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## A Black Lives Mural is Coming to Westchester



A rendering of A BLM Mural on Main Street in Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

A mural of “Black Lives Matter!” is planned for Main Street in downtown Yonkers, according to artists raising money for the project. We recently spoke to Ray Wilcox, from Yonkers Arts Inc., who confirmed rumors about plans to paint the first BLM mural in Westchester County.

The location will be on Main Street in downtown Yonkers, according to Wilcox. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and several City Councilmembers have discussed, and are aware of the project, which does not have any City funding or taxpayer dollars used.

Wilcox, who designed the rendering in the picture above, said that he is raising funds for the project and hopes to have the mural completed by September. Work on the mural would occur at night and early morning to avoid closing Main Street, between Warburton Avenue to Market Place, to traffic during business hours.

Calling it a “100% Grass Roots effort,” Wilcox is currently raising money for the project. Anyone interested in helping to fund this effort can email him at rayw@yonkersarts.org.

It was only a matter of time before some community in Westchester moved forward with a BLM mural. If it could happen in NYC then it can happen in Yonkers. President Donald Trump and NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio have clashed over the BLM painting along 5th Avenue, near Trump Tower. Several BLM murals across the country have been painted over.

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## Ten Things Pregnant Women Should Know About COVID-19

Protect you and your baby from the coronavirus



Dr. Anna Burgansky

Dr. Anna Burgansky, director of obstetrics and gynecology, chief of the division of general OB/GYN at New York-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, and an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons provides 10 tips women should know about Pregnancy and COVID-19.

1. **Boost Your Immune System:** Keep your immunity as strong as you can by taking care of yourself. Resting, taking Vitamin C and prenatal vitamins, maintaining healthy weight, and regular physical activity are all helpful ways to boost immunity.
2. **Video Visits:** If you have a healthy pregnancy with no complications, consider transitioning one or more prenatal appointments to a video visit. You may also opt to have fewer or more spaced out prenatal visits with your provider.
3. **Hospitals Are Safe for Delivery:** It is safe to have your baby at a hospital. Hospitals maintain all safety protocols and use personal protective equipment (PPE).
4. **Review your Birth Plan:** Talk with your doctor about your birth plan during COVID-19. In most cases, your timing and method of delivery do not

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## Kayne, Collects Signatures for President in Westchester

Eisen Sues Over Number of signatures required during COVID



Kayne West paid to have canvassers collect signatures in Westchester who were also working for Josh Eisen's congressional campaign

By Dan Murphy

Two different political campaigns are asking Westchester voters to sign their petitions to allow them to run as independent candidates for office in November. Rapper Kayne West attempted to secure 30,000 valid signatures in New York to get on the ballot for President, while local businessman Josh Eisen attempted to get onto an independent ballot line to run for Congress in the 17th District.

Both campaigns ended up using the same workers to collect signatures in the final days before the July 31 deadline. West had already obtained ballot access in several other states, and created his own, independent party line to run on. The new party, called The Birthday Party, has West running for President and Michelle Tidball, Kayne's “biblical life coach,” as his Vice President.

West tweeted to his 30 million followers on July 4 that he was serious about running for President. “We must now realize the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States.”

On July 19, West appeared in Charleston, SC for his first campaign appearance, in which he wore a bullet proof vest and delivered a strange, emotional speech about abortion and his parents. West had supported President Donald Trump as recently as last year, appearing at the White House and praising him for his “dragon energy.”

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## Trump forces Westchester to Revisit Affordable Housing

***“I am happy to inform all the people living their Suburban Lifestyle Dream that you will no longer be bothered or financially hurt by having low income housing built in your neighborhood...I have rescinded the Obama-Biden AFFH Rule. Enjoy!”***

***-President Donald Trump***

***“We do not want to live in a segregated Westchester County,”***

***-County Exec. George Latimer***

By Dan Murphy

After the news came out late last month that the US Department of Housing and Development, HUD, led by Secretary Ben Carson, had rescinded portions of the AFFH rule, dealing with affordable housing regulations, housing rights advocates and elected officials in Westchester spoke out against the decision, which was touted on social media by President Donald Trump. (see our story last week online at YonkersTimes.com).

Craig Gurian, Executive Director of the Anti-Discrimination Center said after the announcement, “It was the Anti-Discrimination Center’s 2006 lawsuit against Westchester County that brought the concept of “affirmatively furthering fair housing” back from the dead; we have been looking at this issue closely since that time.

“The Trump administration’s new rule represents a move to a regulatory regime that tells localities that their exclusionary zoning - zoning that precludes the construction of affordable housing - will go unchallenged. It will mean that the national scourge of residential segregation will continue unabated.

“Affirmatively furthering fair housing is the path to open up to all Americans those communities (suburban or urban) that feature good schools, safe streets, quality medical care, and well-tended parks and recreational facilities. President Trump, like bigots who have come before him, sees that as a threat, as opposed to the opportunity it is.”

