

Mt. Vernon Coach Admits to Sexually Abusing a Child Under 13 in Guilty Plea



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a prominent youth basketball coach in Mount Vernon pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a child under the age of 13 for five months.

The defendant, Dwayne Murray, 63, of Mount Vernon, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon before Judge Robert J. Prisco in Westchester County Court to Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a Class B violent felony.

The defendant is expected to be sentenced to a determinate term of 18 years in state prison, with 20 years of post-release supervision, when he is sentenced on November

17, 2026. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.

DA Cacace said: "The case against Dwayne Murray is a profound betrayal of trust. The defendant held a position of authority within the Mount Vernon

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Yorktown Resident Says Give Seniors More of a Property Tax Break -We Agree



By Dan Murphy

One of our friends in Yorktown, Carmella Pervizi, sent the following suggestion to us and to the Town of Yorktown. To Supervisor Ed Lachterman, Town Assessor G. Link & Town Board Members

I would like to request a town board session to be discussed at a public hearing regarding the town code in regards to senior exemption 467 to be discussed and amended for senior citizens (65 and older) and the disabled

residents whose income falls below standard thresholds to amend income calculation to include annual ira withdrawal amount. Enclosed is a copy of the town of Bedford passing this property tax exemption back in April of 2026. Thank you for your time in this matter. Carmella Pervizi

On Facebook, Pervizi posted To All Yorktown Residents :

I would like to make you aware and would like your feedback. I would like to know if any residents had issues when it comes to asking for a public meeting addressing concerns and suggestions in regards to the helping out our community members? I want to make you aware of exemption legislation law

RP-467 Senior exemption, which allows up to a 60%tax exemption for

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"They Took Away the Soap": Women Sound Alarm Over YWCA Conditions in White Plains



YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester's Women's Residence

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr. — @NewYorkStakz

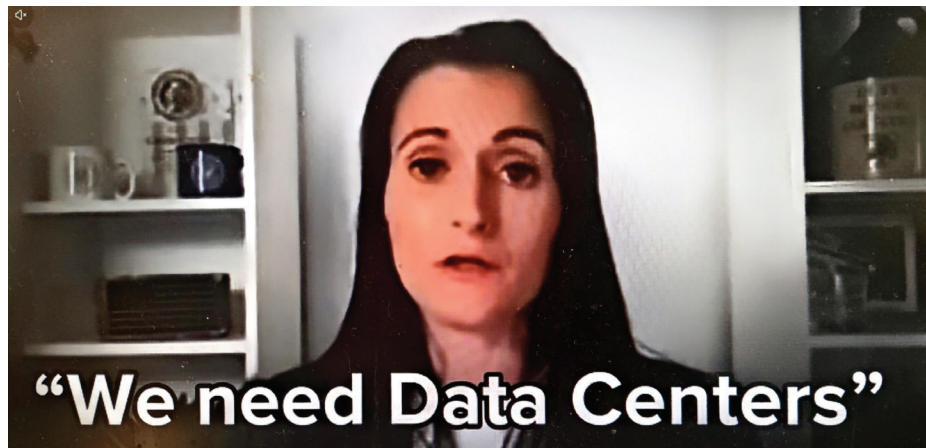
Women living at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester's Women's Residence are speaking out about what they describe as deteriorat-

ing conditions inside the facility, and former employees are beginning to come forward with stories of their own.

Over the past several days, multiple residents who requested anonymity have contacted me, journalist Dennis Richmond, Jr., with allegations ranging from reduced housekeeping, pest control, laundry and mail services to concerns

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Cait Conley Earned \$328K From Drone-Surveillance Industry After National Security Gig



TV ad from the Lawler campaign highlighting Cait Conley's own words

By Dan Murphy

In NY-17, our YouTube channels are flooded with ads from both Congressman Mike Lawler and his Democratic challenger, Cait Conley. Lawler's ad last week pounded away with a video clip of Conley saying, "We need data centers." The ad was effective: my wife, not involved in politics at all, mentioned her concern about data centers to friends and referenced the ad.

The Conley campaign repeated an ad from an angry man blaming Lawler for his rising energy bills. This ad did not resonate with independent-undecided voters we spoke to in NY-17. Others don't believe Lawler is the reason for sky-high energy bills in NY. A better ad for Conley is about her bio-at West Point

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Fly Your Palestinian Flag & Your Trump Flags



By Dan Murphy

Yonkers resident and homeowner Samir Nofal has received an outpouring of support after he received an anonymous threatening letter demanding that he take down the several Palestinian flags that he hung around his lawn.

"The letter reads, Palestine flags around your property instead of American flags? If you love Palestine so much, go back. We don't want you here. We contacted Tom Homan, the border czar and Mark Wayne Mullen, to make sure you are here legally. Your house is now under surveillance. They will be watching 24/7.

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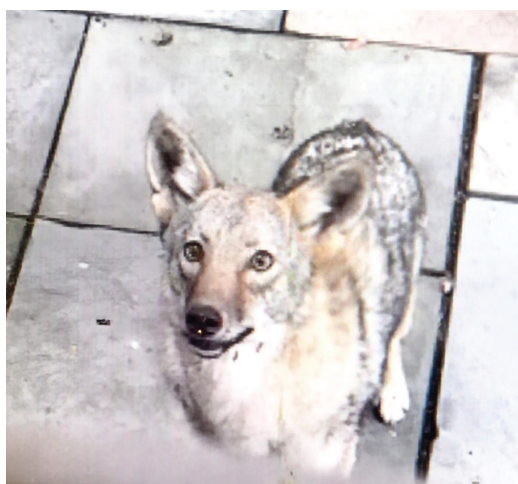
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Hastings Resident Bitten By Coyote, Still Roaming



This photo, posted on Facebook last month by a Hastings resident, shows a Coyote on its porch

From the Hastings on Hudson Police Department on Sept. 24.

The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department is advising residents that a Village resident was bitten by a coyote last evening in the area of Elm Place and the Old Croton Aqueduct.

As a precaution, we are asking all residents to remain vigilant and use caution when walking in the area, particularly during the early morning, evening,

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Westchester Employers Need AI Review Rules Before More AI Tools

By Gleb Tsipursky, PhD

Pace University’s September 25 Actionable AI Conference brought professionals and business leaders to Westchester for practical guidance on using AI responsibly and effectively. The natural next question for local employers is what happens when employees leave the conference, open an AI tool at work, and receive an answer that looks convincing but is wrong.

That moment exposes a gap in many workplace AI programs. Companies spend heavily on tools and training while leaving review standards vague. Employees hear that they must use human judgment, but they may not know which facts require independent checking, when an output can be approved, who owns the final decision, or what kind of error requires escalation.

