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# **Democratic Progressives Hold Big** Leads in All Westchester Primaries





DA candidate Mimi Rocah, top left, and Contgressional candidates Jamaal Bow-man, top right and Mondair Jones, left, have big leads with thousands of absentee with thousands of absentee ballots left to be counted.

#### By Dan Murphy

The biggest takeaway from Primary night in New York State on June 23 was that progressive democratic candidates had large leads over their opponents in the 'Big Three' races in Westchester, with District Attorney candidate Mimi Rocah, and Congressional candidates Jamaal Bowman, (16th District), and Mondaire Jones, (17th District) in front of their fellow democratic candidates.

But Rocah, Bowman and Jones cannot claim victory yet, because tens of thousands of absentee ballots have yet to be counted, and will not be counted until early July. Because of the Coronavirus, all New Yorkers were allowed to receive an absentee ballot and cast their vote from home in this

Those absentee ballots give hope to incumbent Westchester District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, and Congressman Eliot Engel, and one of the other six candidates running to replace Congresswoman Nita Lowey in the

But hope may not be enough for Scarpino and Engel, based on the sults from Primary night, and the overall trend, which is that progressive democrats pulled out their base of voters, and those progressive voters had much more enthusiasm to support Rocah, Bowman and Jones on June 23.

Rocah almost claimed victory on primary night, stating"While tonight's results are preliminary, and it is imperative that every vote is counted, our lead is extremely strong and the strength of our support so far makes it clear that we will win this primary. We look forward to focusing on and winning

the election in November, and reforming criminal justice in our county"
Rocah received 68% of the vote to Scarpino's 32%, a more than 2 to
1 margin over a sitting, incumbent DA. Rocah's campaign had been extrememely agreesive campaigning against Scarpino's record, or lack of continued on pg 4--

#### **Drive-Ins Movies are Back!**



Drive in movies have made a return to popularity thanks to the coronavirs and the need for social distancing. Westchester County and the Town of Yorktown have both begun to offer the viewings as a way for

families to safely do something, and get out of the house.

The Entergy Screenings Under the Stars outdoor movie series at Kensico Dam Plaza has been a staple of Westchester's summer fun and entertainment scene for the past 16 years. And, this year for the first time, Kensico will be transformed into a drive-in, presenting The Secret Life of Pets (PG, 2019) on Friday, July 17 and Wonder Park (PG, 2019) on Friday, Aug. 14 allowing movie-goers to enjoy these two animated films in a socially-distanced way.

Will Westchester Follow Yonkers With Body Cameras for Police?



#### By Dan Murphy

As the City of Yonkers moves forward with plans to purchase and the implementation of body cameras for police officers on patrol, some West-chester residents are calling for their local police departments to do the same. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Mike Khader, and Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac all support and have called for body cams for cops.

You spoke. I listened," said Mayor Spano. "Since the beginning of my administration, I have advocated for body cameras. Now, because of your collective voices, we are working with the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers Police unions, and U.S. Department of Justice, on closing in on a deal to bring body cameras to The City of Yonkers."

During the last Yonkers City Council meeting before summer recess,

Majority Leader Pineda-Issac was the lead sponsor of a resolution that she had pushed forward in 2015, which urges Mayor Spano to mandate body camera use for YPD patrol officers.

Five years ago, Pineda-Isaac's resolution did not pass, and Yonkers did not get body cameras for its police patrol. But five years later, and after watching the tragedies of George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery unfold on camera, Yonkers will soon be the first Westchester city to have police body cameras.

"As a woman of color, as the wife of a black man in America, and as the mom of black sons, I stand in support of those calling for justice for the murder of George Floyd. My sons are still very young, but I'm not looking forward to the difficult, but necessary, conversation about race in America that one day soon I'll have to have with them. I hope this country can one day get to a place where such conversations are no longer necessary," said Pineda-Isaac. continued on pg 5-

# Lowey Nominates Westchester's Best and Brightest to Service Academies



Jasmine Grant, from Valhalla HS was nominated by Congresswoman Nita Lowey to attend the US Military

Last month, Congresswoman Nita Lowey honored at her annual Service Academy Recognition Ceremony the 29 students from Westchester and Rockland counties she nominated for admission to our nation's service academies – U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and the U.S. Naval Academy.

The nominees come from many communities in the 17th Congressional District, across Westchester and Rockland. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was held virtually. In the wake of Memorial Day, Congresswoman Lowey began by honoring with a moment of silence the veterans who had made the ultimate sacrifice and those who died of the coronavirus.

"Nominating outstanding young people to pursue higher education at our service academies has been a highlight of my 32-year career in the Congress," said Congresswoman Lowey. "I am honored to recognize the fine young men and women who will undoubtedly be leaders of the next genération, and I am humbled by their commitment to serving our nation." The Congresswoman noted her work fighting for servicemembers

## Hollowbrook County Club: A Family Atmosphere for a Summer of Fun



the 11th hole at Hollow Brook Golf Club

This year, interest in Golf in Westchester is at levels we haven't seen since since Tiger Woods came on the scene in 1996. Golf provides an outdoor pleasure that is easy to play safely, and also comply with social distancing.

