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Myra Manu Wins Yonkers Spelling Bee



We Have a W-I-N-N-E-R! If you ask Kahlil Gibran School 5th grader Myra P. Manu (#38) to spell SUCCESS, don't be surprised to hear the letters C-O-N-S-C-I-E-N-C-E which she pronounced in the correct order to win the 58th annual Citywide Fifth Grade Spelling Bee at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, Monday, June 3, 2024

Second place honors went to Tevin Robinson, School 16 (#11), and third place went to Elijah S. Carrington, Paideia School 24 (#47). Congratulations to them, their teachers & their loving families!

Sponsored by the Exchange Club of Yonkers in association with Yonkers Public Schools, the Fifth Grade Spelling Bee has been a tradition for nearly six decades, involving thousands of children in classroom and schoolwide elimination contests as they move up to the Citywide Finals. This year, 65 public and parochial school students earned the right to compete for honors.

Special thanks to Mr. Justin Tubiolo Exchange Club of Yonkers Board Member, Dr. Alyssa Colón-Garcia, Executive Director of English Language Arts, the pronouncer for the Spelling Bee, and Dr. Jane Dorian, long-time consultant.

Cheryl Brannan Honored by Mercy University with Honorary Doctorate

Delivers School of Business 2024 Commencement Speech



Congratulations to Cheryl Brannan, for two honors bestowed on her during Mercy University's 2024 Commencement. Brannan was the Mercy University School of Business 89th Commencement Speaker, and was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science, from President Susan Parish and was honored by Trustee Valerie Mason Cunningham.

"It was exciting to serve as the Commencement Speaker and receive an Honorary Doctorate from Mercy University, where I have been an alumni, former faculty member, and community partner for almost 20 years," said Dr. Brannan, whose speech was entitled, Another Milestone: Striving to Live Your Best Life!

She shared two pieces of advice that she calls Golden Nuggets that have served her well during her life and career journey. They were to Expand your worldview and Bet on Yourself!

During her introduction, President Parish said "Cheryl Lynn Brannan, a life-long resident of Yonkers, has been a dynamic leader who has excelled in the civic, political, corporate, academic, and international arenas for over 30 years, claiming "On the Move" as her mantra.

"As someone who values education and lifelong learning, she is a proud Mercy alumna having earned a master's degree in organizational leadership in 2002 and later joined the faculty at the School of Business. She climbed the corporate ladder at Xerox while establishing the Xerox Black Women's Caucus Group, making significant contributions to diversity and leadership in the corporate sector.

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Mayor Spano Calls on Council to Pass Moratorium on Lithium Battery Facilities



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today called on the Yonkers City Council to pass legislation that places moratoriums on approvals for the construction and opening of additional self-storage and of any lithium-ion battery facilities.

"Protecting a safe and healthy quality of life continues to be our number one priority in Yonkers," said Mayor Spano. "These moratoriums would provide our city an opportunity to dig deeper into the potential economic and public health impacts these facilities have on our residents and busi

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Artist Barbara Segal's Sculptures Brighten Up Yonkers Waterfront



County Legislator David Tubiolo and Council Majority Leader John Rubbo join Barbara Segal and Mayor Spano with her sculptures. See story on pg 13

DA Candidate Cacace Pledges to Appoint Pioneer LGBTQ+ Advocate Sabatino to Hate Crimes Board



Susan Cacace with Michael Sabatino

As Pride Month kicks off, Judge Susan Cacace, the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for Westchester DA, announced that she will appoint Michael Sabatino to her Bias and Hate Crimes Advisory Board if elected. The Advisory Board will help guide the Hate Crimes Unit created by current DA Mimi Rocah.

Sabatino is a pioneering figure in the LGBTQ+ community. He played a crucial role in the fight for marriage equality in New York State, participating in a significant gay marriage lawsuit that reached the State Court of Appeals. His activism significantly contributed to the eventual legalization of same sex marriage in the U.S.

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Bowman Endorsed by Democratic Socialists of America; Latimer Endorsed by Mondaire Jones

Westchester Bee-Line Buses Free This Summer



By Dan Murphy

The Democratic Socialists of America, (DSA), recently announced their endorsement of Congressman Jamaal Bowman for reelection. In a statement, DSA-NYC said, “Jamaal has been one of the strongest voices against genocide and for peace as many of his colleagues rush to warmonger. Together, we WILL defend this seat from AIPAC and pro-war extremists! Palestine is on the ballot, and we’re going ALL OUT to defend our Socialists in Office.”

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Free Bee Alert! Westchester County Executive George Latimer has lifted the fares on the Bee-Line Bus system, and is offering free rides this summer. From July 1, 2024 through September 2, 2024, all Bee-Line buses including ParaTransit will be fare-free, providing residents and visitors with a convenient and cost-effective transportation option throughout the County.

Regular fares will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. This initiative is part of Westchester County’s ongoing efforts to support local communities, ease transportation costs for families, and encourage the use of public transit. With the summer season bringing increased travel and numerous events across the County, fare-free Bee-Line buses aim to make getting around easier and more affordable for everyone.

Latimer said: “We are excited to bring back free rides on the Bee-Line buses this summer. This initiative not only helps our residents save money but also promotes the use of public transportation, reducing traffic congestion and lowering our carbon footprint. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and explore all that Westchester County has to offer.”

For more information about the fare-free Bee-Line bus initiative, schedules and routes, please visit the Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation website at www.westchestergov.com/beeline or contact the Bee-Line customer service at (914) 813-7777.



Former Congressman Mondaire Jones endorsing George Latimer for Congress

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Yonkers Police Arrest Man for Setting Fires



Edwin Polanco, pictured above, was arrested by Yonkers Police around 1am for setting fires around southwest Yonkers.

Polanco, 34, of Yonkers, set several piles of garbage on fire, causing damage to a motor vehicle in the process. Yonkers Police Officers and Detectives quickly located Mr Polanco and apprehended him, charging him with one count of Arson 4th Degree (a Felony) and three counts of Arson 5th Degree (Misdemeanors). Four fires were located that were set by Mr Polanco, with further investigation possibly tying him to more.

Despite the obvious risk to life and property a crime such as Arson poses, due to bail restrictions, Polanco was required to be released with an appearance ticket.

“Arson is one of the most serious crimes,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “While this person was not successful in imposing harm on anyone, the dangerous intent should be critically examined. Handing down just an appearance ticket is a slap on the wrist and needs to be addressed. The lack of consequences and punishment fuels criminals like this to continue to pose a danger to our community and quality of life.”

Police Commissioner Sapienza stated, “Our Officers and Detectives continue to get the job done despite the restrictions imposed on them by lawmakers. A person intentionally setting multiple fires in a highly populated area while people are sleeping should not be rewarded with freedom awaiting an arraignment.”

Third Precinct Police Community Council

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - Third Precinct Police Community Council meeting will take place on Thursday, June 20 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Kindly note this change of date due to the observance of the Juneteenth Holiday. Usual quality of life issues and concerns will be discussed. Residents and merchants of the southwest Yonkers area are strongly urged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact either Bob Stauf, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey at 914 377-7427.

We Must Retire Jamaal Bowman on June 25

By Eric Wolf Schoen



For many residents who reside in New York State Congressional District 16, the Primary Election on June 25 is in many ways more important than the race for President this year. In a district that has been represented by superheroes like Mario Biaggi, Dick Ottinger, Nita Lowey and Eliot Engel, we are currently represented by a man who every day brings disgrace to the Yonkers and Bronx residents he so poorly represents.

This cannot go on any longer. Frankly, ‘We are as Mad as hell and not going to take it anymore’ The residents of NY Congressional District 16 have had enough rhetoric. Now we need to go back to reality. We need to see the likes of a Biaggi, Ottinger, Lowey or Engel, and let this country know that the actions, votes, fire alarm pulling, man spouting his mouth on television everyday does not represent the constituents he claims to serve.

Four years ago the current Congressman beat Eliot Engel who unfortunately took the Congressional race for granted. Engel kept most of his Congressional staff in district to work on the needs of his constituents while at the same time keeping an important presence in Washington as an expert on foreign affairs. He brought home the ‘bacon’ financially addressing The needs of Yonkers and the Bronx. But in a district whose composition was rapidly changing people wanted to see change.