IBM’s September 21 global CHRO study shows why those details matter. IBM surveyed 1,500 CHROs and senior workforce executives along with 8,800 employees. Seventy-one percent of the executives identified the ability to supervise, validate, and override AI output as the most essential workforce skill. IBM also found that 41 percent of CHROs believe employees may not feel safe challenging or overriding AI outputs.

Westchester employers should turn the phrase “human review” into specific operating rules. Start with the consequence of the task. A brainstorming exercise may require little review. A customer communication, financial analysis, hiring recommendation, safety-related decision, or public-facing claim deserves a more explicit standard. The greater the consequence of an error, the clearer the verification and escalation requirements should be.

Those requirements should answer ordinary questions. Which sources must the employee check? What information may the AI use? Who signs off before the output reaches a customer or colleague? What happens when the employee and the model disagree? When should the task return to a primarily human process? A rule that simply says “review AI output” leaves too much room for inconsistent judgment.

Managers should also measure review work. IBM found that 80 percent of CHROs believe AI creates invisible labor through validation, correction, context, and exception handling. If employees spend substantial time repairing AI output, leaders need to see that time when evaluating productivity. Otherwise, an AI workflow can appear efficient because the organization measures generation and ignores cleanup.

Clear review rules can also improve adoption. Employees who distrust AI accuracy have a reasonable concern, especially when they remain accountable for the final result. Giving them defined checkpoints and explicit authority to override the system turns skepticism into a useful control rather than treating it as resistance. Employees who already use AI enthusiastically benefit from the same boundaries because they know where experimentation ends and accountability begins.

The rules should evolve from experience. Managers can review samples of AI-assisted work each month, identify the errors employees catch most often, and adjust checklists or approval gates accordingly. Recurring mistakes may point to weak source data, poor prompts, an overly broad use case, or a task that should not be automated further.

Pace’s conference emphasized practical AI rather than hype. Westchester employers can honor that principle by defining what practical review looks like in everyday work. Better tools will keep arriving. The organizations that benefit most will be the ones that make human judgment visible, teachable, and operational before asking employees to trust the next system.

Supervisors need training too. An employee cannot exercise meaningful override authority if a manager treats every challenge as delay or disloyalty. Leaders should reward people for catching consequential mistakes early and make clear that declining to use AI on a poorly suited task can be a sign of competence. That culture gives review rules practical force instead of leaving them as language in a policy document.

Gleb Tsipursky, PhD, a behavioral scientist, CEO of Disaster Avoidance Experts, and author of The Psychology of AI Adoption at Work: From Resistance to Results (Georgetown University Press, 2026). <https://disasteravoidanceexperts.com/aibook>

ENOUGH! A Woman Being Assaulted is Never Funny. Not Even When it is Fake

By Carlla Horton, Executive Director Hopes Door
www.HopesDoorNY.org

Just weeks after the Callaway Golf episode in which a woman was violently shoved to the ground as part of a supposedly humorous advertisement, we now have an AI-generated video depicting a coach slapping ESPN reporter Holly Rowe.

And apparently, some people think it’s hilarious. It isn’t.

It is deeply concerning. It is deeply disturbing that in a culture where women are being beaten, strangled, shot, stalked and murdered by intimate partners, violence against women continues to be packaged as humor or entertainment.

First, it was a real woman being shoved to the ground for a golf joke. Now it is an AI-generated woman being slapped for a laugh.

What comes next?

How many images of women being attacked do we need to see before we recognize that there is nothing funny about violence against women?

And let’s be very clear: AI may make the violence artificial. The normalization of it is not.

Every time violence against a woman is presented as funny, clever, harmless or entertaining, we teach another generation that a woman being hurt can be a punchline.

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There is no room for normalizing the violence that leads to domestic violence, femicide and family annihilation.

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Not in sports.
Not in AI.
Not anywhere.

A woman being assaulted is never funny. Not even when it is fake. We all should be outraged. I certainly am.

Hope’s Door supports and helps empower survivors of domestic violence. If you are living with abuse – physical, sexual, emotional, financial, and/or psychological – we are here to help. Call our free and confidential Hotline at 888-438-8700. You are not alone.

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Two Different Results from Two Polls for NY Gov

Siena Poll Of Likely New York Voters for Governor: Hochul 49% -Blakeman-39%

Quinnipiac Poll: Hochul up 19 Points Over Blakeman

By Dan Murphy

Is Governor Kathy Hochul ahead of her republican challenger Bruce Blakeman by 10 points, according to a Sienna poll, or up 19 points, according to a Quinnipiac poll? Both polls are from reputable organizations and were both conducted recently.

From the Quinnipiac poll: Less than six weeks until Election Day, Democratic incumbent Governor Kathy Hochul holds a commanding lead over Republican challenger Bruce Blakeman with 58 percent of likely voters supporting Hochul and 39 percent supporting Blakeman, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University New York State poll of likely voters released today. Three percent of likely voters did not choose a candidate. Democrats (89 – 6 percent) support Hochul, while Republicans (90 – 8 percent) support Blakeman. Among independents, 51 percent support Hochul, while 45 percent support Blakeman.

From the Siena poll: Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul leads Republican Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman 49-39%, according to a new Siena poll of likely New York State Gubernatorial Voters.

“With less than three months till Election Day, Hochul holds a 10-point lead over Blakeman, 49-39%, not crossing the magic 50% mark. In June, among registered voters, Hochul’s lead was twice as large, 52-32%,” Siena pollster Steven Greenberg said. “At this point four years ago, August 2022, when Hochul was just finishing her first year as governor, she led her opponent, former Republican Congressman (and current EPA Administrator) Lee Zeldin by 14 points, 53-39%, before going on to ultimately win the election by six points, 53-47%.”

The results are important for any Westchester republican seeking office in November. Four years ago, Zeldin kept the race for Governor close, which helped Westchester republicans. If Blakeman is losing by 19, many Westchester republicans might get washed up in a Blue Wave of Democratic support.

This is the first Westchester election that has many offices in the same election year as the race for NY Governor. This change was opposed by republicans, who are still in court objecting to it. Westchester democrats are confident that with Governor Hochul, “op top” of the ballot, it will help their chances for local offices.

Some of the contested races in November in Westchester include:

All 17 seats on the Westchester Board of Legislators. Currently, democrats have a 15-2 advantage.

Republican legislator James Nolan and Conservative legislator Margaret Cuzio have challengers. Nolan has faced republican challengers over the years and has won reelection. This year Yonkers Democrat Kisha Skipper is his opponent.

Cunzio, represents North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, Harrison in the 3rd district. Democrat Michael Peppard, a former Pleasantville village trustee and municipal historian, is challenging Cuzio.

In Eastchester, Supervisor Tony Colavita has an opponent, Tuckahoe Democrat Cat Sayles.

In Mount Pleasant, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi has an opponent, and a familiar name in Westchester politics-former Assemblyman Tom Abinanti. In Yorktown, Supervisor Ed Lachterman is being challenged again by Democrat Jan Mirchانداني.