This renewed interest in golf makes it tough to get a tee time on the Westchester County public courses. That is where Hollow Brook Golf Club, located on Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor, becomes a possible destination

for golfers and families.

Director of Golf Phil Eyre has been working at Hollow Brook Golf Club since 2007 and manages the golf operations, the golf shop and teaches golfers of all ages and abilities, including a notable young golfers program that is producing successful young golfers. For the family looking for a place that will teach their young golfer, consider Hollow Brook and Eyre, who is originally from England, and who teaches the 'complete game.' Eyre makes sure that everyone is comfortable, and pays special attention to young golfers. He calls Hollow Brook "an extended family atmosphere," that has been more important to its members during COVID-19.

I played the course and found it in great shape. The challenging and unique 6,923 yard layout, sits on 250 picturesque acres, and provides golfers with a combination of classic Westchester style holes, with dramatic eleva-

tion changes on other holes.

My favorite holes are the 5th, a 100-yard, Par 3, from top to bottom, and the 18th, a classic Par four with the 22,000 square foot clubhouse in the background. Challenging holes include the 10th and 11th, which circle around a lake that was used decades ago as a private swim club and recreational park called Lakeland Acres. Both holes require a good tee shot and have sandy gravel cart paths surrounding the fairways.

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Improvements made three years ago under Superintendent Chris Smith are still intact. Three stately bridges cross the waterways, which include a crystal clear trout stream that runs through the property. The course is walker friendly, and I was impressed with the quality of the course as we enter the summer. The greens were rolling true and the fairways were plush. Most important, my round at Hollow Brook reminded me of what a different and unique course is waiting for you in Northern Westchester.

Because of its natural beauty, and large modern clubhouse, Hollow Brook is also a perfect venue for your wedding, special occasion or golf

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#### Miss Baseball? Learn About "Pride of the Yankees" with Richard Sandomir



Babe Ruth, with Gary Cooper, who played Lou Gehrig in "Pride of the Yankees." The Babe played himself in the film

July 4, 2020 will mark the 81st anniversary of Lou Gehrig's retirement from baseball. A Yankees legend, famous for his 2,130 consecutive-games-playing streak, Gehrig stunned his fans when he announced he would no longer be playing professional baseball in one of the most memorable and heartfelt speeches even given in sports history.

Gehrig's life story appeared on the big screen in 1942 when The Pride of the Yankees, starring Gary Cooper as the legendary first baseman of the New York Yankees and Teresa Wright as his devoted wife Eleanor. The making of the famed biopic is the subject of author Richard Sandomir's book, The Pride of the Yankees: Lou Gehrig, Gary Cooper, and the Making of a Classic.

A reporter for The New York Times, Richard Sandomir will be exploring the world of baseball during 1939, the year Lou Gehrig retired. The floor will be open to questions following the presentation. This event is featured by The Harrison Public Library, and will be available

to all on June 27 at 2pm. You must visit www.harrisonpl.org/events/harrison/16616-to register. The event is free but you must register.





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# **Local Author & Teacher Overcomes** Blindness to Fight Hunger



Dr Shirley Cheng

"Although I'm blind, I can see far and wide; even though I'm disabled, I can climb high mountains. Let the ropes of hope in Yahweh God haul you high!"

On May 21, blind and physically disabled award-winning author, Dr. Shirley Cheng, who lives in White Plains, established "Unite in Love," a relief fundraiser for families in developing countries impacted by lockdowns. Donated funds go to cover their emergency food supply and rent in order to prevent eviction.

Marcy Majuek is a wife and mother of two little boys who lives in Kenya. Before COVID-19, she lived on tips she received from her work as an unpaid intern. Her husband has lost his job. She is trying to keep a roof over her family's heads and food on the table, but she fears being thrown out of their home because they are late on their

Pastor Christopher and his family of eight from Uganda have been struggling with rent and food due to the lockdown that has closed churches. Their landlord asked them to leave if they fail to pay rent

Geoffrey Nyakeyo lives in Kenya with his wife and their two children, along with seven children he has adopted. Geoffrey worked in a restaurant to support his family, but since the lockdown they are struggling to meet even the basic needs of their children.

Sunday Tersen from Nigeria lives with his mother and younger brother. They were living off Sunday's income as a teacher, but since the schools closed down they are barely eating.

Badri Prasad Bajgain lives with his mom, wife, and two kids in Nepal. Before the pandemic, he worked at a shop that sells kitchenware, while his wife was occupied with ministry. For two months, they've been eating only once a day; some days, only soups or bread. These are just a few stories of starvation and hardship in parts of

the world where food is becoming increasingly hard to find and the pandemic has left millions without work.

