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Police Charge Two Men with Hate Crime Near Scout Field-Bronxville



Westchester County Police have charged two men with spray-painting the racist and anti-Semitic graffiti that was found spray-painted on Monday on County-owned property on the Bronxville-Yonkers border.

The graffiti, including a swastika and racist language targeting African-Americans and Mexican-Americans, was found on the back of a dugout at Scout Field and along a pathway north of the ballfield. It has since been covered over by County public works personnel.

The vandalism was reported to Westchester County Police about 10 a.m. when a woman approached an officer who had arrived to conduct an inspection of the area, which is off Midland Avenue. The Bronxville Police Department and Westchester County parks personnel also responded and assisted in documenting the scene.

"Hateful acts of this kind have no place in Westchester County, ever," County Executive George Latimer said. "But this is particularly a time when we all need to stand together as we face the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic."

Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason thanked the Bronxville Police Department and Westchester County District Attorney's Office for its assistance in the investigation.

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Rep. Engel Running on his Record in Washington for Westchester



By Dan Murphy

The election of 2020 marks an interesting time in Westchester politics. Congresswoman Nita Lowey is not running for re-election. Congressman Eliot Engel is running for re-election.

For more than four decades, Lowey and Engel have served all of most of Westchester County since 1988 when both were elected.

This year Rep. Engel does have a challenge in the democratic primary on June 23. In fact he had three democratic challengers, with democrats Jamaal Bowman, Chris Fink and Sammy Ravelo looking to defeat the longtime congressman in the 16th district which includes parts of the Bronx and most of southern and mid- Westchester.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, Engel stayed on the legislative front lines, skipping the photo opps and avoiding the negative attacks against his opponents. Engel was focused on helping his New York colleagues in the House to deliver \$5 Billion for New York hospitals, which was five times more than any state. And unfortunately, New York State deserved five times more help for our hospitals because we have had more than five times the number of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 than the rest of the country.

Rep. Engel was also able to help secure \$76 million for community health centers and \$400 million for COVID-19 relief for nursing homes.

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Westchester Reacts to George Floyd Killing

"Racism from Yale to Yonkers"



By Dan Murphy

Residents of Westchester County joined with the rest of the United States to march and protest against the killing of George Floyd last week. Floyd was killed in the custody of Minneapolis MN police, while one officer knelt on Floyd's neck while Floyd said "I can't breathe."

For those of us who did not march, watching the tragedy on video again and again on cable news was alarming, and so was the rioting that occurred in many US cities last weekend. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, wrote an Op-Ed that should be read by all. He writes,

"Don't understand the protests? What you're seeing is people pushed to the edge. What was your first reaction when you saw the video of the white cop kneeling on George Floyd's neck while Floyd croaked, "I can't breathe"?"

"If you're white, you probably muttered a horrified, "Oh, my God" while shaking your head at the cruel injustice. If you're black, you probably leapt to your feet, cursed, maybe threw something (certainly wanted to throw something), while shouting, "Not @#\$\$%! again!"

"Then you remember the two white vigilantes accused of murdering Ahmaud Arbery as he jogged through their neighborhood in February, and how if it wasn't for that video emerging a few weeks ago, they would have gotten away with it. And how those Minneapolis cops claimed Floyd was resisting arrest but a store's video showed he wasn't. And how the cop on Floyd's neck wasn't an enraged redneck stereotype, but a sworn officer who looked calm and entitled and devoid of pity: the banality of evil incarnate.

"Maybe you also are thinking about the Karen in Central Park who called 911 claiming the black man who asked her to put a leash on her dog

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All Eyes on Absentee Ballots

But you can still vote in person!



By Dan Murphy

This year's primary election, to be held on June 23, is confusing to voters for several reasons. The Coronavirus has made going out to the polls to vote something that many voters will just not do.

To avoid requiring voters in New York State from having to leave their home to vote, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an order giving every voter the right to request an absentee ballot. Most voters in Yonkers should already have received their absentee ballot application.

If you want to vote in the primary on June 23, and do it by mail, you must request a ballot by filling out the application and mail it back to the Board of Elections. The BOE will then mail you back an actual ballot, and Yonkers democrats will be able to vote for Congress, District Attorney, and City Court Judge.

But most of our readers may not know that you can still vote in person on June 23. The Westchester Board of Elections writes, "There will still be Early Voting at various Polling Sites throughout the County for the June 23rd 2020 Primary Elections from Saturday, June 13th through Sunday, June 21st. (Polling Sites to be determined.) On Primary Election Day - June 23rd 2020, there will be polling sites open throughout the County for in-person voting from 6 am to 9 pm. (Polling Sites to be determined

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Healing is the First sign of Return to Normal Life



Dr. Kart, treating a patient safely. Story and photo by Robert Kalfus

Patients resumed treatment at TherapyCare Physical Therapy of Yonkers on Monday, hopefully a sign of renewed life returning to usual. The practice reopened May 3rd on a limited basis, servicing patients Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The practice was closed since March 20, when New York State ordered social isolation to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. TherapyCare's owner and therapist Dr. Karthigayen Gopala Krishnan, known to all as Dr. Kart, planned the reopening to help his many patients suffering from a lack of pain management, decreased mobility, muscle weakness, and stiffness.

"We were not able to provide patients manual therapy, therapeutic massage, or stretching treatments for the past 7 week closure due to restrictions of no close contact. We now see many patients returning with weakness, stiffness and pain that was not manageable by themselves at home, especially in cases of chronic pain and post-operative care," said Dr. Kart.