“It is well to remember that the social engineering involved here was the deliberate, decades-long policy of excluding African Americans from suburban neighborhoods. Remediating that wrong is what basic justice requires.

“In truth, there has never been a sustained commitment to affirmatively furthering in any presidential administration - that needs to change.

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# U.S. Open Golf Returns to Winged Foot in Sept. Without Spectators



Gary Woodland, left, will defend his US Open title at Winged Foot next month

By Dan Murphy

The U.S. Open Golf Championship will return to Westchester County, and the legendary Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, on September 17-20. Unfortunately, due to ongoing health and safety concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic, the 120th U.S. Open will be conducted without spectators on-site.

“Following months of consultation and scenario planning with local and state health officials, we have jointly decided that hosting the U.S. Open without spectators will provide the best opportunity to conduct the championship safely for all involved,” said Mike Davis, CEO of the USGA.

“I am pleased to welcome the USGA for the U.S. Open Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club this September, and while the tournament will look different this year with no fans and enhanced safety protocols, this event is a welcome sight for sports fans across the country and will help restore a sense of normalcy as we build back better than before,” said Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

All fans seeking a greater connection to the championship are encouraged to join the recently launched Victory Club, the first-ever fan club dedicated to the U.S. Open. Membership is free and fans can celebrate the U.S. Open all year long with virtual experiences, engaging content and exclusive offers. The Victory Club will offer more access to the championship than ever before. For more details, visit <https://www.usopen.com/victory-club.html>.

The last time the US Open was played at Winged Foot was in 2006, and Phil Mickelson was leading heading into the 18th hole on Sunday. Ready to win his first US Open, Phil had one of his legendary melt downs, scoring a double bogey 6 on the final hole, and handed the major championship to Geoff Ogilvy.

Other US Open’s at Winged Foot include 1984 with Fuzzy Zoeller the winner, 1974, Hale Irwin the winner, 1959 with Billy Casper the winner, and 1929 with Bobby Jones the winner. Jones is considered one of the three greatest golfers of all time, with Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

Davis Love III won the PGA Championship, another golf major at Winged Foot in 1997.

Winged Foot was designed by legendary Golf Architect A. W. Tillinghast, and two, 18 hole courses make up the club. The West Course is where all of the championships are played.

Winged Foot is one of a few Westchester golf courses, that all of us dream of getting to play once in our lives. It is among the toughest clubs to get a tee time for, and with very few golf outings played there, most at a cost of up to \$750.00 per ticket for charity outings, the intrigue about playing 18 holes there adds to the legend.

There are several great golf clubs in Westchester, but maybe only two or three that match up with Winged Foot. I would put Wygakyl and Westchester County Club up there, and maybe throw in Siwanoy and Quaker Ridge. And anywhere that Bob Jones played, which would included Knowlwood and Leewood, on the second tier.

Email us if we missed any at [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)

# Beware of Seeds in the Mail From China



Have you received a package of seeds in the mail without ordering them?

Americans are receiving mysterious packages of seeds in their mail, pictured above, coming from China. The packages have not been purchased or requested USA Today reports that americans from 30 different states have received the packages including New York State.

“Our office has received questions from a few New Yorkers who have received unsolicited packages allegedly sent from China that are marked as containing jewelry but which actually contain plant seeds. Similar packages have been received in other states and the United States Department of Agriculture is investigating. People who receive seeds should not plant or handle the seeds. They should store them safely in a place children and pets cannot access and email USDA immediately at [erich.l.glasgow@usda.gov](mailto:erich.l.glasgow@usda.gov) for instructions. Seeds imported into the United States are rigorously tested to ensure quality and prevent introduction of invasive species, insects and diseases. We will continue to monitor this issue and will pass along guidance as it is received from USDA,” stated NY State Commissioner of Agriculture Richard Ball.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking anyone who receives a package to mail the contents, along with their full name, phone number, pictures of the package to the NYS Department of Agriculture, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235. You can also call them at (518) 457-2087 or email at [Christopher.Logue@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Christopher.Logue@agriculture.ny.gov).

The Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection, continues to investigate. “Please hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from your state department of agriculture or APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) contacts you with further instructions,” the statement said.

And Whatever you Do--DO NOT PLANT SEEDS FROM UNKNOWN ORIGINS!

The latest update to this story from the USDA, “The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has identified 14 varieties of mysterious seeds purportedly sent from China to U.S. citizens who didn’t order them. The known varieties include rosemary, sage, mint and hibiscus. The common herbs hardly seem a threat, but APHIS maintains its warning—reiterated by all 50 states—that recipients of unsolicited seed shipments should not plant them.

Our main concern is the potential for these seeds to introduce damaging pests or diseases that could harm U.S. agriculture. The 14 seeds represent just a subset of the samples we have collected so far.