Some of these and the other families in Unite in Love fundraiser are

students of Dr. Cheng, who has taught a free online Bible class for nine years. As the pandemic spread, Dr. Cheng heard more and more such stories from her students. Unite in Love's goal is to raise \$2,000-enough to meet the needs of

these desperate families. Five US dollars (\$5.00) translates to about 1,800 Naira-enough to provide a person one meal a day for a week. 100% of the funds are distributed as soon as possible to the families, helping to keep them from being evicted, providing basic food to fend off starvation until they can return to work.

The fundraiser is at:

"I believe that when we have the resources and ability to act, we should act. As one individual, I can do only so much. I therefore hope that my community will stand with me to provide assistance where it's needed," says Dr. Cheng.

Dr. Shirley Cheng is an award-winning author of nine books with twenty-seven book awards, Bible teacher and founder of www.Ultra-Ability.com Ministry, motivational speaker, poet, a contributor to twenty-five books, and an editor of one. Learn more about Dr. Cheng at www.ShirleyCheng.com

# **Latimer Names Police** Training Task Force





#### Mayo Bartlett, left & Leroy Frazer Co- Chairs

Earlier this month, Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced the formation of a police training reform group. Today, he gave an update on the group's work, introduced its leadership and outlined how it meshes with new guidelines from Albany.

Following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Westchester County acted quickly and pulled together a working group of various stakeholders to review procedures and policies at the County Police academy.

Latimer said: "We know that it is not enough to rally, it is not enough

to express heartfelt anger and frustration – and it really isn't realistic for a white man to try to channel what is being felt in the African-American community or any community of color. What is important for me to do, given my responsibilities, is to have an appropriate governmental response so that it is not just about the rally of the moment but it's about what can we do as a government to improve."

The working group will be comprised of County and local police professionals, individuals who serve on the Human Rights Commission, on the County's police board, members of the African-American clergy and justice activists, to review in detail all of the procedures and policies that are used at the County Police Academy to train new police recruits and to provide in-service training for those that are already working in law enforcement.

Members of the Task Force include: Thomas Gleason, Terrance Raynor, Tejash Sanchala, Rev. Doris Dalton, Mayo Bartlett (Co-Chair), Andre Early, Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Lila Kirton, Leroy Frazer (Co-Chair), Chris Mc-Nerney, Ken Chamberlain, Martin McDonald, Rev. Troy DeCohen, Rev. Dr. Stephen Pogue, Chad Golanec, Barbara Hart, Karine Patino, Chief Melvin Padilla, Jack Alemany, Hon. Terry Clements, Hon. Lyndon Williams, Hon. Colin Smith, Robert Tucker, Paul Hood, Michael Hagan, Robyn Schlesinger Judge Kathy Davidson.

Staff Liaisons include: Blanca Lopez – Team Leader, Crystal Collins, Jason Whitehead, Sheralyn Pulver, Perri Kadanoff.

Co-Chair Mayo Bartlett said: "Thank you to County Executive Latimer, Deputy County Executive Jenkins, and the Board of Legislators for having the vision to convene us before it was mandating by the Governor. This is a remarkably unique opportunity for us to work to make Westchester County not just better than it is – but the best, in terms of public safety, in the world."

Co-Chair Leroy Frazer said: "I thank the County Executive for giving the opportunity to serve in this capacity, I welcome it - it is very timely and very important. Although I have been a Westchester resident for 30 years, I spent most of that time working in criminal justice in New York City and elsewhere around the State. It will be good to come home and use what I have learned over the years to try to help this County move forward."

County Board of Legislators Chairman Ben Boykin said: "This is a taskforce that is going to get to work to do things. To make real substantive and fundamental changes to now we do policing in westchester. One important thing to be said, before the Executive Order from the Governor, Westchester was already moving forward with this taskforce that was announced by the County Executive. Again, Westchester is always ahead of the curve."

Following the Governor's recent Executive Order, the County is now expanding its work - and doing even more in this area. The EO requires each local government with a police agency to perform a comprehensive review of deployments, strategies, procedures and practices and develop a plan to improve them. The plan has to be completed by April 1, 2021 plan and must be adopted by local legislative body. Local governments mus-

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# **United Way Announces \$1 Million** in Emergency Food -Shelter Grants

The United Way of Westchester and Putnam announces that \$1 million in grants have been distributed among more than 50 local, nonprofit organizations responding to unprecedented needs driven by COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has created an economic crisis the likes of which we haven't seen in 90 years," said United Way President and CEO Tom Gabriel. "In response, the United Way is honored to be able to distribute \$1 million in Emergency Food and Shelter funding to help our nonprofit partners address the basic human needs of families in our community. As a result, we estimate that more than 300,000 families will be helped through this funding.'

The funds were made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Boards in Westchester and Putnam counties. This program provides federal funding which helps to extend currently available services for the hungry or homeless or at risk of eviction. The United Way of Westchester and Putnam is the administrative agent of the

Local EFSP Boards in Westchester and Putnam counties.

