughlin – Yonkers Police Department, Police Officer Anthony Maggiore – Yonkers Police Department, Firefighter Robert A. Mentrasti – Fairview Fire Department Police Officer Walter Mallinson – Harrison Police Department, Firefighter Michael O’Hanlon – New York City Fire Department, Police Officer Kathleen O’Connor-Funigiello – New Rochelle Police Department, Lieutenant Clark Douglass – New York City Police Department, Sergeant Patrick Boyle – New York City Police Department, Sergeant Patrick Coyne – New York City Police Department, Detective Mark Gado – New Rochelle Police Department, Firefighter Neill Tyndal Jr – Yonkers Fire Department, James P. Sullivan – New York City Transit Authority, Lieutenant John Thomas Moran – New York City Fire Department, Police Officer Kevin Xavier Domenech – New York City Police Department, Firefighter John Peteani – Yonkers Fire Department, Firefighter Daniel Foley – New York City Fire Department, EMS Captain Barry Brown – Mohegan Lake EMS, Executive Director Stephan Hittmann – New York City Fire Department.



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Bus Driver Shortage Could Affect Your Child's Ride to School



The Yonkers Public Schools and the Board of Education realized on August 27, 2021, that hundreds of new students will not be bused to school for their first day on September 3, due to an shortage of bus drivers. Calling it a "profound challenge, the school district released a short statement at 6pm on September 1, two days before the first day of school.

"A shortage of licensed bus drivers makes it impossible for the District's seven vendors to provide the additional routes needed to transport 474 new students to school; this number increases daily with new enrollments. Urban school districts throughout the country are facing the same challenge. The Yonkers Public Schools transports 11,300 students on 464 yellow buses and vans. For the students who will not be receiving transportation this Friday, parents/guardians will be notified tomorrow, September 2, by the Transportation Department," read the statement.

There are 26,000 students in the Yonekrs Public Schools. If the district transports 11,300 by school bus or van, then more than 15,000 older students take the Bee Line bus to school, while younger students walk with a family member or get dropped off.

School districts in Westchester and across the state are dealing with similar shortages, but not as extreme as in Yonkers. Most bus companies barely have enough drivers to cover their school routes but have no substitute drivers as a back up.

Most of the reasons for the shortage is COVID related. Many drivers are retirees, or older, and are now reluctant to drive. Some waited for their unemployment benefits to expire, and may now come back to drive.

Some Westchester school districts operate their own fleet of buses while other school district contract out with bus companies. Certification of a new bus driver can take up to 12 weeks. Some school districts may have to consider asking the State for a waiver if the shortage becomes more severe.

Our readers can contact their own school district to see if there is a shortage, and if possible, to vounteer your services.

Latimer, County Government Recognize Sept. as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

Month-Long Messaging Campaign on the Importance Suicide Prevention and Overall Mental Health

Watch Video of Full Press Conference Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvzjSrJq5bU>

Upholding Westchester County's Commitment to suicide prevention, awareness and the importance of overall mental health, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, the Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH) and several community partners recognized the month of September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month. The month-long messaging campaign was created to help educate Westchester County residents on the appropriate ways to discuss mental health crisis in identified communities, and remind them of the resources available to them.

Prior to the Press Conference, volunteers from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and DCMH placed pinwheels on display at Glen Island Park in New Rochelle. The display of 78 pinwheels represent the number of completed suicides (78) in Westchester County in 2020. The display includes statistic signs and walk signs, and the pinwheels will remain on display throughout the month of September as part of Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Throughout the month of September, the County will be encouraging residents to participate in a variety of workshops, training courses and task force initiatives to help our communities engage in suicide prevention efforts, and help them to practice good mental health. It is not always easy to speak up if you think a family member or friend is struggling or dealing with a mental health crisis, and we want to give you the tools to start that discussion. Helping those around us is everyone's business, and we want everyone to know about the support and services that are available to them in Westchester."

Commissioner of DCMH Michael Orth said: "It's everyone's responsibility to support each other's mental health. We can all help prevent tragedies in our own communities by learning to recognize and take seriously the signs of depression and emotional pain. It is important that we reach out to family members, friends, neighbors and colleagues and open the door for conversation."