While it could be a hoax, the Chinese government claims that the labels which show the seeds being mailed from China are forged, be careful.

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## Astorino vs. Harckham ... Round 2



**“When I think of good people on the Republican side I think of Rob Astorino.”**

*- Democrat NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, 11/9/12*



**“(Rob’s) an affable person who has stuck very closely... to his promise of making government smaller and not ever raising taxes.”**

*- NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, 11/27/13*



**“Rob’s always willing to talk, listen...and bring people together to get things done.”**

*- former Democrat County Legislator, Virginia Perez, 4/2/13*

By Dan Murphy

“I don’t ever recall a time when we’ve been more divided.” This statement could have been sent out from a number of elected officials.

Governor Cuomo could have said this about US Senator Mitch McConnell and his refusal to agree to a ‘Blue State Bailout’.

Democratic Presidential hopeful Joe Biden could have said this about Donald Trump and the state of our politics today.

But the above quote came from Rob Astorino, the former Westchester County Executive now running for State Senate in the 40th District, against Democratic State Senator Peter Harckham.

Astorino made the comment after he sent out a mailing which featured four comments from NY Democrats back in the day when Astorino was county executive. The quotes came from U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, NY State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and former County Legislator Virginia Perez.

The response from three of the four democrats featured in the mailing was an effort by Astorino to show that he has worked with democrats in the past and will do so again if elected to serve in Albany.

Schumer, DiNapoli and Stewart-Cousins have all endorsed Harckham for re-election, and the three criticized Astorino for using the old quotes, which they did make.

“I am disappointed that Rob Astorino would begin his campaign by using old quotes out of context to mislead voters,” said Stewart-Cousins. “I guess he has become so used to being Trump’s top cheerleader that facts and integrity don’t matter to him. It is disturbing that Rob is using almost 10-year-old quotes to pretend he has support. Everyone knows that Rob was bad for Westchester and he would be bad for New York state.”

Senator Schumer’s spokeswoman Allison Biasotti said, “Mr. Astorino’s mailer is deceptive and dishonest and is right out of the Trump playbook,” said Schumer spokeswoman Allison Biasotti. “And it is not the first time he has pulled this deceitful stunt.”

When Astorino ran for County Executive in 2013, he used a similar tactic when he won re-election by a large margin over democrat Noam Bramson. At the time, Astorino was working with a bi-partisan coalition on the County Board of Legislators. Two democratic county legislators, Virginia Perez, and Michael Kaplowitz, joined with the republicans on the board to form a majority.

Comptroller DiNapoli said, “A recent mailer from the New York Republican Committee misguides the voters of Hudson Valley regarding who I am supporting for State Senate in the 40th District.”

All three of the comments above are within the margin of reason, in our view. All three are prominent democrats who in no way want to be associated with Astorino.

But the mailing is accurate, even though the quotes were made seven and eight years ago, in what seems like an eternity ago.

Longtime Astorino political consultant Bill O’Reilly was called out in other media reports for doing nothing more than pulling out some old quotes when the political climate was a bit more mild. “These quotes demonstrate how leading Democrats have viewed Rob Astorino’s character as a man and as an elected leader; they provide invaluable insight to voters. It’s unfortunate that partisanship supplants refreshing honesty in election years.”

We agree with O’Reilly and Astorino on this matter. If any of the democrats has a problem with what they said in 2012, and 2013, (and by the way the mailer, paid for by the NY State Republican Committee includes the dates next to each quote), perhaps they shouldn’t have said it. If anything it shows how deeply divided we have become, so much so that even a passing complimentary comments from eight years ago is considered political treason by your own party.

We all call out Harckham spokesman Tom Staudter for calling the mailing a “fabrication of bipartisan support.” That’s not true Tom, there once was a time when democrats and republicans did work together for the good of our country, state and country. We agree that those times are gone for now, but the quotes are not a fabrication. They happened.

## Democrats mentioned in Astorino Mailer Run for the Hills

## Travolta in Westchester: This Day in Yonkers History



**Superstar John Travolta arriving at John Burroughs Junior High School on Palmer Road to appear in a performance of Bus Stop.**

August 5, 1976: Twenty-two year old John Travolta arrived at the Westchester State Theater on Palmer Road in Yonkers. He was to begin his run in the play Bus Stop, playing the role of Bo Decker. The Westchester State Theater rented the facilities at Burroughs Junior High School, now Saunders High School.

This story comes from a weekly column that Mary Hoar, President Undermyer Performing Arts Council, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society, writes every week called, This Day in Yonkers History.

It can be read every week in Yonkers Rising, and online at YonkersTimes.com

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## Veronica Hummel Confirmed as NYS Court of Claims Judge



**NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins with Judge Veronica Hummel**

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins announced that Veronica Hummel of Hastings-On-Hudson has been confirmed by the State Senate as a Judge for the NYS Court of Claims.

