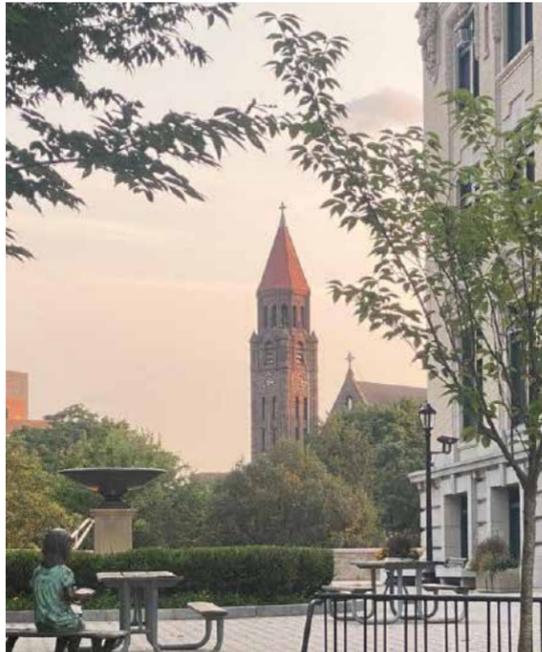


St. Mary's Church Yonkers Gets an Easter Miracle From The Vatican



St. Mary's Friends has announced that the appeal made to the Vatican for St. Mary's Church to remain as an independent parish has been successful. The Holy See has revoked the decree issued last year by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, which had eliminated Immaculate Conception Parish in Yonkers.

The decree, issued by Cardinal Dolan on May 31, 2024, merged Immaculate Conception Parish (known as "St. Mary's") with the parish of St. Peter-St. Denis in an "extinctive union," meaning that

following the merger only one parish containing three churches existed. The revocation of this decree returns things to the way they were prior to the merger.

After Cardinal Dolan's decree was issued, three St. Mary's parishioners filed an appeal with Cardinal Dolan on June 8, 2024, arguing that St. Mary's should remain an independent parish. After Cardinal Dolan rejected this appeal, these parishioners made a higher appeal to the "Dicastery for the Clergy of the Holy See," a department of the Vatican which hears appeals against the elimination of parishes and the permanent closure of churches. Those who made the appeal recently learned of its success—Cardinal Dolan's decree was revoked.

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Sister to Sister International (STSI) Nominates Dr. Marcia V. Keizs for her Philanthropic Efforts



STSI members and friends, with Dr. Marcia Keizs

Congratulations to the Association of Development Officers on the success of their Annual Philanthropy Breakfast held at Tappan Hill Mansion on Wednesday March 12th, 2025. They recognized individuals, organizations and the corporate sector for providing outstanding service to the community through acts of philanthropy.

The Co-Chairs of the event, Ms. Monica Spears, and Ms. Laura deBuys noted in their remarks that the "generosity and passion of the people gathered

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Spano Endorses Cuomo While Other Westchester Dems Stay Quiet



Andrew Cuomo, right, at the home of Nick Spano, 2nd left, listening to Mayor Mike Spano, left-See Story on Page

Mayor Spano Presents 2026 Budget: No Cuts to Services and Workforce; 2.6% Tax Increase



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today released his Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Executive Budget proposal, which contains no cuts to municipal services or active workforce and maintains historic funding to Yonkers Public Schools.

"As we await the passage of New York State's Budget, this year's Executive Budget is based on the Governor's proposed budget and must take into account the current global economic climate, such as potential cuts in federal funding, tariffs, inflation and a volatile market," Mayor Spano said. "As such, this Executive Budget is honest and lean, and will look to offset the uncertainties left by many of these economic stressors."

Executive Budget Overview:

The Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 for the combined City and Board of Education (BOE) operating funds is \$1.49 billion. Both the municipal and Board of Education spending will remain steady, yet take into consideration contractual union costs, reimbursable service expenses, garbage disposal costs, special education needs, water rate increases and other rising costs.

Yonkers Board of Education

The Executive Budget includes a \$298 million appropriation for the Board of Education.

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The Yonkers' Elect Saga Continues. . .

By Ron Matten



Running for political office involves various steps. One of the first steps is qualifying to appear on the ballot. To appear on the ballot, candidates must circulate petitions to registered, qualified voters. A minimum number of signatures are required, usually 5% of the party registered voter in the constancy district. The last day to circulate petitions was April 3, but the final Yonkers candidates are still undecided.

The candidates that have been finalized are as follows:

- Incumbent Republican Party, Anthony Merante, 6th Council District
- Challenger Democratic and Conservative Party, Timothy, Hodges 6th Council

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Father & Son Team of Doctors at St. John's Riverside Hospital Love Serving Their Community

By Dan Murphy



Caring for patients at St. John's Riverside Hospital is a family tradition for Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat and Dr. Patrick Neshiwat, a father-son team.

Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat, an endocrinologist and internal medicine specialist, has been with St. John's Riverside Hospital serving Yonkers since 1993, while his son Patrick has spent much of his life there. Patrick was born at St. John's Riverside and began shadowing the hospital's doctors in grade school. After attending

Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat, right with Dr. Patrick Neshiwat continued on pg 12-

Happy Passover & Happy Easter Yonkers!

SUNY Chancellor King Visits Yonkers to Discuss College Financial Aid With High School Seniors



State University of New York Chancellor John B. King Jr. and Yonkers Public School Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. co-hosted an event with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, HESC President Dr. Guillermo Linares, elected officials, and area high school seniors to discuss the college application process and the importance of completing the FAFSA and NYS DREAM Act applications to access financial aid.

“There is a place at SUNY for every New Yorker, and financial aid is crucial to ensuring that students can access quality higher education and achieve their dreams,” said SUNY Chancellor King. “My thanks to Superintendent Soler, Mayor Spano, our elected officials, and especially the students in the Yonkers Public Schools for talking about the opportunities that lie ahead after high school graduation and how they can start their path toward their career aspirations.”

The Yonkers school district has a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion rate range of 55% to 59%, which is above the New York state average of 48.2%.

City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, “I want to extend my gratitude to SUNY Chancellor King, our Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Yonkers Board of Trustees, and administrators for highlighting this call to action in supporting our students. We are proud of our graduation rate, but we want to ensure they are empowered to extend their educational opportunities and continue on their pathway to success.”

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. said, “Completing the FAFSA is one of the most critical steps in making college affordable and accessible for all students – especially those from historically underrepresented communities. We are proud that Yonkers Public Schools students are completing at rates well above the state and national averages, but we know there’s more work to do. I commend Chancellor King for his leadership and for bringing statewide attention to this issue. His commitment reinforces the importance of making sure every student knows college is not only a dream but an attainable goal.”

Yonkers Board of Education President, Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio said, “FAFSA completion is about unlocking opportunity. It’s not just a form – it’s a gateway to college, career training, and future success. We’re grateful to Chancellor King for highlighting this critical effort and for engaging directly with our students. His presence today affirms our shared commitment to equity and access, and we encourage every eligible student in Yonkers to take that important step and complete the FAFSA.”

HESC President Dr. Guillermo Linares said, “Completing the FAFSA, TAP, or NYS DREAM Act applications is key in making higher education accessible and affordable for all students. I applaud Yonkers Public Schools for its success in supporting students in completing their financial aid applications. By working together as a community, we can ensure that more students seize the financial opportunities available to them and pursue their dreams of earning a college degree. At HESC, we remain committed to supporting families and students in navigating the financial aid

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City of Yonkers Partners with GOGO Grandparent to Offer Free Rides for Seniors



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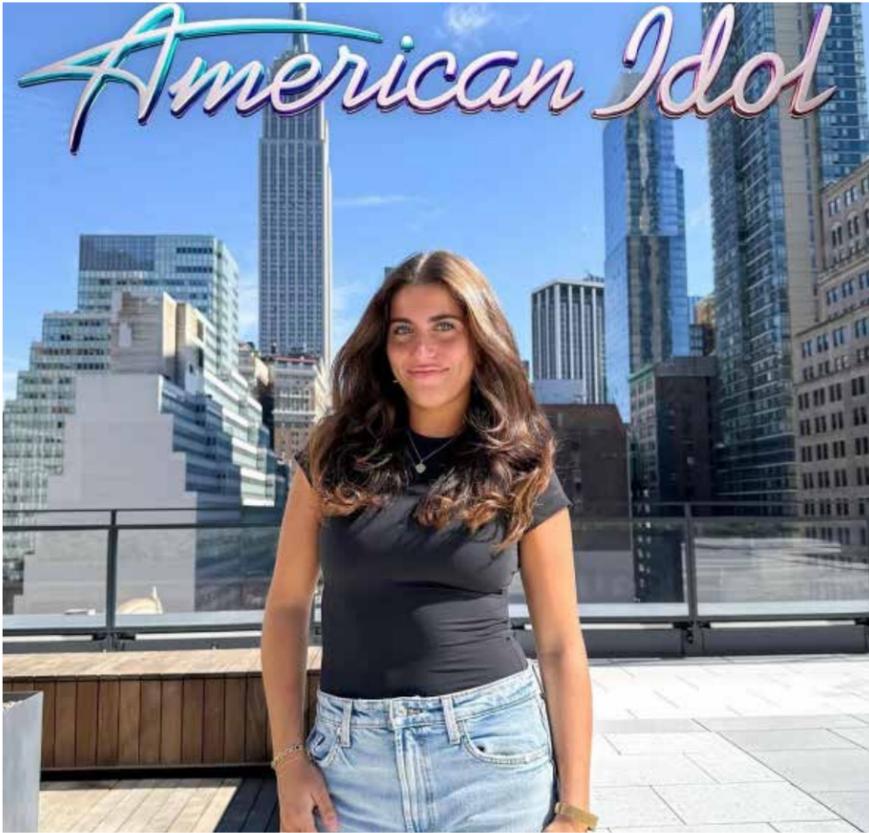
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Yonkers Own Santana Madden Shines on American Idol



Yonkers' own Santana Madden wowed the American Idol judges with her audition, singing Die With A Smile by Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars! Her talent earned her a spot in the next round—let's cheer her on as she takes her journey to the big stage! Watch the full audition here <https://bit.ly/3Y91T16>

Santina made a memorable first impression on American Idol season 23 judges Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie by walking into her audition with a realistic pillow of her dog, Duchess, and a violin. Luke tried to steal the instrument from Santana during her performance because she was holding it instead of using it, but he found that it was attached to her body and walked away in defeat. Santana showed off her violinist skills at the end of her audition, leaving the judges even more impressed.

