

Yorktown and Ardsley High School Students Named Regeneron Science Finalists



Congratulations to Jashvi Desai, left Yorktown High School, and Khushi Karthikeyan, Ardsley High School

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Jashvi Desai, from Yorktown High School, and Khushi Karthikeyan, from Ardsley High School, for being named among the top 40 finalists in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2026, America's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors.

Jashvi Desai studied brain scans of people with long COVID and found that they had smaller memory-related brain regions. They also had thicker outer layers in other brain areas. Understanding how long COVID affects the brain could lead to better treatments. Jashvi is active in the Yorktown community. She is part of the Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps and a junior coach for the summer swim team.

Khushi Karthikeyan tested whether huge, old, metal-poor stars could be an early stage of a black hole. They tested their hypothesis with a series of simulation experiments. Her work sheds light on the mysterious life cycles of black holes. Khushi picked up playing the guitar to fulfill an art credit last year and still plays for fun. She also enjoys Dungeons & Dragons and studying dead languages.

Both finalists from Westchester, and each finalist will receive \$25,000.

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Live Reading of Nobody's Girl, Virginia Giuffre Jan. 29-Bedford Playhouse-Benefit LifeWay Network



In honor of National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, LifeWay Network is hosting a live reading and discussion of *Nobody's Girl*, written by Virginia Roberts Giuffre, one of the most outspoken survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

This meaningful evening offers a way to show up for survivors through education, conversation and direct support for survivor services. Guests will learn more about the realities of trafficking — including trafficking in our community — and join a discussion grounded in awareness and action.

The event will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Bedford Playhouse, located at 633 Old Post Road in Bedford.

Event Schedule

5:30-7:30 p.m. — Live reading, cocktails, appetizers

7:30-9:30 p.m. — VIP after-party including dinner at the Old oHHo Firehouse (a short walk from the Bedford Playhouse)

LifeWay Network Executive Director Ali Boak will moderate the program, with Assemblymember Chris Burdick delivering opening remarks. Tara Rosenblum, senior investigative reporter at News 12, and Kiki Jimenez, a survivor and advisory board member for the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force, will read excerpts from *Nobody's Girl* and join the discussion.

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Betting Markets Say Cait Conley Will Beat Mike Lawler in November



Cait Conley

Mike Lawler

By Dan Murphy

The Cook report recently changed its rating for the Westchester race for Congress in NY-17, currently held by Rep. Mike Lawler. Cook Political Report just shifted New York's 17th District in Democrats' direction from "Lean Republican" to "Toss-Up," adding "Lawler represents a tougher district than almost any of his Republican colleagues."

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Judge Gives Extra 3 Years to Peekskill Painter for Rape of 11 Year Old Girl



Judge Robert Prisco, left, gave defendant Anselmo Pena, 20 years after he refused to admit his guilt in the rape of an 11-year old girl

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a painter-for-hire was given an enhanced sentence of 20 years in state prison for raping an 11-year-old girl after he denied responsibility for the rape in an interview with the Department of Probation.

Anselmo Yambay Pena, 61, of Peekskill, had previously been promised a sentence of 17 years in state prison in

exchange for pleading guilty to Rape in the First Degree, a class B violent felony, and admitting to his criminal conduct. However, Pena's denial of his culpability led Judge Robert Prisco on Friday to impose an enhanced sentence of 20 years in prison, followed by 20 years of post-release supervision. Pena will also have to register as a sex offender.

DA Cacace said: "The defendant's refusal to accept responsibility for his grievous crimes only compounds the harms he committed and retraumatizes the victim in this case. Those who abuse defenseless children must be given penalties severe enough to deter future misconduct, and I thank Judge Prisco for taking the seriousness of the defendant's denials into account when imposing the enhanced sentence."

On Feb. 15, 2024, the defendant was hired to paint apartments at a residential building in Peekskill. In one apartment belonging to the victim's family, the defendant raped the victim, who was then 11 years old.

The investigation was conducted by the Peekskill Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Baehr of the Child and Elder Abuse Bureau.

DiNapoli: School District Tax Cap Levy Remains at 2%

Property tax levy growth for New York's school districts and 10 cities will remain capped at 2% for the fifth year in a row, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments (excluding New York City) and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions. The law includes provisions that allow school districts and municipalities to override the cap. DiNapoli's office calculated the inflation factor at 2.63% for those with a June 30, 2027, fiscal year end.

"For the fifth consecutive year, the property tax levy for school districts and 10 cities will be capped at 2%," DiNapoli said. "School district and municipal officials must continue to find ways to deliver services efficiently as they deal with higher costs and the potential impact of federal actions."

The 2% allowable levy growth affects the tax cap calculations for 675 school districts and 10 cities with fiscal years starting July 1, 2026, including the "Big Four" cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers, as well as Amsterdam, Auburn, Corning, Long Beach, Watertown, and White Plains.

County Legislator James Nolan Announces Reelection Campaign for Westchester County Board: Democrats Pick Anthony Nicodemo as Opponent



County Legislator James Nolan, center, with member of Teamster Local 456 and President Lou Picani

County Legislator James Nolan announced this month that he is seeking reelection to the County Board of Legislators. “I am proud to announce my campaign for re-election as Westchester County Legislator for District 15—a decision I was honored to share at last night’s Teamsters Local 456 meeting. As a proud member of Teamsters Local 456, I was especially pleased to share this announcement with my fellow union members. Proud to also announce that I have received the Teamsters endorsement as well!

“Serving our community has been the honor of a lifetime. During my term, I have stood up for working families, public safety, and taxpayers—pushing back against reckless spending, one-party rule, and policies that make Westchester less affordable and less safe.

“As the only Republican on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, I have been a strong, independent voice focused on results, not politics—working across the aisle when it benefits our communities and never backing down from defending my constituents, union jobs, law enforcement, and our neighborhoods.

“There is more work to do. I am ready to continue fighting for the residents of Yonkers, Bronxville, and Eastchester, and to work to make Westchester strong,

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Yonkers Woman Arrested for Felony Animal Cruelty; Left Dog Abandoned with Slit Neck



SPCA Westchester’s Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro, and in a joint investigation with Detective Shaina Jacobs of the Yonkers Police Department Detective Division, arrested Anita Martin, 60, of Yonkers, NY, and charged her with felony aggravated animal cruelty and abandonment.