Boy did they see change. I met the current Congressman when he was exploring running for Congress against Engel at a fundraiser in White Plains. He was standing by himself and my theory is always say hello to someone standing by themselves as you never know, tomorrow they could be your boss. I asked him what he did for a living and he told me he was running for Congress against Eliot Engel. I looked at him as if he had two heads, and actually asked him if he was kidding while laughing. He said no he was not. I wished him good luck, and never expected to see him again.

Several months later and there he was in a primary with my friend Elliot. I still was not taking him seriously until he beat Engel for the Democratic nomination. Shockwaves filled the district, but hey, times were changing. Then came his first vote on the Biden Infrastructure bill. He was one of few Democratic congressmen to vote against it. I remember Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano coming up to me at an event and asking me ‘who is this guy? Where did he come from? Spano knew and knows Yonkers can use every dollar it can get to repair and fix the crumbling infrastructure that exists in the city.

Every time you get a flat tire or the alignment of your car goes out, thank the current Congressman. Thank him for the rising price of goods you buy because delivery trucks are breaking down on our nations roads causing manufacturers to raise their prices. The current congressman represents Yonkers and the Bronx, areas that can use every dollar they can get.

Before I get into the meat and potatoes of why we need to retire the current Congressman, let me get personal for a minute. I have to say that seeing him in the district is a rarity. Let me get one step closer. The Congressman lives right around the block from where I live. In 4 years passing his house many times have I ever seen him or anyone go into or come out of his house? I have friends who live right up the street from him. Do they even know which house is his? He claims he is a man of the people. Well if your neighbors don’t know who you are how will the rest of the district know.

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New York Blood Center Declares Blood Emergency, Ahead of Summer Trauma Season



Ahead of Summer Trauma Season, School breaks, increased travel, and busy summer schedules causing drop in donations heading into critical summer months

New York Blood Center (NYBC) is declaring a blood emergency due to a significant drop in blood donations preceding and following Memorial Day weekend. In the past three weeks, donations have been 2,100 units short of what is needed to meet hospital demand, placing a strain on the region's blood supply heading into the summer months that are typically marked by a spike in traumas.

Annually, more than 56,000 traumas are reported in New York State, the majority of which occur on weekends and during the summer months. Blood transfusions are often needed to treat traumas, and a spike in traumatic accidents can cause a strain on the blood supply. Additionally, school breaks, travel, and busy summer schedules make blood donation less of a priority and often lead to seasonal shortages.

State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The New York State Department of Health supports New York Blood Center's urgent call for blood donations as we experience blood shortage supplies throughout the state. We encourage all who are eligible to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Just one selfless act of blood donation could potentially save multiple lives and help those suffering from traumatic injuries, undergoing surgery or fighting illnesses, as well as new parents and premature babies."

"Having a sufficient blood supply is critical for all hospitals to care for New Yorkers, and we are committed to helping the New York Blood Center raise awareness of the critical need for blood donations," said Devika Mathrani, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at NewYork-Presbyterian. "One blood donation can save up to three lives, and we encourage everyone who is eligible to donate routinely."

"Blood transfusions are essential to treat patients in our communities, from car crash victims and cancer patients, to new mothers and their newborn babies. The amount of transfusion varies from patient to patient – but the need is always there," said Alexander J. Indrikovs, MD, MBA, Senior Director, Transfusion Medicine at Northwell Health. "The summer months, often called 'trauma season', bring about significant challenges to an already limited blood supply. With more hours of daylight and increased outdoor activities during the warmer months, people are more likely to sustain injuries that may require blood transfusions. During times of increased demand for transfusions, hospitals have an obligation to team up with their blood supplier to promote blood donations and maintain adequate blood inventories."

"Summer fun – holidays, vacations, school breaks – unfortunately is often accompanied by a decrease in blood donations, with lifesaving consequences" said NYC Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol. "Look out for

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Governor Hochul Makes Push for Social Media Reforms, Restrictions to Help Our Kids

By Dan Murphy

For most of us who are parents of young adults, the problem of our kids' excessive time spent on their phones, and on social media, is alarming. And the reports and studies done about the negative effects that hours of daily social media use have on the mental state of our children are also clear.

That is why we are supportive of the efforts of Governor Kathy Hochul to try and do something to help our young people who are addicted to their phones and social media.

The Governor has been touring the state and appearing on local TV news shows to highlight her call to combat the youth mental health crisis in our country by addressing the harmful impact of social media on our children and students.

Hochul wants the State legislature to pass two bills before they leave for summer recess. The Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act would require social-media companies to restrict addictive features and algorithms on their platforms that most harm young users. And The New York Child Data Protection Act will restrict online sites from collecting, using or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18 without consent.

"With just a week left in the legislative session, passing legislation to protect our kids online is my top priority," Governor Hochul said. "I've been listening to parents, young people, educators and mental health professionals statewide, and one thing is clear – addictive social media algorithms are fueling the youth mental health crisis, and we must act now."

Executive Director of the NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers (NYS PTA) Kyle McCauley Belokopitsky said, "We applaud Governor Hochul's leadership on this critical issue facing millions of school children and their families across New York State. Our recent Mental Health Survey for parents, families and educators showed that 82% of respondents felt social media is the most important mental health issue for students. Governor Hochul is right that we must address this significant challenge facing our students by taking new steps to protect young people on social media. Together, we will Support Kids, Raise Awareness and make every child's potential a reality."

In a recent OP-ED, Hochul wrote, "With each passing day, we learn more about how this pain can be driven by the harmful effects of social media. Social media was meant to connect us to friends, in a way that brought us closer to one another. Instead, platforms have become media machines — collecting data on users and curating addictive algorithmic feeds designed to keep people scrolling as long as possible.

Often the most engaging content is psychologically damaging, and it's hurting our young people. New York state has an opportunity to do something about this. Inaction is not an option.

Some teen girls are clocking more than five hours a day on their smartphones — most are likely addicted to social media, which is distracting them from school work and sleep while targeting their greatest vulnerabilities. and suffocating them by the algorithms' carefully engineered captivity.

But for me, this fight is deeply personal. In a few years, my granddaughter Sofia will join the millions of children online. Like most kids born in the 21st century, the digital age is all she will know.

We stopped marketing tobacco to kids. We raised the drinking age. And today, we're fighting to protect kids from the defining problem of our time," writes Hochul.

While more than 117 state legislators support the two bills Hochul wants to pass, as does Mothers Against Media Addiction and the New York State United Teachers Union, guess who opposes Hochul and the passage of these two bills?

Social Media companies like Meta and Google, who are lobbying in Albany for these bills to be tabled and not passed until at least the fall. Both have spent \$1 Million in lobbying efforts in recent weeks as Hochul has increased the pressure against them.

"The Social Media companies are responsible for this. It has become a silent killer of our children's generation. This is driven by profit," said Hochul.

NY State Attorney General Letitia James also supports the passage of both bills.

One piece of the SAFE for Kids Act would ban APPS from sending alerts overnight to kids. This is another issue that parents have unfortunately woken up to, their child on their phones or devices in the middle of the night.

If these bills pass, New York would be the first state in the nation to do so. And Governor Hochul has another idea to restrict our children's access to their phones that we already applaud, banning the use of cell phones in school.

It's past time that we reign in social media abuse, and we are glad that our Governor is trying to do something about it.

We will be following the progress of both bills, and the opinions and votes of our Westchester state legislators.

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Philipse Manor Hall Hosts Talk on History of Tea June 12

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Frederick Philipse III, the third and final Lord of Philipsburg Manor

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, Chair of Revolutionary Yonkers 250, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, June 10th

June 10, 1922: The Yonkers High School Freshman Baseball Team outplayed the YHS Varsity in every aspect of the game, embarrassing the older team. It was not expected the young team, less than a year out of elementary school would win. The varsity team appeared in full strength, lead by Captain and catcher Chet Cunningham with Rugh pitching. The pitcher for the freshman was Harry Beamish with Tommy Hoar catching. Beamish later played in the Brooklyn Dodger's system.