"Veronica Hummel has amazing qualifications and, as one of my constituents, I was proud to recommend her and am delighted that her nomination was advanced by Governor Cuomo and confirmed by the full State Senate. I congratulate Ms. Hummel and wish her luck as a Judge for the Court of Claims," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said.

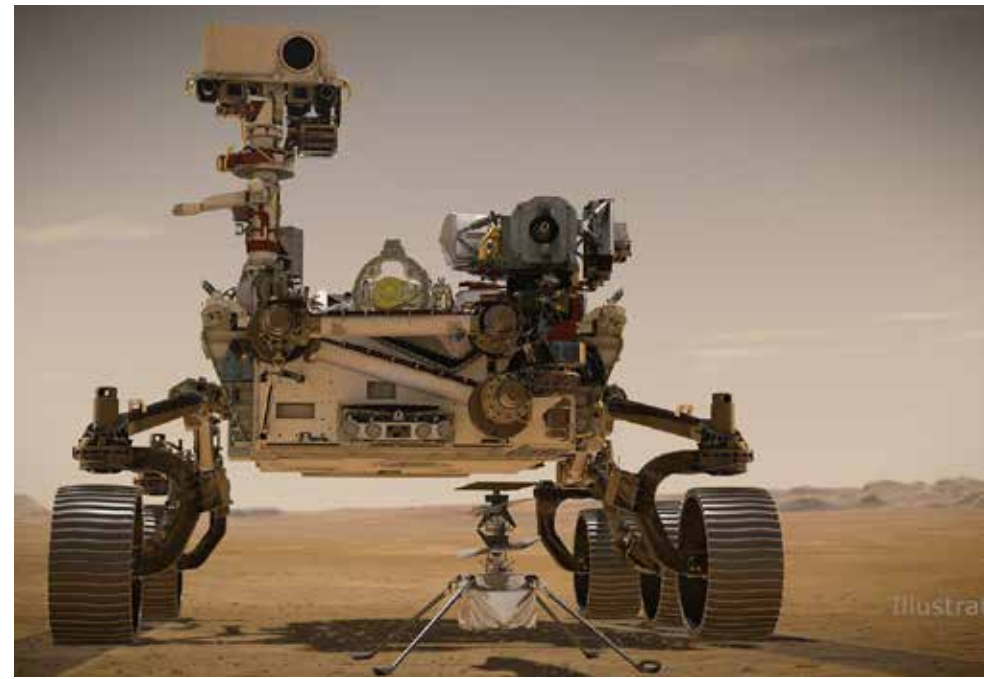
Hummel has been the Principal Court Attorney in White Plains for New York State Supreme Court Judge Lawrence Ecker since 2018. In that capacity, she advised the judge on research issues and appropriate course of action in cases. She drafted opinions, participated in settlement conferences, and reviewed documents and pleadings in a wide inventory of cases.

Prior to that, she was the Principal Court Attorney for Westchester County Court Judge Barbara Zambelli and was previously Principal Court Attorney for Supreme Court Judge Edward Lehner in New York City.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in Westchester, Hummel volunteered week after week with Hillside Outreach Food Pantry, delivering food and inspiring others to contribute. She was recognized for her efforts and named a "District 35 Hero" by the Majority Leader.

Hummel received her JD from Albany Law School, where she was awarded a full tuition scholarship based on her academic performance. She then received her LL.M. degree (Academic Study of Law) from Columbia Law School where she was the Associate Editor of the Columbia Business Law Review. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Massachusetts where she graduated Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

## NASA Recognizes Harrison Rocketry Team for Its Outstanding Performance



**A new NASA robot recently sent to Mars**

NASA recently announced that the Harrison Rocketry Team placed second, in the Judges' Choice category, in a nation-wide challenge hosted by NASA Student Launch. The award recognizes teams for the most creative payload and best design/workmanship of their rocket. The team also placed first in Best Team Spirit.

The competition drew many teams from all over the country. This year students were tasked with building and flying high-powered rockets, each carrying a complex scientific or engineering payload and flying over 4,000 feet above the ground. The rockets needed to land safely and be fully recovered. Harrison Rocketry Team successfully completed the eight-month project with NASA.

Harrison NY Rocketry Team is led by Harrison High School students Morgan Remeza, founder and leader of the team, and Alissa Remeza, co-founder and co-leader of the team. Both students have been active in rocketry for years. They also led the team in community services, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) outreach, and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) donations to Harrison first responders.

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# Musings About our Country

By Joan Katen

I believe we can heal the rancorous divide in our country and between our political parties. How can we do it?

Many of the things that I believe will help our country to heal have been mentioned before. I have just listed them here as a plan of action.