Last week, authorities shared a video and photo of an unidentified person of interest walking an injured dog back in November of 2025. Shortly after surveillance filmed them together, the dog, now named Frankie, was abandoned near Oakland Cemetery with a severe and life-threatening cut to his throat and neck. Thanks to local news coverage, a tip was

received leading to the identification of Frankie’s owner, Anita Martin.

“We are very grateful that Frankie’s case was shared by the media so that the person responsible for this blatant act of cruelty could be quickly located and arrested,” says Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Westchester’s Chief Executive Officer. “Fortunately, Frankie is healing well and will be placed up for adoption shortly at the SPCA’s Rescue Center in Briarcliff Manor.”

“Animal cruelty will not be tolerated here in Yonkers,” says Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. “This arrest reflects the strong partnership between our department and SPCA Westchester’s Humane Law Enforcement Unit, working together with our community to protect those who cannot protect themselves.”

“As a dog owner and animal lover, I find these cases to be especially heartbreaking. It never ceases to amaze me the depths of depravity some people fall to when it comes to abusing our four-legged friends,” says DA Susan Cacace. “I am thankful for the great work of the SPCA and the Yonkers Police Department on this investigation and will be honored to fulfill our duty as prosecutors to bring this case to justice.”

Anita Martin is scheduled to appear in Yonkers Criminal Court on February 9th.

The photo of the dog’s slit neck is too graphic for us to print

Crestwood Gets State Grant for Flooding Relief

“Troublesome Brook along Scarsdale Road and Manhattan Avenue crossings has lived up to its name for far too long. With more than \$6.6 million in State funding, Yonkers will tackle chronic flooding through critical culvert replacements and streambank stabilization, protecting homes, streets, and our community for the long term. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul and our State delegation for this important investment in clean water, climate resilience, and the long-term protection of our community,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

Governor Kathy Hochul made the announcement. RWG awards include two projects in Yonkers, where an announcement was made with State and local partners. The City of Yonkers will receive two grants totaling more than \$6.66 million for culvert replacement and streambank stabilization along Troublesome Brook near the Scarsdale Road and Manhattan Avenue crossings.

Councilman Mike Breen, who lives in the flood zone, said, “After years of advocating for the necessary funding to address the ongoing flooding at Troublesome Brook, I’m grateful that New York State has recognized just how serious this issue is and why it needed to be addressed. This has been a long-standing problem for our community, impacting residents, infrastructure, and quality of life. Securing the resources to fix it is an important step forward, and it shows what can be accomplished when we continue to push for real solutions and refuse to let critical issues be ignored. I look forward to seeing this project move ahead and deliver the lasting improvements our community deserves.

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Westchester Progressives Return to Restore Accountability in Politics



At a time when many Americans – including many residents of Westchester County – are experiencing extreme and growing inequality, economic insecurity, injustice and marginalization, a group of local activists is reigniting a grassroots movement dedicated to advancing bold progressive change in Westchester County.

Westchester Progressives (WP) has officially relaunched with a renewed mission: to advance economic and social justice, protect civil rights, and ensure that government serves the interests of the people, not political donors and corporations. WP will work to build people power, support progressive candidates who challenge the status quo, and advocate for policies that promote equity, accountability, and collective well-being.

“Across the country, people are realizing that our communities are strongest when everyday people come together to make change,” said Donny Khan of Westchester Progressives. “That’s why we’re excited to share that Westchester Progressives is back with a goal to strengthen grassroots organizing and supporting candidates and causes that are focused on equity, integrity, and a vision for a more just future.”

WP’s return comes as progressive values gain momentum nationwide following key victories in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, and beyond. Organizers aim to channel that momentum into long-term, local action by supporting movements that address the core issues shaping life in Westchester, including economic insecurity, protection for vulnerable communities, civil rights, community-focused investment, and holding elected officials accountable to their constituents.

“This is a critical moment in our democracy,” added Haley Pilgrim of Westchester Progressives. “When people organize around shared values of justice, inclusion, integrity, meaningful change becomes possible. We’re ready to rebuild that movement here in Westchester.”

The group’s first public convening is planned for early December, with details forthcoming. Additional opportunities for involvement will be announced in the coming weeks.

Westchester residents interested in attending WP events can email westchester-progressives@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. Or follow WP on one of the social media platforms by clicking on links below:

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How Would You Feel If You Owed Someone \$38 Trillion Dollars?

By Michael Gold

How would you feel if you owed someone \$38 trillion dollars? Some people with that breathtaking kind of debt load might feel compelled to get on a boat and sail off to some uncharted island in the Pacific. That’s the amount the U.S. government owes to its many creditors. It’s a number that feels inconceivable, I know. But the amount literally grows every second. If you go to <https://www.usdebtclock.org>, you can see the numbers go up, flashing at you like some kind of weird slot machine or stock market ticker. Except, it’s no joke. Each tax paying citizen owes \$355,810 in debt right now to the various private and international governmental institutions from which we’ve borrowed. We owe China, our greatest economic and political rival, about \$859 billion in U.S. treasury securities (source: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/investing/080615/china-owns-us-debt-how-much.asp>). It makes me sick. The Republican Party used to care about our national debt. So did the Democrats. In the 1990s, a Democratic President and Republican Congress actually balanced the Federal budget. We were a better, stronger country because of it. We used to be the world’s biggest lender to our other nations. Now we’re the biggest borrower, the biggest debtor nation in history. The Trump Administration keeps pumping up the debt too, with irresponsible tax and spending policies. This is not the way to make America great again.

My father, a small building contractor, and my mother, a hospital dietitian, taught my brothers and me to be judicious with our spending. Only spend what you have. That’s what my parents showed their children. My parents hated being in debt, because it let someone else had power over them. Being in debt meant that you had to spend money, sometimes a great deal of it, just to pay off the interest you owed the lender. Yes, they had a mortgage, but they made sure they had the money to send the bank a check every month. In other words, they were financially responsible.