"The Bridge Fund of Westchester is extremely grateful for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding," said Grace Perry, director of The Bridge Fund. "We primarily service client households that are employed but sit right on top of the poverty line and often do not qualify for public benefits, such as food stamps. However, these clients struggle monthly to meet a barebones budget and any crisis can give way to a missed rent payment, food insecurity etc. The pandemic only exacerbates these circumstances. The EFSP grant funding allows organizations like The Bridge Fund to help not only meet these most basic needs for individuals and families, but also ease their worry and give a sense of

This is the second round of grants that has been awarded to nonprofits through the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. In May, 31 local nonprofit organizations were collectively awarded \$120,000 in grants thanks to the United Way's John M. Bendheim Community Disaster Response Fund and Bonwit Fund, as well as The PepsiCo Foundation.

Here is a list of organizations that received funding in the latest round. ANDRUS, Bethel Temple of Praise, The Bridge Fund, Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, Inc., Catholic Charities Community Services, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, Inc., The Children's Village, CHOICE of NY, Church of the Ascension, Community Center of Northern Westchester, Croton-Cortlandt Food Pantry, Don Bosco Community Center of Port Chester, Inc., Feeding Westchester, Inc., First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown Food Pantry, Family Resource Center of Peekskill, Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, Friends of Karen, Family Services Society of Yonkers, Giving Tree Global, Inc., Gullotta House, H.O.P.E. Community Services, Hillside Food Outreach, Holy Name of Mary Church DBA Loaves and Fish Soup Kitchen, Hope's Door ,Jawonio Inc, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Life Progressive Service Group, Inc, Lifting Up Westchester, Meals-on-Wheels of New Rochelle, Inc, Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, Inc., My Sisters' Place, Inc., Neighbors for Refugees Inc., OLMC-Elmsford Community Food Pantry, Port Chester Carver Center, The Preservation Company, Inc., Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, Putnam CAP, Salvation Army, SPRING Community Partners, St. Christopher's Inn, St. Mary's Food Pantry - Mohegan Lake, St. John's Food Pantry - Mahopac , Sts. John Paul & Clement Food Pantry, Westchester Community College Foundation, WestCOP, Westchester Jewish Community Services, Westhab, Westchester Residential Opportunities, YMCA of Yonkers, Yonkers Community Action Program, Youth Shelter of Westchester, YWCA

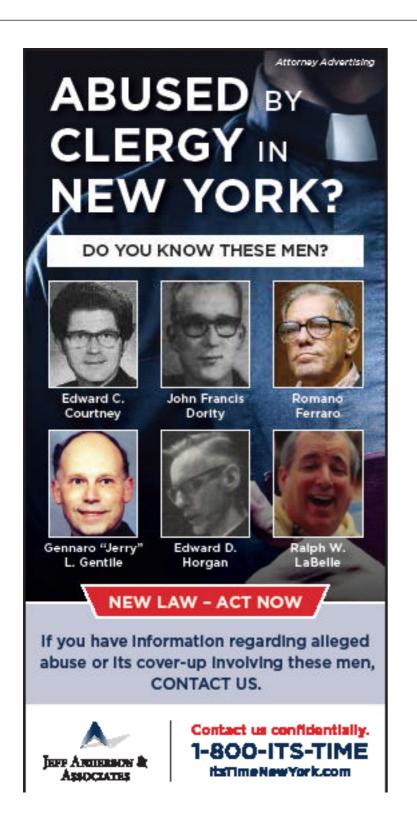
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United Way of Westchester-Putnam.

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outing. Testimonials include, "A dream wedding," and "absolute perfection." A large outdoor swimming pool complete the package for the Westchester or Putnam family looking for a recreational getaway close to

The history of Hollow Brook before the course was build includes ownership by the Sisterhood of Saint Mary for one half of the property, with the other half the location for the Hollow Brook Drive in Movie Theater. Visit golfhollowbrook.com or call 914-734-1500 for more information.



## Town of Eastchester Reviewing Sign **Ordinance for Residential Homes**

The Town of Eastchester announces that the Building/Planning Department and the Law Department have been directed to commence review and analysis of the decades old Sign Ordinance to update and clarify provisions therein, particularly regarding residential properties. Drafts of the proposed ordinance will be available prior to a public hearing and action by the Town

In the interim, the Supervisor has asked the Building/Planning Department to suspend enforcement of violations on residential properties until the adoption of an updated code.

#### To the Editor, DACA Decision

The Supreme Court of the United States has determined that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, will remain in place, keep-

ing nearly 650,000 undocumented young people safe from deportation.

In the 5-4 decision authored by Chief Justice John Roberts, the court ruled that President Donald Trump wrongly ended DACA. The majority opinion called the decision to terminate the program an "arbitrary" and "capricious" violation of the law.

Neighbors Link Community Law Practice has been tireless in its defense of DACA-mented individuals in Westchester County. Their statement reads: "Today the Supreme Court did the right thing by refusing to allow this administration to put the lives of hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients at risk of deportation in the midst of a global pandemic. Let us remember, many DACA recipients are the very people who are now on the frontlines responding to the pandemic as healthcare, transit and food workers – allowing many of us to shelter in place so that lives can be saved and the economy can keep running. We owe them a debt of gratitude. We applaud the justices for supporting these young people who are American in every way except on paper.