Santina Madden '22 has been awarded a Golden Ticket to Hollywood on American Idol! Her extraordinary vocal and violin performance captivated the judges, securing her a coveted spot in the next round.

Santina impressed with a stunning rendition of Lady Gaga's "Always Remember Us This Way" from A Star is Born. She attended The Ursuline School. Currently, Santina is studying Music Education at University of Miami. Join us in cheering Santina on as she takes the stage on American Idol!

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You're in the Rotogravure



By Eric Wolf Schoen

There are some words in songs that we sing but never know what they really are or mean. It took us a long time to learn that in the In the 'All in the Family' theme song, 'Gee Our Old La Salle Ran Great' is how the song ends. Another such word is rotogravure from Easter Parade.

That word is "rotogravure", as in "And you'll find that you're in the rotogravure has two meanings, but they go together. Here it refers to a special high-quality or color section of a newspaper or magazine, but it's also a type of printing. My guess is that Irving Berlin uses it to mean having ones picture in the colorful Section of magazine of New York Times or other magazines printed in color.

But it can also refer to technology adopted by newspapers of different more precisely called rotogravure—graveure printing from an etched cylinder as opposed to a flat plate. Unlike the letterpress, which uses raised or relief printing, graveure uses intaglio printing, in which metal is etched with recessed "cells" to hold the ink.

I've always wanted to go down in person in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral to see the colorful hats or bonnets which we see on television. It's one of those things On my bucket list. Or perhaps wear one myself. You see the Easter Parade is not a parade with a marching band but simply ladies and gentlemen strolling up and down Fifth Avenue with their finest hats on their heads.

It's also a time when many of us buy gifts for the children in our family. Sadly every year people buy live rabbits to and find out a rabbit is not like a cat Or dog. We can't handle them so We toss them out and they die.

The ones we see are not meant to be house Pets. Remember that when you think of buying one as a gift. There are many beautiful dogs and cats available at shelters in New Rochelle and YONKERS and throughout the region.

Dogs and cats are friendly, lovable animals. Please consider adopting before purchasing a rabbit. Most importantly, have a wonderful Easter holiday. And maybe one day I will see you on Fifth Avenue in the Easter Parade.

Reach Eric Schoen at ewschoen@aol.com.

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Requests for Clothing Grew 37.5% at The Sharing Shelf-Evidence of Poverty in Westchester



Marlon, left, who took the initiative to collect used clothing for the Sharing Shelf

The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit clothing bank serving children and teens in need in Westchester County, announced today that requests for clothing grew 37.5% in the first quarter of 2025, compared to the same period last year. The Sharing Shelf received 1,572 requests in the first three months of 2025, compared to 1,143 requests in that period of 2024.

As a result, the need for volunteers on whom The Sharing Shelf depends to fill those requests, also grew in that period. In the first quarter of 2025, The Sharing Shelf had to fill 1,071 individual volunteer slots, compared to 523 individual volunteer slots in the first quarter of 2024.

“We’re seeing an extraordinary growth in requests for clothing in 2025 that should send alarm bells ringing about increased poverty in Westchester,” said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf. “Poverty is typically gauged by census data, but there’s a significant lag time to that. What we’re witnessing is evidence of growing clothing insecurity in real time.”

Requests to The Sharing Shelf for clothing for children and teens came in 2024 from 588 staff members at 161 community partner agencies across Westchester, demonstrating the breadth of need across the county. Those children and teens live in every community in Westchester.

In 2024, The Sharing Shelf provided clothing to 6,764 children and teens – an increase of 23% from 2023. While Westchester is among the nation’s wealthiest counties, its poverty rate for children under five was 11.1% in 2023, according to Westchester Children’s Association. More than 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home in Westchester.

For information on how to donate clothing, visit <https://sharingshelf.org/get-involved/#donate-clothing>.

Shoutout to Marlon for his incredible dedication! Earlier this year, after organizing a clothing drive for The Sharing Shelf as part of his Bar Mitzvah project, he visited our Clothing Bank and overheard volunteers discussing a 12-year-old boy in need of clothing. That moment stuck with him and inspired him to do even more.

Marlon took action, launching a new clothing drive and collecting an incredible 30 bags of clothing and sneakers! Not only that—he personally sorted everything, making sure the clothes met our standards and setting aside stained items for our textile recycling bins.

Marlon’s passion for helping others is inspiring, and he hopes to volunteer with us as soon as he’s old enough. We can’t wait to have him on board!

DA Cacace & Former DA Rocah Agree with Gov. Hochul: Changes Needed to 2019 Criminal Reforms Too Many Domestic Violence Cases Tossed Out on Technicality

Westchester District Attorney Susan Cacace, and former DA Mimi Rocah, have come out in support of the efforts of Governor Kathy Hochul to make changes to the criminal reforms passed in NY in 2019. Specifically, changes to the discovery portion of the law which has resulted in many serious criminal cases being thrown out on a technicality.

Cacace wrote an Op-Ed in the Journal News which included, I was pleased to accept the invitation of Gov. Kathy Hochul to participate in a recent roundtable discussion she hosted in Albany 1 to discuss the unfortunate consequences of the sweeping discovery reforms enacted in 2019, and to lend support for her latest proposal for making desperately needed changes that will bring justice to all New Yorkers. Of course, the need for “justice” does not apply to only one segment of our society, justice is needed by those who are victims of crime, just as it is needed by those charged with crimes and every other member of our greater community throughout New York state.”

“I understood that the discovery reforms of 2019 were designed to enhance the ideals of justice, but I now also recognize where those reforms missed the mark and undercut those ideals.

Indeed, it has been the women and children — those most often victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault — who have suffered most profoundly under these so-called reforms, leading to the dismissal of 49% of cases outside of New York City involving domestic violence in 2023, as one telling example shared by the governor during her roundtable,” writes Cacace.

Former Westchester DA wrote in the Daily News, “I understand the importance of a fair system of justice and public service accountability which is why I believe the 2019 discovery reforms were essential — but I also know that slight modifications are necessary to ensure that the intended reforms do not continue to inadvertently further harm victims.

“I join my former DA colleagues across the state — in addition to victim advocate groups, clergy leaders, and many members of the state’s federal delegation — in strongly supporting the proposed changes to those laws.

“I urge the Legislature: do not continue to stand in the way of these essential changes,” writes Rocah.

Governor Hochul has been the most vocal about making changes to the discovery laws so that domestic violence cases and sexual assault charges are not dismissed because a prosecutor was unable to get every shred of evidence to defense attorneys in time.

“I have been clear since day one: I won’t stop fighting to pass a State Budget that prioritizes affordability and key public safety measures. We cannot allow loopholes in our discovery laws to harm the progress we have made in combatting crime.

“Victims of crime and our partners in law enforcement see too many victims being denied justice and too many perpetrators reoffending thanks to loopholes in our laws. I made a promise to New Yorkers that their family would be my fight — that means standing strong to pass a State Budget that makes New York safer and more affordable for all.”

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Charter School of Educational Excellence Cited as Leader in Youth Sports Injury Prevention



A national sports medicine coalition recently cited the Charter School of Educational Excellence’s athletics program as a model for preventing youth athlete injuries.

The Aspen Institute’s Project Play, for the National ACL Injury Coalition, published a case study that details how the CSEE, under the leadership of Athletic Director Mike DeSimone and PE Teacher/Athletic Trainer Patrick Kilcarr, implemented a neuromuscular training program based on the Hospital for Special Surgery’s Neuro-dynamic Warmup.

This initiative has led to remarkable results, including a 35% decrease in documented knee and ankle sprains and, notably, zero ACL injuries since its implementation. Before 2018, the school recorded three ACL injuries.

An ACL injury is a tear or sprain of the anterior cruciate ligament, a ligament in the knee that connects the thighbone (femur) to the shinbone (tibia).

“The Neuro-dynamic warm-up is now part of how we do things here,” DeSimone told Project Play. “Athletes, coaches and families are learning on a daily basis through pre-season and on-going in-season education how to properly take off and land on single legs and perform a proper neuro-dynamic warm up, which is completed on a daily basis and feedback is provided by coaches trained three times per year.”

The success of the program at CSEE is attributed to several key factors:

- Strong Leadership Buy-in: DeSimone’s philosophy of prioritizing “whatever is best for the kids” set the stage for a culture of prioritizing athlete well-being.
- Emphasis on Coach Development: CSEE has invested in annual summer coach development workshops in sport safety education and quarterly professional development for coaches.
- Data-Driven Approach: Consistent data collection and sharing of results have reinforced the importance of the neuromuscular training program.
- Strategic Implementation: The school’s methodical approach to introducing the program, starting with coaches who were early adopters, ensured smooth integration and widespread adoption.