Not so the United States of America in the 2020s. This great nation has a multitude of pressing problems right now. Most people don’t want to think about what we owe. Our supposed leaders in government certainly don’t talk about it. It doesn’t attract attention. But the bills are coming due. The Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be insolvent by 2033, and Social Security will hit that dubious honor the same year or the year after (source: <https://www.crfb.org/blogs/social-security-and-medicare-trustees-release-2025-reports#:~:text=The%20looming%20insolvency%20of%20Social,Medicare%20Trustees%20reports%20later%20today>).

I write this as a senior citizen, who benefits from both Medicare and Social Security. Either the programs have to be cut, or taxes have to be raised to pay for them. Or perhaps Congress will come up with a formula that combines both program cuts and tax increases. My guess is the legislative process to arrive at some kind of solution will be long, bitter and ugly. The situation with Medicare and Social Security is reflective of our generally bad fiscal picture. We’re spending far more on everything than we’re receiving in tax revenue. So the government is borrowing the difference. We’re very far along on the road to bankruptcy.

Our irresponsible fiscal policies are not the only problem with the Republican Party currently governing the nation. Inflation is hurting families’ ability to pay for food, housing, and electricity, among other necessities. Health insurance costs are going up. Where is the national discussion about helping citizens deal with the increasing cost of living? I hear nothing, not even crickets.

The Democrats are talking about affordability, so at least someone is paying attention. But do they have a real, viable plan to help bring household costs down? I’d like to hear more from them about what they plan to do. Republicans used to care about the general prosperity. They used to believe in something called free trade, in which everyone enjoyed a world in which we buy and sell goods and services for the benefit of all.

I don’t see that now either. Levying huge tariffs on everybody except China, which is hysterically exporting its enormous surpluses of products to every port it can, makes no sense. It raises prices for consumers and slows economic growth.

The Feds own 10 percent of Intel. That can’t help but distort the company’s decisions about how it will conduct business, serve its shareholders and plan for growth.

The Federal government now also owns a piece of US. Steel. The government has “the right to appoint an independent director, close or idle existing US Steel facilities, change the company name and move its headquarters as part of its ownership,” states a report from S & P Global.com.

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Rep. Latimer Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Address Electric Vehicle Battery Fires

Latimer's Bill Follows Numerous Fatal Incidents Locally and Nationally

U.S. Congressman George Latimer (D-NY) and Congressman Rob Bresnahan, Jr. (R-PA) introduced the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Safety Act of 2026, bipartisan legislation focused on diminishing the risk of injury and death from battery fires in electric and hybrid vehicle accidents and supporting firefighters' ability to extinguish such fires safely and effectively when they occur.

The ownership and use of electric (EV) and hybrid vehicles has proliferated rapidly in the last decade with over 3 million sold in the United States alone in 2024 by companies such as Tesla. The novelty of such vehicles, including the use of powerful batteries, and the reliance on all electrical instead of mechanical systems, has exposed drivers and passengers to new dangers in the case of vehicle impacts, where both the battery compartment is breached and the electrical systems fail. Damage to the battery can cause an uncontrolled release of energy from the power supply resulting in explosion and extremely hot chemical fires which, when combined with failure of the electric door release, can be horrifically fatal, and extremely difficult to extinguish. Some recent high-profile fatal incidents include:

August 3, 2024 – Tesla Cyber Truck – Beach City, Texas, 1 killed.

Sept. 16, 2024 – Tesla Model 3 – White Plains New York, 2 killed.

November 2024 – Tesla Cyber Truck – Alameda County, California, 3 killed.

November 2024 – Tesla Model S – Wisconsin, 5 killed.

December 3, 2024 – Tesla Model 3 – Pelham Manor, New York, 2 killed.

The persistence of these awful fire deaths, and the lost opportunity for escape or rescue often due to door design, require a decisive response from the federal government as the regulator of automobile and consumer safety. Additionally, fighting these extremely hot and toxic fires requires uniform methods and credible research to better understand and respond to the health effects of fighting vehicle battery fires.

"There have been a number of truly ghastly EV accidents in my district involving extremely intense battery fires, horribly taking the lives of our residents, and challenging firefighters with unique chemical fires that are difficult to extinguish," said Congressman George Latimer. "It is time that we, as your federal representatives, take action to establish standards ensuring Americans that they are not taking unnecessary risks every time they get behind the wheel of an electric or hybrid vehicle. This bill will require the relevant regulatory agencies to set standards related to battery safety, increase passengers' ability to escape a battery fire, educate firefighters on best practices for fighting battery fires, and get a better picture of the health effects of fighting such a fire," Latimer added.

"Innovation and safety must move forward together. As electric and hybrid vehicles become more common on our roads, it is our responsibility to ensure the technology meant to carry people forward does not place them—or the first responders who protect them—at unnecessary risk," said Fitzpatrick. "This legislation establishes clear national safety standards for EV and hybrid batteries, requires practical, lifesaving design features, and enforces accountability where it belongs. It reflects a clear understanding of what is at stake, and a simple principle that should guide us: safety must be built in, not left to chance."

"I am honored, individually and on behalf of my wife Millie Ortiz Sheehan and Daughter-in-Law Diana Trochez Sheehan, both of whom died in an EV crash/fire in September of 2024, to be asked to endorse a bill that promotes EV safety," said New York resident and crash-victim relative, Francis Sheehan. "It is particularly noteworthy the additional applicability of the bill to my family in that it also promotes firefighter safety related to EV fires. My son Francis, Diana's husband, is a career firefighter in the Scarsdale Fire Department, and together we feel this bill is a comprehensive effort to address multiple issues associated with the EV battery fires, including increased passenger survivability, more effective firefighting, and greater understanding of the health effects on first responders."

The Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Safety Act of 2026 would:

Requires Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with industry, fire fighters and standards experts to issue final rules within 2 years governing EV and hybrid battery safety, including uniform firefighter access to and placement of battery cells, incorporating technology to suppress "thermal runaway", and designing safeguards to permit adequate time to escape the passenger compartment during a battery fire.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to publish first responder guidelines for fighting EV and hybrid battery fires within 1 year of issuing the final rule.

Requires Secretary of Transportation to issue final rules within 2 years requiring new EVs and hybrids to incorporate a clearly marked interior and exterior mechanical release on every door and hatch to allow safe exit in case of electrical system failure.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services within 1 year to conduct a study of the health effects of fighting EV and hybrid battery fires, in cooperation with firefighters and standards experts, and to report to Congress and the public on the results.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

The Cookie Monster Who Stole \$100K from a Popular Bakery



Paul DiPietro

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a former employee of The Snakery Bake Shop, in Rye, has pleaded guilty in connection with his theft of over \$100,000 from the bakery during his employment there.