Make no mistake, we still have a lot of work to do. We need to find the collective and political will to create an immigration policy that is humane and just. Neighbors Link stands at the ready to contribute." Karin Anderson-Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice.

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of prosecution of some cases involving police corruption. The momentum in the DA's race always seemed to be with Rocah, and the killing of George Floyd did not help Scarpino's core issue for re-eleciton, that he was the law and order candidate and former FBI agent.

Scarprino's campaign did try to explain to democratic voters that he had checked all of the progressive boxes on the issues before his office, like not prosecuting small marijuana offenses and not asking for bail in many minor

criminal cases before bail reform became state law.

One local Democratic primary here in Westchester became national news on June 23, with MSNBC focusing on Jamaal Bowman's apparent victory over 32 year incumbent Congressman Eliot Engel. Bowman has quickly become 2020's version of AOC, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, who shocked the country when she defeated Congressman Joe Crowley in 2018.

Bowman received the support and endorsement from AOC, and from Bernie Sanders, and other progressive, indivisible groups, who were organized and were seen handing out literature in Yonkers in the days before the primary.

Bowman also appears to have survived an onslaught of negative advertisements against him by Engel and his supporters, all of which made no differnence in the result so far, with Bowman leading Engel by 20 points.

"The thing I'm most grateful for about this campaign is all the people coming together across our beautiful differences, Imagine what America could become if we could come together and take on the people on top who want to divide us up," tweeted Bowman, a 44-year old former NYC schools principal who lives in Yonkers.

In the 17th Congressional District, which includes mid-northern Westchester and Rockland County. Seven democrats were vying to repalce longtime Congresswoman Nita Lowey. Results from primary night, show Mondaire Jones, a progressive activist, former prosecutor who as he likes to say during the campaign, wants to become the first gay, black member on Congress, leading with 44% of the vote.

Former prosecutor Adam Schleifer is second with 20%, and State Sena-Carlucci at 13%. Further behind are former Defense Department official Evelyn Farkas, Assemblyman David Buchwald, professor and veteran Asha Castleberry-Hernandez, and activist Allison Fine, all with less than 10%

Based on the votes counted so far, and the fact that all three progressive democratic candiates in Westchester are way ahead, it appears that Rocah, Bowman and Jones have all won. But the unknown is how many of the 100,000 absentee ballots that were mailed out to Westchester democrats were mailed back into the BOE.

In the Engel-Bowman race, you can also factor in another 700,000 ballots from the Bronx. Will those votes come back in the same proportions as the votes cast in polling places on primary night? Or are the absentee ballots more inclined to be older voters who are more inleined to vote for Engel, Scarpino or Buchwald?



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# NRPD Release Timeline in **Shooting of Kamal Flowers**



Kamal Flowers, pictured on a GoFund me page created to pay for his funeral expenses

The New Rochelle Police Department has released a timeline of events concerning the shooting of Kamal Flowers on June 5. Flowers was shot and killed by the NRPD following a chase and pursuit through the City. June 3, 2020, at 5:48 pm, New Rochelle Police Department received

a complaint of a suspicious Black Dodge Charger with Virginia license plates driving around the Heritage Homes property. The vehicle left the area and was not stopped by officers that day. (Transcript of phone call to NRPD to be provided).

June 5, 2020, at approximately 10:54 pm two uniformed officers on patrol in an unmarked police car observed a Black Charger with Virginia plates and began to follow it. The car committed traffic infractions and the officers stopped it on Pierce St. near Potter Ave. The car stop can be seen on video obtained during the investigation.

As the officers exited their patrol vehicle and approached the car, a passenger in the Black Charger exited the vehicle and fled eastbound on foot towards Potter Ave. Both officers began to pursue the subject on foot, as the officers approached Potter Ave on foot the Charger took off eastbound on Pierce St. and left the scene. One officer continued to pursue the subject who fled, the second returned to the police car. The foot pursuit continued from Pierce St across Potter Ave and eastbound on to Sharot St.

The first officer on foot called out the pursuit over the police radio (audio previously released), and during his radio transmission broadcasted that the subject had a gun.

At some point during the foot pursuit the first officer deployed his Department issued Taser two times. The Taser was ineffective in stopping the subject. From what we can determine at this time, the fleeing subject displayed a handgun at the officer in pursuit.

The pursuit continued on to Sharot St where the first officer fired six rounds from his duty weapon, twice striking the subject who was later identified as Kamal Flowers.

A 9-millimeter Ruger handgun, and a total of ten rounds of ammunition were located at the scene in close proximity to where Mr. Flower was lying on the ground. The gun was subsequently found to be defaced; its serial numbers had been scratched to obscure its identity. The gun is currently being processed at Westchester County Ballistics Unit.