One Westchester State Senate race that may be interesting is the 40th Senate district, which includes Peekskill amd the towns of Bedford, Cortlandt, Lewisboro, New Castle, North Salem, Somers and Yorktown, the towns/villages of Mount Kisco and Ossining, and the villages of Briarcliff Manor, Buchanan and Croton-on-Hudson. State Senator Pete Harckham is being challenged by Republican Yorktown Councilman Sergio Esposito. We hope to report on all of these races in the weeks to come, and if there is another race that you deem worthy, let us know and email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

DA Concludes Review of Tuckahoe Police Department’s

Response to Aug. 14 Car Accident Involving

a Former Police Chief’s Wife



On Aug. 17, 2026, the Tuckahoe Police Department referred the handling of its investigation into a motor vehicle accident that occurred in Tuckahoe on Aug. 14, 2026, to the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office for independent review. The accident involved Donna Costanzo, wife of retired Tuckahoe Police Chief John Costanzo.

The primary focus of the review was to determine whether the actions and conduct of the Tuckahoe police officers who responded to the scene and investigated the incident constituted criminal conduct under the New York State Penal Law.

A comprehensive review conducted by our Public and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau included investigators and Assistant District Attorneys examining police body-worn camera footage and area surveillance footage; interviewing officers from the Tuckahoe Police Department and Yonkers Police Department; and interviewing civilian eyewitnesses who were present or near the scene, including the driver of an Amazon delivery truck that was struck in the Tuckahoe incident.

Our review found that Mrs. Costanzo was allegedly operating a black Infiniti sedan in Yonkers when she struck a parked vehicle on Falmouth Road at approximately 2:53 p.m. and left the scene. Approximately 17 minutes later, she allegedly struck another vehicle in a parking lot on Central Avenue in Yonkers and left the scene. About five minutes after that, she allegedly struck an Amazon delivery truck that was legally parked near the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Main Street in Tuckahoe.

Following the Yonkers incidents, the Yonkers Police Department notified the Tuckahoe Police Department of the alleged hit-and-runs and requested that Tuckahoe police officers be on the lookout for Mrs. Costanzo’s vehicle. Two Tuckahoe police officers responded to the accident scene; however, the available body-worn camera footage is limited.

A review of Motorola data found that one officer appeared to deactivate their body-worn camera moments after approaching Mrs. Costanzo, who was seated in the driver’s seat of her vehicle, although the officer denied doing so. The other officer’s body-worn camera ceased recording approximately one-minute and 45 seconds after arriving to the scene, with records provided by Motorola confirming that its battery had died.

A Tuckahoe detective and an off-duty lieutenant also responded to the scene. The lieutenant arrived after Mrs. Costanzo had left and did not interact with her. Although our review of witness testimony found that Mrs. Costanzo exhibited signs that could be consistent with intoxication, neither the responding officers nor civilian witnesses reported detecting an odor of alcohol on her breath or observed other definitive signs of intoxication.

Additionally, none of the Tuckahoe police officers who responded to

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State Police K-9 Finds Cocaine and Crack in Vehicle on Hutchinson Parkway; Maine and New Hampshire

Couple Arrested for Felonies



On September 15, 2026, members of the New York State Police Troop K Community Stabilization Unit (CSU) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on the Hutchinson River Parkway in the Town of Harrison for a violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

The operator was identified as Brent J. Perry, 45, of Dover, New Hampshire, and the passenger was identified as Amber L. Rondeau, 41, of Lebanon, Maine. During the investigation, State Police K9 Fortini

conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the presence of narcotics. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle revealed approximately 491 grams of cocaine hydrochloride, approximately 97.4 grams of crack cocaine, multiple glass smoking pipes containing burnt crack cocaine residue, and small quantities of amphetamine/dextroamphetamine and buprenorphine/naloxone pills. Perry and Rondeau were arrested and charged with the following offenses: Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 1st Degree, a class A-I felony; Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree with Intent to Sell, a class B felony (2 counts); Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree, a class B felony; Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th Degree, a class C felony; Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree, a class A misdemeanor (3 counts) Perry and Rondeau were arraigned in the Town of Harrison and remanded to the Westchester County Jail.

Letter: Lawler Delivered for Pleasantville

Clean, reliable tap water is one of those things you only think about when it stops. In Pleasantville, the water district has leaned on a storage tank well past its prime, and anyone who has lived through a water main scare knows how quickly that becomes everyone’s problem.

Congressman Mike Lawler secured \$2.25 million to replace the village’s water storage tank. That means steadier water pressure, better capacity when there is a fire to fight, and a lot less worry about the day the old tank finally gives out.

My family and I appreciate and are grateful for this important preventive work . It is easier, and far more common, for elected officials to wait for something to break and then show up for the photo. Rep. Lawler put money toward fixing it first.

As someone who just wants clean water to come out of the faucet, we are thankful he did.

Louis Torrieri, Pleasantville, NY

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and nighttime hours.

A follow up post from the Hastings PD

Dear Residents,

Following our earlier notification regarding the coyote incident in the area of Elm Place and the Old Croton Aqueduct, I wanted to provide the community with an update on the steps the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department is taking.

The purpose of our initial email was to alert residents to the incident and provide important safety information. We understand that residents may have additional concerns, and I want to assure everyone that the Department is taking this matter seriously and is doing everything within our ability to address the situation.

The Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department is working closely with Greenburgh Animal Control, the Dobbs Ferry Police Department, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Police.

As part of this coordinated effort, residents should expect to see an increased police and animal-control presence in and around the area of Elm Place and the Old Croton Aqueduct. Officers and animal-control personnel will monitor the area, respond to reported sightings, and work together to locate and safely capture the animal.

Our goal is to locate and safely capture the coyote as soon as possible. We will continue to utilize the resources available to us and coordinate with our partner agencies throughout this effort.

We ask residents to continue to exercise caution, particularly when walking pets or children in the area. Please do not approach, feed, or attempt to capture the coyote yourself. If you observe the animal, maintain a safe distance and contact the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department (914 478 2344) so that we can respond appropriately.

We appreciate the cooperation and patience of our residents as we work through this situation. The safety of our community remains our highest priority, and we will continue to keep residents informed as additional information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely, Chief David A, Dosin PoliceChief@hohny.gov.

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Questions to be posed at the forum will be finalized in advance but not made available to the candidates or any of their staff members.

Submit a Question to Pose to Both of the Candidates (Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2026)

Guidelines for Audience Questions

Audience questions will be collected through this form only. A representative set of audience questions will be chosen by a panel of LWVW members based on relevancy to the office with the aim of avoiding duplication and addressing as wide a range of general topics as possible. Questions of a similar nature may be combined and/or reworded for the sake of clarity and to prevent redundancy. All questions chosen for inclusion will be posed by the moderator.

Questions must be suitable for all candidates to answer.