Paul DiPietro, 39, of White Plains, pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony. He is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge George Fufidio on April 9.

DA Cacace said: "Small businesses are the lifeblood of our county's economy, and they often have the fewest resources to defend themselves against fraudulent conduct. That Mr. DiPietro targeted his then-employer, a beloved bake shop in the Rye community, for his misdeeds is deeply troubling. We are working to ensure the victim in this case is made whole, as we do for all victims of economic crimes."

Between 2021 and 2022, DiPietro stole \$105,379 from his employer at the time, The Snakery Bake Shop, in Rye, by adding unauthorized salary increases to his biweekly paycheck, making unauthorized personal charges on the bakery's credit card and using company funds to pay for his personal American Express bill.

The investigation was conducted by the City of Rye Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Emily Rowe-Smith, of the Economic Crimes Bureau, with the assistance of Forensic Accountant Michael Frenza.

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Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 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, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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From the NYS archives, this official 1960's narrated black&white film tells the story of the American Revolution through the various Revolutionary War era historic sites, battlefields, forts and homes across New York State. Hear NY States important role in the Revolution.

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Light refreshments will be served. Limited on-site parking.
Registration not required for this event.

We look forward to having you join us!

Join the Daughters of Liberty's Legacy for a viewing of the film *New York in the Revolution*. From the New York State archives, this black and white film from the 1960s tells the story of the American Revolution through the lens of New York's Revolutionary era historic sites, battlefields, forts and homes. Sunday, January 25 at 1 p.m., at the Historic Miller House, 140 Virginia Rd., North White Plains. Light refreshments will be served. The Historic Miller House will be open for tours after the film. Registration is not required for this event. For more information, contact Cynthia@DOLL1776.com or call 914-484-6218.

Mr. Dan Murphy
Letter to the editor

I've carefully read the letters and opinions of NYS Senator Shelley Mayer, and Dean Politopoulos, retired Yonkers Police Officer, regarding the killing of Renee Nicole Good, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 7th, 2026. His letter fails to name her, which dehumanizing her and the three children her death leaves behind.

He insinuates that she "intervened in law enforcement operations" and that she was a "lawbreaker act with impunity." Totally untrue.

The New York Times, in contrast, investigated and carefully detailed frame by frame which shows the events what happened, also shown from several different vantage points. It shows that President Trump, Kristi Noem, Vice President Vance and other Trump administration officials outrageously outright LIED; a substantial clear swatch of space separates ICE Agent Jonathan Ross' body from Ms. Good's car, clearly showing that her car did not hit him. Ms. Good's plum colored car's front wheel was turned AWAY from Agent Ross; no part of his body nor foot was in contact with Ms. Good's car, nor "run over".

"An analysis of footage from three camera angles show that the vehicle appears to be turning away from a federal officer as he opened fire."

Agent Ross fired one shot at Mr. Good through her driver's side windshield, and then as she was driving and turning away from him, he fired at least two shots into her head, killing her.

ICE Agents at the scene refused medical attention for Mr. Good. Agents blocked several bystanders who attempt to provide medical care, including one who identifies himself as a physician.

Robert Kalfus, Yonkers

Mike Lawler Does Have Principles:

In the words of Groucho Marx "Those are my principles and if you don't like 'em I have others".

Mike Lawler often describes himself as a man of principle. He claims to be guided by his faith, his pragmatism, and his supposed commitment to bipartisanship. But when you compare his record to his rhetoric, it's clear his "principles" shift easily with the passing winds of the President.

Moral principles like integrity, justice, and beneficence require consistency. Lawler once said that if Trump were convicted of a crime, he "should not be running for public office: period." But now he excuses and defends that same convicted felon. And when the felon releases more and more felons from jail, that's not integrity, it's hypocrisy.

A person with a sense of justice would condemn the horrendous abuses of ICE against citizens, law abiding immigrants, peaceful protesters, and children. Justice applies to everyone, not just to those whose votes you cherish. That's not justice, it's injustice.

Even Lawler's self-proclaimed "bipartisanship" rings hollow. He touts his membership in the Problem Solvers Caucus, but when push comes to shove, he falls in line with the very MAGA faction he once criticized. Lawler consistently prioritizes political calculation over compassion or fairness. That's not beneficence, it's maleficence.

Lawler has abandoned his original principles for 'I have others'. He offers nothing in the way of integrity, justice, and beneficence. He falls back on buzzwords that disguise policies favoring the wealthy, enabling discrimination, and eroding democratic norms.

The Golden Rule is not complicated, but it does require conviction. Lawler can no longer claim that foundational principle, because his record tells a different story. Voters in the Hudson Valley should look past his polished slogans and ask: who really benefits from his version of "principled" politics?

Groucho was funny. Lawler isn't.

Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown, NY

To the Editor:

Congressman Lawler has recently co-sponsored the Make Greenland Great Again Act. Although the wording of the bill seems harmless, it gives this president undeserved credibility in his misguided attempt to own another nation. Ultimately, co-sponsoring this bill is irresponsible and dangerous because threats against Greenland, and therefore Denmark, a founding member of NATO, directly attack the organization that has underpinned the rules based order which has helped to stabilize the world since the Second World War. In addition, Greenland and the US, as NATO, allies have always cooperated on defense matters.

Yet Trump is determined. "Ownership is very important. " " We are going to do something in Greenland whether they like it or not"

Apparently, Congressman Lawler has decided not to hide behind his "moderate" facade any longer. The name of the bill tells all. He has also joined some of the most far right(MAGA) Republicans to co-sponsor this affront to the people of Greenland and Denmark, who rightly value their sovereign nations.

We need to vote out MAGA Congressman Lawler this November.
Thank you for your consideration.
Wendy Holtzman, Peekskill

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Actress Claire Danes Filming The Spot at City Hall



Yonkers City Hall transformed into a film set as Hulu's The Spot rolled cameras featuring Emmy Award-winning actress Claire Danes. Danes paused for a photo with our City Hall security guard, Jenna Tavares. The drama stars Ewan McGregor, Daveed Diggs and Danes, and follows a surgeon (Danes) and her husband (McGregor) as they unravel dark secrets after suspecting she caused a child's hit-and-run death.