The Aspen Institute’s Project Play, the National ACL Injury Coalition and the Hospital for Special Surgery are working to address the rising rates of ACL injuries among young athletes. This case study on CSEE serves as a valuable resource for other institutions looking to adopt similar injury prevention strategies. The full case study can be found at <https://projectplay.org/stories/csee>

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Postcard of St. Joseph’s Seminary & College

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

Monday, April 21st

April 21, 1929: Roland Francis and a group of African American ex-servicemen organized Yonkers’ first minority veterans’ post; they held its first meeting at Wiggins Hall at 24 North Broadway. The Samuel H. Dow Post, No. 369 VFW, now has a home on Warburton Avenue.

April 21, 1952: Yonkers Public Safety Commissioner Milton Goldman lifted the ban his predecessor Patrick O’Hara placed on YPD fundraising; officers now were allowed to sell tickets for a May 27th program at Loew’s Theater. Part of the fundraising efforts was selling ads in a journal for the program; Goldman required a Deputy Commissioner approve all ads in the journal.

Tuesday, April 22nd

April 22, 1943: Alexander Smith Carpet Company announced its workers financed the bomber “Yonkers Magic Carpet” by purchasing war bonds valued at \$300,000! To spur the effort, the company had donated \$2 for every dollar each employee contributed to the war effort.

April 22, 1944: Smith Carpet Factory General Superintendent Harold Zulauf announced the company was “experimenting” hiring handicapped workers to prepare for return of the 1,400 Smith workers in the service, including those who were wounded. They created protocols to “take care of” returning servicemen by meeting with the local Textile Workers of America Union officials. The plan was for labor and management to work on potentially complex problems.

The Union office would be the relocation center for employees returning from the service. The team hoped to anticipate potential problems when everyone returned from the military, such as how to handle people who replaced servicemen during the war, and the responsibility of “sympathetically understanding a man who has been taught to kill 24 hours a day.”

Wednesday, April 23rd

April 23, 1881: Tantivy, a four-horse coach seating twelve passengers, made its first trip to Yonkers, inaugurating the “modern” stagecoach line.

April 23, 1908: Mayor Warren led a parade to meet Yonkers’ runners who competed in the Boston Marathon. They met Thomas Morrissey, winner of the Boston Marathon and United States champion long distance runner, Samuel Mellor who

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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.

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Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. 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.

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Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
73778/2024
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.

RANJIT PERSAUD, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

Section: 165.45, Block: 1100, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$440,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 29, 2007, in Control Number 463380234, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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.

Dated: March 28th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

GLP-1 Drugs Should Require Eating Disorder Screening Before Prescription



Dr. Heather Rosen

By Heather Rosen, PhD

Right now, about 12% of American aged 18 or older (or 1 in 8 adults) are taking GLP-1 (glucagon-like peptide-1) receptor agonists – medications that were initially developed and FDA-approved to treat type 2 diabetes are also being used off-label for weight loss beyond medical need. Wegovy, Ozempic, Mounjaro, Trulicity and other similar drugs work by slowing gastric emptying, reducing appetite, and increasing satiety which can lead to significant weight loss.

For people with diabetes and associated health conditions, GLP-1 medications offer a long-awaited and even life-saving tool to improve health by reducing the overall risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease and lowering blood pressure. But for people who have or are at high risk for developing an eating disorder (including anorexia nervosa and other disorders), these drugs can exacerbate—or even cause—serious problems.

Rapid weight loss and extreme food restriction—both of which often occur while taking GLP-1 drugs—can reinforce disordered eating behaviors and disrupt recovery. Those who undergo rapid weight loss while taking these drugs may also receive well-meaning positive comments on their bodies, especially in our diet- and weight-obsessed culture, which unintentionally substantiate harmful messages about body size, weight, health, and self-worth.

I have personally seen patients with disordered eating histories who were prescribed weight loss drugs. While they lost weight, their mental health took a terrible toll as they were driven to extremely restrictive and obsessional relationships with food, exercise, and weight. Appetite suppression induced by GLP-1 medications appeared to intensify food avoidance, increasing the risk of malnutrition and medical instability.

Moreover, some individuals who seem as though they qualify for weight loss drugs might not initially present as someone with an eating disorder. While the pervasive stereotype of someone with an eating disorder is someone young, female, and alarmingly thin (and often white), this isn't the case. People with eating disorders come in all shapes, sizes, genders, races, and ages. Just because a person is in a larger body doesn't mean that person doesn't have an active eating disorder or a history of disordered eating. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, "Despite the fact that individuals with higher body weight have a 2.45 times greater chance of engaging in disordered eating behaviors as patients of normal weight, such patients receive a clinical diagnosis of an eating disorder half as frequently as patients with normal weight or underweight." And while some well-intentioned physicians might want their patients to obtain a "healthy" Body Mass Index (although the BMI is flawed and medical practitioners are increasingly moving away from using it as a barometer of health), weight loss drugs aren't always the best choice for everyone, particularly for people living in larger bodies who may be susceptible to the unintended risks associated with GLP-1 medications.

So how do healthcare providers balance the benefits of these drugs with the potential risks? Looking at the protocols for individuals undergoing bariatric surgery may offer ideas for next steps. When patients undergo bariatric surgery for weight loss, they receive a battery of tests before being operated on—including a physical examination, blood tests, urinalysis, imaging, and more. Many bariatric surgery programs also require a pre-operative mental health evaluation, which can help identify issues that could hinder the success of the surgery and ensure the patient is aware of the hard work ahead of them, including the lifestyle changes that will be needed for long-term success after surgery. If mental health concerns are identified, patients will receive psychological care like therapy or medication management prior to surgery. Ongoing mental health support is crucial for sustained success and thus, patients typically receive counseling following surgery to support adjustment to a new lifestyle and to monitor for changes in mental health.

Doctors prescribing weight loss drugs would be wise to follow suit. According to the National Eating Disorders Association, 9% of the U.S. population, or 28.8 million Americans, will have an eating disorder in their lifetime and the extent to which GLP-1 prescriptions have become more readily available through telehealth providers without proper screening is especially concerning.

We don't know what the long-term effects of GLP-1 drugs will be on mental or physical health—but by screening people for eating disorders and disordered eating before these medications are prescribed and then continuing to closely monitor individuals after they are prescribed (if they are prescribed at all), hopefully we can prevent unintended consequences like worsening disordered thoughts and behaviors and usurping recovery efforts.

Now is the time to advocate for those who are struggling to improve their mental and physical health and are trusting healthcare professionals to care for both their mental and physical well-being. Health is a complicated picture—and it's so much more than just the number on a scale.

Heather Rosen, PhD, is a psychologist with Psychology Partners Group (PPG), a comprehensive mental health practice with locations in Chappaqua, New York and White Plains, New York. Rosen is a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in the evaluation and treatment of eating disorders in adolescents and young adults.

Letter to the Editor:

Jesus Christ Our Passover: Redemption and Healing

Passover commemorates not only the liberation of the children of Israel from 400 years of slavery in Egypt, but also the promise of what the Messiah would bring: deliverance from the bondage of sin and man's fallen nature and healing. For Christians, Jesus Christ was the Passover sacrifice for all times, fulfilling God's most important promises of redemption from sin and death.

The Hebrew slavery in Egypt was so abject that the government ordered the people to murder Hebrew babies if they were male. (Exodus 1:15ff) Moses miraculously survived because of his mother's faith, and grew up in the royal household. The Egyptians gave the hardest tasks to the Hebrews, and deliberately made these harder, forcing them to make "bricks without straw" that is, having to go out and find the materials as well as make the finished product without reducing the number made. (Sounds like many "environmental" regulations which have made cars both more expensive and less safe and appliances more costly and less functional. Evil adapts to the cultural conditions of the time.)

The Passover celebration was commanded by God to remind the Hebrews of God's deliverance. Leviticus 23:5 "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S Passover." It was an eight day feast, with special preparations, requiring for many, a pilgrimage to the Temple at Jerusalem. Centuries later, when Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem, it was a swamp of religious and political corruption. "After two days was the feast of the Passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death." (Mark 14:1) The king had murdered John the Baptist, and the corrupt religious leaders tried several times to kill Jesus Christ—hardly the deeds of men of God. They should have been the first to recognize and honor the son of God. But the high priest was appointed by the Roman government and the chief priests and scribes were not the true leaders of Israel. They had the position, but spiritually they were corrupt, and lived off the people. Instead of serving them and teaching them, they oppressed them with legalistic self-righteousness and never delivered anyone from sin or sickness. When Jesus Christ brought the light of God, deliverance and healing all they could see was a threat to their power.

Think about that. Here is the only begotten son of God, the Messiah they have been awaiting for thousands of years, demonstrating the power of God as it had not been seen in 400 years, and the chief religious leaders were conspiring to murder him. They should have been the first to sit at his feet to learn from and help him, but they worshiped their positions of power and so schemed and conspired to kill him to hold on to positions they were neither spiritually nor morally entitled to.

The Last Supper was not the Passover meal, but it was part of the eight day feast of Passover. John 18:28 shows that Jesus was under arrest before the Passover high Sabbath. "Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover." Another distinction is that Jesus Christ and his disciples ate sitting down. The Passover meal was eaten standing with clothing clothes bound up for quick travel, a walking stick in hand, and shoes on. (Exodus 12:11) Da Vinci's "Last Supper" portrays men seated at a table: customary for Renaissance Europe, but not how meals were taken in the ancient Middle East, where the custom was to recline on a couch or mat, barefoot. John 19 states that on the "preparation," the day when the Passover lamb was selected, Jesus Christ was in the hands of the religious and political authorities who were torturing him and humiliating him. But the high priest's soldiers would not go into Pilate's judgement hall because it would have made them unclean to eat the Passover meal. The amazing hypocrisy to pretend to obey the religious law when they were torturing and preparing to kill the son of God parallels what we see today in the political arena. Lust for power and the will to violence began with Lucifer trying to usurp God's position and contaminated man when Adam and Eve decided that being able to live freely with one exception wasn't enough and they succumbed to the temptation to "be as gods."