June 10, 1933: Man of many talents Joseph Urban passed away. According to Whitney Bolton of The Morning Telegraph (NY), "Urban's life was made up of a multiplicity of careers." An illustrator, a scenic designer and an architect, he won top awards in all categories. His last major work was the color scheme of the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago, experimenting for months to find the proper brilliant paint to use.

Tuesday, June 11th

June 11, 1910: Ida Husted Harper spoke on the evolution of the woman suffrage movement at the first of four lectures to be held at Greystone, the home of Mrs. Samuel Untermyer. Minnie Untermyer served tea to attendees; afterwards the Untermyers provided carriages and cars for guests who needed transportation.

Harper wrote a three-volume biography on Susan B. Anthony, at Anthony's request. She collaborated with Anthony on Volume Four of the History of Woman Suffrage; after Anthony's death, Harper finished the series by writing volumes five and six.

June 11, 1923: Richard Fitzgibbon of Yonkers' Corporation Counsel's office served notice on Malcolm Mathieson, counsel for Ku Klux Klan Kleagle Herbert Storm in his \$15,000 lawsuit for against Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Tobin. Yonkers was asking Supreme Court Justice Frank Young to set aside Storm's suit as it did not contain sufficient evidence to base a suit. Storm alleged he was unlawfully seized by YPD, who searched his Elm Street room and took some of his possessions. The police took Storm to question him without formal charges being levied against him and without a warrant.

Wednesday June 12th

June 12, 1693: William and Mary granted the Royal Charter to create the Manor of Philipsborough.

June 12, 1942: City Comptroller William Schubert asked NY State Attorney General James Bennett to rule on the legality of Yonkers Common Council's appropriation of city funds to purchase sendoff gifts for Army selectees. He made the official request after Mayor William Wallin announced the Council's action was in violation of the New York State Constitution.

June 12, 1959: Doug Ford of Yonkers took second place in the US Open held at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Thursday, June 13th

June 13, 1950: After a year-long study, the committee appointed by the Common Council to produce the book A History of Yonkers in World War II announced it would take ten months and cost \$26,800 to print 5,000 copies. Printing costs would be about \$15,000; the remainder of the cost were for a

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Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to host Sarah Wassberg Johnson, education and programs manager of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, for a hybrid in-person and virtual talk on the history of tea. "Spilling the Tea: A History of Tea Drinking in New York State" will be held in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY) on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The talk will also be broadcast virtually via WebEx.

How did a beverage developed in Asia make its way to the shores of the Hudson River? Why do Americans sweeten their tea? How did tea drinking affect culture and commerce?

In "Spilling the Tea," Wassberg Johnson explores the origins of tea, how it made its way to American shores, and how American consumption differs from the rest of the world. Learn about the history of tea in colonial New York, from its introduction in Dutch New Netherland to the Tea Act boycotts of the American Revolution and beyond. Join us on a journey through the global and local history of tea and sugar, all the accoutrements necessary to consume it, and New York's unique role in American tea culture.

Sarah Wassberg Johnson is the education and programs manager at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. She has worked in museum education and interpretation since 2007 and has an MA in Public History from the University at Albany. In her spare time, she researches food history and loves hosting tea parties.

Tickets for the in-person program are \$6 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students and include light refreshments. To reserve your spot, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. Tickets to the virtual broadcast are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/lecture-spilling-the-tea>.

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Notice of formation of Resonance Interactive LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/14/2024. 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, 17 Arlington Road, Scarsdale NY, 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Studio Elise LLC filed with the SSNY on 04/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Lee & Mazie's LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 04/02/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : Lee & Mazie's LLC 1 Sherwood Terrace Apt 5D Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of KW Services NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/30/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 875 King Street Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Intentional Journey Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/24. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against PLLC to 1374 Midland Ave, Suite 410, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Northern Lights Massage Therapy PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 409 North Broadway Apt 38 Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of RR 207 Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/27/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 603 Warburton Ave, Ste 2, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing
The City of Yonkers

The Yonkers City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. on the 4th floor in the City Council Chambers in Yonkers City Hall for the purpose of hearing public comments on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$2MM projects: Project #4040CVPS66, Hoarders Assistance/Family Service Society of Yonkers; Peacemobile/YMCA of Yonkers; and Y-Zone/Westchester County Association. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the progress of the ongoing CDBG projects. Comments related to the effectiveness of administration of the CDBG projects will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The City Council Chambers is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Sunday Tinelle by calling 914 377-6619 or by email at sunday.tinelle@yonkersny.gov at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to her until Friday, June 28.

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A PROPOSED A RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE PORTION OF BABCOCK PLACE SITUATED BETWEEN THE TRAIN TRACKS AND WOODWORTH AVENUE AS "ARCHBISHOP GEORGE LEON HARRIS SQUARE"

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Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of the proposed legislation, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

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City Clerk

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Westchester County Raises Pride Flag Over Michaelian Office Building



The Progress Pride Flag was once again proudly raised over the Michaelian Office Building in White Plains in celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The Westchester County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and Westchester County Executive George Latimer raised the flag with the community cheering on at the 2024 LGBTQ+ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony.

The Progress Pride Flag has been a symbol of inclusivity and unity, flown on County property annually since 2019. This tradition reflects Westchester County's commitment to recognizing and celebrating the diversity of its community.

Latimer said: "Flying the Progress Pride Flag is a powerful symbol of a unified Westchester. Our County is dedicated to being inclusive of all communities, regardless of race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation. We encourage all residents and allies to join us in this important celebration as we honor and uplift our LGBTQ+ community."

The LOFT Chief Executive Officer Judy Troilo said: "Raising the Pride flag is more than a symbolic gesture; it's a powerful declaration of visibility and acceptance. It stands as a reminder that love is universal and that every individual deserves to be seen, respected, and celebrated. Pride month is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and a beacon of hope for a brighter, more inclusive future."

LGBTQ Advisory Board Member Bruno S Villazhinay Matute said: "Each year, Westchester County's Pride Flag Raising marks our enduring commitment to promoting equity and inclusivity for the LGBTQ community. This year, our advisory board is proud to honor the dedicated efforts of LGBTQ-affirming medical professionals. Their work in providing compassionate and equitable care is essential to the well-being and health of our community. By recognizing these professionals, we underscore the critical importance of health equity and the need for accessible, affirming healthcare for all members of the LGBTQ community."

The flag raising is part of WorldPride Month in June, a global celebration of LGBTQ+ pride and a continued effort to advance equality and acceptance for all.

Letter to the Editor:

AI- A MONSTER UNLEASHED

"When you invent a new system—do not establish it before you work in all the safety procedures."

This has been my credo ever since the "Tech Age" began-unfortunately, our "Tech Guru's" are so anxious to "get it going", that many times, when it comes to the safety rules-procrastination is the order of the day.

Cases in point,(1)-A news brief stated that a group of high school students, using AI, produced photos of their classmates "in the Buff."

(2)-Chinese Communists, using deep fake AI, can create human impersonation of people confessing, crying, begging, groveling, all the details appearing in a video so lifelike that even relatives will believe it.(3)-A news source, some time ago, made mention of the fact that AI in the future, will be able to obtain details of a person's bank account, by voice imitation, and the list doesn't end there!

The old saying "forewarned, is forearmed" should be the order of the day!

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Maria Regina High School Student from Yonkers Meets Pope Francis



Angelica Almanza with Pope Francis

Angelica Almanza, a senior at Maria Regina High School from Yonkers, was one of a select group of four from the U.S. who had the honor of meeting Pope Francis, when she recently participated in the Inaugural Scholas Summit of Meaning held at the Vatican. In addition to Angelica, the group comprised one other student from the Archdiocese of New York and a student and teacher from Los Angeles.

“Meeting Pope Francis at the Inaugural Scholas Summit of Meaning in Rome was a surreal and profoundly moving experience that filled me with immense gratitude,” said Angelica about her inspiring encounter with His Holiness, adding: “Connecting with students from around the world and receiving the Pope’s blessing is a cherished memory, filling me with deep appreciation and reminding me of the extraordinary blessings life holds.”

Three weeks ago, Angelica received the invitation in a letter from Maria Martha Barreneche, Executive Director of Scholas US. Barreneche wrote Angelica that the “summit represents a monumental stride in the pursuit of fostering greater understanding and enlightenment. It serves as the grand inauguration of the University of Meaning, a visionary initiative crafted by His Holiness through Scholas Occurrentes, his esteemed foundation.”