Legislator Shanae Williams Elected Majority Whip of Westchester BOL



L-R-Legislator Holdstein, Legislator Clements, Board Chair Gashi, Legislator Williams

The Westchester County Board of Legislators began the 2026 term on Monday night, re-electing Board Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) and electing Legislator Terry Clements (D-New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor) as Vice Chair.

The Board's majority Democratic caucus elected Legislator Judah Holstein (D-Eastchester, New Rochelle, Tuckahoe) as Majority Leader and Legislator Shanae Williams (D-Yonkers) as Majority Whip. The start-of-term leadership vote followed the swearing-in of the whole Board by Westchester County Clerk Hon. Thomas M. Roach. Two new legislators—Jenn Puja (D-White Plains, Scarsdale, West Harrison) and Anant Nambiar (D-Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, Harrison) were inaugurated to their first terms.

Williams said, "I am deeply grateful to my colleagues for entrusting me with the role of Majority Whip for this new term. I take this responsibility seriously and am committed to upholding the duties of this position with respect and purpose. We have important work ahead, and our focus will remain on advancing common-sense legislation that benefits all Westchester County residents. I look forward to working alongside my colleagues in leadership and within the Democratic caucus to ensure a productive and successful term."

The minority caucus re-elected Legislator Margaret A. Cunzio (C-North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, Harrison) as Minority Leader, and Legislator James Nolan (R-Yonkers, Eastchester, Bronxville) as Minority Whip.

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Cooper the Dog has established a second home at the Yonkers Library, where he meets with young readers who read him one of their favorite children's books.

Cooper is a great listener and gives great hugs. Families are encouraged to spend time with him, be it to read, listen to a story or poem, or simply to hang out with him and pet him.

Cooper is a Certified Therapy Dog and comes to three Yonkers libraries as part of the national R.E.A.D.® initiative, which helps kids boost reading skills in a calm, encouraging space.

All ages welcome. No registration required and all are invited to read aloud to Cooper.

We first learned about Cooper from Crestwood Library, which hosts Cooper every Monday from 4-5pm. Cooper will be coming on Mondays in February, (weather permitting) except for Feb. 16.

Cooper is also visiting the Riverfront Library and the Will Library in February.

Check the Yonkers Public Library website, YPL.ORG, and look on the calendar for each library.

And say hi to Cooper for us!

WJCS Volunteers Pack Winter Care Packages on MLK Jr. Day for Mary Blige Center in Yonkers



More than 95 volunteers gathered at Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) Headquarters in White Plains on Martin Luther King Jr. Day for a Family Volunteer Event. Children and their parents assembled 50 Winter Hug Care Packages filled with soup cans, hot cocoa packets, tea bags, milk cartons, mittens, Teddy Bears, and hats that will be distributed families in need through our Food Pantry at the WJCS Mary J. Blige Center in Yonkers, NY.

Participants also donated 20 cases of pasta, rice, beans, crackers, cereal, shelf stable milk, and more. "These community donations of essential goods are so important to people in need during this time of financial hardship," said Amanda Garfinkle, WJCS Chief Advancement Officer. "We are so grateful to all of our volunteers and the Young Men's Service League (YMSEL) of Westchester who helped make the event run smoothly and assisted the children pack the boxes and make fleece hats."

The WJCS Food Pantry serves about 250 families, providing vital food supplies that support over 600 individuals that reside in Yonkers and nearby areas. The gratitude expressed by families for the food donations has been heartfelt. "Knowing they can access crucial staples to supplement their groceries offers them hope and stability amid ongoing financial hardships. We are profoundly grateful for the support that makes this possible," said Garfinkle.

Give Blood Westchester!

New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a blood emergency and is issuing an urgent call for donors. Holiday disruptions, severe winter weather, canceled blood drives, and widespread seasonal illnesses have led to a significant decline in blood donations, resulting in critically low levels across the region, including severe winter weather and record seasonal illnesses.

New York Blood Center Blood Drive

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For questions regarding medical eligibility and travel, please call (800)688-0900 or visit our website at www.NYBC.org/eligibility

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2026 Arts Alive Grants to Support Local Cultural and Community Projects

Supported by the New York State Council on the Arts, the Arts Alive program acts as a cornerstone of ArtsWestchester's mission to ensure equitable access to the arts for all residents. The grants, which range from \$1,000 to \$7,500, help bridge gaps in areas where access to cultural programming has historically been limited. The application opens Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Last year, ArtsWestchester distributed 52 Arts Alive grants totaling \$105,500.

"The Arts Alive grant category is one of ArtsWestchester's most effective means of supporting activities for the region's geographically, economically, and ethnically diverse populations," said ArtsWestchester CEO Kathleen Reckling. "This opportunity helps to ensure that residents throughout the region have access to the arts, particularly in areas where access is limited."

Funding for the program comes from the Statewide Community Regrant program, a regrant initiative of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. Administered by ArtsWestchester, these funds enable the creation of an array of public events, workshops, and performances.

Key Dates for Applicants:

Application Period Opens: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

For information on eligibility and how to apply, visit ArtsWestchester's Grants web page <https://artswestchester.org/grants/>

WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKS TO START TRAINING AND HIRING LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER 2026

Pre-test sessions begin on January 31 in White Plains.

Build confidence, learn real-world skills and work outdoors this summer as a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard. We are accepting applications to become a Lifeguard and registrations for Lifeguard Certification courses for the 2026 summer season.

The first training session begins Saturday, January 31 at Theodore Young Community Center, 32 Manhattan Ave., White Plains. Participants must be at least 15 years old for pool training and 16 years old for beach training by the last day of the classes. Additional training sessions will be announced.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Lifeguarding teaches teenagers and young adults responsibility and accountability, which makes it an outstanding first job and an important introduction to the expectations of the professional workforce. I encourage those who are interested in becoming a Lifeguard to take that first step and register for training courses." Applicants must hold a current American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid and CPR/AED for Lifeguards certification, or an equivalent credential, and successfully complete the Westchester County practical skills test. Westchester County Parks offers training for new lifeguards, including waterfront certification for those interested in working at pool or beach locations.