"In addition to providing the very best physical therapy, our prime concern now is for the safety of patients and staff during treatment", stated Dr. Kart. "There is no close contact between patients and staff. All patients and staff must wear masks at all times, and a box of free masks greets each patient as they enter. We give a free mask to the patient entering Therapy-Care if they do not have one. We are also teaching proper use of masks, as many do not know how to breathe properly with one. All patients' temperatures are checked upon arrival with an infrared thermometer, and it and all pens used are disinfected before and after use."

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Lowes Donates 700 Flower Baskets to Mom's at Wartburg For Residents and Staff



staff at Wartburg welcome donated flowers for residents and employees

Lowes Home Improvement Donated 700 Flower Baskets for Mother's Day to Residents and Nursing Staff of Wartburg in Mount Vernon. The flowers were provided by CK Greenhouses of Cheshire, CT. Lowes Home Improvement has graciously donated 700 flower baskets to moms and grandmothers at Wartburg in recognition of Mother's Day. On behalf of Lowes Home Improvement, "We know that Mother's Day may feel a bit different than in years past, and we hope this makes it a little brighter."

Dr. David J. Gentner, Wartburg President & CEO, said, "On behalf of those who are on the front lines of the health crisis, the reminder that spring is here and that Mother's Day weekend is upon us is more important than the world can imagine and my personal thanks to Lowes Home Improvement for their generosity."

Greg Poole-Dayan, Wartburg's Chief Operating Officer, said of the nursing staff, "Today is the first day of 2020 National Nurses' Week. As we look back on the past 8 weeks and how it has affected everyone - from a local to a world level - nurses continue to be at the forefront of caring for the sick and promoting health for all of our residents and patients, and their families. On behalf of the Administrative team of Wartburg, our sincere and everlasting gratitude for all you have done, and all that you will continue to do to keep our residents safe, healing those who are sick, comforting those in distress, and easing the pain of those who are dying."

There has been an overwhelming community appreciation for the courageous care giving staff on this campus who've worked to combat the greatest healthcare crisis in more than a century and under unprecedented physically and emotionally challenging circumstances. Our gratitude for their passion, commitment, and continued service is everlasting.

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Sen. Mayer: Let HS Graduation Celebrations Outdoors in July



State Senator Shelley Mayer

On Wednesday, May 27, State Senator Shelley B. Mayer (SD-37, Westchester) and many of her Senate colleagues sent a letter to Governor Andrew Cuomo urging that he permit outdoor in-person high school graduation ceremonies in July under guidance set by the NYS Department of Health.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, said "Our students have already had to make tremendous sacrifices due to the coronavirus pandemic. High school graduation is such a special milestone--I believe that we can find a safe way for them to celebrate."

The letter states: "The high school graduating class of 2020 should be permitted to embrace their achievements, celebrate their successes and be fully recognized as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. The relationships students have developed with their schools, teachers and peers will forever be grounded in their hearts and we know you share with us a commitment to find a way for them to celebrate their final high school moment in a traditional, ceremonious manner...We are confident a safe, carefully managed outdoor and in person high school graduation can be achieved in New York, during the month of July, and under guidance set by the Department of Health. We urge you to find a way to allow this to happen."

This week, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that in-person high school graduation ceremonies would be allowed in the state beginning July 6th.

Letter to the Editor: Westchester Democratic Politics ABC--Anybody But Carlucci

Mr. Murphy, As a long time Westchester Democrat who proudly voted for Nita Lowey as my Congresswoman, I am concerned about who will replace her in the 17th District.

I will not vote for State Senator David Carlucci, and I'm surprised that according to your stories, he is one of the frontrunners to win the democratic primary on June 23. Carlucci joined with Jeff Klein and other democratic defectors to deny the majority to State Senate Democrats as part of the Independent Democratic Conference, IDC.

Carlucci also denied State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins the position of Majority Leader for five years, as you wrote.

Currently, I would vote for anyone but Carlucci, (ABC), but will the other democrats split the vote and give Carlucci the victory?

I would also remind voters that Nita Lowey had a wealthy husband who helped her secure her first victory. She went on to become a great congresswoman.

Helen Antonucci, Yorktown

And What Were You Expecting?

By Eric W. Schoen

Things got a little too close to home. The Stop and Shop where I bought broccoli crunch salad earlier in the week gets evacuated on the premise that protestors were getting ready to loot it. Store windows at Cross County Shopping Center, where I sat on Santa's lap as a child (I told him I was Jewish when he asked me what I wanted for Christmas) are broken and boarded up. McLean Avenue businesses, across from the Kent Cinema where I sat as a child watching movies and as an adult in the balcony waving away the cigarette and other smoke, broken into with shards of glass all that is left separating the street from the inside of businesses built by immigrants and hard working businesspeople.

And oh my god, OMG in computer lingo, the iconic Macy's on 34th Street in Manhattan where to this day at Christmas time I still visit Santa and the Christmas Village riding my favorite wooden escalators from floor to floor bringing memories of a time long ago has its windows smashed and it's store looted. The windows dressed all year year but especially at Christmas with decorations that get more magical every year broken, shards of glass all that remains. Macy's always looks so nice on television on Thanksgiving Day even if you can't be there in person.

But friends, I ask you what were you expecting? A Minneapolis Police Officer pressing on George Floyd's neck with his knee ultimately killing the poor man. A world disturbed by the behavior of a few rogue police officers when our communities invest so much money and training to prevent such events from occurring.