Questions must not contain inappropriate language, disparaging remarks, or personal attacks directed at any candidate or other individual or group.

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Competence, Not Chaos: Ethics Shouldn't Depend on Who's Paying Attention



By Jann Mirchandani, Democratic candidate for Yorktown Supervisor

A recent opinion piece by Councilman Murphy, “Public safety deserves facts, not fear,” takes issue with an article I wrote. What stands out is what it doesn’t do. It doesn’t dispute a single fact I raised. Instead, it offers “not excuses” for the decisions behind them.

In his retelling of the “years of history” of the Underhill Farms project, Mr. Murphy leaves out one fact readers should know: his brother serves as a consultant on that project. As a citizen, he has every right to speak. As an elected official, he has an ethical obligation to disclose that relationship and to step back from votes involving the project.

He hasn’t done that consistently. He cast votes on multiple resolutions tied to Underhill Farms, including one authorizing payments to the developer. On the Route 118 and Underhill Avenue intersection project, he recused himself from four resolutions in May 2025, then voted yes on a budget transfer for the same project two months later. This past March, he seconded and voted on a resolution tied to the same consulting relationship, and recused himself only after a fellow Board member objected on the record.

Titling a piece “facts, not fear” while leaving out the fact most relevant to the reader is misleading. And recusing oneself only after being called out in public isn’t accountability or transparency.

In 2024, this Board amended Yorktown’s Code of Ethics. The code includes a formal definition of recusal. So the problem isn’t that the rules are unclear. The rules are written down. They just aren’t being applied regularly.

And people are noticing. If there is one thing I hear more than anything else when I am knocking on doors, it’s that people are tired of the Old Boys’ Network. Residents have spoken out at Town Board meetings about how they see one set of standards being applied to developers and another for residents.

An executive who doesn’t execute

My opponent likes to describe himself as the Town’s executive. But the title comes with a job, and the job is making sure the basics happen every time.

Consistently applying the rules for recusals is one of those basics. Either the Supervisor didn’t notice, or he noticed and ignored it. Neither is what residents should expect from the person in charge.

That’s the difference between holding a title and doing the job. When the process breaks down, and the person in charge says nothing, that isn’t leadership. It’s chaos.

What competence looks like

The solution requires a Supervisor willing to enforce the standard the Board already put in writing. First, disclosure up front. Every Board member files, and must keep current, a list of family and business relationships with applicants, consultants, and contractors who come before the Town.

Second, one project, one answer. If a Board member recuses on a project, that recusal covers every resolution tied to it, including budget transfers, payments, and grant applications.

Third, a public record. Every recusal, and the reason for it, needs to be sent to the Clerk in writing, noted in the minutes, and easy for residents to find online. These are basic steps well-run towns take as routine. They protect residents, they protect the Town, and frankly they protect Board members too.

Yorktown residents shouldn’t have to play detective to catch conflicts of interest themselves. A lone Board member shouldn’t have to argue for the policy to be applied. Good government works only when the rules are applied evenly and consistently, and when leadership ensures they are. That’s the difference between competence and chaos, and it’s the kind of Supervisor I intend to be.

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Judith Wilde approaches the subject through intimate collages, many measuring just 8 by 8 inches. Using collage and pencil, she often begins with the face of a clock, incorporating antique clock faces and found imagery to explore the mystery, humor, and emotional resonance of particular moments in time.

Richard Wilde uses photography to document the effects of time and nature on vintage cast-iron figures, including World War I and World War II military



Judith Wilde and Richard Wilde

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Scarsdale Student’s Bat Conservation Project
Across Westchester



With October bringing increased attention to bats and bat conservation, we wanted to highlight Sam Morgulas, left, a senior at Scarsdale High School who has developed a real passion for bats through his science research. Over the past year, Sam took that interest well beyond the classroom, researching, designing and building large “rocket” bat boxes to provide safe roosting habitat for local bats.

Sam worked with the Nature Center at Greenburgh and Westchester Land Trust as he developed the project and researched appropriate locations for the boxes. He put a tremendous amount of thought into everything from sun exposure and flight access to surrounding vegetation, predators and the needs of local bat species.

Since Sam’s project has involved conservation organizations and locations here in Westchester.

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

-Thomas Jefferson

Westchester County Celebrates
Hispanic Heritage Month



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and the County’s Hispanic Advisory Board welcomed community members to the County’s annual Hispanic Heritage Month Reception, celebrating the traditions and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities throughout Westchester County. Held as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the reception recognized the individuals, families and organizations that help strengthen Westchester every day through their leadership, entrepreneurship, public service, education, arts and civic engagement. The celebration also promoted the County’s promise to fostering a welcoming community where every resident feels valued and respected.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of the Hispanic and Latino community, but it’s also an opportunity to recognize the tremendous impact this community has on Westchester County every day. While the national conversation too often focuses on what divides us, here in Westchester we know our diversity is one of our greatest strengths.” Deputy County Executive Joan McDonald said: “This celebration is about recognizing the people who contribute so much to the fabric of Westchester County. Hispanic Heritage Month gives us the chance to reflect on the many ways Hispanic and Latino residents strengthen our communities while also promoting our commitment to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to succeed.”

Director of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development Martha Lopez said: “The Hispanic community has helped shape Westchester through generations of hard work, entrepreneurship and civic leadership. This

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toy soldiers. Enlarged far beyond their original scale, the weathered figures take on a striking new presence. His photographs also feature vintage Native American, Boy Scout, and Amish figures, as well as antique chocolate molds.

Together, the artists create a compelling contrast: Judith’s work is often playful and fanciful, while Richard’s photographs can carry an ominous, haunting beauty. Seen together, the two bodies of work offer a broader meditation on time – its ability to preserve, transform, erode, and renew.

As Judith and Richard Wilde describe their shared experience of creating the work, when they were fully present in the act of making art, “time stopped.”

Both artists have distinguished careers in art, design, and education and have been longtime friends and supporters of Blue Door Art Center.

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citizens and disabled residents whose income falls below standard thresholds to be amended.

On July 23,2026 I personally emailed the town assessor Gary Edward Link and all the town board members about holding a public hearing in regards to this exemption. I have been going back and forth for two months now ,with the only person who has addressed it , the assessor. I also sent information and proof that Bedford had a public meeting and actually adopted this specific exemption for their residents back in April. I am concerned , why is Yorktown not allowing this to be publicly addressed at a meeting? So since I havent heard anything concrete about addressing this to the public I am putting it out here on a public forum to bring awarness to the community.

If you have experienced any concerns in our town that haven’t been addressed openly, please feel free to share. This would benefit many residents financially in town, but the town would have to implement it. With the high cost of living, seniors are being pushed out of their homes because of town taxes.

If builders and corporations get tax abatements and deals for their property, why shouldn’t seniors who worked all their life get the same perks? This needs to end.” Said Pervizi.