Other officers had arrived shortly and began to immediately provide first aid to Mr. Flowers until the arrival of the ambulance. Mr. Flowers was conveyed to New Rochelle Montefiore Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The ER doctors advised investigating officers that Mr. Flowers sustained one bullet wound to the upper torso, armpit area.

NRPD contacted the New York State Attorney General's Office and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Both offices sent personnel to the scene and police headquarters that night to conduct a preliminary investigation.

Both officers have been put on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation. The officer who fired his weapon is Alec McKenna, a five-year veteran of the NRPD.

New Rochelle Police Department is being assisted in this investigation by New York State Police investigators, and members of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The NYS Attorney General's Office has advised that they will not investigate this incident any further as per Executive Law due the fact that Flowers was armed with a handgun during the incident.

The Westchester County Medical Examiner's Office is conducting the postmortem, and have not released their final report at this time. They have advised the Assistant District Attorneys and investigators assigned to this investigation that contrary to what was initially reported by the New Rochelle Montefiore Hospital medical staff, Mr. Flowers sustained two bullet wounds. The second wound was located in Mr. Flowers groin area.

Thus far the New Rochelle Police Department has released a photograph of the recovered 9mm Ruger handgun (below), and audio and video recordings related to the incident. A transcript of the June 3rd call will be released with this update. Police Officer McKenna's personnel records will be redacted and released in accordance with the newly enacted state legislation relative to police reform.

The Dodge Charger was located and impounded by the New York

The Medical Examiner's report is pending.



# **SCORSESE & ME: CARDINALS OF 60**





Cardinal Hayes HS Class of 1960, Ken Hesselbacher, left, and Martin Scorsese

#### By Kenneth Hesselbacher

It was June 26, 1960 when Martin Scorsese and I graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School. Hayes, rising from the Grand Concourse and 151st in the Bronx is a cathedral dedicated to higher learning and strong discipline. Some say it is in the shadow of Yankee Stadium, a nearby cathedral dedicated to baseball excellence. From my perspective, I prefer to think that Yankee Stadium is in the shadow of Cardinal Hayes.

The ceremony took place in Saint Patrick's, Fifth Avenue and 50th Street in Manhattan, a cathedral dedicated to heavenly excellence. At the conclusion, I stood on the stairs and gazed across the street at the bigger than life statue of Atlas holding the weight of the world on his shoulders. I thought that I would prefer to have the world on a string sitting on a rainbow rather

than having it on my shoulders!

Suddenly, Marty came up to me saying, "Kenny Kenny now that high school is finally over, I'm going to make movies and I have a perfect role for you!" "Marty Marty" I replied, "Are you talking to me?" Yes, of course he was, and I had to sadly explain that I had other plans. It was time to get on with our lives. I could tell that Marty was disappointed and, as he walked away, the last words I heard him say were, "Now I'm going to have pitch the deal to Bobby DeNiro."

Up to the point in this story where Marty spoke to me is as truthful and factual as memory can recall from the distance of sixty years. Marty never approached me on the steps of Saint Patrick's. There were 695 graduates including Marty and I in the Class of 1960. I did not know Marty and I doubt that Marty knew me. The reason I tell this story is because I enjoy weaving fiction within a factual event/background. I think the term for this is histori-

cal fiction. Others may have another term for it.

As fate would have it I did eventually became an actor. It would not happen until 1990 and it would be on the stage rather than the screen. There is no experience quite like the theatre when the audience is live and at the end of each show the applause rains down on the actors! My twenty five year career took place at the renowned Elmwood Theater in Nyack, New York. In 1990 I gave a riveting performance as Westcott in "The Man Who Came to Dinner and in 2015, in my final performance, I gave another riveting performance as D. R. Musgrove in "A Time to Kill". The fact that they were my only performances are, I feel, a testament to the fact that I was very selective in suitable roles and, I experienced a severe and prolonged case of stage

And now as June 26, 2020 approaches, I plan to be on the steps of Saint Patricks Cathedral. I know that the statue of Atlas, with the weight of the world still on his shoulders will still be there. And maybe, just maybe, Marty will be there offering me a role that I cannot refuse. If this does happen, I will, of course accept the offer. If Marty is not there well, I will still have the world on a string, sitting on a rainbow!

#### **Body Cameras for Police, continued from pg 1--**

"In 2105, I understood there was a disconnect between police and people of color. It's important for the community to work together with the police and I think that body cameras would help build that trust. Everything I felt

then I feel now, and it's even more important now.

"In 2015, there was a republican majority on the council and my resolution didn't pass. This time around the will of the council is there, and support from the community and our residents is also there. I'm excited that conversations are happening and we are getting close to making it happen," said Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac.

Another reason Yonkers didn't get police body cameras in 2015 was that it became a negotiated item with the Police union. This time it appears that

the Yonkers PBA will let it happen.

The cost of implementation is expected to be \$1.7 Million to purchase 400 camera, and then \$1.2 Million per year for data storage and software costs. Recently the NYS Senate and Assembly have passed bills requiring the State police to wear body cameras. Other Weestchester communities will be having the same debate soon.