People prisoners in their residence for over 2 months, scared by the authorities to come out and get a breath of fresh air. Then we find out that 60% of the people infected by the virus were those who followed the authorities orders staying in their domicile. In New York City and many places in Westchester these 'homes' are small, in need of repair, not livable for a day let alone 2 months.

Folks told to eat sauerkraut, kimchi and take drugs unapproved for use and liable to kill by a rogue leader of the free world. This same leader gassing people to get out of the way for a photo shoot with a bible in front of a church he has never set foot in. The leaders of the church calling him out for his horrific behavior.

26,000 people die in the Nursing Homes in our country. Our friends, our relatives, our family. Many fault orders given by the directors of the Centers of Disease Control that patients not needing the high level care of a hospital but requiring nursing care be put in the nursing homes of our country. We see it once, we see it twice, but it takes two months to see that we have a problem here, people are dying and must stop the practice. Will anyone go to jail, the CDC Director, the President who he works for, the State Commissioners of Health or the Governors go to prison for killing 26,000 innocent people. Outside investigations beyond the reach of government bureaucracies are what is needed.

Baseball. America's past time. Something young and old look forward to every year having a tough time deciding whether to play an abbreviated season. Do you enjoy watching baseball games from 1976? I say discontinue the sports channels on your cable television system, don't support companies that advertise on them, don't buy those overpriced jerseys and t-shirts and other Major League Baseball paraphernalia and you'll see how quickly the umpires say, 'Play Ball!' The same goes for football, basketball and any other sport with problems getting back on the air.

Where else can these sports heroes, rather figures make the money they make? On the McDonalds grill line flipping burgers? I don't think you!

In the midst of a pandemic the government cuts jobs for young people. Do they really cost that much money, or isn't their enough competent bureaucrats to get these programs started for our young people? There certainly is enough work to be done.

Look at our Board of Elections on the state or the county levels. Upstate they can't get ballots printed in time for School Elections. Only one company can produce them. How much money did that company give to political candidates and their parties. Downstate like here in little 'ol Yonkers we receive a letter that says the mail in ballot application is only good for the Primary this month. The application (praise the lord they put postage on the return envelope) says the application is good for the Primary and General elections and those in between. The letter to voters, well let's just say a 2 year old could do better. The same two year olds trying to learn to wash their hands in a pandemic.

We are trying to get over a pandemic and protestors, mostly peaceful ones not social distancing or wearing masks. And they are marching with the very politicians who are on television encouraging, no pleading with you to wear a mask.

The weather is getting hot, People are told not to leave their apartments, a member of the family has virus symptoms but no place to isolate, family members have lost their jobs, after 3 months the New York State unemployment system is filled with glitches and people not getting Their unemployment benefits from a system run by those who are supposed to be the finest computer experts in the world. No thought of people being able to be free to go outside and enjoy the beautiful weather and 'free world.'

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Harrison Library Online Events for Everyone

Note: All programs require registration on the library's website to receive the Zoom link at www.harrisonpl.org.

Tai Chi with Alex Lamas on Monday, June 8 at 3 pm

Join Master Alex Lamas for an online Tai Chi class, which incorporates Qigong and meditation into the one-hour session. If you're looking for a way to reduce stress and increase balance, try practicing the graceful movements of Tai Chi. Originally developed for self-defense in China, this form of exercise has evolved into a method to reduce anxiety. Often described as meditation in motion, Tai Chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. It involves a series of low impact movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Tai chi puts minimal stress on muscles and joints, making it safe for all ages and fitness levels. It may be especially suitable for older adults who otherwise may not exercise.

Master Alex Lamas has been training and teaching Kung Fu and Tai Chi for 20 years and in 2001 he became an instructor at Kwan's Kung Fu. As a Kung Fu and Tai Chi teacher, Sifu Lamas has brought his program to schools, campuses, Buddhist temples and senior centers across Westchester County. He has also been studying meditation for 20 years and is an official tour guide at Chuang Yen Monastery in Kent. No experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Seniors & Depression with NY Presbyterian Medical Center on Tuesday, June 9 at 2 pm

This online presentation will cover ways for seniors to cope with depression, especially during times of isolation and social distancing. The talk will be given by Patricia Marino, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology, Weill Cornell Medical College, Assistant Attending Psychologist, New York Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health Center.

A Writer's Journey: From Italian-American Roots to Award-Winning Author with Linda Cardillo on Friday, June 12 @ 4 pm

Linda Cardillo, author of nine works of fiction and a cookbook, takes readers behind the scenes of her creative process. Beginning with the influence of growing up Italian-American in a large extended family, Cardillo will trace her journey as an author and the evolution of her writing practice. Using her First Light series as an example, she will delve into the questions she is often asked by readers:

- Where do the ideas for her novels come from?
- How does she nurture an idea and expand it through research?
- How does she mine and distill her research to weave a compelling story?

As a special bonus, she will give readers a sneak peek at her current work-in-progress, the fourth book in the First Light series.

Demystifying Medicare Online

Because COVID has forced libraries and community centers to cancel their events this spring, WSOS's light-hearted and interactive "Demystifying Medicare" workshops have also been postponed.

But, the Westchester Library System does not want anyone to lose out on this ongoing opportunity to learn how Medicare works, since a complete understanding of the whole system is key to making the best personal health insurance decisions.