Barreneche added: “Your unwavering dedication to the principles espoused

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100+ “Jews for Jamaal” Rally With Rep. Bowman in Hastings



Photo by Lawrence Wang

On Sunday, June 2nd, over 100 Jewish New Yorkers gathered in Hastings-on-Hudson for bagels and coffee with Rep. Jamaal Bowman. After speaking with and rallying with the Congressman, the group embarked on a door-to-door canvass to talk to NY-16 voters about reelecting Rep. Bowman.

NY-16 constituent and Jews for Jamaal leader Howard Horowitz introduced Rep. Bowman, saying: “As Jews, we know that fighting antisemitism and building Jewish safety depend on mobilizing a broad cross-section of people to defend inclusive, multiracial, multifaith democracies and to hold governments to account for their mistreatment of citizens, migrants, and Indigenous peoples.

We cannot achieve real safety if we fail to acknowledge the interconnectedness of our struggles, if we let fear be weaponized or allow our own past traumas to silence resistance against the traumas of others. That is why it is so important we elect leaders who are committed to combating antisemitism without fanning the flames of racism and Islamophobia; leaders like Congressman Bowman.”

When it came time for him to speak, Rep. Bowman announced “I’m going to turn into Principal Bowman now...anyone who works in education knows what a restorative circle is.” He gathered the crowd of over 100 people into a giant circle, telling the group: “This is our restorative circle, and we are going to restore justice to the world! Our work is about ensuring that we take care of every single person, whether we know them or not, whether we agree with them or not. Making sure our children have clean water and food and healthcare should be our north star. Winning this election and beating back big money and MAGA and AIPAC is going to be a major step forward in accomplishing that.”

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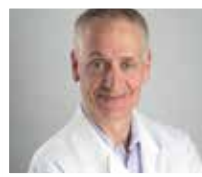
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: LATIMER FOR CONGRESS

Dear Editor,
BY: New Rochelle Democratic District Leader Manuel Cassanova

In a much-anticipated- and spirited televised debate for the NY- 16th Congressional seat between Mr. Bowman and Mr. Latimer, it became clear why Mr. Latimer is the right choice to represent us in Congress.

Throughout the debate, Mr. Latimer consistently showcased his long history of progressive results. We've always known Mr. Latimer to be a doer. He has brought tangible progress to people of all backgrounds in Westchester. Mr. Latimer has defended and protected women's reproductive rights and tackled the cost of living by investing more than any other suburban county in affordable housing. On gun control, we heard him talk about how he banned gun shows in Westchester, and we know he voted to pass a state assault weapon ban.

On immigration, Mr. Latimer demonstrated not just his policy knowledge but also his empathy. He expertly managed the arrival of new immigrants to Westchester. At the debate, he repeated his focus to streamline the asylum process, and issue migrant work authorizations.

Finally, Mr. Latimer again displayed moral clarity and why he has been an essential voice against antisemitic, anti-Israel hate speech, as well as Islamophobia and all forms of bigotry. He expressed again his strong support for President Biden's efforts to broker a pause in the fighting and bring the hostages home.

In Mr. Latimer, I see a beacon of hope for a new way to do politics in Washington because he knows how to do it and is passionate about it. His sincere commitment to making Congress work for all of us is evident and supported by his past actions. Mr. Latimer is determined to eliminate the divisive theatrics and unacceptable behavior plaguing today's politics. His campaign motto, 'Results, not Rhetoric,' is a testament to his focus on collaboration and progress, giving us reason to hope for a brighter future.

Sadly, we cannot say the same for Mr. Bowman. Instead of expanding his influence in Congress, he achieved the opposite. At the debate, it became clear again that his ideological standings override his capacity to compromise and bring incremental changes that yield progress. It also gave us an intimate view of why he failed to build broad coalitions in Congress. The lamentable fact is that Mr. Bowman cannot listen to those who think differently, so he is not listened to by others either.

Finally, Mr. Bowman's pulling the fire alarm, making the bogus one-billion-dollar claim, or accusing Mr. Latimer of being a Republican are just poor efforts to cover up his political shortcomings in Congress.

After watching this first debate, it is clear that George Latimer is the right person to represent us in Congress.

Manuel Cassanova is a New Rochelle Democratic District Leader.

Blood shortage, continued from pg 4-

your community by giving blood this summer season. Make your appointment today to ensure that the City has an adequate blood supply. Thirty minutes of your day will save lives."

The region currently only has a 2-day blood supply of types O- and B-, well below the optimal level of 5-7 days. Platelets and all other blood types are also in short supply. In addition to the rise in traumas, blood is needed daily for routine patient care. Nearly 120,000 New Yorkers are diagnosed with cancer each year and a quarter of the region's blood supply is used to treat cancer patients alone.

"We are putting out the call for help following a decrease in blood donations after Memorial Day weekend. While the summer months bring warm weather and joyful gatherings of family and friends, each year our hospitals receive an influx of trauma patients that need our help and require blood transfusions for treatment," said Andrea Cefarelli, Senior Vice President at New York Blood Center. "As we enter trauma season, we are asking New Yorkers to give back and make donating blood one of their regular summer activities."

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Letter: Did President Trump Get A Fair Trial?

Look at the Bill of Rights

Justice requires that judge and prosecutor follow the standard of law whether they like the person or not. A judge must put aside his personal enmities and be a neutral mediator between the prosecution and the defense, focusing on his duty to protect the rights of the defendant. The principle of lenity requires that the judge rule for the defendant where there is a dispute about the law

American defendants are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. This is the standard of God's law (which required at least two witnesses for a serious crime) and the standard of the American justice system. A prosecutor who runs a campaign on "get Trump" or anyone else violates that principle, which derives from Biblical principles and English Common Law.

The Fourth Amendment mandates that defendants have the right to call witnesses on their behalf—Judge Marchan refused to allow Trump's lawyers to call an expert witness on federal election law thereby suppressing exculpatory evidence,

The first amendment requires that government guarantee the right of freedom of speech. Read the Founders Constitution which shows that freedom of speech particularly protects the right to criticize the government. You have the right to complain about your prosecution, a traffic ticket, your taxes, how your tax money is spent, and about public officials giving themselves huge raises on your back. The only people the judge can put a gag order on are the jurors and court employees—and that only until the trial is over. (A defendant would have to literally call out people to come attack the courthouse or go to the houses of or harass the judge or jury or prosecutors in restaurants as Maxine Waters and Chuck Schumer did a few years ago to Republicans and Supreme Court Justices, for a gag order to be justified. If anyone should have been gagged, it should have been those who hyped the criminal connotation "hush money" implying that the porn star (who had already signed a written statement that there had been no affair) had seen Trump commit a crime. She didn't and he hadn't. A Non Disclosure agreement is a standard innocuous legal document; many of us in more wholesome occupations sign NDAs routinely.

It is a judge's duty to keep the jury as impartial as possible. If publicity is out of control, the routine remedy is usually a change of venue or a postponement of the case until media latches on to something else. Even terrorists who have killed many people can ask for a change of venue. O.J. Simpson was tried—in LA city, not the high tier community in which he and Nicole lived. (Dismissing the case is also an option when publicity is prejudicial against the defendant.)

Was Trump judged by a jury of his peers? The historical origin of peers would mean he would be judged by rich ex-Presidents. But based on what is available, let's look at the jury pool. Being tried by a DA whose campaign slogan was to "get Trump," should not only have invalidated Bragg for office but gotten him disbarred. The judge had a responsibility to require any prosecutor in his court protect the Constitutional rights of the defendant and be above reproach. The fact that Bragg got elected on an openly stated refusal to abide by our foundational legal principles reveals the intense bias of the jury pool and the need for a change of venue as well. Thanks to this case, rich businessmen are pulling businesses out of New York City or deciding that the legal system in New York is so poisoned that they will not bring their businesses here.