Kudos to the Town of Bedford Board and Supervisor Ellen Calves who recently expanded its top-tier exemption tier up to a 65% reduction in assessed property value for qualifying low-income seniors (sliding scale down to 5%). Income Ceilings: Eligibility follows a sliding scale with a maximum income cap reaching up to \$58,400 (where the minimum 5% exemption applies), and maximum relief reserved for lower thresholds (under \$50,000).

This from USA Show on Facebook: Property Taxes and Senior Homeowners: Finding Balance Property taxes help communities fund important services such as schools, roads, emergency response, and local programs. However, rising property costs can become a challenge for some homeowners, especially older adults living on fixed incomes. Discussions about senior property tax relief raise important questions about: Housing affordability, Retirement security, Funding for local services Community needs. We thank Pervizi for trying to help keep seniors in their homes, and we believe that ANY Senior that wants to stay in their homes in Westchester should pay NO PROPERTY TAXES.

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the scene investigated whether Mrs. Costanzo was impaired or otherwise evaluated her sobriety. Our review further found that the department did not document a reason for not undertaking an investigation into the circumstances of the incident.

Instead, one of the responding officers stated during our review that he knew Mrs. Costanzo was the wife of the former Tuckahoe Police Chief and drove her home following the accident.

Following the comprehensive review detailed above, our office determined that all of the available evidence that was accumulated is insufficient to establish provable criminal conduct by any one of the Tuckahoe police officers involved in the incident and, therefore, does not establish probable cause required to support the filing of criminal charges.

We have relayed these findings to Tuckahoe Police Chief Larry Rotta and referred this matter back to his police department for internal investigation.

Although not the primary focus of this review, our office recommended that the Tuckahoe Police Department modify its body-worn camera policy to make clear that officers must keep their body-worn cameras activated upon responding to a motor vehicle accident and until the individual involved has been cleared of any potential criminal wrongdoing.

Notably, the Yonkers Police Department has filed two charges for Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident against Mrs. Costanzo pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law § 600(1)(a), for the accidents in the City of Yonkers, currently pending in the Yonkers City Court. We urge all law enforcement agencies in Westchester County to ensure that their officers’ conduct is consistent with their obligation to protect public safety, regardless of the circumstances or individuals involved. In the interest of full transparency, our office is releasing all known body-worn camera footage recorded after Tuckahoe officers arrived on the scene of the Tuckahoe accident, which was collected as part of this review. Watch the video here: <https://www.westchesterda.net/investigative-reports/review-of-tuckahoe-police-departments-response-to-aug-14-car-accident>

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and serving in the military in the Middle East.

Before she ran for Congress here in NY-17, Conley worked in the Biden administration as the National Security Council’s Director for Counterterrorism. Conley wrote the government’s first-ever Domestic Counter-UAS National Action Plan, released April 25, 2022.

That much we can agree on. The Lawler campaign is calling into question Conley’s role after leaving the Federal government.

The website caitconley.ai presents a deep dive into Conley’s history of writing “the federal government’s counter-drone policy while her future employer’s lobbyists visited her White House office — then collected \$328,283 from two surveillance contractors now lobbying the government she left, for work she refuses to describe.” Below is all from CaitConley.ai.

“My plan for 2025 was to finally make money,” she said on the MisFitNation podcast in January 2026. The plan worked: Conley left government in January 2025 for Hidden Level’s payroll and has collected \$328,283.15 from Hidden Level and Primer, two AI contractors, since January 1, 2025. She refuses to describe the work, citing non-disclosure agreements; neither company appears on her LinkedIn or her campaign site, and the filing that reports the money also lists NVIDIA and AMD stock and cryptocurrency.

As the Biden National Security Council’s Director for Counterterrorism, Conley wrote the government’s first-ever Domestic Counter-UAS National Action Plan, released April 25, 2022; by her own LinkedIn she “developed and oversaw implementation” of it. The plan called for expanded state and local detection authority, authorized equipment purchases, and federal funding to pay for both: demand, on paper, for the airspace-surveillance products her future employer sells. White House visitor logs show Lisa Ellman, the Hogan Lovells partner who now personally lobbies for Hidden Level, visited Conley at least four times between March 2022 and January 2023, while Conley wrote and implemented the plan. Hidden Level hired Ellman’s firm eight weeks after the plan came out. Three years later the market arrived: the One Big Beautiful Bill created a \$500 million FEMA counter-drone grant fund, the eligible-equipment list matches Hidden Level’s product line, and New York’s first award was \$17.7 million.

With Conley on the payroll, both companies stepped up their lobbying. Hidden Level’s spending rose 163 percent in 2025, from \$180,000 to \$474,000; its filings name former Republican Senator Norm Coleman and Ellman, and list contacts with the Trump White House, DOD, DHS, and Conley’s former National Security Council on “southern border security efforts” and FIFA-state counter-drone grant authorities. Primer, seeded by the CIA’s venture arm and holding no DHS contract, brought on a new lobbying firm in 2025, Invoke LLC, run by Mitch McConnell’s former senior advisor Jane Lee, and has paid it \$60,000 every quarter since, \$300,000 through mid-2026, with the Homeland Ap-propriations Act in every filing, the first time that bill appears on any of Primer’s lobbying reports.

Conley conceals every link in the chain while campaigning against “corruption.” The White House meetings have never been disclosed. She sought a 90-day disclosure ex-tension that would have pushed her filing past the June 23 primary, filed May 19, 2026 only after reporters pressed (“abruptly reversed course,” per POLITICO), and told a local Democratic group the coverage was “lies.” Her platform’s “Fighting and Preventing Corruption” plank pledges to close “the revolving door ... so that public service is no longer a stepping stone to cashing in on connections.”

The plan Conley wrote asked Congress to create a market. By her own description, it was built to close “critical gaps in policy and law” for “critical infrastructure owners and operators, and state, local, tribal and territorial entities.” It called for expanded drone-detection authority for state and local law enforcement, authorized-equipment purchases, and federal funding to pay for both. That is demand, on paper, for the class of detection sensors Hidden Level sells.

Conley left CISA in January 2025 and joined Hidden Level as a full-time salaried employee. She announced her campaign in March 2025, still on the payroll. Her House financial disclosure reports \$293,283.15 from Hidden Level (\$152,743.07 in salary, then \$140,540.08 in consulting fees after she converted to contractor status in 2025), plus \$35,000 in consulting fees from Primer: \$328,283.15 since January 1, 2025. The filing also lists NVIDIA and AMD stock and cryptocurrency.