So they've put a version of this upbeat and interactive workshop online, where people can absorb audio chapters at their own pace and refer to downloadable handouts that are used in the live presentations. You can access all of these at <https://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic/demystifying-medicare/>.

"Demystifying Medicare" is designed not only for people currently enrolled in Medicare, but for those soon to be 65 or helping relatives and friends with their medical decisions and paperwork. Topics include Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans, Medigaps (supplemental plans), EPIC, and cost-saving programs for people with limited resources.

In a non-COVID universe, Westchester Seniors Out Speaking works year-round in other ways to help people with Medicare. They run free Senior Benefits Individual Counseling centers (SBICs) at nine libraries throughout the year, where people can get answers to their coverage and billing questions on a first come, first served basis. The roughly 80 volunteers in this program have been trained and updated monthly by the Medicare Rights Center in New York City, an advocacy group not affiliated with the insurance companies or with Medicare itself.

For questions about the "Demystifying Medicare Online" or to sign up for future live presentations, please leave your name and number at (914) 231-3236, or email SBICmedia@gmail.com. You can get individual help at the WSOS helpline, (914) 231-3260, or by emailing them at SBIC@wlsmail.org. Like the workshops, the counseling is also free.

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"Therapists wipe and disinfect any chair, table or any equipment before a patient uses it, and after use. Chairs are placed no less than 6 feet apart and are regularly disinfected, and wipes are stationed throughout the office. Therapists are double gloved and change their gloves they come in contact with patients or equipment," continued Dr. Kart. "Two shifts of cleaning services daily clean thoroughly the entire clinic with disinfectant wipes."

Mrs. Tabitha Perez was already in treatment with Dr. Kart and experiencing relief and healing, when this past summer, her car was hit and demolished by an unlicensed driver. She required spinal surgery to repair the damage. After recovering from surgery, she trusted only Dr. Kart at TherapyCare to heal her using his pain relief and physical therapy techniques. She was making good progress with TherapyCare, until Governor Andrew Cuomo required the almost complete shutdown of NYS services to isolate and quarantine the COVID-19 Coronavirus after Sunday, March 22.

Mrs. Perez, a 22 year veteran NYC schoolteacher, was able to work from home teaching her first grade class during the quarantine, and continued home therapy exercises provided her by Dr. Kart. But Mrs. Perez was eager and thrilled to resume her healing with TherapyCare Physical Therapy on Monday.

Mrs. Perez wrote in a review "Kart is amazing and will address all your therapy concerns. I have complete trust in his knowledge and ability to help me recover! The entire staff at TherapyCare are welcoming and always friendly, they genuinely care about their patients." Referring to Dr. Kart's having opened the newly expanded Yonkers clinic last August, with new equipment and greatly increased capacity and staff, Mrs. Perez wrote "The newly opened facility is well kept and provides access to a variety of therapy techniques and tools, including fitness equipment. It is truly the best place to receive therapy. I highly recommend it!"

Dr. Kart notes the new expanded Yonkers facility, in addition to all the current therapy services, has a senior fitness center as an integral part of his physical therapy center. "Our focus is on delivering exceptional results and services, learning new techniques, advancing our capabilities, and of course, having an exceptional team environment," said Kart.

We have many different types of therapies, all designed to improve patient's movement, increase strength and functioning, and relieve pain without the use of medication. We utilize the Mulligan Concept and others, seeking to improve patient's movement with the application of pain-free hands-on techniques."

Dr. Kart began his academic career at Pondicherry University where he received a Bachelors in Physical therapy (First Class). He has a Masters in Physical Therapy and a Masters in Business Administration (Health Care) which allows him to manage the patient care for his patients' best outcomes.

TherapyCare is located at a new and expanded street level Yonkers location, for easy wheelchair and handicapped access. Free parking is available in the parking lot. Visit the website at www.TherapyCares.net or call (914) 294-0080, to make an appointment for care on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, at 1254 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers.

Hospitals Turn the Corner as Last COVID Patients Discharged



The front-line healthcare staff at Saint Joseph's Medical Center recently celebrated the discharge of one of the hospital's last hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Anyely Gomez de Martinez of Yonkers was discharged to applause and cheers on May 14. She was admitted to the hospital on April 2

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Catherine Parker Suspends Congressional Campaign



County Legislator Catherine Parker ended her campaign for Congress in the 17th District less than three weeks before the democratic primary. Parker writes, "Back in March, I put my campaign to represent New York's 17th Congressional District on hold as the full breadth of the COVID-19 pandemic became apparent. As you know, there are very few political races as expensive as a Congressional race, and I could just not justify asking donors for more money in the midst of a health and economic disaster. Fundraising would have to wait until April. Well, April became May, and now June 23 is a little over 3 weeks away.

"In the last 10 weeks I have been immersed in a crash course on how our world has and continues to change. As a County Legislator in Westchester's 7th District my days are consumed with a procession of new and unique problems, some dealing with county finances and services, others revolving around the day-to-day troubles of constituents whose lives and businesses have been upended.

"As we approach the final month of the New York Primary campaign I have decided to make the March "pause" permanent. I am officially suspending my campaign operation effective today, May 29. I'm very proud of the race that our campaign has run to date and how the debates and forums have gone, but there is a lot of money already in this race and that money will soon take over your television sets. I understand that my name will still be on the ballot but I cannot justify the continued drain on my donors at this moment in time. They have been incredibly generous to me already.