Those applying must be able to work at Playland Pool in Rye, Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool and The Brook at Tibbetts in Yonkers, Willson's Waves Pool in Mount Vernon; and Croton Point Park Beach in Croton-on-Hudson, Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle, and Playland Beach in Rye.

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Search the paths, meadows and woods for signs of winter wildlife.

Location: 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

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respiratory stress in neighborhoods throughout Yonkers. The Green Amendment shields Yonkers residents. It means that when the City Council or the County Board of Legislators decides land use, they are not just looking at budgets and buildings. Now, they must protect the physical and mental health of the people who live there.

Using Our Voice

As we look towards the future of Yonkers, the Green Amendment must be used even in daily instances. We are no longer just asking for cleaner streets as a favor from our leaders. We are demanding them as a right that must be guaranteed to us.

However, a right is only as strong as the people who use it. We must stay informed about the environmental choices being made at City Hall. We must remind our representatives that protecting our environment isn't a suggestion but a constitutional amendment. With the Green Amendment in our hands, we finally have the power to ensure that the air we breathe is as clear as the rights we hold.

Maya Kollarmalil is a student at Yonkers Middle High School and a contributor to Yonkers Rising and YonkersTimes.com. She covers local food establishments and other Yonkers-centric topics. Passionate about journalism and storytelling, she enjoys uncovering hidden gems, sharing local voices, and keeping residents informed. Have a story idea? Reach her at MayaK@Yonkerstimes.com.

Note: If you are a young student who is interested in submitting, email dmurphy@risingmedia.com

TAX SALE NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice:

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 26, 2025 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 26, 2025; will be sold at public auction in the Ceremonial Court Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 26th day of December.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 314 of the New York State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which is to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL TAX SALE NOTICE

In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2024 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.

The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold.

John Liszewski, Commissioner of Finance and Management Services

Free Square Dancing Fun Nights

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The Friendly Squares Dance Club. is having 2 Free Square Dancing Fun Nights on Monday, February 2nd and Monday, February 9th from 7:00-8:30pm at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah, NY.

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Our website is www.friendlysquares.org.

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Multi-class Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, ChaseFlex Trust Series 2001-2,

Plaintiff,

Against

Ismael Vargas; Morel Carmen; Sonya Quintana

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 06/13/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the lobby of the Westchester County Supreme Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., White Plains, NY 10601 on 2/10/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 27 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705 a/k/a 25 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York.

Section 1 Block 117 Lot 23, 24, and 25.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$939,640.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 51062/2019

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee.

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Dated: 12/19/2025 File Number: 35091 MB 1/30

“US Steel also cannot make material changes to the corporation’s existing raw materials and steel sourcing strategy in the US, unless changes benefit the corporation in cases where raw materials are inadequate or imports accelerate technology transfers of facilities built in the US,” S & P Global.com says.

In other words, the government has control over US Steel’s decisions on how to obtain, process and market the products they need to serve their customers.

On the energy front, the White House has recently prevented the scheduled closures of several coal power plants, in the Midwest, Colorado and Washington state (source: <https://san.com/cc/the-trump-administration-stopped-four-coal-plants-from-retiring-before-2026/#:~:text=The%20Craig%20plant%20was%20the,roughly%20half%20a%20million%20homes>).

Private utilities made the decisions to close the plants because it’s not in their financial interests. What right does the government have to interfere with the companies’ rights to figure out the best way for their enterprises to prosper? Why is the government dictating what a private company should do? Operating these plants is increasingly expensive and unprofitable.

On the flip side of that, the White House is trying to prevent the continued construction of wind power projects, which were already approved by the Federal government after extensive reviews (source: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-trumps-attack-on-wind-power-is-impacting-the-energy-industry>). These projects will help provide more electric power to our economy. People’s energy bills are already sky high from a lack of electrical capacity.

It feels as if the government is trying to prevent the future from happening. It reminds me of Communist countries that had quotas for how much iron and coal they had to produce for the next five years. This smells like a planned economy, like socialism. We should all be suspicious. Speaking of socialism, the Republican Party used to care about freedom. That’s why we fought the Cold War against the Soviet Union and won. Now, Trump seems to care more about how a dictatorial Russia feels than defending a free Ukraine, the neighbor and U.S. ally Vladimir Putin attacked in 2022.

I was not a big fan of Ronald Reagan (for the record, I was a member of the Democratic Party for decades, but changed my political affiliation to Independent, because the Dems have demonstrated that they no longer know how to talk to people in the real world). Reagan helped start us on the road to our deficit spending, but he stood up for the Free World. He helped defeat socialism. He understood how important freedom was to people – that it offered everyone the opportunity to work hard, advance their prospects, and discuss together how we can work together as a society, as a nation, to create a better future.

We currently have an Administration that doesn’t seem particularly interested in freedom of speech, the press, and education, across the world or at home, reducing our massive debt or improving ordinary peoples’ lives. It doesn’t want to listen to what anyone outside the White House has to say.

Instead, it’s focused on installing gold fixtures in the Oval Office, destroying the East Wing of the White House to build a giant ballroom, ignoring the rule of law, concocting schemes to enrich the President at every opportunity, rejecting our closest European allies’ friendship so it can take over Greenland, cutting minorities and people of color out of the American story, instilling fear in our citizens and beating and shooting legal protestors.

We need a Republican Party that once again stands up for the Constitution, freedom, and values and that helped make this country the beacon of liberty and prosperity that it once was.

Michael Gold is a Westchester based reporter whose work has been published in The New York Daily News, The Albany Times-Union, The Hartford Courant and other newspapers.

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County Legislator Jose Alvarado Announces Decision Not to*Lawler Conley, continued from pg 1-***Seek Reelection in 2026 After 17 Years on the BOL**

Legislator José I. Alvarado (D–Yonkers) announced today that he will not seek reelection to represent Westchester County’s District 17, wishing to focus on family and future opportunities. He remains fully committed to completing the current one-year term through December 31, 2026.

With sincere appreciation, the Westchester County Board of Legislators thanks Legislator Alvarado for his long years of dedicated service to the county, particularly to the residents of the legislator’s beloved Southwest Yonkers.