Her public LinkedIn lists every posting back to her 2007 platoon-leader job. Hidden Level and Primer are not on it, and her campaign site omits them too. At a Bedford can-didate forum in February 2026, she told voters she could not discuss the work because she signed non-disclosure agreements. She is not a registered lobbyist. Hidden Level builds passive RF and radar sensors that detect, track, and locate drones and their operators. It sells the equipment to the U.S. government, and it installs its own sensor networks over American cities and sells the feed as a subscription; the sensors sit on cell towers. Its data is used in Palantir’s Maven, the Pentagon’s AI targeting and battle-management platform, which won a \$480 million Pentagon contract in May 2025. Hidden Level’s own website says its data is “live inside platforms like Palantir’s Maven via IL5 — used daily for decision-making.”

The system already runs over NY-17. On December 13, 2024, a rogue drone shut Stewart International Airport in Newburgh. Hidden Level deployed its Airspace Monitoring Service at Stewart Air National Guard Base within 24 hours, integrated the feed into Palantir within 48, and shared it with the Air Force and New York State law enforcement. Primer builds large language models that read enormous volumes of text in English, Russian, and Chinese, extracting people, places, and organizations at machine scale. In-Q-Tel, the CIA’s venture-capital arm, seeded the company in 2017, and founder Sean Gourley described the goal himself: “What if we could read everything and pay attention to every-thing, all the time?” Primer sells “all-source intelligence,” “narrative monitoring,” and the fusion of “open-source and internal data” into “decision-ready intelligence.” Its 2020 SOCOM and Air Force contract built a military disinformation-detection platform; the 2022 follow-on, worth \$3 million, was filed as “SOCIAL MEDIA EVENT MONITORING PRIMER AI.” Federal records show roughly \$11.76 million in contracts from FY2019 through FY2025, every dollar from the Pentagon and none from DHS, despite marketing that its “AI platforms support DHS missions.”

Primer’s reach runs past its own contract list. Through Palantir’s FedStart program it operates inside Palantir’s accredited government cloud, cleared to FedRAMP High and Impact Level 5, on sensitive government data. It sells through Carahsoft, its “Master Government Aggregator,” the same reseller that distributes Palantir and whose headquar-ters the FBI raided in September 2024 during a Justice Department procurement-fraud investigation. Palantir builds and runs ICE’s core enforcement systems: ImmigrationOS (roughly \$30 million), Investigative Case Management (over \$100 million), and the ELITE targeting tool.

A Primer “Senior Account Executive, DHS & Law Enforcement” described the homeland business on a public LinkedIn profile, screenshotted by a POLITICO reporter: a “\$4M qualified pipeline ... across CBP, ICE, and federal law enforcement components,” with “C-suite engagement at CBP.” And ICE is buying. In October 2025, ICE’s Enforcement and Removal Operations solicited a contractor to mine “open-source and social media” data for “person-specific” intelligence for its depor-tation Targeting Operations Division, and the agency is planning a data-analytics purchasing vehicle worth roughly \$100 million. This file does not claim Primer holds an ICE contract today. Its product, its partner stack, and its own sales pipeline are aimed at one.

Conley sought a 90-day extension on her financial disclosure, a delay that would have pushed the filing past the June 23 primary. She filed May 19, 2026; POLITICO re-ported she “abruptly reversed course” after questions from Substack reporters Timmy Facciola and David McKay Wilson. The White House meetings have never been disclosed. The two employers are missing from her LinkedIn and campaign site. The work itself is covered, she says, by NDAs. And when The Intercept and POLITICO first reported the relationships in February 2026, she told a local Democratic group the articles “misrepresented her work,” a meeting reported under the headline “Cait Conley Accuses Press of ‘Lies.’”

Her treatment of the two companies is not the same. On Hidden Level she has a ready answer about keeping families safe at a Yankees game or a Taylor Swift concert. On Primer, reporting found she “does not appear to have ever spoken publicly about her work.” The contradictions: her platform condemns what her paychecks fund Her platform’s “Fighting and Preventing Corruption” plank pledges to “stop elected representatives from personally enriching themselves in office” and to close “the revolving door ... so that public service is no longer a stepping stone to cashing in on connections.” Her record is government service to contractor payroll in the same month, \$328,283.15, and a lobbyist from her own visitor logs now on her employer’s account. The same platform vows to ban congressional stock trading and require divestment; her disclosure lists NVIDIA and AMD stock and cryptocurrency. Her “Addressing AI” plank promises “strict standards for how federal agencies use AI” and safeguards against AI-driven disinfor-mation, which is Primer’s product line. On ICE, she said at an April 2026 forum: “I’m reigning it in all the way,” while paid by companies wired into the ICE-Palantir stack, one of which lobbies the DHS budget she campaigns to cut.

On the One Big Beautiful Bill she went further. “The ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ is cruel and cowardly. No other way to put it,” she posted on June 1, 2025. She pledges to “end entirely” its SALT provision and attacks Rep. Lawler for passing it. The same law created the \$500 million counter-drone fund her employer is lobbying to collect, and her employer’s own filings list lobbying on H.R.1’s counter-UAS provisions.

The bottom line: Conley spent twenty years inside the institutions her employers sell to, ending at the NSC and CISA, the two offices that matter most to the drone-surveil-lance industry. The policy she wrote while Hidden Level’s future lobbyist visited her office created a \$500 million market. The two companies put her on the payroll the month she left government, \$328,283.15 in all, and hired the lobbyist from her visitor logs, a former Republican senator, and Mitch McConnell’s former senior advisor to work the Trump White House, the Pentagon, DHS, and her former NSC on “southern border security efforts,” the DHS budget, and the grant authorities she created. She promoted their work on her personal LinkedIn, scrubbed them from her résumé, cited NDAs to voters, tried to push her disclosure past the primary, and called the reporting “lies.” However, her platform pledges to close the revolving door, ban stock trading, rein in ICE, and repeal the law that funds her employer’s market. This is pay-for-play as voters understand the term: the insider who wrote the rules, met the lobbyists, took the money, and will not say what it bought. Every fact in this file comes from her own government’s logs, her own filings, her own likes, and her own words. The burden of explaining it is hers,” end of CaitConley.ai, which is paid for by Mike Lawler for Congress.

Hispanic Heritage Month, continued from pg 7-reception is an opportunity to celebrate those contributions while inspiring future generations to continue building a stronger County.” Hispanic Advisory Board Chair Dr. Carmen Martínez-López said: “Hispanic Heritage Month reminds us that our stories and traditions are an important part of Westches-ter’s identity. This celebration honors those who came before us and encourages young people to take pride in their heritage while helping shape the future of our communities.”The reception featured music and cuisine that reflected the diversity of Hispanic and Latino cultures represented throughout Westchester County. Community members also gathered to recognize local leaders whose service and dedication have strengthened neighborhoods across the County.Observed each year from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions of Americans whose ancestry traces to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Through celebrations like this reception, Westchester County continues to recognize the communities whose traditions and talent help make the County one of the most diverse places to live, work and raise a family.