Jesus Christ paid the price for that: he was killed at the exact time that Jewish families were killing their Passover lamb. They would eat it after sundown, which was the beginning of a new day. Jesus Christ never got to eat that Passover meal with his disciples, but become the fulfillment of the Passover for all time. 1 Corinthians 5:7,8 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Christians are no longer under the Old Testament law, but under a new covenant. **-continued on pg**

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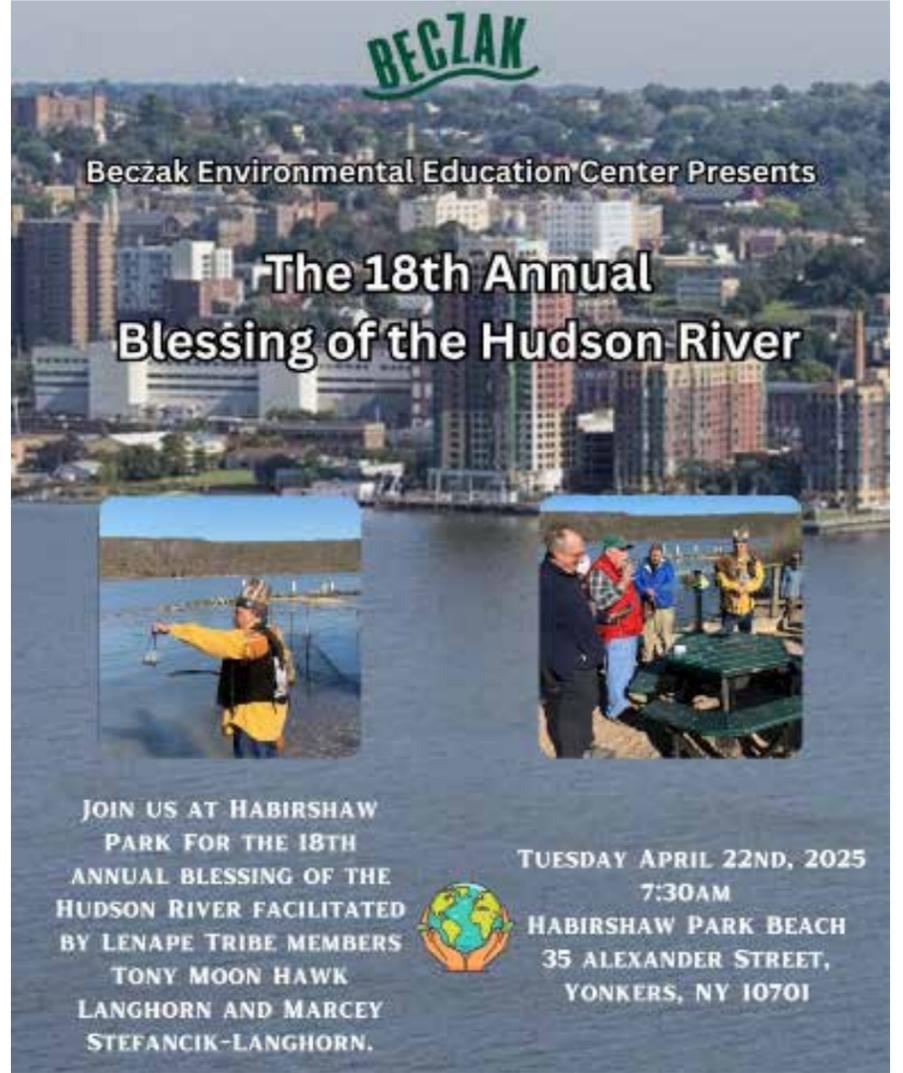
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Sonia Citron, Ursuline Graduate from Eastchester Picked 3rd in the WNBA Draft



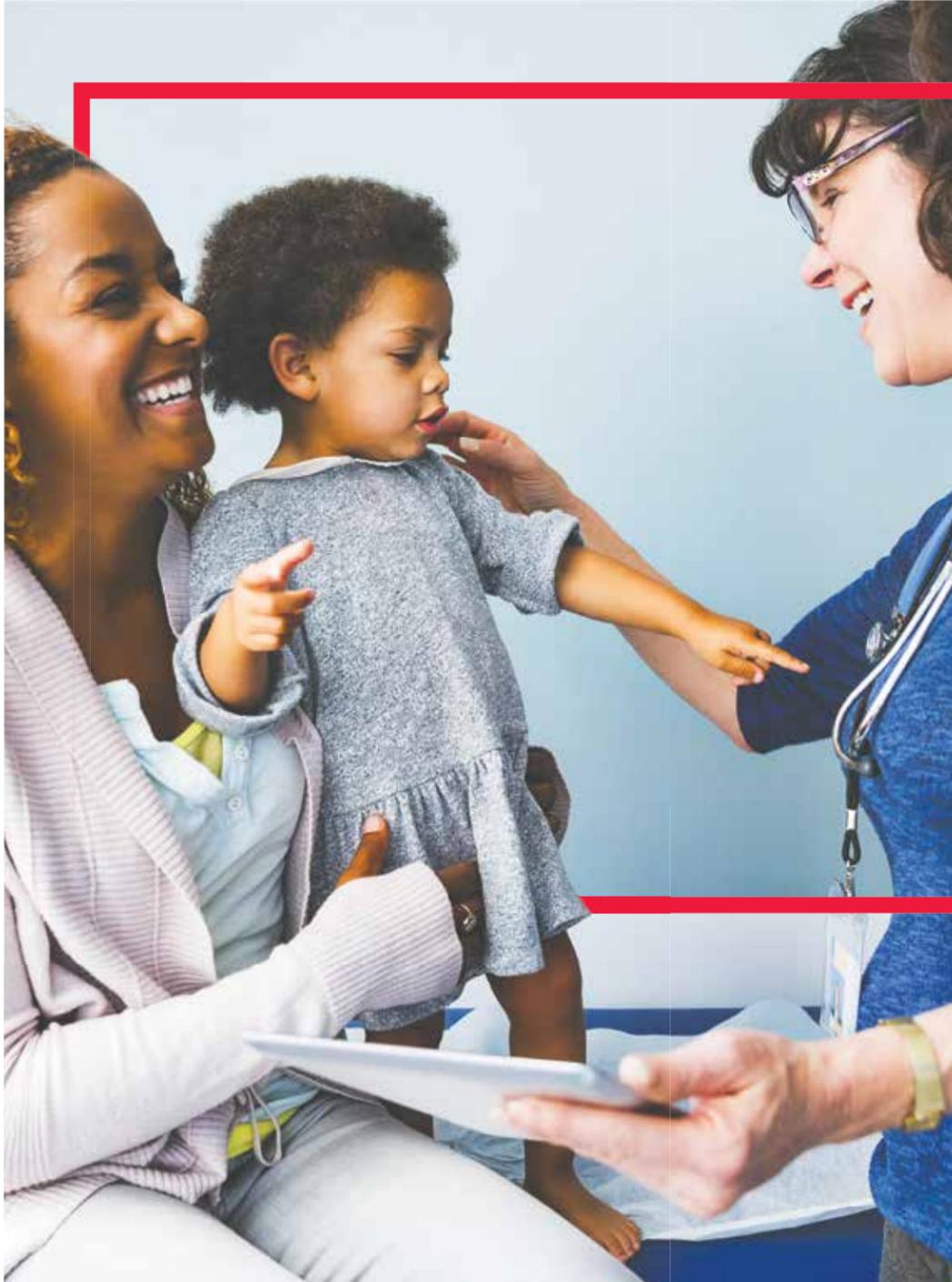
Congratulations to Sonia Citron who was the 3rd pick in the WNBA draft. Citron graduated from The Ursuline School and is from Eastchester. Citron was drafted by the Washington Mystics. She attended Notre Dame University from 2021-2025, where she averaged 14.1 points and 5 rebounds per game. Citron is a great defender and shoots 90% from the free throw line. She played in 107 of 124 games played over four seasons at Notre Dame.

Beczak Environmental Center Presents The Blessing of the Hudson River April 22



The Beczak Environmental Education Center hosts an annual Blessing of the Hudson River, facilitated by Lenape Tribe member, Tony Moon Hawk Langhorn, to celebrate and honor the river on Earth Day. This event, also known as a community gathering, takes place at the Beczak Environmental Education Center in Yonkers and is a time for appreciation and connection with nature.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com



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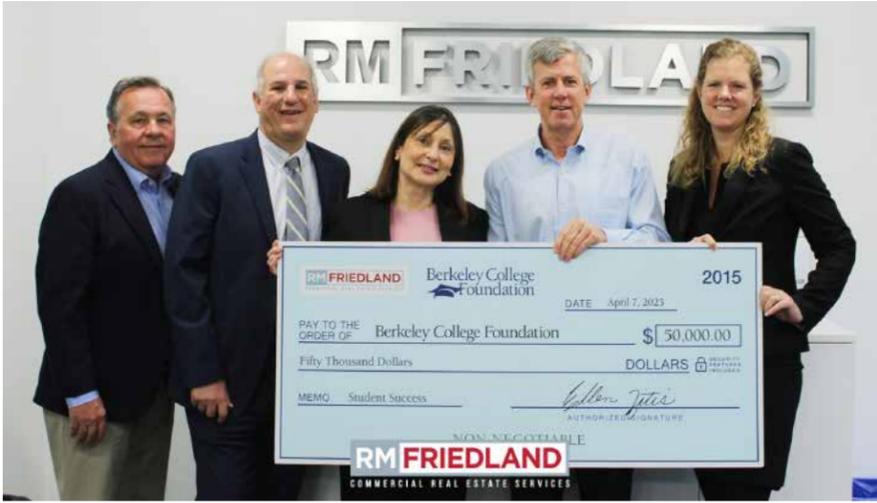
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RM Friedland Donates \$50K to Berkeley College Foundation
Following Participation In Sale of Former White Plains Campus

Westchester Prom Giveaway-May 2-4



(L to R) John Barrett, Co-Managing Director, Investment Sales at RM Friedland, Thomas Alessandrello, Senior VP of Operations at Berkeley College, Ellen Zitis, Executive Director of the Berkeley College Foundation, Chris O'Callaghan, Managing Director Office Division at RM Friedland, and RM Friedland President Sarah Jones-Maturo. Photo © Dan Tashman 2025.