Hudson Valley/Westchester Area Director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Maria Idoni said: "September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. This is a time for each of us to reach out to those around us and take steps to prevent suicide. It's important that we know how to talk about suicide, and connect ourselves and our loved ones to help if we ever need it. Together, we can help #StopSuicide."

Westchester County's Suicide Prevention and Awareness Plan includes: **Westchester County Suicide Awareness Pinwheels Display and Reflection** For the first time in Westchester County, in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the County will display one pinwheel to represent every suicide in Westchester from the year prior. The pinwheels will be displayed at Glen Island Park New Rochelle throughout the month of September, for visitors to pause and remember those we lost to suicide.

DCMH Social Media Awareness Campaign: Daily social media awareness information and activities related to Suicide Prevention and Awareness.


Soul Shop Faith Based Training: On September 29, DCMH in partnership with AFSP and Calvary Church, will be offering "Soul Shop: Ministering to Faith Communities Affected by Suicide." It's estimated that one out of every two people in a given congregation has personally been affected by suicide. Soul Shop trains faith community leaders to offer support, hope and connection to those in their congregations. Soul Shop equips participants with the resources and guidance they need to foster hope and healing in their community.

Mental Health First Aid Training: DCMH will provide Adult and Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training to Westchester County's communities. Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHA) is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Adult Mental Health First Aid Training offers training to address the needs of adults. Westchester will also be launching Teen Mental Health First Aid Training targeting adolescents and young adults in the near future.


For more information and a complete list of resources and services, please visit us at: <https://mentalhealth.westchestergov.com/>, or call 914-995-5220. Please visit our interactive online directory and map of services: <http://dcmhservices.westchestergov.com/DCMHServices/login.jsp>.

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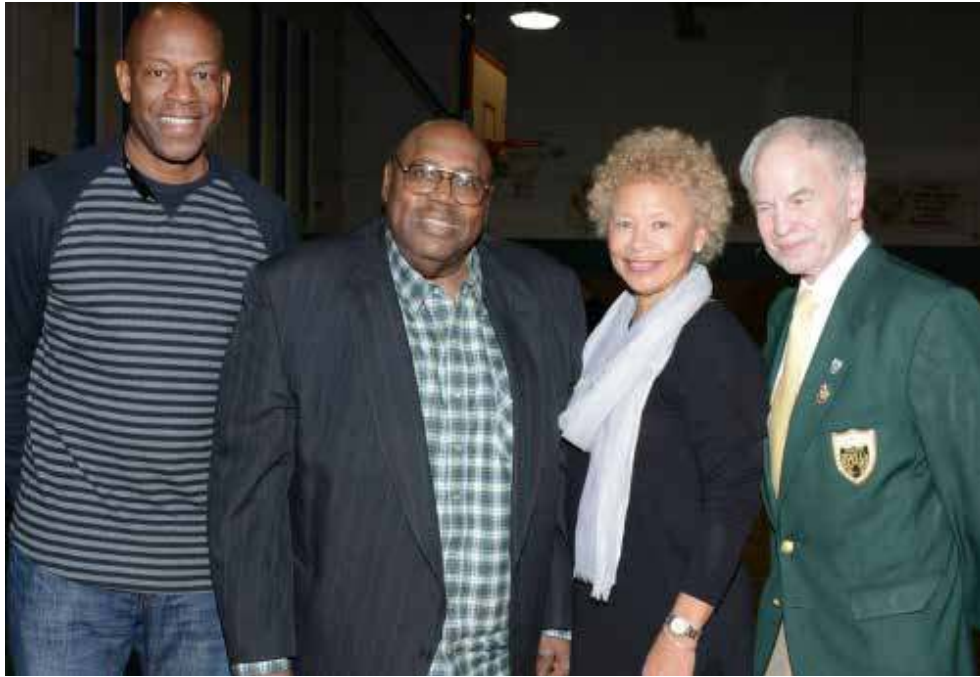
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Remembering Willie Faulkner



Willie Faulkner, 2nd left, with Left, NBA's Gus Williams, Melvina Lathan and Howard Berman, from the Yonkers PAL

Deacon Willie James Faulkner Sr. a longtime resident of Pelham, NY, departed this life on August 21, at the age of 80. Willie was born in Gadsden Alabama on April 5, 1941 as the only child to Henry James Faulkner and Mary Mae Butler.