1. Lobbyists have undue influence on our government. A friend who was in charge of congressional research at the Library of Congress once said to me "I see newly elected congressional representatives come to Washington idealistic and wanting to do a good job. Then the Lobbyists get to them. They often become swayed by the money, and other perks offered to them. Do they then vote their consciences? Do they then vote for what is best for their constituents? What if we limit the influence of lobbyists? One way is to strictly limit the amount of money they can give to Congressmen and women. Or we can prohibit money other than public monies to be given to candidates. Public financing of elections may be the way.
2. What if we had term limits for all congressional representatives? There is no reason that in our citizen- lead democracy must always have the same leaders entrenched in Washington, many amassing money and power- as other talented people with good ideas and fresh viewpoints stand aside without a chance to show what they can do.
3. What if we opened the doors of public service so that people without enormous sums of money could have a chance to run for congress? Why don't more talented people run for political office? One reason is money- since there are few limits on campaign spending you have to have billions to blitz the airwaves for months and months. Also, what if we limit the length of campaigns and use public funds only, funds that are doled out fairly to all candidates. Also the Media scrutinizes the backgrounds and families of candidates to such a degree that many do not want to expose themselves or their families to that scrutiny and or negative publicity. It's fine if they find someone has done something truly offensive, but everything from third grade on - we probably don't need to know. The media should be circumspect in what they print. By the end of our long drawn out campaigns- everyone is made to look unworthy of public office. What if mud-slinging was looked upon with disgust and people who used that tactic would lose votes?
4. What if we develop a National Training Policy for Police that includes stringent psychological testing, sensitivity training inter- culturally and inter- racially, as well as training in Non Violent Conflict resolution? I am sure the Police of this country who are asked to do everything from mediating domestic disputes to catching thieves and protecting our neighborhoods would really appreciate some extra training. Their job is difficult and dangerous. Why not make it easier for them?
5. What if we revamped the tax code so that Warren Buffet will pay more taxes than his secretary - instead of less?
6. We if we develop a proactive program to train people whose jobs may be phased out in the future? - An example would be coal mining. Train them in different levels of Green and tech jobs.
7. We if we revamp our educational system to ensure that children in less advantaged areas of the country have the same computers and tools to succeed as those in the more advantaged areas -as the technological age progresses?
8. What if with these changes young people begin to look at Political Service as an honor- the word politician should not be a dirty word eliciting frowns? We should have College Courses in Leadership and Communication.
9. What if we had a world view that looks at conflicts and world problems justly- and we gained a reputation as a fair thoughtful broker?
10. What if we do our part to strengthen International Organizations and share responsibilities, ideas, and financial burdens with our allies?
11. What if we saw each other as citizens of the United States and really listened to each other- giving credence to each other's ideas and did what it seems we've forgotten how to do- compromise for the good of our democracy?

Joan Katen is a Professor of Political Science and Peace and Justice Studies and Moderator of The Foreign Policy Associations Great Decisions Program

## Legal Notice-

For public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19 and as per C19-3 of the Yonkers City Charter, the City of Yonkers annual lien sale, rescheduled for September 16, 2020, has been cancelled

# Happy 100th Birthday Mary "Mae" Conti



The family and friends of Mary Conti gathered on July 31, 2020 to celebrate her 100th birthday! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the small celebration was held outdoors at a local park to maintain social distancing.

Born in the Bronx on July 31, 1920, Mary Conti, known as "Mae", has been a resident of Yonkers for over 60 years. She began her career at the former Met Life building on Palmer Road in Yonkers and worked her way up the ranks. She has also been an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Bronxville.

Mae has always been a loving, kind, caring, and giving person. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She has always said helping others helps her sleep at night.

Having survived two minor heart attacks and a stroke, Mae is still going strong at 100 years old! Her smile and sense of humor continue to light up the room.

Happy Birthday Mae Conti, and God Bless. If you know of someone who is celebrating their 100th Birthday, email it to [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com), us and we will celebrate it on the front page.

## Trump, affordable housing, continued from pg 1-

"As for the Trump administration's denigrating of the Westchester case, it was, in fact, a case so strong that the presiding federal judge ruled as a matter of law that Westchester's representations that it had and would affirmatively further fair housing were "false or fraudulent." said Gurian, who was co-counsel in the False Claims Act case and is lead counsel in the current federal court challenge to NYC's discriminatory outsider-restriction policy in its affordable housing lotteries.

County Executive George Latimer also denounced the decision, stating, "This weakened rule undermines a 52-year old law, which eliminated barriers to developing affordable housing opportunities. Affordable housing has long been one of the top priorities of my administration, and it is irresponsible to get rid of any tool that contributes to those opportunities, and ultimately better-rounded, more vibrant communities."

Under the new rule, the grantee's certification that it will affirmatively further fair housing simply means that the County will take "any action that is rationally related to promoting one or more attributes of fair housing." The law would also eliminate the County's requirement to complete an Assessment of Fair Housing. Ultimately, this combination fails to ensure compliance with the law and does little to advance fair housing.