RM Friedland is proud to announce a \$50,000 donation to the Berkeley College Foundation, celebrating the successful sale and forthcoming redevelopment of 99 Church Street and the adjacent 6 Cottage Place—properties formerly part of Berkeley College's downtown White Plains campus. Recognizing the site's prime location and potential for transformative reuse and redevelopment, RM Friedland identified the properties as ideal candidates for adaptive reuse and redevelopment. The Berkeley College Foundation provides scholarship funding for need-based, academically deserving students who otherwise would not have the financial means to pursue and complete their associate or bachelor's degree at Berkeley College, and addresses the student food insecurity issue by subsidizing three campus food pantries. Proceeds from RM Friedland's donation will support direct financial aid for both the scholarships and food pantries for Berkeley College students.



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process and unlocking the doors to a brighter future.”

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “Education is the foundation for opportunity and advancement, and no one should be unable to pursue higher education because of financial barriers. The State Legislature has prioritized removing these barriers, from the passage of the DREAM ACT, to guaranteeing universal FAFSA access for all high school seniors. I’m pleased that SUNY Chancellor King and Superintendent Soler have utilized these resources to boost Yonkers’ already impressive FAFSA completion rates. I strongly encourage all eligible students to complete both the FAFSA and NYS DREAM Act applications..”

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am pleased to join SUNY Chancellor King, Yonkers Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers high school students, to discuss the college application process and how we can help our students receive the financial aid they need. For many students in my district, navigating tuition, scholarships, and financial aid can be challenging, especially for first-generation students. No student should miss the opportunity to pursue higher education due to a lack of knowledge about available resources or uncertainty about how to complete paperwork.”

Assemblymember Nader Sayegh said, “Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a crucial step for high school students applying to college, providing access to federal, state, and institutional financial aid for a more affordable education by giving students access loans, grants, and work-study programs. As a Yonkers educator and administrator, I know for students in Yonkers, FAFSA and college readiness are vital to prepare and empower them, ensuring higher education is accessible regardless of circumstance. We must continue raising awareness and supporting younger generations in their pursuit of higher education. They are the promising and capable minds who will shape the future..”

According to an analysis by the National College Attainment Network, the high school class of 2023 left more than \$4 billion in Pell Grants nationwide unclaimed by not completing the FAFSA. In New York State, nearly \$226 million was left unclaimed.

Last year Governor Kathy Hochul introduced and signed legislation, which was passed in the FY2025 Enacted Budget, requiring universal FAFSA completion for graduating high school seniors in an effort to boost completion rates. Studies show that students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to go to college. Specifically, 90% of high school seniors who complete the form go to college directly after graduation, compared to just 55% of seniors who don’t fill out the aid application.

The FY 2025 budget also included a doubling of New York State’s Tuition Assistance Program’s minimum award from \$500 to \$1,000, an increase to the maximum income threshold from \$80,000 to \$125,000 for dependent students, and an increase to the independent student income eligibility from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

SUNY has taken numerous steps to assist students and their families in applying for financial aid to make college more affordable including:

- . Virtual and in-person FAFSA completion workshops, held in English and Spanish, to help families complete the FAFSA;
- . Working with State partners to develop and promote online resources including print-ready resources for counselors and students to help guide them through the financial aid process; and
- . Continued engagement of the SUNY FAFSA Completion Corps, an AmeriCorps funded program that began in October 2023 with 50 students and has grown to 70 SUNY students at 14 campuses.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, at a meeting held on the 25th day of February 2025, duly adopted the resolution published herewith to restate the City’s commitment to fair housing and officially designate the Mayor or his designee as fair housing officer as required for NY CDBG Cares Act Grant:

RESOLUTION NO.33-2025**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY’S COMMITMENT TO FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND POLICIES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City shall, within available resources, assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate; and

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Planning and Development, or her designee, is designated Fair Hearing Officer. The Contact information for said Fair Hearing Officer is: Planning Commissioner, City of Yonkers, Department of Planning & Development, 20 South Broadway, Suite 923, Yonkers, NY 10701, 914.377.6150; and

RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall publish this resolution in the official newspaper; post a copy in a conspicuous place in City Hall; and cause it to be posted on the City’s website and social media; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City, through this publicity, shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under any applicable fair housing laws; and be it further.

RESOLVED, the City’s Department of Planning and Development shall maintain and distribute literature related to federal, state, and local fair housing policies and laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, Yonkers City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: March 25, 2025

Vincent Spano, City Clerk

Spano Endorses Cuomo While Other Westchester Dems Stay Quiet

By Dan Murphy

Andrew Cuomo’s bid for NYC Mayor took him to Yonkers last week to the home of former State Senator Nick Spano for a fundraiser.

Spano, who is now a democrat and a lobbyist in Albany, has known Cuomo for a couple of decades, dating back to when Cuomo was NY Attorney General and Spano was a State Senator.

In a story for Politico, <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/new-york-playbook/2025/04/10/spano-for-cuomo-00283182>

Spano explained “He is a friend of my family as well. I think he’s perfectly suited to be able to take over the reins of the city of New York and to move it in the right direction.”

Nick Spano’s family includes his brother Mike Spano the Mayor of Yonkers. And while Mayor Mike Spano has yet to endorse Cuomo for NYC Mayor, he attended the event and the fact that Nick Spano welcomed Cuomo to Yonkers is a clear sign that the Spano family supports Cuomo.

“Mike attended the Cuomo fundraiser at his brother’s home, and shares the same views on how to govern a city like Yonkers or New York City. He wouldn’t be there and Nick wouldn’t host Cuomo if his brother wasn’t on board,” said one person at the event, which features Nick Spano’s famous homemade Chili.

10 years ago, Nick Spano welcomed then Governor Cuomo to Yonkers for a reelection fundraiser.

“What we need in government and politics these days is less acrimony and more results,” Spano told Playbook Wednesday. “You only get results by communicating and working well on both sides of the aisle. Andrew Cuomo is prepared to do that.”

Cuomo spokesperson Rich Azzopardi also pointed out in the Politico story that “Senator Spano has a history of supporting democrats” including Chuck Schumer, and Governor Hochul.

Nick Spano also welcomed Hochul to Yonkers for a fund raiser recently

When his endorsement becomes official, Mayor Spano will become the first prominent democrat to support Cuomo for NYC Mayor. Other notable democrats, including State Senate Majority Leader ASC, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Amy Paulin, Congressman George Latimer and County Executive Ken Jenkins, have not endorsed Cuomo or any candidate for Mayor.

Some Westchester democrats explained that most of the Westchester Dems we mentioned “don’t have to endorse anyone for NYC Mayor because they don’t represent NYC. Only George (Latimer) does.”

Stewart-Cousins, Mayer and Paulin, were among the many NY Democrats who called on Cuomo to resign in 2021 for sexual harassment allegations.

Cuomo maintains a large lead in polling for the upcoming democratic primary in June for NYC Mayor. Current NYC Mayor Eric Adams has vowed to run as an independent candidate for reelection in November. The republican candidate for Mayor will be Curtis Sliwa.

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING,

One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7431 – Opening date: 05/02/2025: purchase of 68 Schutt F7 VTD, or Yonkers approved equal, football helmets with facemasks (FB).

2. Bid No. IFB-7432 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: furnish and install one 64 x 24 modular building per Yonkers specification at 120 Fullerton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 (FB/VB).

3. Bid No. RFB-7433 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: removal of asbestos containing flooring and mastic materials from the 1st Police Precinct, 730 East Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, NY 10701 (KS).

4. Bid No. RFB-7434 – Opening date: 05/02/2025: purchase of one ShowMaster MSM2400, or Yonkers approved equal, mobile sound stage (CA).

5. Bid No. RFB-7435 – Opening date: 05/02/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide Mack Truck repair parts and services as needed (FB).

6. Bid No. RFB-7436 – Opening date: 05/02/2025: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 600 tons of fine mortar sand as needed (TN).

7. Bid No. RFB-7437 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: HVAC cleaning at the Neperhan Community Center, 342 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 (AC).

For FY26, the Executive Budget recommits to education and Yonkers students despite a difficult fiscal outlook. The Executive Budget proposes the Administration's combined contribution (which includes Debt Service and the Maintenance of Effort contributions) to the Board of Education of \$298 million. The transfer to education will provide \$4.6 million in debt service relief, which can go towards the payment of Joint School Construction debt service costs and free up that amount to be utilized for other District operating expenditures.