Willie graduated from Carver High School in Gadsden Alabama in 1959. He attended Jackson State University where he played on the football team as an offensive lineman. He graduated with a degree in education

Willie served in Vietnam as a member of the US Army. After relocating to New York, Willie attended NYU, where he received a Master's Degree in Education. Willie met and married the love of his life Bessie Mae Harvey on June 30, 1964, they had two children, Willie Jr. and one daughter Munester.

Willie had a long career in the Yonkers Public Schools where he was remembered and loved. He also served as a Board member for the Yonkers Police Athletic League, where he never stopped helping young adults. He liked to give back to the underprivileged by giving and exposing them to sporting events and Broadway plays. "I don't know what else to do because this is what I was put here to do."

Willie was a long time member of Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle where he was ordained as a Deacon. His loving compassionate spirit, generosity and devotion to others exemplified the tenets of Christianity.

Willie was an active member of James Farrell Lodge, and was a founding member of "Minority Athletes Networking" (MAN), where he worked with members of the NY Giants Football team to raise money for scholarships for underprivileged young black men. He was close friends with NY Giants, George Martin, Pepper Johnson and Harry Carson, who attended several PAL fund raisers with Willie.

Willie is survived by his wife, Bessie Mae, son Willie Jr. and daughter Munester, and three grandsons who live in Yonkers.

Editor's Note: As a young board member of the Yonkers PAL, I can remember how Willie used his connections to the NFL to help the PAL hold a raffle for two Super Bowl tickets year after year, and that fund raiser brought in tens of thousands of dollars, to help the PAL.

We spoke to former PAL President Howard Berman who said, "Willie was very involved with the PAL, going way back to when he was a counselor at Roosevelt High School. Many of the students at Roosevelt would come to the PAL and Willie got involved then."

"Willie raised thousands of dollars for the PAL by obtaining two Super Bowl tickets that we would raffle off. He never stopped working for kids and he helped a lot of kids change their lives for the better."

God Bless Willie Faulkner

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Man Who Fatally Stabbed Peekskill HS Student Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison



Omarion McKenzie

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Jahliv Niles, the Peekskill man who fatally stabbed a Peekskill teen in 2020 and subsequently attacked a fellow detainee at Westchester County Jail, was sentenced on September 2.

Niles, 20, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison with five-years post-release supervision for the fatal stabbing of 17-year-old Omarion McKenzie. He was also sentenced to two years in prison with three-years post-release supervision for attacking a fellow detainee at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla.

Niles pled guilty on May 11, 2021, to Manslaughter in the First Degree and Assault in the Second Degree, both felonies. Both sentences will be served concurrently.

On March 27, 2020, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Niles, who was 18 at the time, approached McKenzie on Howard Street in Peekskill, and fatally stabbed him in the chest, stomach and back. McKenzie was taken to New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor where he was pronounced dead. Niles fled the scene, but was identified and arrested by Peekskill Police following their investigation.

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety assisted in the investigation.

On May 19, 2020, Niles attacked a fellow detainee at Westchester County Jail, where he had been held since his arrest following the Peekskill incident.

"Family and friends of Omarion McKenzie have been forced to mourn a life that was tragically cut short due to a senseless act of cruelty," DA Rocah said. "This sentence will bring some measure of closure and justice to them and to the Peekskill community."

The case was before Judge Barry Warhit in Westchester County Court and was prosecuted by Cold Case Bureau Chief Laura Murphy and Assistant District Attorney Brian Bendish.

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hicular homicide after a collision he caused in December 2019 while intoxicated resulted in the death of a Mount Kisco man, Diego Trejo, in a head on collision. Schuster now faces a minimum of 1-3 years in prison.

On August 23, Yorktown resident Mark Cope was arraigned on Monday for a wrong-way, head-on collision he caused while intoxicated in December 2020 which resulted in the death of an Ossining mother, Cope, 41, also faces a minimum of 1-3 years in prison, and is charged with three counts of aggravated vehicular homicide.

Two days before Christmas 2020, at 907PM, Cope drove northbound in the southbound lane on Route 9 in Peekskill when he crashed head-on into the car driven by Ossining resident Shina McClam. McClam, 32, died at the scene. McClam's six-year-old daughter and 18-year-old niece, who were passengers in the car, suffered non-life threatening injuries from the crash and were transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. Both spent one-week in the hospital.