Latimer continued: "We do not want to live in a segregated Westchester County. There is absolutely no evidence that supports that fair housing negatively affects property values, or the home rule. Without strong laws like AFFH in place, Westchester County will fail to be the diverse, multifaceted County we all want to call home."

The issue of Affordable Housing and the lack of affordable housing in communities outside of the larger cities in the county resulted in a settlement between HUD and then County Executive Andy Spano in 2009. The settlement called for the County to build 750 units of affordable housing spread out across the small towns and village in Westchester.

Former County Executive Rob Astorino allowed the affordable units to be built, while pushing back on some of the other demands of the Federal monitor appointed to oversee the settlement.

The problem with the President's comments and directive is explained by Alexander Roberts, executive director of Community Housing Innovations and a member of the Westchester Workforce Housing Coalition "I don't think Trump's assault on 50 years of fair housing policy will work, especially in Westchester where 750 units of housing have had no negative impact on housing anywhere," Roberts said, explaining that Westchester property values and quality of life have not been destroyed due to the affordable housing settlement.

Certainly, the sky has not fallen in the ultra wealthy communities in the county where a few units of affordable housing were built. And the Westchester of 2013, is much different than the Westchester of today.

The issue also muddies any attempt by Westchester republicans to mount a comeback and try to regain some of the ground lost in recent elections. As is usually the case, the President's comments don't help republicans in the county that Trump referred to in his Tweets and comments on affordable housing. Much like the issue of the Immigrant Protection Act, IPA, the matter is settled and a supermajority of Westchester residents have moved on.

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## Judge Not -A Poem by Ann Muro

There is something many often do

Although it isn't right

It is being so judgmental

When they view another's plight

There are many with abundant lives

Who really do not care

Who are claiming those less fortunate

Chose the path that put them there

Judge not now lest you be judged

Let's live our lives that way

And for those who are less fortunate

Together we shall pray!

## Obituary--Joan McCaffrey

Joan McCaffrey died of complications of a stroke on July 22, 2020. Born Joan Melervy on January 2, 1928 in Mineola, New York, she spent most of her life in New Rochelle and Pelham, New York. She graduated from Pelham High School in 1945 and from Barnard College in 1949. She married Neil McCaffrey on April 10, 1950. He died December 8, 1994. She moved to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1997. Mrs. McCaffrey is survived by her six children, Maureen Williamson (Chilton), Neil (Maureen), Gene (Vicki), Roger (Priscilla), Eileen Sclafani (Chris), and Susan Sharp; her 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren (with another two on the way). She was a member of the parish of John XXIII in Fort Collins where a funeral Mass was held Saturday, July 25. She will be buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, New York next to her husband. Donations may be sent to the John XXIII Building Fund and the Trump for President Campaign. www.goesfuneralcare.com

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## Mary Calvi Joins Inside Edition



Mary Calvi has joined Inside Edition as weekend anchor and fill-in anchor for Deborah Norville. Calvi joins Inside Edition from WCBS New York, where she will continue to co-anchor CBS 2 News This Morning and CBS 2 News At Noon.

Calvi, a Yonkers native and the wife of Mayor Mike Spano, has 12 New York Emmy awards for her live breaking news coverage on a wide range of stories, including the Miracle on the Hudson, as well as in-depth series, one of which focused on protecting children from sex offenders. Calvi recently began to fill in for Norville during her summer break and Norville welcomed her to the program.

Both are pictured above for the discussion, where Norville praised Calvi for her recent book "Dear George, Dear Mary: A Novel of George Washington's First Love." The book is available wherever books are sold and is a good summer read.

Calvi, who got her broadcasting start on News 12 Westchester, will continue to co-anchor the NY CBS2's news in the morning and at noon.

### Ten Things Pregnant Women Should Know About

#### COVID-19, continued from pg 1-

need to be changed. Check with your hospital if you plan to use a doula.

5. **Breastfeeding is OK:** Once baby arrives, if you have COVID-19 or suspect that you do, you can breastfeed your baby. The majority of available data does not show presence of the virus in breastmilk. Take proper precautions to avoid spreading the virus by washing your hands before touching your infant and wear a face mask.

6. **Check Travel Advisories:** Travel increases the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19, and pregnant women might be at increased risk for severe illness from COVID and experience adverse outcomes, such as pre-term birth. Follow your local and national travel restrictions.

7. **If You Have Symptoms, Call Your Doctor:** If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your OB/GYN or healthcare provider before going to the hospital, whenever possible, to discuss your symptoms and options.

8. **Cover Up:** Wear a mask in public places, avoid crowds, and practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or with your elbow to keep hands germ-free.

9. **Avoid People Who Are Sick:** Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick and stay home when you are sick. Also, stay home as much as possible if there are widespread cases of coronavirus in your area.