"I will never stop being passionate about our need to confront the climate crisis for the sake of our children; about addressing systemic racism, and wealth inequity; about women's healthcare and continuing to be a staunch advocate for a woman's right to choose; improving opportunities for less well-off residents to have access to affordable housing and childcare so they can go to work and support their families; and will make fixing the damage done by President Trump and his enablers one of my highest priorities," said Parker, who did not endorse a candidate upon her withdrawal.

Seven democrats remain in the race to replace Congresswoman Nita Lowey in the 17th District, which includes northern Westchester and all of Rockland County. They are:

Assemblyman David Buchwald, Adam Schleifer, State Senator David Carlucci, Evelyn Farkas, Asha Castleberry-Hernandez, Alison Fine and Mon-daire Jones.

NYS DMV Announces Rules For All Transactions

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles announced that beginning Monday, June 1, state-run DMV offices in the counties of Albany, Onondaga, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and the five boroughs of New York City will begin to process vehicle registrations and other transactions by mail, and beginning June 4, will accept transactions through secure drop boxes located at each office. County Clerks that operate DMV offices in the remaining 51 counties of the state are advised to follow the State DMV's timeline and guidance for reopening. For specific information about services offered by county-operated offices visit <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/dmv-office-locations>.

In addition, Commercial Driver License (CDL) road tests will begin to resume in all regions that are in at least phase 1 of reopening. All road tests will be conducted with strict safety requirements in place; DMV road test examiners will wear gloves, face shields and have hand sanitizer, and customers must wear masks and will be screened prior to beginning the test. Customers whose road tests were canceled because of COVID-19 will be given priority for rescheduling, and DMV staff will begin outreach to those customers on June 1. Reservations for other CDL customers will be available in the days following at: <https://dmv.ny.gov/schedule-road-test>. Road tests and reservations for Class D (passenger vehicles) will not be available at this time.

As regions enter phase 3 of reopening, DMV will offer limited in-person transactions in state-run DMV offices by reservation only, prioritizing critical services, and will resume road tests for all drivers at that time. Until then, there will be no in-person transactions in any DMV office and reservations will only become available as regions enter phase 3. Further guidance will be provided at the appropriate time.

Extension of Expired Documents. All driver licenses, non-driver identification cards and vehicle registrations that expired March 1, 2020 or after and vehicle inspections that expired March 31 or after were previously extended and continue to be extended.

Mail-In and Drop-Box Transactions. DMV is expanding the ability for New Yorkers to complete necessary transactions by mail and drop box and will no longer offer these services in person including: All original vehicle registrations and license plate transfers, License plate surrenders, Sales tax only transactions, License and registration renewals (online option also available), Replacement of lost documents (online option also available), Address change (online option also available).

Beginning June 4, secure drop boxes will be located at all state-run DMV offices and available to customers during regular office hours Monday through Saturday, which can be found at <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/dmv-office-locations>. When dropping off documents, customers must wear a face covering, and only two customers will be allowed in the office at one time to access the drop box and must maintain proper social distancing at all times. They should ensure their documents are filled out completely prior to bringing them to the DMV. All documents and instructions are available on www.dmv.ny.gov. Customer service representatives will not be available to assist with these transactions.

Customers will not be allowed to pick up their completed transactions. Once transactions are complete, a receipt, or license plates and registration documents, when applicable, will be returned to the customer by mail.

Customers who wish to register a vehicle should complete the DMV online registration checklist before mailing or dropping off their documents. Instructions for returning license plates by mail can be found on the DMV website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/how-surrender-return-or-turn-your-plates-dmv>.

To find out where to mail transactions visit: <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/dmv-office-locations>.

Online Transactions. The DMV offers more than 60 transactions online making it fast and convenient for all New Yorkers to complete their business with the DMV. The following services continue to be offered online: select driver license services, such as renewing or replacing a license, vehicle transactions, such as renewing or replacing a registration, requests for DMV records like crash reports or driving abstracts, personal services like changing an address, handling fines and fees, including to plead or pay New York City traffic tickets and paying other civil penalties.

Customers need to pass a vision test to renew their license online. There are more than 6,000 providers enrolled in the DMV's Vision Registry and approved to administer the vision test. Following the test, these providers enter the results online, saving the customer time when they visit the DMV website to renew their license. A vision test from a Vision Registry provider is valid for one year.

Customers who have not had their vision checked by a Vision Registry provider can have their doctor or another medical professional complete a Vision Test Report, which the customer can use to complete the renewal process online.

Customers cannot upgrade to a REAL ID or Enhanced Driver License (EDL) without visiting a DMV office. For the health and safety of our customers and staff amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DMV offices are not serving customers in person. While offices are closed for such transactions, customers can renew their current license or non-driver ID online now and upgrade to a REAL ID or an EDL in a DMV office later. Also due to COVID-19, the federal REAL ID enforcement deadline has been extended one year until October 1, 2021.

Road Tests-For the safety of everyone at road test sites, all customers and accompanying drivers must wear face coverings and maintain 6 feet from other customers and staff whenever possible. Face coverings include cloth (e.g. homemade sewn, quick cut, bandanna), surgical masks, N-95 respirators, or face shields. Customers will also need to disinfect the passenger side of the vehicle with disinfectant wipes upon arrival.

Customers taking a road test will have their temperature taken and be screened for symptoms of COVID-19. For more information about DMV, visit <https://dmv.ny.gov/>.