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community, which he not only violated but exploited to gain the victim’s trust and subjected her to months of horrific sexual abuse. But the betrayal didn’t end there. Even after the abuse, the defendant used his public platform to deny the allegations, further deceiving the very community he was entrusted to serve. The defendant’s predatory conduct and persistent lies have compounded the trauma suffered by the victim, a young girl who should never have been forced to endure this unspeakable harm. The substantial sentence the defendant faces should serve as a clear warning that my office will always pursue justice on behalf of child victims and hold accountable anyone who abuses a position of authority, regardless of their prominence or standing in the community. I commend my Special Prosecutions Division and Criminal Investigators Squad for their tireless and meticulous efforts to secure this fitting outcome.”

Between Oct. 1, 2023, and March 1, 2024, the defendant repeatedly subjected the victim, a female child under the age of 13, to two or more acts of sexual conduct in the City of Mount Vernon, including at least one act of oral sexual conduct.

The defendant was arrested on May 14, 2025, by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office Criminal Investigators Squad, which received a tip containing child sexual abuse allegations committed by the defendant and launched an investigation.

The investigation, conducted by the DA’s Office Special Prosecutions Division and Criminal Investigators, included interviews with relevant witnesses, the victim and the defendant, the execution of search warrants, and analysis of electronic devices belonging to the victim and defendant.

A search of these devices revealed that the defendant had exchanged sexually inappropriate text messages with the victim. Further, the defendant admitted to his involvement in the crime during an interview with the DA’s criminal investigators.

If you or someone you know is a victim of the defendant, we encourage you to contact your local police department or the DA’s Office multilingual tips line at (914) 995-TIPS (8477).

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Kontos and Special Prosecutions Division Co-Chief Christine Hatfield.

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about security, maintenance and access to basic hygiene supplies.

One resident, in a text message sent to me, alleged that toiletries, soap and paper towels had been taken away from residents and described bathrooms becoming clogged and remaining unusable for days. She also alleged flooding and said that closing bathrooms, rather than immediately repairing them, had sometimes been the response.

One resident even alleged that bullying among residents has remained unresolved. I could hear pain in her voice as she tells me this. Bully is happening despite complaints to management. She said residents possess dates and other information documenting their concerns.

Her account has not been independently verified.

But regardless, residents are no longer the only folks speaking out.

One woman who publicly identified herself as a former employee told me that she worked at the residence for years and was willing to discuss what she experienced “on my day to day.” Another person identifying herself as a resigned YWCA employee publicly disputed the suggestion that the complaints were just allegations, saying that she had stories to share about both employees and the Women’s Residence.

Tiffany S.W. Hamilton, CEO of YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester, responded to the allegations in a detailed statement. Hamilton said partially, resident “safety, dignity, and well-being remain central” to the organization and that on-site maintenance employees respond to reported concerns, while outside contractors are used when specialized expertise is required. She said smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are inspected quarterly during scheduled unit inspections.

Hamilton also addressed concerns about police and fire department visits, saying emergency personnel responding to the building should not automatically be viewed as evidence of unsafe conditions. Firefighters, she said, must respond whenever the building’s alarm system is activated, including alarms caused by routine cooking.

Regarding hygiene supplies, Hamilton said residents are generally responsible for personal household and hygiene products. Still, she acknowledged that the complaints have prompted the YWCA to review “current practices, particularly within shared areas,” to determine whether changes are necessary.

Hamilton said the organization takes reports of bullying, harassment and resident conflict seriously but cannot discuss individual cases because of privacy obligations.

The accounts remain allegations, and some may continue to seek documentation and additional details. But what began as residents quietly describing conditions inside their home has widened. Former employees are now speaking and residents say they have records to support their claims. For all the women who call the residence home, don’t worry. Things will change very soon.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

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

A Fresh Start to a More Abundant Life

The new school year in this area started on September 8th; Jewish New Year on September 11th, Both events are an opportunity for a fresh start, for building on strengths and clearing out obstacles and negatives in our lives. So how can we live more abundantly with these fresh starts?

We can see that many people in the world are doing or validating things that would have been almost universally condemned less than a generation ago. A woman murders a baby and two other young children and other females celebrate her as a victim without a word for the children she strangled, without mercy, with resistance bands. Her lawyer wants to pursue the one man, a father, who held to the truth. Can people go any lower? These are works of darkness.

Be the light that shines in the darkness.

How can we take our new beginnings and be a light? Make it a habit to study God’s Word every day. Think it’s too hard? God’s Word is thoughtfully designed, simple enough that even a child can understand. The problem is people have not been taught how to work with the text.

Usually we start a book at page 1 and keep reading. But the Bible is made up of 66 books. For Christians it is broken into the Old Testament (covenant) and the New Testament (covenant), the latter beginning with the Gospels that record the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament begins with God creating the heavens and the earth, the fall of man and what it meant for the world, His promise of redemption, and the various ways that God interacted with believers and the guidelines He gave at different times. It is a record of men and women who believed God in those various places and times over thousands of years despite what surrounded them and despite what it did to them. Many of the great believers were slaves: Joseph, Moses, Esther, Daniel and others. Jesus Christ lived in a time when his throne was occupied by a usuper appointed by the Romans who occupied most of the Mediterranean world.

The New Testament shows the promise of redemption fulfilled in the one man who lived perfectly, Jesus Christ (Yeshua Messiah in the Hebrew). Not only did he fulfill all the law so that we no longer need to do so, he completed its requirements so that a new administration could come. That administration began on Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) when holy spirit became available to all who believed on him. (Romans 10:9,10) The gospels are a transition point between the Old and New Testaments, the privileges, powers and guidelines of the grace administration are given in the church epistles: Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatian, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and I and II Thessalonians.

Within this basic framework, we must first understand that “For no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. “ (2 Peter 1:20). No one has the authority to make it say what he wants it too, rather we look to what God’s Word says for direction. If no one has the right to make up an interpretation for scripture, what’s the alternative? The scripture has to interpret itself. But to understand requires effort. “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15.) The word “study” is the Greek word spoudazo, which means to put in a diligent effort.

Why do we want to do this? So we can shine as lights, so we can do the works of Jesus Christ. Sowe can show ourselves approved unto God, (2 Timothy 2:15) So we can understand how to do those good works. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished (equipped) unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

How do we begin? Make a plan. Plan a time or times during the day to read, make notes, study, research. Start with the gospels and go through the church epistles. Pick a chapter or two. Read through fist, then go back, reread and make notes or note questions. (Articles will follow showing some keys and resources for deeper understanding.)

Even though we are working with texts that were written down thousands of years ago and translated, there’s no need to be intimidated. The scripture interprets itself: in the verse, in the context, or as it has been used before. Easy verse: Jesus wept. (John 11:35). Why? Now, we would not guess, but go to the context, reading verses before and after to figure out why. His dear friend Lazarus had died. By the end of the chapter, we find out why the Pharisees wanted to murder him.