Let's look at the jury pool—90% of New York City is democrat and so far left that they voted for the second generation communist Di Blasio twice. Marchan further narrowed the possibility of a juror being sympathetic to Trump by holding court on Friday, thereby eliminating Orthodox Jews, who would be unable to attend. But a judge is supposed to be impartial and rule in favor of the defendant when there is doubt. You've made your case when you can prove to jurors inclined to be favorable to the defendant that he or she is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. (A change of venue to Long Island or Westchester County, still majority democrat but less hostile would have been appropriate and shown a good faith effort to draw a more balanced jury.)

The burden of proof is on the prosecution—whose two major witnesses were shown in court in this case to be lying. One was jailed for perjury in a previous situation, the other was adjudged by a court over a year ago to pay Trump over \$300,000 in legal fees because she lost when she sued him for defamation. She hasn't yet paid a cent and insists that she will continue to disobey the court order and spoke openly about hating him.

What was the crime? In violation of the Sixth Amendment, the charges were not given to the defense—or even really to the jury. Jury instructions essentially allowed the jury to "find a crime" without being unanimous on any particular charge or crime—which the law requires. Legally, you can write anything you want on your check notes—it's your check. The jury instructions were pure Stalinist Lavrenty Beria, "Show me the man and I will find you a crime" marxist lawfare. So Trump signed a personal check You could note "ransom" every time you pay your property, business, or income taxes. If you drive into Manhattan and pay congestion pricing by check, you might write "extortion." or something else that expressed what the cost was to you. If Trump wrote "thief lawyer and money-grubbing porno slut," he'd likely have been charged with defamation for calling them as they are. We have the right to note our checks in whatever way is meaningful to us—it is our property. How many of us have paid a parking ticket or traffic ticket that we knew was wrong because we didn't have the time to contest it and knew the fix was in? I usually write PVB robbery on it, but that's just me.

Amendment 6. "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

Speedy trial. The pretext for Trump's prosecution happened so long ago (and was declined prosecution at every level at the time) that the statute of limitations—limiting how long a prosecutor has to bring a case on a nonviolent crime—expired. What happens when something expires? It's over. Dead. No longer applicable. It is illegal to prosecute something when the law has run out. Would we prosecute someone because their great great grandmother helped a runaway slave and violated the Fugitive Slave Act? Or someone in New York who married a homosexual couple prior to July 24, 2011, or performed a third trimester abortion prior to 2019?

When the rule of law and the Bill of Rights is not adhered to by every judge and prosecutor, everyone and anyone can be prosecuted for virtually anything if some DA or AG does not like them or has a racial marxist agenda to get "rich white men" or "purple

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Westchester Pride Hosted by the Loft

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A Few Members of The Legendary House of Xclusive Lanvin

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

In a beautiful display of love, acceptance, and celebration, Westchester Pride took center stage on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024. Hosted by The LOFT: LGBTQ+ Community Center, this vibrant event illuminated downtown White Plains, New York, with a kaleidoscope of colors, music, and camaraderie.

The festivities commenced with the raising of the LGBTQ+ flag at 11:30 AM, accompanied by heartfelt remarks from esteemed figures such as Westchester County Executive George Latimer. Emcees Angel Elektra and Shay D’Pines infused the crowd with energy and warmth, setting the tone for a day filled with smiles, laughs, and happiness.

A highlight of the event was the Pride Pet Parade at 1:00 PM, where furry companions strutted their stuff alongside their proud owners, showcasing the inclusivity and diversity of the LGBTQ+ family. Meanwhile, at the ArtsWestchester Gallery on Mamaroneck Avenue, a captivating conversation unfolded with the Legendary House of Xclusive Lanvin. Titled “Westchester Roots | The Legendary House of Xclusive Lanvin: On and Off the Runway,” this engaging dialogue delved into the multifaceted impact of the Lanvin house, spanning realms from ballroom excellence to music, film, health advocacy, and LGBTQ+ youth services. It was a testament to the profound influence of LGBTQ+ communities in shaping culture and fostering inclusivity.

Adding an extra layer of glamour and talent to the festivities was none other than the sensational Peppermint, whose electrifying performance captivated the audience and served as a reminder of the boundless creativity and resilience within the LGBTQ+ community.

The unwavering support of sponsors such as TD Bank and the Leonard Litz LGBTQ Foundation underscored the significance of Westchester Pride as a beacon of unity and empowerment. Judy Troilo, CEO of The LOFT: LGBTQ+ Community Center, has once again ensured that Westchester Pride was a success.

For many, including myself, The LOFT holds a special place in our hearts. Having worked there as a program manager before embarking on my journey as a certified teacher in New York, I witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of this organization in uplifting and empowering LGBTQ+ individuals.

As the sun set on Westchester Pride, its radiant glow lingered as a reminder of the unwavering strength, resilience, and love that define the LGBTQ+ community. In a world where acceptance and equality are paramount, events like Westchester Pride serve as beacons of hope and inspiration, illuminating the path toward a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.

Congratulations to Cheryl Brannan, for two honors bestowed on her during Mercy University’s 2024 Commencement. Brannan was the Mercy University School of Business 89th Commencement Speaker, and was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science, from President Susan Parish and was hooded by Trustee Valerie Mason Cunningham.

“It was exciting to serve as the Commencement Speaker and receive an Honorary Doctorate from Mercy University, where I have been an alumni, former faculty member, and community partner for almost 20 years,” said Dr. Brannan, whose speech was entitled, Another Milestone: Striving to Live Your Best Life!

She shared two pieces of advice that she calls Golden Nuggets that have served her well during her life and career journey. They were to Expand your worldview and Bet on Yourself!

During her introduction, President Parish said “Cheryl Lynn Brannan, a life-long resident of Yonkers, has been a dynamic leader who has excelled in the civic, political, corporate, academic, and international arenas for over 30 years, claiming “On the Move” as her mantra.

“As someone who values education and lifelong learning, she is a proud Mercy alumna having earned a master’s degree in organizational leadership in 2002 and later joined the faculty at the School of Business. She climbed the corporate ladder at Xerox while establishing the Xerox Black Women’s Caucus Group, making significant contributions to diversity and leadership in the corporate sector.

“As founder of Sister to Sister International, Cheryl led efforts to support the health, education, and empowerment of Black and Brown women and girls, and spearheaded the creation of the first STEAM summer camp for girls of color in the Lower Hudson Valley. She has been integral in highlighting the significant disparities in Black maternal health in Westchester County, and creating a Westchester Black Maternal Child Center of Excellence to improve those outcomes.

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haired women“ or some other group they do not like. That is tyranny and any judge or prosecutor with that motive must be removed and possibly prosecuted and disbarred.

The Constitution and the Bill of Rights were written to protect OUR rights and restrain government, specifying some of the many things government MAY NOT do. Most Americans have been talked out of understanding how public officials at all levels must protect our rights. We have allowed political creatures to foster their own agenda when they should be constantly fighting for the rights of the individual, which are given to us by God and governments are formed to protect. We have allowed government to run wild and must demand and restore the mindset of defending individual rights and watchdogging government until we have public officials at all levels who truly live their lives doing so.

Did President Trump “get what he deserved?” He deserved, as we all do, an impartial jury of his peers, a judge whose commitment and sole focus was to protecting our (including his) rights as American citizens and a media that actually understood and communicated our foundational rights.

To learn more about our rights, read Essential Information For Understanding Why Trump’s Appeal Will Succeed By Ted Noel in American Thinker, June 3, 2024 and Get Trump: The Threat to Civil Liberties, Due Process and Our Constitutional Rule of Law, by Alan Dershowitz., visit www.ashbrook.org, To learn more about justice and judgment and wisdom, study the book of Proverbs. It was written for that purpose.

Judith N, Yonkers

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“As is the case for many other Jews, the conversations in my household about this election have often centered around issues that do not take place in NY-16 at all, but are happening thousands of miles overseas. And while I care very deeply about the tragedies unfolding in the Middle East, there are also issues right here at home that make Jamaal’s voice so important in Congress,” said Jon Mermelstein, a Scarsdale resident and NYC public school teacher. “This is a deeply unequal district. I grew up around multiple kids of billionaires, while families nearby struggle to pay rent or afford the basic cost of living in New York. We all see the underlying issues of housing, healthcare, underfunded social services, mass incarceration, gun violence, and the consequences of environmental racism being compounded by an affordability crisis that Democratic party leadership has had no answer for. But Rep. Bowman has answers, whether it’s the Green New Deal for Schools, advocacy for single payer healthcare, or tackling gun violence.”