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Arrested were: Nodar Kikvisize, 22, of Bronxville and Thomas Hasselt, 23, of Yonkers. Both were charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree as a Hate Crime and Aggravated Harassment 1st Degree, felonies; and Making Graffiti, a misdemeanor.

"We share a responsibility to come together and support each other especially in this time of a public health crisis and speak out against racism, anti-Semitism and all acts of hatred in our community. Please contact the Westchester County Human Rights Commission at (914) 995-7710 or by email at humanrights@westchestergov.com if you are aware of any instances of hate or bias in the County." Executive Director Tejash Sanchala said.





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If I think of people like my grandmother who was perfectly coiffed at the beauty salon on Friday, I have to think of Black and Brown women who spend a lot more money than grandma did getting perfect hairstyles. Black and Brown men who sit for hours in the Barber or Hair Salon vs. me, 10 minutes in the chair getting the little hair I have perfectly groomed. Sometimes grandma would miss a week and be in an uproar. How do you think my black and brown brothers and sisters feel 3 months without getting their hair done?

In this pandemic fewer kids are getting the childhood injections they need for school as well as life. The threat of CVS being closed due to looting and not being able to get medications. Journalists as well as some black and brown people targeted by a small group of police officers. Politicians crying their community has no jobs when their husbands and wives and same sex partners sit in jobs they are unqualified for and/or don't have the ability to do!

We all miss our church and synagogues dearly, But are you seriously going to follow the advice of Dr. Trump and fill the aisles and pews without social distancing? Are all these protestors and soon to be shoppers going to cause the threat of another pandemic.

So now good people you see why I say, 'And what were you expecting?' Put it all together, and while going to space is the hot thing now we can say, 'Houston, We have a Problem!'

County Executive George Latimer appointed a Back to business, Back to Work, Back to Basics' task force. George, you must show leadership and tell the business leaders what the rules and laws are for reopening their businesses. They are professionals. They want to get back to making money and serving their communities. They have enough brain power to get it together. But please, don't be like the ever poor Yonkers and charge a cash strapped business for a damn permit!

And remember, the money used for overtime policing our streets can be used to educate our children and provide services for our seniors!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is MIND UNDER BRIDGE PUBLISHING, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 23, 2020.
THIRD: The county within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Westchester
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process to is 722 Frost Avenue, Apt. 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.
FIFTH: The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity under the laws of the State of New York. The Articles of Organization of MIND UNDER BRIDGE PUBLISHING, LLC were subscribed to by THE KLEISTER LAW GROUP, LLC, 85 East Main Street, Washingtonville NY 10992.

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Notice of App. of Authority of Smart D2 Playrooms LLC (LLC), filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/8/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as LLC's agent for service of process, and shall mail process to: LLC, C/O P.O. Box 67, Rye, NY 10580. Formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/2/2019. Cert. of Formation filed with, and copy can be obtained from: DE Secy of State, Corporations Div., 401 Federal St #4, Dover, DE 19901. DE registered agent/office: Agents for Delaware Corporations, Inc., 310 Alder Rd PO Box 841, Dover, DE 19904. Purpose: residential and commercial playrooms.-6/26

Notice of Formation of Taxing Times Accounting LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/11/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at: Keep Insurance 27 Cleveland Street Valhalla NY 10595. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.-6/19

Notice of Formation of The Party Nail, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/25/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 90 State Street Suite 700, Office 40 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. -6/19

Notice of formation of SoSi Group LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/28/2020 Office: Westchester County SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 641 S. 7th Avenue, mount vernon, NY 1550 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.-6/19

Notice of formation of Life in Motion Photography L.L.C. Articles of Organization Filed: 4/28/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against is may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Claremont Gardens, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: Any lawful activity. -6/19

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Some voters, including Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner are worried about absentee ballots not getting to voters because of Post Office difficulties. Other voters are worried that somehow, someone else will be able to get their ballot and use it to vote for a candidate that they want to elect.

Adding to this fear is President Donald Trump, who has Tweeted against mail in voting, despite the fact that as a resident of Florida, (he changed his residence from New York last year) he will be casting a vote by mail, or absentee.

“Mail in ballots substantially increase the risk of crime and voter fraud,” and “There is no way that mail in ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent, This will be a ruggest election.” Tweeted the President this week, after the States of Michigan and Nevada moved towards making mail in voting easier.

The President’s Tweets may make some voters in Westchester nervous because most voters have never voted by Absentee. For the upcoming June 23 Primary, you still have to check a box for a reason why you want an absentee ballot. But you can check, Temporary Illness, as a reason this year, due to COVID.

Westchester democrats will also be voting for a Presidential candidate, after a Judge ordered that the NY State Democratic Party conduct a Presidential Primary even though everyone except for Joe Biden dropped out. This will give you the chance to vote for Bernie or Bloomberg or Yang, or one of the others if you want to, or for Biden.

There are rumblings that someone may try to influence the outcome of the election by collecting absentee ballots and marking them for the candidate of their choice. This is called ballot harvesting or ballot collection and it is illegal in New York.

If you fill out your absentee ballot, seal it in an envelope, and then give it to someone else to deliver or mail to the Board of Elections, that is Ballot Harvesting, because the person collecting your ballot is harvesting a number of ballots in the hopes of electing the candidate of their choice.

You also cannot be paid to cast your vote, either in person or by absentee ballot. That includes getting paid in cash or by Gift Card, its against the law.