Alvarado was first elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators in 2001, becoming the county’s first Hispanic–Latino County Legislator. He served five consecutive terms from 2002 to 2011 and returned to the Board following reelection for three terms beginning in 2020, plus the current 2026 legislative term. Upon completion of this term, Alvarado will have served a total of 17 years representing District 17 in Southwest Yonkers.

As the Board’s most senior member, Alvarado has held numerous leadership roles, including Vice Chair, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the former combined Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, and Parks, and a leadership role on the Community Services Committee. His work has consistently centered on supporting youth, seniors, and vulnerable residents. He helped reactivate the City of Yonkers Youth Bureau, chaired the Committee on Seniors, Youth, and Intergenerational Services, and continues to serve in a leadership role on the Veterans, Seniors, and Youth Committee.

During his tenure, Alvarado secured major investments for Southwest Yonkers, including funding for a new water-access park in Ludlow, completion of the RiverWalk project, improvements to Tibbetts Brook Park, and crucial odor mitigation projects at the Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also restored funding for local social service organizations, supported the development of a 20-member strong consortium of community-based organizations, and played a key role during the COVID-19 pandemic to support food security, eviction prevention, and vaccination access in the county.

Alvarado said, “It is always hard to say goodbye to something that you love so much, but as I always said, government exists to serve the people, NOT the other way around. 17 years of service is enough for the 17th Westchester County Legislative District.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Legislator. Together we achieved unimaginable stuff—from fighting bad odors at the Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant to beautifying Tibbetts Brook Park, enjoying a brand-new riverfront park and RiverWalk. We have robust social services for our neighbors, more arts projects in the district, and a South Broadway Business Improvement District that is more active than ever. New affordable housing continues to be built, and as promised we now have a very active City of Yonkers Youth Bureau.

I am not saying goodbye or abandoning my community—that I will never do; but I feel strongly that 17 years of service is enough for one person in our 17th Legislative District. I have a pretty filled-up bucket list and a beautiful family to tend to, so I will be busy. As always, I will be with you to make sure that government and elected officials remain there to serve the people, not the other way around.”

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D—New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, “It’s hard to imagine the Board without José Alvarado. His service to Westchester—especially to the residents of Southwest Yonkers who are so dear to him—will leave a deep footprint and hard shoes to fill. From the Board, and me, personally, thank you.”

José Alvarado holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Mercy University, a master’s degree in public administration/health care from Pace University, and a Leadership Certificate from NYU’s School of Management. He and his wife Karla are the proud parents of three children.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC, wrote, “Lawler’s extreme and unpopular record has made him the subject of repeated protests, and NY-17 constituents are fed up with him prioritizing MAGA DC Politicians over their communities.

DCCC Spokesperson Riya Vashi: “After putting Donald Trump’s extreme agenda ahead of everyday New Yorkers and voting to jack up health care costs, gut food assistance, and make life more expensive for his own constituents, it’s no wonder Mike Lawler is officially facing the race of his career. New York voters will not forget his repeated lies and are more ready than ever to show him the door this November.”

Lawler is running for a third term in one of only three districts nationwide represented by a Republican that Democrat Kamala Harris won in 2024. Since he unseated Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chair Sean Patrick Maloney in 2022, Lawler has proved to have staying power in the blue district, winning in 2024 by four points. He passed on a potential run for governor last summer.

Lawler recently wrote an Op-Ed in the NY Post titled “How Trump’s first-year victories tee up affordability wins in year 2.”

“Twelve months ago, Americans were rightfully angry about record inflation under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris — with rates that reached 9% in mid-2022.

What a difference a year makes.

Today, as President Donald Trump marks the one-year anniversary of his second inauguration, we are at the lowest inflation rate in five years, down 70% from that painful peak under Biden.

That reform means 90% of Hudson Valley residents can deduct their state and local taxes on their federal tax return — easing the burdens imposed by Albany.

The Republican tax cut the president signed last year means a \$3,293 average tax savings for the typical Hudson Valley family of four; a new \$6,000 tax deduction for our seniors; an average \$3,350 savings for workers earning tips and overtime; and a \$2,200 per-child tax credit for 87,770 families in my district.

“All this Democratic mismanagement is why I was proud to lead the fight in Washington to win a massive working-families tax cut, standing up to leaders in both parties to achieve a quadrupling of the SALT deduction.

“In the year ahead, I look forward to working with President Trump and my colleagues to deliver for the Hudson Valley, and for all of New York. As he says, the best is yet to come,” writes Lawler. <https://nypost.com/2026/01/19/opinion/how-trumps-first-year-gains-tee-up-affordability-wins-in-year-2/>.

Lawler does not yet have a democratic opponent. Seven democrats are seeking to run against Lawler in November. One candidate, Cait Conley, an Army Veteran, and former National Security Council official, is the betting favorite on the website Kalshi.com. Kalshi is the first regulated exchange dedicated to trading on the outcome of future events. Kalshi allows people to trade on a broad range of topics and allows people to capitalize on their opinions.

Bets on Kalshi include:

Which party will win NY-17 in November? Democrats-67%, Republicans 33%.

Who will be the democratic nominee in NY-17?

Cait Conley-60%

Beth Davidson-34%

Peter Chatzky-27%

Conley is part of the “Hellcats,” a group of four Democratic women with military backgrounds running for Congress in next year’s midterm elections. Democrats need to flip three Republican seats to win a House majority, which would give them the firepower to frustrate Trump’s legislative agenda and investigate his administration.

Conley and the democratic candidates seeking to challenge Lawler have highlighted the recent ICE protests and the inability for Congress to pass an extension of tax credits to the Affordable Care Act, ACA.

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“Survivors deserve more than our sympathy, they deserve our action,” said Ali Boak, executive director of LifeWay Network. “This evening is an opportunity to listen, learn and take meaningful steps as a community to prevent trafficking and ensure survivors have access to safe housing, support and long-term stability.”

“Bedford Books is honored to cohost this evening of awareness and community around Nobody’s Girl, a memoir of remarkable courage and resilience,” said Fran Hauser, owner of Bedford Books. “We hope the conversation leaves our community feeling more informed, more connected, and motivated to support survivors and help build a safer world.”

Tickets are available at three levels, and every purchase directly supports LifeWay Network’s education and safe housing programs, which help prevent instances of trafficking and provide survivors with safety, stability and resources to rebuild their lives.