Drunk drivers come in all types: Rich and poor, young and old, most are men, but some are women. Sometimes, whenever possible, I like to be home by 9pm on the weekends.

How can we all be safe? Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD, asked, "Imagine a world without drunk driving... Ten thousand fewer families would get the call or visit from law enforcement letting them know their loved one isn't coming home, hundreds of thousands of people would not be injured, families would remain together and intact, and our country would save \$132 billion in costs each year.

"Now, that world is possible. A generation ago it would have sounded absurd that inflatable bags of air would help protect us in a car crash; now, every new car has them. Today's cars can parallel park themselves and have anti-theft sensors that can shut down the engine. Tomorrow's cars will protect our families from drunk driving by automatically determining whether or not the driver is impaired."

Thirty-three states require those convicted of drunk driving of using an ignition interlock, or in-car breathalyzers, force offenders to provide a sober breath sample before operating their vehicles. But research shows that if adopted nationwide, an additional 1,000 lives could be saved each year. That should be a no-brainer, and Congress and President Biden should act immediately.

But for those first time offenders, breath or touch sensors can prevent a drunk driver from operating their vehicle. Autonomous vehicle technologies have the potential to eliminate many types of roadway fatalities, including drunk driving. Technology holds the key to unlocking a future of No More Victims.

MADD has been working on this technology since 2006, and would only come into play if someone tries to drive impaired. Other technologies being studied include driver monitoring systems, touch-based systems that can read your blood alcohol concentration (BAC) through your fingertips and air-sampling systems that can test and isolate just the air exhaled by the driver. MADD has challenged the auto industry to move quickly to develop these technologies to start saving lives.

Other groups believe that tougher criminal measures can help eliminate drunk drivers.

<https://www.alcoholproblemsandsolutions.org> writes, "The single most effective measure to reduce drunk driving is automatic license revocation. Automatic license revocation along with required jail appears to be even more effective. Confiscating license plates and drinking and vehicle impoundment can also work. But it appears that we can't 'jail our way' out of the problem."

While the number of drunken drivers has gone down by 2/3 since 1982, we can and must do better.

And I haven't included two of the increasing segments of impaired driving: Distracted driving on your cell phone and drugged driving.

And what about the bars? How can we hold them more accountable?

And what if the General Manager of the Mets was fired for drunk driving? Would that deter others and keep me and my family safer on the roads at night?

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YVONNE TEDESCO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; JOHN CICORIA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CICORIA, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
28 GARIBALDI PLACE PORT CHESTER, NY 10573

District: Section: 141.43
Block: 1 Lot: 34

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, will hold a public hearing at EASTCHESTER TOWN HALL, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.**, to consider a License Agreement between the Town of Eastchester and New York SMSA Limited Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless, which will enable Verizon the right to install and operate small wireless facilities on telephone poles within the Town's right away, within the Town of Eastchester. A copy of the license agreement is available in the Town Clerk's office at Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709.

All interested parties are urged to attend this hearing, at which time, they will be given an opportunity to express their opinion for or against the above proposed agreement.

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NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$645,000.00 and interest, recorded on May 13, 2010, at Instrument number 501303147, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York, covering premises known as 28 GARIBALDI PLACE PORT CHESTER, NY 10573.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

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

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: August 17th, 2021

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PATNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff ANKIT MEHTA, ESQ.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

Notice of formation of iFantasy, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/8/2021. 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, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Capital Efficient Strategies LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on May 10, 2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 128 Fuller Road Briarcliff Manor NY 10510. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Notice of Formation of Pumpkin Vine Publishing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Pumpkin Vine Publishing LLC, 22 Boulder Trail, Bronxville, New York 10708. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of MultiUniverse, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/21/2021. 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, 28 Jean Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Erin Lyles, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/30/2021. 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, 23 Addison Street, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Mastering Every Available Network, LLC.Arts. of Org filed with SSNY on May 11,2021, office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to P.O. Box 22, Mount Vernon New York 10551, Purpose: any uawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 8th Street LLC filed with United States Corporation Agents, INC 7014 13th Avenue Brooklyn, NY, 11228 ,USA on 6-29-2021. Office Westchester County. The United States Corporation Agents, INC .Designated as agent off LLC upon whom process against it may be served. United States Corporation Agents, INC shall mail copy of process to the LLC 300 Mamaroneck Ave unit 522 White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose : Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Sol Hairstylist, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 06/25/2021. 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, 92 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

School Districts Must Balance the Educational Performance of All Children with the Safety and Health of All Children.