Rep. Jamaal Bowman has been a champion of the issues so many Jewish New Yorkers care about. He is a proud co-sponsor of the Green New Deal, an advocate for public education, an ally in fighting antisemitism and hate, and an outspoken voice for a permanent ceasefire and full hostage exchange in Gaza. While Republican mega-donors pour millions into his race in an effort to smear and unseat Rep. Bowman, our diverse coalition of Jews for Jamaal is mobilizing to re-elect this truly progressive candidate who shares our values, and vision for a future with freedom for all.

Jews for Jamaal is a diverse coalition of New York Jews from Westchester and NYC who are organizing to re-elect Congressman Bowman.

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Early Voting Starts in Westchester June 15 at 25 Locations

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Democratic voters in Westchester will be able to cast their vote in upcoming Democratic primaries for Congress, District Attorney and Assembly, starting on June 15.

Voters in the 16th Congressional District, which includes mid-lower Westchester, can vote for incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman and Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

Democrats throughout Westchester can cast a vote for District Attorney between Susan Cacace, William Wagstaff and Adeel Mirza.

And Greenburgh Democrats can vote in the Assembly primary in the 92nd District, between Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky and former Assemblyman Tom Abinanti.

Democrats can vote at any one of the following early voting locations starting on June 15 and through June 23. You can also cast your vote on Primary day, June 25.

Croton Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520
Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709

Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

St. Gregory The Great Church, 215 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Mt. Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595

Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Rye Brook Firehouse, 940 King Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573
Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589

Jefferson Village Annex, 3500 Hill Boulevard, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Doles Center, 250 S. 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550

New Rochelle City Hall Annex – 90 Beaufort Place, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801

New Rochelle United Methodist Church, 1200 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804

Peekskill Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
Peekskill Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566

Rye City- Resurrection- Early Childhood Education Center, 88 Milton Road, Rye, NY 10580

Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601

Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701

Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Days and Hours as follows:

Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Monday, June 17, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 20, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Friday, June 21, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Rep. Bowman, who is running in a close democratic primary contest with Westchester County Executive George Latimer, sought the DSA's endorsement after falling out with the far-left group two years ago. DSA-NYC endorsed Bowman in 2020 but did not endorse him in 2022.

“Rep. Jamaal Bowman has formally applied for a last-minute endorsement from the New York City chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America as he attempts to fend off a formidable primary challenge from Westchester County Executive George Latimer,” wrote City and State.

After Bowman's DSA endorsement was announced, Latimer Tweeted “After desperately begging for support from a group that wants to pull the US out of NATO; end sanctions against Russia, North Korea, and Iran; wipe Israel off the map; stonewall President Biden's agenda; and legalize fentanyl, my opponent was endorsed by DSA.”

DSA groups across the country called for a vote of no confidence on President Biden during the democratic primaries by having democrats vote uncommitted when they cast a ballot.

In addition to opposing many of President Biden's initiatives, the other big DSA issue for many Westchester democrats is its stance against Israel. DMFI PAC Chairman Mark Mellman said, “Today's DSA is an extremist group that wants the destruction of Israel and the U.S. out of NATO — which it wrongly blames for Russia's invasion of Ukraine. So, it's no surprise that Jamaal Bowman begged for and got their endorsement. Instead of working with Democrats, Bowman votes against Democratic priorities like the infrastructure law and makes common cause with groups whose stated goal is the destruction of our party.”

Bowman's visit to Israel in 2021, and his yea vote to fund the Israeli defense system called the Iron Dome, drew the anger of DSA. But Bowman and DSA have rejoined their alliance after the October 7 attacks on Israel by Hamas and the subsequent war in Gaza.

Days after the October 7 attacks, DSA-NYC was criticized for promoting a pro-Palestinian rally in Times Square that include swastikas. And in a recent News 12 debate, when asked whether the phrase “From the river to the sea,” was hateful, Bowman said No, and Latimer said that the phrase is antisemitic.”

Bowman has also had to walk back several comments about Israel, including his claim that the rapes and child murders by Hamas were a “lie.”

The Latimer campaign pointed out that “DSA is actively working to undermine President Biden, which could result in our democracy falling into the hands of Trump and MAGA Republicans in November. In addition, the DSA has taken many dangerous positions far outside the mainstream of Democratic voters. Does Bowman, like DSA, believe Israel has no right to exist and should be wiped off the map?”

DSA-NYC also endorsed Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, (AOC) for reelection. AOC recently attended a fund raiser for Bowman in Yonkers.

Bowman's opponent in an upcoming June 25 democratic primary for Congress in NY-16 is Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who received an endorsement from former Westchester Congressman Mondaire Jones.

“I am immensely proud to receive the support of Mondaire Jones, an honest and thoughtful legislator who I had the pleasure to work with during his tenure as an attorney for Westchester County. Mondaire has a record of delivering for the Lower Hudson Valley and has always stood up for communities in need – he talks the talk, and walks the walk,” said NY-16 Congressional Candidate George Latimer. “I look forward to working with Mondaire in Washington to continue delivering real results for everyone and provide NY-16 with the leadership it deserves.”

Jones, who is running for his old seat in Congress this year in NY-17, which includes mid-northern Westchester, said, “I am thrilled to endorse my friend and Westchester County Executive George Latimer for Congress. George is the clear choice to represent NY-16. George believes in lifting up all communities, and he has a track record to prove it. George also has the experience needed to be a unifying Democratic voice in Washington, where he will work with leaders across the country to deliver real results, including: keeping our communities safe from gun violence, protecting reproductive freedoms, investing in infrastructure, combating climate change, standing strong with our ally Israel, and safeguarding our democracy,” said former NY-17 Congressman and presumptive Democratic nominee for NY-17 Mondaire Jones. “In a moment when we are in desperate need of a leader with real solutions, bold ideas, and a history of delivering for New Yorkers, George is the ideal candidate who will reinforce the district's Democratic values and be a party unifier, not a divider.”

Jones further commented, “I want to be clear: I am making this endorsement to stand up for my Jewish constituents because Rep. Bowman and I have very different views on Israel. I have been horrified by his recent acceptance of the DSA endorsement, his denial of the sexual assault of Israeli women by Hamas on October 7, and his embrace of Norman Finkelstein, a well-known antisemite. I know George Latimer will be a unifying force for our party, and I look forward to working with him in Washington to get things done on behalf of New Yorkers.”

“There is nothing progressive about rushing to call for a cease-fire in the days following Oct. 7 before Israel could even begin to defend itself. There is nothing progressive about getting endorsed by the D.S.A., which in the days following Oct. 7 amplified a pro-Hamas rally in New York City.”

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MAYOR MIKE SPANO UNVEILS RENOVATED**SCULPTURE GARDEN ON WATERFRONT**

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined renowned sculptor Barbara Segal to unveil the newly restored public artwork in the Yonkers Sculpture Meadow on the Hudson.

The permanent sculpture park, located at 20 Water Grant Street, overlooks the Hudson River and was installed in 2003.

“These sculptures have become a staple along our waterfront, part of its evolving history in our City,” said Mayor Spano. “They connect people and that’s what public art is all about. We want to preserve what we are building here along the waterfront.”

Segal oversaw the repair and restoration of the artwork within the Sculpture Meadow and is the creator of the Cloud Living Room, a sculpture located within the Sculpture Meadow.

Sculptor Barbara Segal said: “Thank you Mayor Mike Spano for your unwavering support of the arts in Yonkers and for restoring the sculpture park to its full glory in front of the majestic Hudson River. It’s wonderful to see it flourish once again for all to enjoy.”

Sustaining wear and tear over the years, the Yonkers Community Development Agency funded the restoration that continues to add to Yonkers’ growing urban art scene.

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director and stenographer, supplies, postage and incidentals.

Friday, June 14th

June 14, 1923: Henrietta Livermore of Yonkers won a major victory when her resolutions calling for the Republican State Executive Committee to provide equal representation for women passed “without question” at their annual meeting. Livermore resigned as Chairman of the State Women’s Executive Committee, anticipating her election to the new position of Vice-Chairman of the State Committee.