We have been told that the most ballots that anyone can turn in at a time is three, but we will confirm this with the Board of Elections. One friend at the BOE told us, “If someone comes in with a bunch of ballots we will be taking a good look at them. We never want any fraud in our elections but especially this year.”

We will attempt to verify the polling locations for early voting and for voting on Primary Day across Westchester and report back before June 23.

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He is currently working with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to attempt to negotiate a fourth stimulus package which, hopefully for New York, will include relief for state governments.

Engel received the endorsement from the Congressional Black Caucus for re-election. “Our membership knows that Eliot Engel will be there with his energy, his leadership and his vote, especially in these times of crisis,” said Congressional Black Caucus Political Action Committee Chair Congressman Gregory Meeks. “Eliot is my colleague in the New York Delegation, he is the Dean of the New York Delegation, and I know first-hand how much he cares about our community. He’s a friend we can call on who delivers for New York, and he’s earned our endorsement because he shows up time and again.”

“The CBC is one of the most important institutions in Congress, and I’m truly honored to have the endorsement of its committee,” said Congressman Engel. “As we all know, the African-American community is disproportionately affected by this terrible virus, and that’s a big reason why I’m fighting for more federal funding for hospitals, community health centers, education, and frontline workers. We must do better. I am absolutely committed to fighting for the issues that matter the most for the black community, in the Bronx and Westchester and around the country.”

Engel has strong support from women’s rights groups, and has been endorsed by NARAL Pro Choice America, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, ProChoice Voter and the National Organization of Women PAC. He recently called out the Trump Administration, demanding they stop attempts to strip federal relief dollars from Planned Parenthood

“Once again, the Trump Administration is using a veil to launch a political attack on Planned Parenthood and undermine access to reproductive health care,” said Rep. Engel. “This latest bit has nothing to do with Planned Parenthood’s eligibility for federal dollars, but is yet another tactic to deflect from the Administration’s failure to curb the pandemic, which has claimed far too many New Yorkers,” said Engel who has a 100% pro-choice voting record.

Rep. Engel also has the support of gun violence prevention groups like the Brady Campaign. “Rep. Eliot Engel has championed gun violence prevention throughout his time in Congress, working to make New York and all of our communities safer. From introducing the Safe Gun Storage Act of 2019, enabling the creation of federal standards for safe storage devices to end family fire, to co-leading the Prevent Crime and Terrorism Act, which would prevent the misguided transfer of arms export licensing away from the State Department, Rep. Engel has shown that he understands the need to prevent gun violence in all of its forms. He is an essential partner in this work who is not afraid to act. Brady is proud to endorse Rep. Eliot Engel for re-election.” -Kris Brown, Brady President.

“I am thrilled to announce that I have been endorsed by the Brady Campaign, who is leading the charge in the fight against #gunviolence and I look forward to standing side by side with them as we continue that fight. Even during the #coronavirus pandemic, pro-gun groups like the NRA are pushing for fast and loose gun sales. Now more than ever we must continue to challenge those who wish to make dangerous firearms more accessible,” said Engel. The Brady Campaign is named after James Brady, White House Press Secretary under President Reagan who was shot

On the local level, Engel received the support and endorsement from Westchester democrats including County Executive George Latimer, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson, and Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard.

Rep. Engel also continues his work at Chair of the House Foreign Affairs committee, where he continues to monitor and speak out about the dealings of the Trump administration and the State Department. More recently, Congressman Engel has spoken out about the death of George Floyd, and the police violence after protests in Brooklyn. “New Yorkers have the right to have their voices heard. They have the right to peacefully protest. And in the case of the murder of George Floyd, so many in our communities feel that they have a duty to do so. Their message is vital. And we in government must listen. What happened in Brooklyn on the part of the police was wrong. I agree with Governor Cuomo: the public deserves answers and they deserve accountability. I support his call for Attorney General James to investigate the actions of the police last night, and to seek justice in cases of police violence,” said Engel.

One of Engel’s opponents in the democratic primary, Andom Ghebregiorgis, dropped out of the race this week, and endorsed Bowman.

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was threatening her. Or the black Yale University grad student napping in the common room of her dorm who was reported by a white student. Because you realize it’s not just a supposed “black criminal” who is targeted, it’s the

whole spectrum of black faces from Yonkers to Yale.

“You start to wonder if it should be all black people who wear body cams, not the cops.

“You’re not wrong — but you’re not right, either. The black community is used to the institutional racism inherent in education, the justice system and jobs. And even though we do all the conventional things to raise public and political awareness — write articulate and insightful pieces in the Atlantic, explain the continued devastation on CNN, support candidates who promise change — the needle hardly budges.

“But COVID-19 has been slamming the consequences of all that home as we die at a significantly higher rate than whites, are the first to lose our jobs, and watch helplessly as Republicans try to keep us from voting. Just as the slimy underbelly of institutional racism is being exposed, it feels like hunting season is open on blacks. If there was any doubt, President Trump’s recent tweets confirm the national zeitgeist as he calls protesters “thugs” and looters fair game to be shot.

“Yes, protests often are used as an excuse for some to take advantage, just as when fans celebrating a hometown sports team championship burn cars and destroy storefronts. I don’t want to see stores looted or even buildings burn. But African Americans have been living in a burning building for many years, choking on the smoke as the flames burn closer and closer. Racism in America is like dust in the air. It seems invisible — even if you’re choking on it — until you let the sun in. Then you see it’s everywhere. As long as we keep shining that light, we have a chance of cleaning it wherever it lands. But we have to stay vigilant, because it’s always still in the air and the racism virus infecting the country is more deadly than COVID-19.”