By Derickson Lawrence

At this writing, a segment of the school population in Mount Vernon and Westchester remains at risk with the continuing surge of the Delta Variant of the Corona Virus.

Accordingly, I write to ask the Mount Vernon City School District (MCSD) to consider the hybrid option of instructional learning for kindergarten to sixth grade (under 12) demographic, in the months of September and October in 2021. Here are the reasons why.

First, we are

all aware that the under 12 demographic is at significant risk, owing to the inability to administer a vaccine to the group – CDC guidelines. Masking offers some protection, but there are invariably members of that group who are not capable of meeting 100 % compliance for medical reasons. One example is asthma.

This is critical as the immunocompromised are prioritized within the adult population to receive a third dose of the vaccine, for additional fortification. Yet, that same sub-demographic within the under 12 population are forced to participate, at great risk, in the in person instructional learning setting.

Second, we have seen the irrefutable data of rise in cases immediately upon school re opening (August of 2021) around the country. New York will not be an exception.

Finally, Pfizer board member Dr. Scott Gottlieb predicted on Friday (9/3) the strongest wave of Covid-19's Delta variant would arrive weeks into September. And what we have seen thus far "was a Delta warning." "I think our true Delta wave's going to start to build after Labor Day here in the Northeast and northern part of the country," he added. "This is going to be a highly regionalized epidemic. And so I do think that Labor Day and [the] return to school are going to be incubators for spread that's going to lead to that Delta wave."

Some children, who are likely to get infected, may suffer the fate of "Long Covid" --a potential of life-long liver and kidney disease, after recovery from covid. In worst case, God forbid, hospitalization and death. In addition, after testing positive, they will be sent home to quarantine and further spread infection and disease. For those reasons, I humbly ask the board to reconsider the current position of in-person learning for our most vulnerable students: under 12 years demographic; especially those with pre-existing medical conditions.

Dual concerns of loss of learning, and 30% vaccination rate

Anecdotal data suggest the severe "loss of learning" or poor educational performance in some school districts, especially in Mount Vernon, over the last 18 months, where remote educational instruction was dominant. This, buoyed by New York State and CDC guidance, provide cover for the full-speed-ahead action plan. Still, the district deserves high marks for its concerted and continual efforts to improve the vaccination rates within its school population. However, this is a Herculean task considering the City of Mount Vernon, which hovered at 30% in July of 2021, has the lowest vaccination in Westchester County, and arguably New York State.

That statistic alone: 30% – reflecting an exceptionally low community vaccination rate - should be a trigger for a carve out.

As board members attempt to balance those concerns, I urge the MVCD to demonstrate leadership to the other school districts in Westchester County by using a "scalpel" to carve out a hybrid option and communicate that posture, until a vaccine is available; or new data materializes that make for safer, educational options.

Submitted by Derickson K Lawrence a resident of the City of Mount Vernon, with a minor enrolled in the Mount Vernon City School District.

Don't Worry, Sprain Lake Will Refill Once Again



a recent photo of Sprain Lake, which is already refilling

Over the summer, we received the following letter from Nicholas. "I was just fishing in the Sprain Reservoir and the water level was significantly lower then it was the last time I fished there which was about 8 weeks ago. The water level is getting lower and Elm Trees are over six feet tall. I'd like to point out that these trees are where 8 to 12 feet of water should be 20 to 25 yards from where the old shore line used to be.

The obvious question is if the gates have been repaired and closed why isn't the lake filling up again? City Councilman Anthony Merante, who represents the area around Sprain Lake, has been checking the progress with City of Yonkers Engineer Paul Summerfield, who wrote, "I am pleased to inform you that after significant preparation of the Gate House lower shaft walls, the 5th and final sluice gate was installed on Thursday, August 19. The gate's control spindle still needs to be installed, however, the sluice gate opening and all other gates remain closed and the reservoir will begin to finally start filling up. The new roof on the Gate House will be installed in the next few weeks."