10. **Keep It Clean:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Anna Burgansky, MD, chief of the division of general OB/GYN at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital and an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, became a physician to help women live healthy lives from teenage years through adulthood. She most enjoys helping women plan their families and being there to guide them through pregnancy and childbirth.

Dr. Burgansky practices general obstetrics and gynecology and has a clinical interest in laparoscopic and minimally invasive gynecologic surgical procedures. At NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, Dr. Burgansky co-chairs the Departmental Quality Assurance Committee and is actively involved in developing and implementing patient safety and quality improvements. She is an active member of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District II Safe Motherhood Initiative, where she works to reduce maternal deaths and preventable obstetrical complications in hospitals across New York State.

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But now, Kayne has said that he is "taking the red hat off" a reference to Trump's Make America Great hat, to mount his own run for the Presidency. Some political analysts believe that Kayne could take away votes from Joe Biden and that West is running for President to do just that, and help give Trump four more years.

West, 43, registered to vote for the first time last month, and has already secured his name for President on the ballot in xx other states, including Missouri.

Josh Eisen, who was collecting signatures to run on an independent line for Congress in the 17th District, said West was paying his canvassers to get signatures for West while also collecting for Eisen. "I never thought I'd be helping facilitate ballot access for Kanye West,"

Eisen has sued Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Board of Elections in Federal Court, claiming that the number of signatures required to get on the ballot imposed by NY State in the middle of a pandemic is dangerous and life threatening.

Cuomo's lawyer noted the governor's recent order also slashes the number of voter signatures required for independent nominating petitions by 30 percent to earn ballot status in the general election — from 3,500 to 2,450 for Congress and 3,000 to 2,100 signatures for state Senate during a shortened petitioning period.

"It's hypocrisy. He's taken this cautious approach. He's steered a conservative approach toward saving human lives," Eisen said. "He was all in — now he's sending people out to spread the virus."

If Eisen gets on the ballot, he will join democrat Mondaire Jones, republican Maureen McArdle Schulman, and SAM Party candidate Michael Parietti, who are all seeking to replace Nita Lowey in the 17 CD which includes mid-northern westchester and all of rockland county.

## Kodak to Make Pharmaceuticals



The United States will provide a \$765 million loan to Eastman Kodak Company (Kodak) to support the launch of Kodak Pharmaceuticals, a new arm of the company that will produce critical pharmaceutical components. The project would mark the first use of new authority delegated by President Trump's recent executive order that enables DFC and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to collaborate in support of the domestic response to COVID-19 under the Defense Production Act (DPA).

"Kodak is proud to be a part of strengthening America's self-sufficiency in producing the key pharmaceutical ingredients we need to keep our citizens safe," said Kodak Executive Chairman Jim Continenza. "By leveraging our vast infrastructure, deep expertise in chemicals manufacturing, and heritage of innovation and quality, Kodak will play a critical role in the return of a reliable American pharmaceutical supply chain."

"If we have learned anything from the global pandemic, it is that Americans are dangerously dependent on foreign supply chains for their essential medicines," said Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy at the White House Dr. Peter Navarro. "This DFC-Kodak partnership is a big win for the use of President Trump's DPA powers, a big win for New York, and a huge step forward towards American pharmaceutical independence."

"This is about assuring our supply chains now and in the future," said Rear Admiral John Polowczyk, White House Supply Chain Task Force Lead. "Kodak is stepping up to help onshore pharmaceutical production and this DPA action will allow the modernized Strategic National Stockpile to have domestic resiliency. Once Kodak ramps up we will have the ability to tap into that capacity for domestic use."

Since George Eastman put the first simple camera into the hands of consumers in 1888, Rochester, New York-based Kodak has become a globally recognized American brand that has helped lead the innovation of the graphic communications industry. Today, Kodak is expanding its traditional product line to support the national response to COVID-19 by bolstering domestic production and supply chains of key strategic resources.

Kodak Pharmaceuticals will produce critical pharmaceutical components that have been identified as essential but have lapsed into chronic national shortage, as defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Although Americans consume approximately 40 percent of the world's supply of bulk components used to produce generic pharmaceuticals, only 10 percent of these materials are manufactured in the United States.

DFC's loan will accelerate Kodak's time to market by supporting startup costs needed to repurpose and expand the company's existing facilities in Rochester, New York and St. Paul, Minnesota, including by incorporating continuous manufacturing and advanced technology capabilities. The LOI that will be signed today indicates Kodak's successful completion of DFC's initial screening and will be followed by standard due diligence conducted by the agency before financing is formally committed.

Once fully operational, Kodak Pharmaceuticals will have the capacity to produce up to 25 percent of active pharmaceutical ingredients used in non-biologic, non-antibacterial, generic pharmaceuticals while supporting 360 direct jobs and an additional 1,200 indirectly. The company plans to coordinate closely with the Administration and pharmaceutical manufacturers to identify and prioritize components that are most critical to the American people and U.S. national security.