June 14, 1954: During an air raid drill called “Operation Alert,” Refined Syrups & Sugars staff added a casualty drill at the Yonkers Refinery. Stretcher bearers carried a “casualty” to the company’s medical bureau for “further treatment. One of the first aid techniques employed was administering Dextran, a blood plasma extender made by the Yonkers company.

Saturday, June 15th

June 15, 1776: Frederick Philipse was summoned to appear before the Committee for the Hearing and Trying of Disaffected Persons to determine if he should be considered a friend to the American cause.

June 15, 1871: The Hudson River Railroad Company announced they would erect an iron building, to be put on the Locust Street grounds. The entrance to the trains will only be through the depot building as the track would be fenced in, with gates at Ashburton Avenue and Locust Street.

June 15, 1943: The Yonkers Women’s Army Corps recruiting campaign was kicked off with a bang! An Army trailer filled with WACs arrived in Getty Square; the women not only gave information and answered questions, they interviewed women, enlisting them on the spot.

Sunday, June 16th

June 16, 1920: Supreme Court Justice Seeger authorized the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht club to sell its property to James A. O’Connell for \$7,500. Apparently, membership of the Club decreased so much it was impossible for those remaining to properly maintain the house on the property, which stood on land under water north of Arthur Street. O’Connell allegedly represented the New York Yacht Club.

June 16, 1921: Henrietta Livermore, NYS Republican leader, convinced US Attorney William Hayward and the Attorney General to hire Attorney Mary Ruttor Towle of the law firm Rembaugh Towle as an Assistant US Attorney, the first woman in first woman Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of NY.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

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by Scholas USA and your exemplary contributions to its noble cause have not gone unnoticed. Therefore, it is with utmost reverence that we cordially invite you to apply for this esteemed opportunity to represent Scholas USA on the international stage.”

As a devoted Catholic who has always “admired the Pope’s humility, compassion, and dedication to social justice.”

Since her junior year, Angelica has been actively involved with Scholas, an organization founded by Pope Francis that encourages students from all backgrounds to come together and discuss meaningful topics and service projects. In addition, the renowned all-girls Catholic Maria Regina has been one of Scholas’s New York pilot schools.

The experience has made an impact on Angelica. She noted: “Scholas not only taught me about changing the world, but they also empowered me to become an agent of change. Their commitment to education, empathy, and action inspires me today. I am grateful for the invaluable lessons and opportunities they provided, and I am determined to use my knowledge and skills to contribute to a better, more compassionate world.”

Angelica graduated with honors on May 31 during Maria Regina’s annual Commencement exercises for the Class of ‘24. She will continue her education at University of Connecticut studying Animal Science on a Pre-Veterinary Track.



2024 Cultural Heritage Celebrations

POLISH - Sunday, May 19 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	IRISH - Sunday, July 14 Noon - 6 p.m. Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale (Admission: \$5 adults; free children 14 and under)
ASIAN-AMERICAN - Saturday, June 1 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	ITALIAN - Sunday, July 21 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
ALBANIAN - Sunday, June 2 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	HERITAGE OF INDIA - Sunday, August 4 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
AFRICAN-AMERICAN - Sunday, June 23 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	JEWISH - Sunday, August 18 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla
HISPANIC - Sunday, July 7 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla	MUSLIM HERITAGE - Sunday, August 25 Noon - 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

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According to folks from the local neighborhood association, he has never gone to one of their meetings. You want to be a good neighbor you introduce yourself To your neighbors. Early on he requested Yonkers Police presence. In the times I have passed I have never seen a marked police car in front of his house. If the neighborhood is safe for me and my neighbors, it certainly is for the current Congressman. I have friends who tell me I am joking when I tell them his supposed street address. Maybe he is hiding? Maybe he is too scared to come out of his house. Kudos to Mayor Mike Spano if he refused to provide city police protection. The Mayor told me the current Congressman refused to shake his hand. Congressman how old are we, 2?

With reference to the current Congressman, You should know:

In 4 years he has not passed a single bill!

\$20 Billion was delivered by President Biden and Democrats to New York to fix roads and bridges and make sure our drinking water was clean. He voted against it.

His vote against the infrastructure bill was a vote against good paying jobs and internships for people who live in his district.

Lives could have been lost when he pulled the fire alarm to stop a bill from getting voted on, a bill that would have kept the government open.

He spread conspiracy theories about 9/11 on this blog.

He has praised cop killers to his students at a New York Middle School while serving as the school Principal calling the cop killers ‘tremendous, tremendous figures.’

He opposed President Biden’s plan to protect Social Security and Medicare by voting against the debt limit deal.

He claims he delivered a billion dollars for our schools, gun violence and new housing. No one can find it!

His opponent, George Latimer was endorsed by a former colleague of the current Congressman because of the Congressman’s criticism of Israel.

He was endorsed by the Democratic Socialists, known for their anti-Israel views.

Bowman aligned with “The Squad,” the five congresswomen known for their critical views on Israel.

He has vocally opposed Israel’s military campaign against Hamas, said that the Oct. 7 attack “did not occur in a vacuum” and accused Israel of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

I could go on and on.

The reason why you see the current Congressman on the news so much? One of his handlers is related to an NBC Universal Executive. Not because he has anything brilliant to say.

Now it is time for each of us to get out our phone books, Rolodexes, organization lists, neighbor association lists and contact our friends, relatives, associates and everyone we know who lives in NY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16 and tell them that we need a Congressman who represents US. I believe that person is WESTCHESTER County Executive GEORGE LATIMER!

Part 2 Next week: Why should you support George Latimer for Congress.

Editor’s Note: CONGRATULATIONS MY FRIENDS. AS WE GO TO PRESS WE HEAR THAT YOUR PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE PUT A STOP TO THE CONGESTION PRICING SCHEME that was to go into effect at the end of this month!

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YPIE College Advisor Honored with Siragusa Award



Rosanne Aresty

By Dan Murphy

The Westchester County Youth Board recently presented the 2024 Rosemarie Siragusa Award to three dedicated advocates for youth who have helped to improve the lives of children, youth and families in Westchester County. One of those recognized was Rosanne Aresty.

Rosanne Aresty has been working in college access since 2016 in various capacities. Since 2018, she has worked/volunteered with Yonkers Partnership in Education (YPIE) as a college advisor and coach. YPIE works with students to ensure they are ready for, enroll in, and complete college. Ms. Aresty has grown from working with one student to now serving a whole school as a de facto college counselor and coaching other volunteers. Her knowledge of the college access process and her willingness to devote significant time volunteering resulted in her being assigned her own caseload of high school juniors each spring.

She has been an in-house college advisor at the Charter School of Education (CSEE) in Yonkers. She is responsible for shepherding her students through the entire college process, including the application process, providing students and families an overview of the process, developing their college lists, scholarships and financial aid information, and much more. Her volunteer work focuses on first-generation, economically challenged students from underrepresented minorities.

Ms. Aresty is a graduate student pursuing a Master's Degree in School Counseling from CUNY Lehman College School of Education, Class of 2025. Ms. Aresty, her husband, and three daughters have been long-time Mamaroneck residents.

The Rosemarie Siragusa Award is given in memory of Rosemarie Siragusa, the founder and first chairperson of the Westchester County Youth Board. Ms. Siragusa, who dedicated her life to helping children, served on the PTA at the local, county and state levels until she became the President of the Yonkers Council of PTAs. Desiring to serve in a greater capacity, she became a trustee and an officer of the Yonkers Board of Education.

League of Women Voters of New York State Files

Proposed Amicus Brief in NYS ERA Ballot Proposal Case

League says Constitutional Amendment approved by the Legislature should remain on the ballot in November.

The League of Women Voters of New York State filed a proposed amicus brief with the Appellate Division, Fourth Department in the case *Byrnes v. Senate of the State of N.Y.* concerning the Livingston County Supreme Court's Decision and Order throwing the NYS ERA Constitutional Amendment ballot proposal off the ballot in November.

Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director of the League, stated: "The court's decision is creating confusion among both voters and the organizations that seek to educate voters. The people are entitled to see this measure on the ballot. As constitutionally required, the matter has passed twice through both chambers of the New York State legislature."