Ticket Options

\$20 — Students, LifeWay Network volunteers, religious partners

\$75 — General admission

\$150 — VIP after-party at the Old oHHo Firehouse (includes dinner)

This event is co-hosted by Bedford Books.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/NobodysGirlDiscussion>

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos & story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 21st 6:30pm
North Yonkers Preservation
219 Ridge Avenue

Join with your neighbors, members of the 4th Police Precinct, Captain Jeremiah Foley, Lt. Robert Varley and elected officials to discuss issues affecting our community.

Guest Speakers:
West. County Legislator Shanae Williams
Fidelis Care – Fany Baez

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Sponsored by:
 North Yonkers Preservation
 Lake Avenue Community Association

Questions? contact lakeavenueassociation@outlook.com

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 9th, 2026 at 5:00 pm, Mayor’s Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN FEES PAID BY OWNERS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM.

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

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: January 21, 2026

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From March 5-11, 2026, finalists will participate in a week-long competition where they will undergo a rigorous judging process to compete for more than \$1.8 million in awards. The top 10 awards will be announced during an awards ceremony on March 10, 2026, with the top award totalling \$250,000 to further their scientific education.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search 2026 finalists represent 35 schools across 15 states. 40 finalists were chosen from 300 top scholars and more than 2,600 total entrants were selected based on the originality and creativity of their scientific research, as well as their achievement and leadership both inside and outside the classroom.

Finalists will participate in a week-long competition from March 5-11, 2026, engaging in a rigorous judging process and competing for awards that recognize their excellence and can be used toward their education.

They will also have an opportunity to interact with leading scientists and share research with the public on March 8, 2026.

The top 10 Regeneron Science Talent Search 2026 winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on March 10, streamed live from Washington D.C.

For a list of this year’s finalists, see here: <https://www.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts/2026-finalists/>.

“At Regeneron, we believe that scientific innovation is essential to addressing the world’s greatest challenges, and the Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists represent the brightest young minds working to shape a better future. These 40 students have demonstrated remarkable creativity, originality, and leadership in their scientific pursuits,” said George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., co-Founder, co-Chairman, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron, and a 1976 top winner. “We are thrilled to celebrate their achievements and fuel their journey to advance scientific discovery. I look forward to seeing how their passion and dedication will drive meaningful progress for society in the years to come.”

Finalist research projects cover 16 categories, from Computer Science to Environmental Science. Other finalists chose to focus on Behavioral Sciences. The top 4 categories among finalist projects this year are:

- Computer Science
- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
- Mathematics
- Medicine and Health

“We are immensely proud to celebrate this extraordinary class of Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists and their remarkable achievements,” said Maya Ajmera, President and CEO of Society for Science and Executive Publisher of Science News. “As they build on a powerful 85-year legacy of scientific innovation, they are propelled by the strength and support of a dynamic scientific community.”

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“safe, and affordable. I am ready to continue my work for the everyday working men, women, seniors, and youth I have served time and time again.

“I respectfully ask for your support as I seek re-election to continue serving the District. 15,” said Nolan who was reelected last November without opposition, but is running again because of a NYS Election Law which moved many local elections to even years.

This time Nolan, who defeated democrat Ruth Walter two times, will have a democratic opponent. The Yonkers Democratic Committee endorsed Anthony Nicodemo. On his website, Nicodemo’s bio reads,

“Anthony Nicodemo is a proud 20-year resident of Yonkers, deeply committed to public service, education, and community advocacy. A lifelong educator, Anthony has dedicated his career to teaching special education and social studies, ensuring that all students—regardless of background or ability—have the opportunity to succeed.

“For more than 20 years, Anthony has also served as a respected basketball coach, including 10 years at Saunders High School, where his leadership on and off the court earned him recognition as Yonkers Coach of the Year and Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. His commitment to service and social justice has been honored with the John Martino Service Award and the Willie Worsley Social Justice Award. He has additionally served as an Athletic Director, further demonstrating his dedication to student development and school communities.”

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

INDEX NO: 66684/2025

D/O/F: 07/10/2025

Property Address: 10 Tall Tulip Lane, Yonkers, NY 10710

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situate.

AVAIL 3 LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF RESTORATION III TRUST,
Plaintiff,

-against-

Unknown heirs at law of HERMAN AUERBACH, his next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; LYNN AUERBACH AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN AUERBACH, GARY AUERBACH AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN AUERBACH, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE WINCHESTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

“JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES”, said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. William J. Giacomo, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered December 15, 2025 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage dated February 21, 2025 and recorded in Control No. 650643550 on March 72025 in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office covering premises k/a 10 Tall Tulip Lane, Yonkers, NY 10710 a/k/a Section 4, Block 4402, Lot 306.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

(1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, an unfair debt collection effort, including, but not limited to:

- i. the use or threat of violence;
- ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
- iii. repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

(2) If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
 2. Social security;
 3. Public assistance (welfare);
 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
 5. Unemployment benefits;
 6. Disability benefits;
 7. Workers’ compensation benefits;
 8. Public or private pensions;
 9. Veterans’ benefits;
 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds;
- and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises. Dated: December 18, 2025 Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 575 Underhill Boulevard, Suite 224, Syosset, New York 11791 516-921-3838- #102696

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrated



L-R-County Executive Ken Jenkins, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy recently joined with more than 200 at the Yonkers Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast on Jan. 19.

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos & story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Hudson Park Children’s Greenhouse Winter Train Show Continues Through Feb. 1



Hudson Park Children’s Greenhouse will host its 3rd Annual Winter Train Show this January, inviting families and young children to enjoy a cozy winter tradition filled with model trains, hands-on play, and seasonal fun.

The Train Show will take place on Sundays, January 11, 18, and 25, plus a bonus Sunday on February 1, from 4:00–6:00 PM.

The exhibit features multiple train tracks, including elevated sections and detailed scenery. Children will have opportunities, under supervision, to help run the trains — a favorite part of the event. After viewing the trains, families can spend time playing with wooden trains in the lobby.

The Winter Train Show has become a popular winter event for families with young children. Last year, more than 185 visitors attended over four days, with many families staying for extended periods and returning for multiple sessions. Admission is \$10 per person (children under 1 are free). Advance registration is recommended. Buy tickets at <http://www.hpcgreenhouse.org>



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