Signed by President Trump on May 14, Executive Order 13922 delegates authority to the DFC CEO under the DPA to leverage its financial tools to re-shore production of strategic resources and strengthen related domestic supply chains in response to COVID-19. This authority is carried out in close partnership and coordination with DOD, which bears all costs of DFC's DPA program. DFC recently launched a request for proposals from private sector entities seeking DFC financing under the DPA for projects that support the domestic production or distribution of pharmaceuticals, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical testing supplies, vaccines, ventilation equipment, or relevant ancillary materials and technologies. Visit [dfc.gov/dpa](https://dfc.gov/dpa) to learn more.

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## Karen Erren Named Feeding Westchester President & CEO



Feeding Westchester's new leader is Karen Erren

Feeding Westchester Following an extensive nationwide search, the Feeding Westchester Board of Directors is pleased to announce the arrival of incoming President & Chief Executive Officer Karen Erren. With more than 20 years of nonprofit experience, Erren most recently served as Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Food Bank, where she led the startup organization through an extraordinary growth phase.

Feeding Westchester Board Chair Sue Norton said, "We are thrilled to have someone of Karen's caliber taking the helm. She is not only a seasoned leader, but is passionate about solving the immediate and longer-term systemic issues surrounding food insecurity. She's already working on terrific ideas to support our Westchester neighbors in need!"

While at the Palm Beach County Food Bank, Erren instituted broad-based infrastructure and significantly increased the food bank's base of support, while initiating the organization's first capital campaign. During the food bank's COVID-19 response, Erren led the effort in distributing nearly six million pounds of food between March and June, delivering up to five times the food bank's regular monthly volume in that period.

"I am so proud and honored to join the team here at Feeding Westchester," Erren said. "They have been on the forefront of hunger relief in the county for more than thirty years, and have worked tirelessly to meet unprecedented levels of need caused by the COVID-19 crisis."

Erren comes to Feeding Westchester at a time when the food bank has responded tremendously to the increased need. Since March 1, the organization has distributed more than 12 million pounds of food, which is a year-over-year increase of 63 percent. This greater volume would not have been possible without the generous support of the Westchester community. As the impact of the global pandemic continues and unemployment numbers rise, Erren knows there is still plenty of work ahead.

"Westchester entered Phase 4 of reopening in July, but the effects of the pandemic will continue to drive the need for food," Erren said. "We will ensure as much food as possible on as many tables as possible for as long as there is need."

Visit [FeedingWestchester.org](http://FeedingWestchester.org).

## Yonkers Taps Bird to Launch New York's First Ever Electric Scooter Pilot Program



look for Bird electric scooters as you travel around Westchester

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the city has partnered with Bird to launch New York State's first-ever electric scooter pilot program. Beginning in early August, as part of a one-year pilot program, Bird will deploy up to 200 scooters in southwest Yonkers, including the Downtown-Waterfront area, with the potential of expanding up to 500 scooters to meet demand.

"Yonkers is pleased to once again lead the way as a progressive city in offering smart, emission-free transportation solutions for our community," said Yonkers Mayor Spano. "Partnering with Bird will provide residents and visitors the opportunity to travel our city with ease and convenience all while being affordable, reliable and fun."

"Yonkers' dedication to micromobility is unparalleled, and Bird is honored to serve in the first e-scooter pilot program both here and in New York State," said Rebecca Hahn, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, Bird. "Like so many New Yorkers, Yonkers residents are adopting more socially-distant transportation habits in the wake of COVID-19. We're looking forward to providing a safe and sustainable way for them to stay mobile and support local businesses as the city continues to recover and rebuild."

Through the Bird smartphone app, riders can see the closest Bird scooter on a map, unlock it, complete the safety tutorial and ride directly to their desired destination. Upon ending their trip, riders simply park the scooter safely along the side of a sidewalk or on-street next to an unmarked curb and take a photo of the scooter through the app to ensure proper parking.

The cost for a Bird ride is \$1 to start and a per minute fee to ride. Bird also offers low-income access plans that include unlimited 30-minute rides for \$5 per month for anyone enrolled in or eligible for a state or federal assistance program.

In compliance with the recently enacted New York State law, e-scooters must be used on streets with a posted speed limit of no more than 30 mph. Riders may also use scooters in bike lanes, but must offer the right of way to bicycles. Riders must be 18 years of age to use a Bird scooter in Yonkers.

Yonkers' partnership with Bird marks the second of its kind with a dockless transportation sharing company. The city was the first in the New York City area to embrace dockless bike sharing in 2018, and now will become the first in the state to welcome shared electric scooters nearly three years after the first Birds were launched in Santa Monica in September 2017.

The announcement comes less than a month after the United Kingdom officially approved Bird One electric scooters for use in city trials.



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