#### Police Task Force continued from pg 3--

submit certification to Division of Budget that plan has been completed and adopted. The plan is to be created by the Chief executive of each local government must convene head of their police agency and community stake-

Stakeholders include members and leadership of local police force, members of the community, interested non-profit and faith based community groups, district attorney's office, local public defender and local elected of-

This plan must be offered to the public for comment to all citizens of the locality. The plan must also contain evidence based police strategies to include use of force policies, procedural justice, studies addressing systemic racial bias in policing, diversion programs, restorative justice practices, community based outreach and conflict resolution, problem-oriented policies, hot spots policing, focused deterrence, crime prevention through environmental design, violence prevention and reduction interventions. Lastly, the plan must be tailored to specific needs of the community and general promotion of improved police agency and community relationship.



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#### Legal Notices

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held Via the Zoom online application on July 13, 2020 to consider a proposed local law amending Chapter 10 of the Village Code, Garbage, Trash and Refuse.

#### BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Burke Village Administrator

Dated, Tuckahoe, NY June 26, 2020

Legal Notice

Notice of Public Hearing on Appeal Before the Zoning Board of the Vil-

lage of Tuckahoe, New York

Notice is Hereby Given that the Zoning Board of Appeals, of the Village of Tuckahoe, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday evening at 730PM on July 8, 2020, at the Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe New York, to consider the application of Shuangwu Zheng, residing at 126 Fort Hill Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583, who appeals the decision of the Building Inspector, who denied the issuance of a building permit to Demolish Existing two-family dwelling and construct an off-street parking lot.
The property is located at 22 Underhill Street, Tuckahoe, New York, and is also known as Section 33, Block 8, Lot 20

The nature of the application is for the following relief:

-provide side front yards less than the required six foot width.

-Location of off-street parking to be provided is on a separate, non-adjoining lot relative to the primary use to which it serves.

All interested parties are urged to attend this public hearing at which time they will be afforded the opportunity to express their views and or submit written communications to the Village Clerk or the Zoning Board of Appeals, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe New York 10707 Dated June 23, 2020

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The property is located at 69 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York, and is also known as Section 33, Block 8, Lot 12.

The nature of the application is for the following relief: -Increase intensity of use/FAR to 2.75 (max. FAR allowed in Business

District is 1.6)

-Location of off-street parking to be provided on a separate off-site nonadjoining lot

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Craftdbyhand LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/14/20. Office: Westchester County. Eridania Morillo designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Eridania Morillo at 70 Virginia Road, white Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

RACHELE E. KHADJEHTURIAN, NP IN FAMILY HEALTH, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 14th, 2020. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 316 Bishop Pl., Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: to provide any medical services for which licensed family health nurse practitioners are authorized.-6/26

Notice of Formation of Sweet Pea Hospitality LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/06/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to: 315 East Grand Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: any lawful act or activity--07/10

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 The Westchester Dent Company LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/2020. 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, 1153 Clay Ave Pelham NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company MIND UNDER BRIDGE PUBLISHING, LLC 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.

Notice of formation of C Squared Consulting, LLC. on 03/16/2020 with the SSNY. Westchester County office. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 15 Hudson Street, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: To provide consulting services to new and existing specialty cafes.

# Cuomo -TZ Bridge Walkway Opens



walkers enjoy the new walkay path on the Mario Cuomo **Bridge** 

When Governor Andrew Cuomo opened the new shared use path on the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge on Monday, he announced that free mobile audio tours for walkers and bikers across the path are now available for download.

Both of the new tours are designed to enhance the path experience with stories about bridge construction, local history, the Hudson Valley's connection to art and the Hudson River environment. Travelers will be able to safely access the stories hands-free on their mobile devices while walking or cycling on the path.

The two tours are timed differently for walkers and bikers. To walk the 3.6-mile path takes about 80 minutes, while a bike ride across the span takes only about 20 minutes. No matter your pace, the geo-located tours adjust to your speed.

Bikers and walkers can stop on their way over the bridge to rest and enjoy panoramic views of the Hudson River from six overlooks on the path. As the user starts moving again, the audio tours pick up where

The New York State Thruway Authority partnered with Historic Hudson River Towns (HHRT), a non-profit consortium of riverfront municipalities, and TravelStorys to develop the audio tours. The New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program awarded Historic Hudson River Towns a grant for the project.

'Historic Hudson River Towns has had two great partners in the development of all the mobile audio tours we are launching this summer," said HHRT Chairman Phil Zegarelli, Village Manager of Briarcliff Manor.

'TravelStorysGPS has provided the technical know-how and vision to make it all possible. The New York State Thruway Authority has provided funding and guidance, working especially hard on the walking and biking tours across the bridge. We know the path tours will be a major attraction, drawing residents and visitors out to enjoy the beauty of the bridge while they hear about the history and wonders of the river we all love so much."

In addition to the path tours, HHRT will launch a new driving tour on June 24 that features its 16 member communities in Westchester and Rockland Counties in a loop that crosses both the new Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and the Bear Mountain Bridge. Other upcoming HHRT tours include walking tours of Irvington, Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow and Nyack, and artist Edward Hopper's Nyack.