Summerfield explained the work earlier this year. :Repairs to the dam controls were started 18 months ago to make the dam system functional again, in order to meet NYS DEC safety requirements to be able to drain the dam within 14-days. This renovation project would restore the banks of the reservoir, the spillway and spillway channel that feeds into Grassy Sprain Brook; remove the existing non-functioning 48" diameter drain valve below the dam embankment and install a new valve; replace 5 cast iron gates housed in the stone gatehouse in the reservoir; and restore the valve house and gatehouse. The dam and associated structures were built in stages between the late 1800s and early 1900s and so the aged gates and the valve needed to be custom fabricated – a lengthy process. The valve itself was lowered 30 feet down into the valve chamber and assembled in place. The dam system also prevents excess water from spilling on to Tuckahoe Rd. The \$1.6m project was funded largely by a grant from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The reservoir supplied drinking water to much of Yonkers before it was decommissioned in the 1970s. Yonkers now obtains its water from the NYC reservoir system in the Catskills."

Councilman Merante said, "Its welcomed news that Sprain Lake is filling up. Its natural beauty will be ready to be enjoyed by everyone from golfers at Sprain Lake Golf course, to fishermen or just travelers on the adjacent parkway enjoying a water view."

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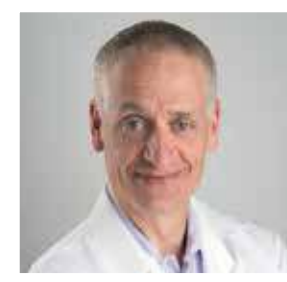
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Finding an activity that the whole family can agree on is a challenge. The same goes for deciding where to go to eat or even for something new to mix up date night. Well, September 10th-12th, the Yorktown Grange Fair has solved that problem. During the day, Westchester County's only true country fair is full of fabulous activities that kids (and adults) will love. The food options are plentiful and varied, and the evenings are built for fun.

There is nothing better than the look on a child's face when they walk into the fair. They are instantly excited about the rides and games. The ride tickets are reasonably priced, with amazing wristband specials. Friday bands are only \$25 for an evening of fun, Saturday and Sunday, all day bands that will have you riding from open to close are only \$30! But, the Grange Fair is much more than rides, so once everyone has had their fill of twisting, tilting, and whirling, be sure to take time to enjoy all the contests and exhibits. You'll love the livestock exhibits and shows, the LEGOs exhibit, and the beautiful handcrafted items on display.

The annual Tractor Parade is always a hit, and don't miss the canine agility demonstrations, bubble gum blowing contest, and the rubber chicken throwing contest! Adding a little music to the mix, fan favorite kids' entertainers, Beth & Scott and Friends return to the fair on Saturday for two shows, one at 11am and another at 1pm.

With so many activities, it will take some effort to make time for food, but make it a priority because Grange Fair food is top notch. Kids will love all the normal fair fare, and with quesadillas, hot dogs, french fries, ice cream, funnel cakes and candy apples, there will be more than enough to get them through the day. But you don't have to settle for the ordinary. Enjoy craft beer selections from Hopwood Handles, wood-fired pizza from Five Alarm Pizza, and savory Puerto Rican specialties. Bab's Baking will be on hand to provide yummy goodies to tempt everyone with a sweet tooth. With so many options, you may need to plan to eat all your meals at the fair!

The fun of the fair isn't just for kids, so plan to hit the Grange Fair with your favorite date. Start by taking a ride to the top of the Ferris Wheel for a birds-eye view of the festivities. Grab a beer and some food. Take in the photography exhibit and see a horse riding demonstration. If you love live shows, the concert line-up is sure to please. The main stage comes alive in the evenings. No Options, the Dude of Life Band, and River of Dreams will delight rock fans, Phish Phans, and Billy Joel lovers. Add a little hilarity to the mix by participating in the Topsy Waiter Relay or demonstrate your skill in the Nail Driving contest. The Grange Fair truly is the perfect full-service date night, certain to be just what you need to spice things up.

The price is right for family fun and for fabulous dates. \$10 per carload, \$5 for single riders and walk-ins, kids under the age of 2 are free! The 2021 Yorktown Grange Fair, being held on September 10, 11, and 12 at the Grange Fairgrounds (99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights) is the perfect weekend activity that everyone can agree on. For more information, please see our website at <https://yorktowngrangefair.org>. We can't wait to see you "Out and About at the Fair." Visit <https://www.yorktowngrangefair.org/> for more information.

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