Similarly, the Administration again will absorb over \$10 million of BOE administrative services into the City's municipal budget. In addition, the Executive Budget further contributes to the schools by proposing \$17 million in school construction in its capital budget.

Mayor Spano commented, "We are encouraged the State is considering a change in the Regional Cost Index (RCI), which will affect funding formula calculations for FY26 and beyond. If the State approves a change in the RCI, Yonkers Board of Education could receive upwards of \$22 million in additional annual aid. Until that happens, we continue to advocate our state leaders for fair, additional funding for our schools."

Municipal Operating Budget

Included in the Executive Budget is a municipal operating budget of \$736 million. City General Fund Department Expenditures, Department Debt Service, and Special Items are budgeted at \$396 million.

The City's operating budget minimizes departmental spending, except for contractual and state mandated increases, provides no additional positions and comes with internal instructions to limit travel, activate hiring freezes, emphasize additional efficiency measures where possible until the economic outlook from the federal and state governments becomes clearer.

The Executive Budget proposes to stay inside the state-mandated property tax cap. It proposes a combined tax rate of \$961.55 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation, a tax rate increase of 2.68%. Under the proposal, a typical home at the median assessed value of \$10,900 would see their annual property tax bill increase by \$274, or approximately \$23 per month.

Mayor Spano added, "The 2026 Executive Budget provides for some flexibility to help offset potential cuts in federal aid and variable economic conditions. In the meantime, this budget is a basis for discussions and decisions. I am calling on our partners including our state leaders and City Council to continue to build upon the spirit of cooperation that has passed consecutive bipartisan budgets during my time in office."

Budget Snapshot:

\$1.49 billion total budget
Tax rate of 2.68%, which is within the state-mandated tax cap
\$298 million appropriation for the Board of Education, including \$4.6 million in debt service relief

\$17 million in school construction in its capital budget

Maintains city services and municipal workforce

The Yonkers City Council must adopt the City budget by June 1 for it to take effect by the new fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2025.

To view Mayor Spano's proposed Executive Budget, visit [www.yonkersny.gov] www.yonkersny.gov.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567
Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030
File# 7777.122

in the room are a wonderful reminder of the power of philanthropy."

Dr. Marcia V. Keizs, was one of the esteemed honorees nominated by Sister to Sister International. Dr. Cheryl Brannan, founder of Sister to Sister International said, "Dr. Marcia Keizs was nominated for her outstanding fundraising support as Co-chair of our very successful STSI 30th Anniversary Gala, garnering a number of new sponsorships. She also serves as a steering committee member and staunch champion of STEAM Summer Camp and Academy, supporting both our fundraising and recruitment efforts. We were pleased to have a great group of STSI members, consultants, and friends on hand to cheer Dr. Keizs on and express appreciation for her remarks with a beautiful bouquet of flowers."

Dr. Marcia V. Keizs has had a distinguished career in The City University of New York for almost fifty years in a variety of capacities where she gained recognition as an excellent classroom teacher before moving into administrative leadership.

After many years of service on five CUNY campuses and the CUNY Central Office, Dr. Keizs assumed the Presidency at York College /CUNY. Her leadership at York College / CUNY (2005-2019) was marked by outstanding academic achievements: securing national accreditation for existing programs; creating new undergraduate academic offerings in Aviation Management, Pharmaceutical Science, Journalism, Generic Nursing, Logistics and Supply Chain, and Health Science; expanding graduate programs at the master's level in Pharmaceutical Science and Business, Physician Assistant Studies and Social Work.

Dr. Keizs has served on a number of not-for profit boards, was the Founding Editor of The New York Carib News and continues to be an engaged member of the Bronx and Westchester – communities where she has resided. Her affiliations include the Westchester Branch of American Association of University Women, Sister to Sister International Inc., and Wakefield Grace United Methodist Church.

Other event honorees included: Ms. Gwen Salmo, Fundraising Professional, Friends of Karen; Ms. Sofia Feinstien, Youth Philanthropist- Founder of UNI-T Fashion; Shop Rite as Outstanding Corporate Partner; and Ms. Alison Paul – Peter J Gallagher Award for Leadership and Service, President of Alison Paul Grant Writing and Consulting.

In addition to the awards, legislators also gave the honorees proclamations. Those included County Legislator David Imamura's Declaration of March 16, 2025, as Marcia V. Keizs Day in Westchester, which was posted on the Jumbotron at Westchester County Center.

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SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against-

CLAUDIA C. HUIE A/K/A CLAUDIA COLLEEN HUIE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of the premises being foreclosed herein., Defendants Index No. 75940/2024 Mortgaged Premises: 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose home equity conversion mortgage to secure \$780,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on October 7, 2009, as Control Number 492650633, covering the premises known as 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

County Executive Jenkins Launches Blue Envelope Program in Westchester



County Executive Ken Jenkins, with County Legislators announcing Blue Envelope Program

Surrounded by members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Westchester County Public Safety, the Office for People with Disabilities and several Autism advocacy groups, County Executive Ken Jenkins officially launched the Blue Envelope Program in Westchester. The Blue Envelope Program is designed to enhance communication and understanding between law enforcement and individuals with autism and other disabilities during a traffic stop. Participants will receive a “blue envelope” to store their driver’s license, registration and insurance card, and police officers will be trained to see and understand what the blue envelope signifies. The blue envelope will also contain information for both the driver and law enforcement officers, in order to better facilitate a calm and effective interaction.

Jenkins said: “Implementing the Blue Envelope Program in Westchester was an easy decision. It creates a simple way for drivers with autism or similar disabilities to discreetly communicate their condition, while providing helpful information to police officers during a routine traffic stop. These blue envelopes will help to reduce anxiety for drivers, as well as give law enforcement officers a clear indication that the driver may require more patience, or an alternate communication method. The Blue Envelope Program will ensure a safer and more comfortable experience for everyone involved.”

A program participant with autism or a similar disability should store their blue envelope in an easily accessible location in their car, like the sun visor or glove compartment.

If a driver is stopped by police:

The driver should tell the police officer they have a blue envelope in their car.

The driver should retrieve the blue envelope and hand it to the police officer.

The police officer should use the instructions on the blue envelope to better communicate with the driver, ensuring a smooth conversation.

Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi said: “I want to extend my sincere gratitude to George ‘Duff’ Bailey, a constituent whose advocacy on behalf of his adult son with autism brought the Blue Envelope Program to my attention. Blue Envelope exemplifies how community engagement leads to meaningful change, creating safer interactions between law enforcement and individuals with communication challenges. Good for law enforcement, good for the Autistic community, good for Westchester. We are proud to partner with County Executive Ken Jenkins to launch this important initiative, a real step toward a more inclusive and understanding Westchester.”

Majority Whip Terry Clements said: “This program directly addresses critical gaps in roadside communication, giving officers vital information and providing peace of mind to families of drivers with autism, dementia, and anxiety disorders. As Public Safety Committee Chair, I’ve championed initiatives that protect our most vulnerable residents while strengthening community-police relations..”

Legislator Nancy E. Barr said: “One of the most meaningful things we can do in government is to implement policies and laws to ensure that all of our residents are safe and are treated fairly and respectfully. The Blue Envelope Program has worked in other communities to improve communications and safety when law enforcement encounters a driver who has specific disabilities that heighten the probability of miscommunication.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Terrance Raynor said: “The Blue Envelope program gives an officer an immediate awareness that a driver may have unique communication or behavioral responses during their interaction. It will invaluable to help to avoid any misunderstandings. This is a great tool in conjunction with the Autism Awareness training that recruit officers and veteran officers receive at the Westchester County Police Academy.”

Director of the Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities Evan Lattimer said: “The Blue Envelope Program is another example of Westchester County taking positive steps to assist and also protect both the disabled community and our law enforcement to be better prepared when interacting together. Having the appropriate training is so valuable for everyone involved. Thank you to County Executive Ken Jenkins for pushing this initiative forward.”

Westchester Institute for Human Development Manager of Prevocational Programs Eleanor Evangelista said: “As someone that works with young adults with disabilities, this program is so important to our population as they work towards their personal independence and important life goals. As the mother to a 26-year-old son on the autism spectrum, who obtained his NYS Learners Permit and requested driving lessons on his birthday this past Saturday, this definitely lightens the pause I feel when I imagine him out the road in the near future.”

CEO of The Arc Westchester Tibisay Guzmán said: “The Arc Westchester is grateful to the New York State Sheriffs’ Association for introducing the Blue Envelope Program, which will now be available in Westchester County. Many individuals with autism are driving on our roadways, and this program provides law enforcement with a valuable visual tool to recognize when someone may have difficulty responding or communicating during a traffic stop.”

Father Son Doctors, continued from pg 1-

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, he returned to Westchester to complete his internal medicine residency at St. John’s.

Dr. Patrick Neshiwat’s return to the hospital coincided with the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, a grueling time for healthcare workers nationwide. Fortunately, St. John’s Riverside remained dedicated to providing the best patient care while helping train the next generation of healthcare workers.

“I began my residency in 2020, right in the middle of it,” says Dr. Patrick Neshiwat. “That was a big shock, but the staff here supported us. They made sure we learned while also treating patients. They prioritized both our education and our well-being. That experience prepared me for the worst-case scenarios. Even after the pandemic, in 2021, 2022, and 2023, I felt ready for anything. I learned so much from that time, and I’m grateful for the support I had at St. John’s.”

Today, chronic illnesses like diabetes and heart disease remain some of the most common health challenges faced by New York residents. As an endocrinologist, Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat often treats these and other conditions.

“Endocrinology covers many common health problems,” Dr. Neshiwat says. “I see patients with diabetes, heart disease, thyroid issues, and osteoporosis. These conditions are the leading causes of hospital visits in many communities.