Bierman continued, "This untimely action may cause voters to distrust the process, to distrust information relating to the ERA provided in the past, and to distrust voters' abilities to rely on the accuracy of information provided by voting rights organizations in the future."

The League respectfully submits that the Livingston County Supreme Court's Order was erroneous and will have significant, immeasurable, and detrimental impacts on the community's interest in securing equal rights for all New Yorkers. The proposed amicus brief will assist the Court in evaluating the significant and immeasurable prejudice to voters, who are confused as to the existing ballot measure's status.

See amicus brief at: <https://rb.gy/sisj0u>

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nesses."

Currently, there are over a dozen self-storage facilities in Yonkers. The proposed eight-month moratorium would provide the City time to delve into its zoning laws and land-use strategies to ensure they continue to align with the City's economic objectives and community needs. While these facilities contribute to property tax revenues, they do not contribute to the City's income tax revenues and their sales tax revenues are minimal.

Mayor Spano added, "We know there is a need for them, but there is a proliferation of self-storage buildings within our city limits and this moratorium prevents Yonkers from becoming the storage facility capital of Westchester County. It gives us a chance to breathe and examine where these facilities are going and how it will impact our local economy."

Additionally, a moratorium on battery energy storage systems (BESS), or lithium-ion battery storage facilities, is proposed for a six-month period. Concerns on how these facilities may impact surrounding properties, neighborhoods, environment and public health/safety requires City staff to conduct a thorough study, which is in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. Lithium-ion batteries contain flammable electrolytes, which can create unique hazards when the battery cell becomes compromised and enters thermal runaway. There are no BESS facilities currently located in the City of Yonkers.

"We need this moratorium on lithium-ion battery facilities to give us more time to determine their environmental impact," commented Mayor Spano. "We've meticulously worked to put measures in place that guarantee smart and efficient development. It would be irresponsible to move forward with approvals of these type of facilities without conducting the necessary research to ensure the safety of their neighbors."

"I am hopeful the City Council considers these very important measures before they recess for summer," added Mayor Spano.

A public hearing is required prior to the passage of the proposed General Ordinances. Yonkers City Council's last State Meeting before the summer is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 at Yonkers City Hall.

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CITY OF YONKERS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE:

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the launch of the City’s new redesigned municipal website, available at www.yonkersny.gov. In collaboration with the City’s Department of Information Technology and website provider CivicPlus, www.yonkersny.gov features integrated technology solutions exclusively created for local governments that are more user-friendly, accessible and mobile-responsive.

“With this newly designed website, we will better communicate and engage with residents, businesses and visitors,” said Mayor Spano. “More importantly, this site serves as an extension to our departments, improving administrative efficiencies and transparency through its set of robust features, a well-designed layout and functionality.”

The improved www.yonkersny.gov website features easy access to:

- Mobile devices/apps
- Online bill pay
- FOIL requests
- Job postings
- Apply for licenses and permits; information on passport applications
- Community event/board meeting calendars
- Resource directory
- Sign-up for alert notifications & weekly newsletters
- Latest Yonkers news
- ADA compliance

“In deciding to upgrade the City website, it was important to focus on how it would work with mobile devices,” said Bob Cacace, Commissioner, Yonkers Department of Information Technology. “We know that residents rely more and more on their phones as communication tools and the upgraded website is built to better facilitate mobile devices and evolving technology.”

“CivicPlus is built on designing innovative solutions for local governments,” said Jennifer Elliott, CivicPlus Director of Product Marketing. “We continually invest in our products to strengthen and transform the way local governments work and communicate with their residents and are proud to partner with the City of Yonkers to help them accomplish their goals.”

With over 7,500 local government customers, the CivicPlus Civic Experience platform contains integrated and comprehensive multi-product suite capabilities, that connect municipal employees and elected officials with the residents they represent and serve.

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“With hate crimes and incidents on the rise, it’s important that representatives from marginalized communities have a seat at the table so that their voices are heard,” said Cacace. “I have known and respected Michael for more than a decade. He is a dedicated advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and will make sure that their voices are heard.”

“It’s important that Westchester County is a place where everyone feels safe and respected,” said Sabatino. “Serving on this Advisory Board would be an opportunity to make a difference in the fight against hate and ensure that our justice system responds to the needs and concerns of those in the LGBTQ+ community.”

Sabatino is a former member of the Yonkers City Council who was the city’s first openly gay elected official. He currently works for the city of Yonkers, where he resides with his husband. Cacace is a former prosecutor and County Court Judge who oversaw sex crimes cases for 14 years before stepping down to run for DA.

Make Music Day Returns to Yonkers June 21

On June 21, the longest day of the year, Make Music Day returns to Yonkers with a day full of musical activities for Yonkersites to enjoy. All events are free and open to the public, and designed to have everyone making music together throughout the day. Anchoring the Fourth Annual Make Music Yonkers (MMY), Yonkers Public Library (YPL) will offer a range of events at its three branches including musical performances, lessons, giveaways, and more. This year, the event has expanded well beyond the library, featuring partners around the city including Ridge Hill and Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID.

“Music is part of Yonkers’ past, present, and future,” said Mayor Mike Spano, “What better way to celebrate our city, than by joining together to make music!” The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library (FYPL) is again sponsoring the event. “The joy of this event is getting everyone to make music,” said Nancy Maron, president of the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library.

“YPL is dedicated to supporting the city’s thriving arts and culture scene, and hosting fun and free musical performances is a great way to do so. We’re excited to offer events at all three locations this year.” said Jesse Montero, Yonkers Library Director. Beyond the programmed events, people of all ages and levels of music ability are encouraged to go outside and make music of their own, whether from their front lawns or at local venues. To see the full event listing, visit: <https://www.makemusicday.org/yonkers/listings/>

Westchester Superintendent Charged With Theft of \$12k in Gift Cards: Was it Worth It?

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced that the former superintendent of schools and a former security system specialist of the Greenburgh-Graham Union Free School District were arrested on corruption charges for allegedly stealing school district funds earmarked for students and spending them on personal and luxury expenses between 2018 and 2022.

DA Rocah said: “This alleged act of public corruption by those responsible for the care of students in need betrayed the trust of the entire school district community. We applaud the Office of the New York State Comptroller for their exhaustive investigation and bringing this case to our Office.”

Comptroller DiNapoli said: “Levy and Kumar were entrusted with money meant to enrich the lives of students with disabilities; instead, they allegedly enriched their own lives by spending the money on lavish gifts for themselves. Thanks to my partnership with District Attorney Rocah they will now be held accountable for their actions.”

The defendants, Oliver Levy, 55, of Stony Point in Rockland County, and Surendra Kumar, 47, of Yonkers, were arrested today by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and arraigned on felony charges of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree as a Crime of Public Corruption and Corrupting the Government in the Third Degree in the Town of Greenburgh Justice Court before Judge Erin McGoey. Their next court date is June 26 in Hastings-on-Hudson Village Court.

As alleged in the felony complaint, Levy and Kumar aided, abetted and acted in concert with each other in a scheme where Levy approved Kumar’s purchase of 168 gift cards between July 18 and May 2022. Both defendants allegedly used more than \$12,000 of the gift cards for personal expenses, including jewelry, luxury handbags, private school fees for relatives, and veterinary services.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of the New York State Comptroller and the Economic Crimes Unit and Public Integrity Unit of the DA’s Office Criminal Investigators Squad.

The case is being prosecuted by Public Integrity and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau Assistant District Attorney Sheila Horgan of the Trials and Investigations Division.

The charges against the defendants are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB. NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5,
 -against-
 MILES MYERS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, ET AL.
 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on March 01, 2024, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB. NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5 is the Plaintiff and MILES MYERS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOBBY, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on June 26, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 263 LOCUST AVENUE, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567; and the following tax map identification, 23.11-3-5.

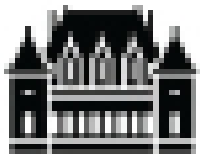
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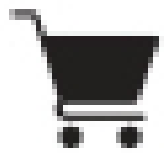
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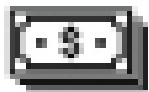
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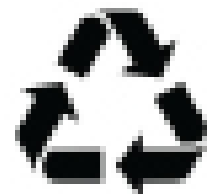


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