“What you should see when you see black protesters in the age of Trump and coronavirus is people pushed to the edge, not because they want bars and nail salons open, but because they want to live. To breathe,” writes Abdul-Jabbar

In Westchester, peaceful protests occurred in Yonkers and in White Plains. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined community leaders and over 1,000 protesters in a peaceful march and rally in Yonkers to protest the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. “The emotions running deep throughout my body are similar to those of our entire city. The tragedy of George Floyd creates a heaviness in my heart and anger within — emotions that cannot be undone. What can be done is choosing how we respond. To truly create change, we must work toward achieving better understanding, educate ourselves, and vote — our country’s future depends on it,” said Spano.

After the Yonkers protest, Yonkers PBA President Keith Olson said, “After watching you manage today’s protest for more than five hours, weaving in and out of streets and parks all across the city, facing incredible adversity in such a difficult time AND in the midst of a pandemic, I am reminded how blessed I am to be able work along side you all. I Another takeaway is that I saw so many people who were thanking the cops working the detail and telling us to stay safe. I hope you all noticed that too. Hundreds of protestors, probably 20 miles and 6 hours of protesting yet no property damage and no arrests.

Prior to the protest, Olson said about the shooting of George Floyd, “From what we’ve seen thus far and what we know right now, I find the incident disgusting and reprehensible. I can see no justification for what happened and I am dumbfounded that not one of the other officers didn’t step in and stop what was happening. When I watch the video my blood boils. I am embarrassed that someone in my profession so callously caused the death of someone in his custody and I fully expect the officers to be held accountable. I have yet to find any other police officer that feels differently.

“I am sad because George Floyd should not have died. I am sad because many other lives will be ruined as a result of George Floyd’s death. I am sad because people are now looting, rioting and clashing with police. I am sad because the media will do everything they can to recklessly capitalize on this tragedy.”

“I am sad because too many people will now ignore and forget all the good that police of every race, age, gender and ethnicity do for people of every race, age, gender and ethnicity every minute of every day of every year. But still, I remain hopeful.”

Congressman Eliot Engel said, “George Floyd and his family deserve real justice—that’s what I believe. The African American community deserves real justice. None of us can bury our heads in the sand when it comes to inequality and brutality, especially in our justice system. We must face it. We need law enforcement that works for everyone equally and I’m committed to fighting for it. One officer has just been arrested for George Floyd’s death, but all of the officers responsible should be charged to the fullest extent of the law and held accountable for their actions. This brutality must end.”

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie issued a joint statement which read, “Tonight has been another night of heartbreak in the wake of the horrendous killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Protests have been unfolding across the country and here in New York. Let’s be clear - the reason for the protests themselves is warranted and too familiar.

“Tonight, two members of the Legislature, who stood in solidarity with the protesters in a peaceful manner and who were trying to help to calm the situation, were pepper sprayed and one was put in handcuffs. Our hope is the heartfelt demonstrations do not lead to more violence, injuries or worse. From what we have witnessed, there must be better coordinated efforts to help de-escalate tensions and allow for our citizens to protest injustices.”

The two legislators that Maj. Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie spoke of were, State Senator Zellnor Myrie, a Democrat from Brooklyn, who was handcuffed, and Assemblywoman Diana Richardson, a Democrat also from Brooklyn, who was hit by pepper spray, during a protest in Brooklyn.

Another peaceful protest was held in White Plains by WESPAC on May 29. “George Floyd’s Life Mattered Dress in black. Wear a face mask. Keep ten feet apart. We vigil to offer Mr. Floyd the dignity that he was not afforded at the time of his death. George Floyd’s Life Mattered. Black Lives Matter,” said WESPAC.

County Executive George Latimer said, “George Floyd was murdered, plain and simple. He had no weapon, he was not resisting arrest. Derek Chauvin murdered him. Callous, arrogant tough guy. What would we be hearing from the White House today if Floyd wore a badge and Chauvin did not? Chauvin dishonored that badge and the police who watched and did nothing shamed the many good men who wear the police officers’ uniform.

“We owe more than an apology to George Floyd and his family. We owe him justice, by bringing his murderer to justice. And we owe his memory a commitment ... to end this horror of violence from happening again. We renew our commitment to get this right, right here, right now. No more deaths,” said Latimer.

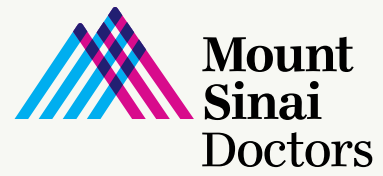
US Senator Kamala Harris, from California, said “It’s been one week since George Floyd was murdered and the other three officers involved still have not been held accountable. Too often, Black parents have to sit their teenage children down and tell them they may be stopped, arrested, or even shot because of the color of their skin. Our nation’s history of systemic racism and use of excessive force must be confronted so we can begin to heal.”

Senator Harris is believed by many to become Joe Biden’s pick for vice-president this fall.

CNN host Chris Cuomo’s comments drew alot of attention. Calling America, “A Tale of Two Cities,” Cuomo highlighted the disparities between the minority and majority in our country. “Yes, two wrongs don’t make a right, but only the majority can fix this. A house divided can not stand. A riot in Boston Harbor started the American Revolution,” said Cuomo, whose father, Mario Cuomo spoke about the same Tale of Two Cities at the 1988 Democratic Convention.

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