“Diabetes is a major challenge,” he adds. “But new medications have transformed treatment. Many patients come to me after trying different options with their primary doctors. I can make a real difference in their care with the right tools and St. John’s support.”

Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat takes a patient-centered approach to treating these conditions, getting to know new patients and their health goals right away. “First, I ask what you need from me,” he says. “What are you looking to improve? What condition do you want help with? From there, we find a path forward. Whether it’s blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, or thyroid issues, I focus on what is needed. If a specialist is required, I refer to someone nearby, so patients do not have to travel far.”

Dr. Patrick Neshiwat admires his father’s years of experience and medical knowledge and is happy to have the opportunity to work with him. “Having someone I trust, who holds me accountable, is valuable,” he says. “My dad raised me with strong morals, and now I learn from him daily. He’s great at endocrinology! We share ideas and learn from each other. He has experience with long-term patient care, and I bring in knowledge of preventative medicine. Working together makes us both stronger, and I’m excited to continue serving this community with him.”

“It’s amazing to see the next generation continue our work,” adds Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat. “Having a father and son team gives patients trust and continuity. Our focus remains the same: putting patients first and providing the best care. His bedside manner is excellent, and I’m very proud of him. I know he’ll do great.”

Having worked at St. John’s Riverside for over 31 years, Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat has no immediate plans to retire. But when the time comes, he knows the hospital’s patients will be in good hands.

“With the next generation, like my son, I know St. John’s will continue providing excellent care.”

Dr. Patrick Neshiwat agrees. “It feels like he’s passing the baton to me, but we’re also running the same race together. His dedication to St. John’s inspires me to continue serving the community and assuring patients feel confident in their care for generations to come.”

To learn more, visit: **St. John’s Medical Group – 1019 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 or call 914-237-1900.**

Passover, Jesus Christ, continued from pg 7-

While every item in the Passover meal has significance to remind people of what God had and would continue to do for them, (deliver them from sin and its consequences) there is no mandated meal for Resurrection day. The significance of the somewhat ordinary Last Supper is in the memorial Jesus Christ instituted. God had told Adam and Eve that the day they broke His one restriction, they would bring death into the world as the result of their sin. Genesis 2:16, 17.

The Old Testament law was hard to live up to, the consequences were a reminder of man’s need for the Messiah to come. The bread and wine of the Last Supper represent what Jesus Christ accomplished for us. Galatians 3:13. “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse [penalty] of the law.” His blood, like the blood of the first Passover, covered for our sin. His broken body paid for the sickness that sin brought into the world. He even made the memorial much simpler: a bit of wine to represent his shed blood and a bit of bread, to represent his broken body. Matthew 26:26-28 “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

The purpose of a memorial is to remind us of what was accomplished. So, don’t worry about being good enough. You can claim your healing and deliverance because he was—and is.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268
Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Master naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead the walk to areas of Lasdon that will be explored as nature and its benefits are experienced up close. Rain or shine. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/echotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-3/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Pitch-In for Parks Volunteer Day, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Keep our salt marsh beautiful by collecting trash left by the tides. Help cut back invasive plants in the forest. It's a great way to have fun, get some exercise and give something back to the earth.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 95-4050

Playland Beach and Pool Job Fair, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Apply to and interview on the spot for Beach and Pool Attendants, Lifeguards, Custodial Staff and Cashiers. Located in the Little Theater. Free parking for those attending.

Details: <https://countycenter.biz/event/playland-beach-and-pool-job-fair/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Birch Beer Make & Taste, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ages 7 and older can join us to learn how this old-fashioned soda gets made, starting with the tapping process, and try some of our own farm-fresh birch beer in this interactive program.

\$15 per person; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/birch-beer-make-taste-tickets-1291160829799?aff=oddtcreator>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Springtime Arts & Crafts, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate the start of spring with some seasonal arts and crafts.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Goats on the Go!, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Kids ages 12 and older can join us for our Walk with Us program, during which they can take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment and exercise for our animals. It's a fun and meaningful way for kids to connect with animals while learning about responsible animal care. \$20 per person. Also: April 26; May 17, 24; June 28.

Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goats-on-the-go-tickets-1267377523289?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Signs of Spring, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Are you noticing the flowers blooming, leaves sprouting and animals behaving differently? Take a walk around the preserve with us to witness and discuss the seasonal changes in our plants and wildlife this time of year.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Volunteer Work Project: Preparing an Area to Help Native Plants, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We will remove invasive vegetation from a moist area near the visitor center so native vegetation has a chance to thrive. Please bring work gloves. Hand tools will be provided; great for service credit hours.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Also: April 27; May 4, 11, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29.

\$25 per person; get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-04-20/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up, and more!

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-04-20/>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Project Feeder Watch, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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finished eighth, William Foster, John Welsh and Albert Hayden.

April 23, 1946: Two First Precinct radio patrolmen quickly used what they learned from Health Commissioner Eugene McGillian during a First Aid class on childbirth. Dr. McGillian finished his lecture at 4 pm, and less than three hours later, Patrolmen Allison Hopper and John Flynn delivered a baby boy at a Nodine Hill home!

Thursday, April 24th

August 24, 1945: Flooded by applications for the Yonkers City Manager job, Mayor Frank asked the Council if they wanted to consult about the job; he wasn't sure what to tell applicants and agreed to submit their applications to the Council.

Mayor Frank received a phone call from former City Manager Raymond Whitney's boss in DC. Whitney, then a federal government employee, was asked to return to Yonkers; his boss called to find out what was going on. No one admitted making the call.

April 24, 1952: Chairman James McPoland announced the kickoff of the Yonkers Memorial Blood Campaign to collect a record-breaking 1,000 pints of blood. McPoland said, "Yonkers has contributed its share and more to our country. In memory of the Yonkers boys of all wars who shed their blood, the committee asks all Yonkers citizens share their blood." Blood was donated at the North Broadway Armory. Yonkers Red Cross brought the Red Cross Bloodmobile staffed with doctors and nurses. Members of the Yonkers Civil Service Employees Association, Yonkers Jewelers' Association, Yonkers Federation of Sports Clubs, Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Civil War Veterans all committed ahead of time to donate blood. The largest blood donation was from seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers; the men and their friends donated 667 pints of whole blood!

Friday, April 25th

April 25, 1925: More than two thousand teachers attended the Westchester County School Teachers' Convention at Gorton High School, held for the first time in Yonkers. It was organized by School #23 principal Thomas Kelly, who later became Gorton principal.

April 25, 1943: Mayor Benjamin Barnes honored three Yonkers servicemen in a "Heroes' Day" program at City Hall. Technical Sergeant William Caldwell, former Yonkers policeman & Private First Class Austin Millen, and Midshipman William Zinchak were presented scrolls expressing the "pride of the citizens of Yonkers in their conduct on fighting fronts."

Saturday, April 26th

April 26, 1925: The Department of Justice announced the US Attorney was investigating several federal prohibition agents because of Yonkers citizens' complaints. Allegedly, some agents accepted bribes and extorted protection money.

April 26, 1937: Hawthorne JHS graduate Leslie Klein starred in the Broadway production of "Dead End" at the Bellasco Theater, performing as Leslie Barrett. The show, about adolescents who grew up during the Depression, graphically depicted their lives, and was the first project featuring the "Dead End Kids." Barrett was not in the later movie.

Barrett appeared in several Broadway productions, including "Primrose Path" (1939), "Rhinoceros" (1961) and "The Dresser" (1981). An accomplished Shakespearean actor, he was a member of the Shakespeare Theatre Workshop directed by Joseph Papp.

A founder of the American Mime Theater, he appeared in TV shows as varied as "The Twilight Zone," "Dennis the Menace," "Dark Shadows," and "The Honeymooners."

Sunday, April 27th

April 27, 1861: The first company of Yonkers Civil War volunteers marched down Main Street to the railroad station to leave for battle, marching through huge numbers of Yonkers well-wishers.