To access the new audio tours, go to www.hudsonriver.com or to the TravelStorys app via the App Store or Google Play.

#### Lowey, Service Academies, continued from pg 1--

and veterans in recent years. In May, as the Chair on the House Appropriations Committee, she introduced the HEROES Act, which has passed in the House and includes provisions for help and support to nurses and other health-care providers at veterans' hospitals. Additionally, in 2019 she helped secure a raise in military wages. Congresswoman Lowey commended the distinguished students and wished them luck in their future endeavors.

Congratulations to the Westchester Nominees:

Samuel Andrews, Dobbs Ferry High School, nominated to the United

**States Military Academy** 

Julia Barbalato, Briarcliff High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Nathaniel Bloom, Dobbs Ferry High School, nominated to the United States Air Force Academy.

Matthew Brunette, Briarcliff High School, nominated to the United

States Military Academy. Angelina Brunetto, Horace Greeley High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Michaela Capicotto, Hendrick Hudson High School, nominated to the

United States Military Academy.

Lawrence Chiulli, SUNY Westchester Community College, nominated to the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Christopher Doyle, Marion Military Institute, nominated to the United States Military Academy.

Connor Gallagher, Lakeland High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy.

Jasmine Grant, Valhalla High School, nominated to the United States

Military Academy. Alexandra Kempski, Hendrick Hudson High School, nominated to the

United States Navy Academy.

Victor Magaletti, Árchbishop Stepinac High School, nominated to the United States Air Force Academy and US Merchant Marine Academy. Maximus Marchi, Ardsley High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy, the US Air Force Academy and the US Merchant Marine Academy.

Victoria Margenat, Walter Panas High School, nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

Declan O'Neil, Briarcliff High School, nominated to the United States

Merchant Marine Academy.

Trent Perito, Harrison High School, nominated to the United States Mer

chant Marine Academy. Kaitlin Reynolds, Croton-Harmon High School, nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

Mychal Riccio, Archbishop Stepinac High School, nominated to the United States Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy.

David Sharp, Yorktown High School, nominated to the United States Military Academy.

William Wright, Horace Greeley High School, nominated to the United States Naval Academy.

#### Drive in movies, continued from pg 1--

County Executive George Latimer said: "With COVID-19 still a reality, our Parks Department is coming up with new ways for county residents to experience parks and programs that they've come to enjoy over the years. Watching a movie from your car will be a novelty for some and nostalgic for others, but fun for everybody."

The Secret Life of Pets 2 continues the story of Max and his pet friends, following their secret lives after their owners leave them for work or school each day. Wonder Park tells the story of an amusement park where the imagination of a wildly creative girl named June comes

Both movies will be ticketed-admission events, with purchase available by online pre-sale only. Tickets go on sale for The Secret Life of Pets on Wednesday, June 17 online at 2 p.m. at wcparks.ticketleap. com/drivein. Tickets are \$20 per car and there will be a 125-car limit due to capacity and distancing protocols. Wonder Park tickets will go on sale at the same link on Monday, July 20, also starting at 2 p.m..

Moviegoers will be asked to maintain a six-foot distance from others when exiting their vehicles, and to wear a mask at all times when outside their vehicles. No gatherings will be permitted. Exiting your vehicle will be permitted when using the restrooms; while sitting in your lawn chairs which must be placed up against the front or back of your vehicle; or while sitting in the bed of your pickup truck. Restrooms will be serviced routinely and hand sanitizer will be available. Visit Westchester.gov for tickets and more information.

Yorktown's first-ever mobile movie night has reached its maximum capacity. More than 80 families have signed up to watch "Toy Story IV" on June 25 at 9 p.m. in the Jefferson Valley Mall's parking lot. The film will be projected on an inflatable 23-by-16-foot screen that will be set up by the Peekskill-based Fun Time Amusements, which runs the Play Connection store inside the mall. Vehicles will be directed by recreation employees to socially distant parking spots. Attendees are free to watch the film from inside their vehicles or on lawn chairs from a designated spot in front of or behind their vehicles.

"Covid-19 has disrupted many of our recreation programs, but the town will continue to organize safe and fun events for our residents through the summer. We urge all our attendees to remember their masks and respect our rules, which are designed to protect the public health," said Supervisor Matt Slater. "We are thankful to our partners the Jefferson Valley Mall and Fun Time Amusements—for making these outdoor screenings possible."

Additional mall movie nights are scheduled for July 9 (Frozen II), July 23 and August 13. Sign up for the films will open a week before on

the town's Facebook page.

As social distancing restrictions lift, town officials are considering additional children's programming from July 20 to August 28. Parks and Recreation Supervisor James J. Martorano, Jr. said that the possibilities include mini-day or evening camps for kids to offset the town's cancelled summer camps.

The outdoor movie is one of two large, socially distant events organized by the town that have reached capacity this week.



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