To find where a word has been used before, and get an accurate understanding of what the word meant we can use a reference called a concordance which lists all the verses where the English word is used and the Hebrew or Greek word from which it was translated. The Greek word martus, from which we get the English word martyr did not mean someone who died for his faith, but a witness. In Psalm 116:15 we read “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” Precious means ‘costly’.

We still use the word precious to refer to high value gemstones such as diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. God does not want His people to die, God values them highly. Many records and verses show God doing miracles to rescue His believers from the most extreme circumstances: slavery in Egypt, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego from a burning fiery furnace, Daniel from the lions den, and many more. Those miracles were a powerful witness showing Who was the only true God, His nature, and what He could do for His people. Using a concordance and looking up the key words or names will enable you to find the original records and additional references to them. Below is a free online resource to get started. It shows numerous versions, concordance features, and interlinear resources in Hebrew and Greek.

www.blueletterbible.com

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

Fly Your Flag, continued from pg 1-

You brought this on yourselves being obnoxious with the Palestinian flags. You have no respect for this country otherwise you would have American flags instead of Palestinian. This is why we don’t want you here.

Remove the flags immediately. Do not force us to go further with this issue. City of Yonkers Residents.” End of letter.

Samir reported the letter to the Yonkers Police, who are investigating, as is DA Susan Cacace. He appeared on numerous news shows to show his courage in the face of hate, and vowed to double the number of flags on his property. We included a photo of the large Palestinian flag on Samir’s property; he also has about 40 smaller flags along a rope line.

“After letting my kids know, my wife know, [and] the family know about the situation, we doubled the flags,” Nofal said. “I am a proud Yonkers resident, and displaying a Palestinian flag does not make me any less American or any less deserving of safety and respect.”

Mayor Mike Spano said, “I strongly disagree with the tone and vitriol of this letter. Everyone has a right to express their views, just as this family has a right to fly their flag. We may disagree, but we are Americans and neighbors. There is no place for hate in Yonkers.”

County Executive Ken Jenkins said, “Harassing, intimidating, or threatening your neighbors because you object to them peacefully displaying support for their Palestinian heritage is unacceptable. There is no place for that kind of behavior in Westchester County. All Americans, regardless of their heritage or background, have the right to free speech. Just as we must stand against racism, antisemitism, and hatred directed toward any community, we must also stand against hatred and discrimination directed toward Palestinians. Palestinian Americans and Palestinian families who call Westchester home are part of the fabric of our County. They are our neighbors, friends, colleagues and community members, and they deserve the same dignity, respect and sense of belonging as everyone who lives here. We take concerns about intimidation and discrimination seriously, and we are committed to engaging the Westchester County Human Rights Commission to ensure these concerns are appropriately reviewed and addressed.”

Many other elected officials, in Yonkers and across Westchester, posted their statements in support of Samir. One of the most thoughtful was from Councilwoman Deana Norman, who wrote, I am disgusted and deeply disturbed by the hateful and threatening letter sent to the Nofal family at their home here in Yonkers. No family should ever be made to feel unsafe or unwelcome in their own home because of their culture, religion, heritage, or beliefs. I stand in solidarity with the Nofal family and with every resident who has ever been targeted because of who they are or where they come from.

Yonkers is a melting pot. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and we are proud to be a city that is home to people of different cultures, religions, ethnicities, and backgrounds. There is no place in our community for hate, intimidation, or threats.

People should be able to proudly embrace their heritage and express who they are without fearing for the safety of themselves or their families. A threat against one family’s sense of safety and belonging should concern all of us. I am thankful that the Yonkers Police Department is investigating this matter, and I hope the individual responsible is identified and held accountable in accordance with the law.

To the Nofal family: you are part of the Yonkers community, you belong here, and you do not stand alone. We stand with you against hate and intimidation and remain committed to ensuring that Yonkers continues to be a community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect,” said Councilwoman Norman.

It is also ironic, in our view, that Samir, who is being called un-American for using his First Amendment right to display a flag on his own property, sounded more “American” than the author of this letter.

Now, let’s take this one step further. In Croton last year (2025), resident Leonard Amicola placed a flag that read, “Trump is My President” on his property.

The Village of Croton took the unusual step of issuing a violation and appearance ticket to Amicola for violating the Croton Zoning Code. That resulted in nationwide attention for what most believed was a violation of Amicola’s First Amendment rights, and the Village dismissing the violation. Leonard “Lenny” Amicola, is a disabled Vietnam vet who has lived in Croton-on-Hudson for 68 years.

So we ask our readers: yes, we all agree, except the author of the letter to Samir, that Nofal was within his rights to place the flags on his property.

But do you also agree that supporters of Trump, like Amicola, have that same right to post MAGA signs or Pro-Trump signs? We hope so.

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 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 FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. 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, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. 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.

QUINCY DARBYSHIRE INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Quincy Darbyshire, 115 Loring Ave, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Reid Consultancy, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/08/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Registered agent: Heather Kelly, 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Praveka Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 70 Beach Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of GABRIELLA'S FRIENDLY CONCIERGE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/26/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 147 OAKLAND AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY, 10709. Purpose: any lawful act or 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 ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. 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, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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 formation of TE Inheritance Law PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/19/2026. 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, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Law.

Notice of formation of Chatsworth Drive Confectionaries LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/20/2026. 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, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. 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 Playwich LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/31/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 333 Mamaroneck Ave, #423, White Plains, NY 10605. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Duration: perpetual.

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

Capitol Theatre-Port Chester Celebrates 100 Years



On September 19th, The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester, NY marked an extraordinary milestone: 100 years of live music, community, and unforgettable performances. The iconic venue hosted a once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebration honoring a century of artists who have shaped its legendary stage.

Prior to the celebration inside, Port Chester Mayor Luis A. Marino and Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins each presented The Capitol Theatre with a special proclamation under the marquee alongside venue Owner Peter Shapiro and the full lineup of musicians. Mayor Marino officially proclaimed September 19 as “Capitol Theatre Day,” while County Executive Jenkins honored The Cap’s 100th anniversary and its lasting impact on Westchester County.

Designed by celebrated architect Thomas Lamb in 1926 and listed in The National Register of Historic Places, the 2,000-capacity theater, is known as “the original rock palace.”

Visit <https://www.thecapitoltheatre.com> to learn more

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Westchester Remembers at Gold Star Ceremony



Above: County Executive Ken Jenkins, BOL Chair Vedat Gashi, Rep. Mike Lawler with Honor Guard

Left: Tucka-hoe’s Yoselin Brice, Air Force veteran and Gold Star spouse

On Sept. 25, Westchester County paid its respects to the families of fallen service members at the County’s Annual Gold Star Mothers and Families Tribute Ceremony on Friday. The tradition of wearing a gold star to signify a family member loss in service goes back to World War I. In 1936, Congress designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother’s Day, now known as Gold Star Mother’s and Families Day.

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