April 27, 1924: Westchester County Park Commission announced it would drain Peckham's Lake, fill it in and convert the land into an athletic field, part of its project to create a modern Tibbetts Brook Park.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF JEFFERSON SUMMONS WITH NOTICE --X Index No. EF2025-00000794, Date Summons Filed: 02/17/2025 JESSE FELDMAN, Plaintiff, -against- JACOB WARREN a.k.a. JACOB WARREN-NAGER, a.k.a. JULIAN WARREN, Defendant --X Plaintiff designates Jefferson County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is CPLR Sec. 509. Plaintiff resides at 50 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222. ACTION FOR DIVORCE To the above named Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. David Centeno, Esq. David Centeno Law, PC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 767 Third Ave., Suite 2400, New York, NY 10017, (866) 830-2064 NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL Section 170 subd. (7) - the relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months. The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is: That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance. Neither party is seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guideline Maintenance. That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts' fees and expenses. That both parties may resume the use of any prior surname.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper. The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236) Rev. 1/13 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE ORDERS MAY BE DEEMED A CONTEMPT OF COURT PURSUANT TO the Uniform Rules of the Trial Courts, and DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW Section 236, Part B, Section 2, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which have been entered against you and your spouse in your divorce action pursuant to 22 NYCRR Section 202.16(a), and which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action, unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties: (1) ORDERED: Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fee in connection with this action. (2) ORDERED: Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401k accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court; except that any party who is already in pay status may continue to receive such payments thereunder. (3) ORDERED: Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual housing expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action. (4) ORDERED: Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5) ORDERED: Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect. IMPORTANT NOTE: After service of Summons with Notice or Summons and Complaint for divorce, if you or your spouse wishes to modify or dissolve the automatic orders, you must ask the court for approval to do so, or enter into a written modification agreement with your spouse duly signed and acknowledged before a notary public. NOTICE CONCERNING CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (Required by Section 255(1) of the Domestic Relations Law) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that once a judgment of divorce is signed in this action, both you and your spouse may or may not continue to be eligible for coverage under each other's health insurance plan, depending on the terms of the plan. NOTICE OF GUIDELINE MAINTENANCE If your divorce was commenced on or after January 25, 2016, this Notice is required to be given to you by the Supreme Court of the county where your divorce was filed to comply with the Maintenance Guidelines Law ([S. 5678/A. 7645], Chapter 269, Laws of 2015) because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mean that your spouse (the person you are married to) is seeking or offering an award of "Maintenance" in this action. "Maintenance" means the amount to be paid to the other spouse for support after the divorce is final. You are hereby given notice that under the Maintenance Guidelines Law (Chapter 269, Laws of 2015), there is an obligation to award the guideline amount of maintenance on income up to \$228,000 to be paid by the party with the higher income (the maintenance payor) to the party with the lower income (the maintenance payee) according to a formula, unless the parties agree otherwise or waive this right. Depending on the incomes of the parties, the obligation might fall on either the Plaintiff or Defendant in the action. There are two formulas to determine the amount of the obligation. If you and your spouse have no children, the higher formula will apply. If there are children of the marriage, the lower formula will apply, but only if the maintenance payor is paying child support to the other spouse who has the children as the custodial parent. Otherwise the higher formula will apply. Lower Formula 1. Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 20%. 2. Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 25%. Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income* = Result 2. Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE LOWER FORMULA. Higher Formula 1. Multiply Maintenance Payor's Income by 30% 2. Multiply Maintenance Payee's Income by 20% Subtract Line 2 from Line 1 = Result 1 Subtract Maintenance Payee's Income from 40% of Combined Income* = Result 2 Enter the lower of Result 2 or Result 1, but if less than or equal to zero, enter zero. THIS IS THE CALCULATED GUIDELINE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE WITH THE HIGHER FORMULA. * Combined Income equals Maintenance Payor's Income up to \$228,000 plus Maintenance Payee's Income. Note: The Court will determine how long maintenance will be paid in accordance with the statute. (Rev. 3/1/

Yonkers Rising

District

- Incumbent Conservative Party, John Rubbo, 4th Council District
- Challenger Republican Party, Tony Solieri, 4th Council District.
- Incumbent Democratic and Working Families Party, Corazon Pineda Issacs 2nd Council

District

- Challenger Democratic Party, Alberto Velazquez 2nd Council District
- Incumbent Democratic Party, Lakisha Collins Bellamy, City Council President
- Challenger Democratic and Working Families Party Chuck Lesnick, City Council President
- Challenger Democratic Party, Mike Khader, City Council President
- Challenger Democratic Party, Tasha Diaz, City Council President
- Challenger Republican Party, Dean Politipoulos, City Council President
- Challenger Republican Party, Ron Schutte, City Council President
- Incumbent Republican and Conservative Party, James Nolan, 15th Legislative District, running unopposed
- Incumbent Democratic Party, Shanae Williams, 16th Legislative District, running unopposed
- Incumbent Democratic Party Jose Alvarado, 17th Legislative District, running unopposed
- Incumbent Democratic Party David Tubiolo, 14th Legislative District

There are a number of a candidates who have filed petitions, which are being challenged by constituents from within the districts they wish to represent. This is happening for political office as well as party leadership positions. It is quite unusual to find challenges to party leadership petitions, but this is indicative of the ongoing battle for control of the

Republican Party. The challenges are predominantly in wards, two, three, six and nine, which make up the majority of Legislative District 14 and Council District 4. Represent by former republicans turned democrats David Tubiolo and John Rubbo, respectively.

There is a challenge in election district 9-1, where Justin Tubiolo has challenged the petitions of Tony Solieri and Carolyn Solieri, brother and sister. Mr. Tubiolo is the current 9th Ward Leader and has also submitted petitions to be the 9-1 district leader. There has been an effort to replace the leadership in this district. Mr. Tubiolo was contacted for comment, but did not respond.

Brandon Neider filed an objection to petitions submitted by Henry Djonbalaj. Mr. Neider alleges that Mr. Djonbalaj made a false witness statement and was not actually present to witness all signatures. It has been reported that Henry Djonbalaj has dropped out as a candidate for election district 2-1. It is unknown if this is related to the fraud allegation. An Opportunity to Ballot petition has since been submitted. Mr. Djonbalaj has not returned a request for comment.

There are a number of petitions that were submitted in wards three and six, that have been invalidated by the Westchester Board of Elections. The board states the petitions have a technical error. They list the office of "Committeemen" instead of "Committee member." Debbie Kozak et al has filed a lawsuit against the Westchester Board of Elections alleging that the Board's determination is arbitrary and capricious. A judge and court date has not been determined.

Mr. Henry Djonbalaj who is currently the GOP 2nd Ward Leader has filed a general objection against his party's nominated candidate for the 4th Council District, Tony Solieri. Mr. Djonbalaj been given the opportunity to comment but did not provide one. He also did not follow up with a specific objection, so Tony Solieri will be added to the general election ballot as the endorsed Republican nominee.

Virgil Borrelli who is attempting to represent the 6th Council District as the democratic candidate, must first survive a petition challenge by Pamela Hodges. Should he be successful, he will face Tim Hodges in a primary election.

Carolyn Solieri has filed specific objections to Councilman John Rubbo's nominating petitions. Ms. Solieri has alleged that over 413 signatures are invalid. Mr. Rubbo has only acquired 776 signatures. If Ms. Solieri's objections are successful, Mr. Rubbo will not have the minimum number of signatures to appear on the ballot as the democratic candidate. However, Councilman Rubbo has been successful in obtaining enough signatures to appear as the conservative candidate and is guaranteed to appear in the general election.

Jeni Wallace filed specific objections to the endorsed Republican candidate for Legislative District 14, Michael Pineda. Additionally, Ms. Wallace also filed a preemptive court case against Michael Pineda and the Westchester Board of Elections. The court case alleges that many of candidate Pineda's signatures are not valid, and therefore he should not appear on the ballot. Coincidentally, Ms. Wallace runs a nonprofit which receives funding from Westchester County. Her nonprofit has been allocated \$72,100 in the last County budget. A review of her nonprofit's 2023 tax filings, show additional sources of revenue and the nonprofit is not solely reliant on the County's grant. The Matthew Wallace Foundation was founded in 2014 and provides food assistance and scholarships within the Yonkers community. Wallace contends that the incumbent legislator David Tubiolo does not influence the County's funding of her nonprofit.

Ms Wallace provided the following statement:

"I've been involved in local politics for decades because I deeply care about the well-being of my neighborhood. My support for David Tubiolo's candidacy is not just a matter of personal friendship-our families have been close for years, and I've seen David grow up alongside my children. I trust David, and I know he is genuinely invested in our community. I feel compelled to raise an objection because I believe there are valid concerns. I am a firm believer in the integrity of our democratic process, and I believe it's healthy for voters to have a choice between two candidates. However, I don't think anyone should be allowed to run if there are concerns that the rules or procedures have been bypassed. This procedure for invalidating signatures is a standard part of our political process, and it's not uncommon. I understand that Mr. Pineda is new to politics and may not have been aware of this aspect of the process, or may not have been fully prepared for it. The Board of Elections accepts signatures, but they do not make rulings on their validity. The next step in the process is to seek a remedy through the court system, and I'm simply following the proper channels. I want to be clear: I'm not accusing Mr. Pineda of any intentional wrongdoing. I believe some of his passionate supporters may have acted without fully understanding the consequences. As a taxpaying citizen, I'm well within my rights to bring forward an objection, especially when I've heard from friends who've told me they did not sign for Mr. Pineda. It's important that every part of this process is transparent and fair.

I haven't had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Pineda personally, but by all accounts, he's a nice young man. I've seen him speak at public meetings over the past year, and his passion is clear. However, at times, he misses the mark, and it often seems like he is tag-teaming with his girlfriend rather than standing on his own. Only one person can hold office, and it feels as though he's not fully standing independently in his candidacy. Mr. Pineda's supporters have tried to intimidate me into backing down. They have attacked the non-profit I started in memory of my 17-year-old son, the gentleman running his campaign was my union rep at work and released employee information on social media, and they have relentlessly attacked my character-all in an effort to intimidate me into withdrawing. They claim my objection is not fair, and therefore they have a right to bully me and upset my family. This is childish behavior, and I do not need a child representing me as County Legislator Warmest Regards, Jeni Wallace" This is the scorecard at the time of printing. The Yonkers political landscape is ever changing, and it may take a few more weeks before we know our complete options at the ballot box.



Two-Day Arts Festival Sees Return of Fashion Show, Featuring Westchester Community College Student Designs

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the City of Yonkers is celebrating the 11th annual Yonkers Arts Weekend (YAW) festival on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18. The two-day festival is filled with exciting new programs, including a student-designed fashion show by Westchester Community College, workshops, exhibitions and more.

"Thanks to the commitment of our community, Yonkers continues to secure its reputation as an artistic hub in the region," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Yonkers' rich history, coupled with our thriving arts community, transforms the City, especially the historic waterfront district, into a walkable museum. I want to give thanks to those who keep the arts alive year-round in our community and I'm thrilled that we can continue to bring this event to our community."

This year, YAW will deliver a comprehensive range of pop-up exhibitions, free art workshops, and musical performances across four dynamic venues including:

The Hudson River Museum will feature open galleries, guided tours of the mansion, planetarium shows, family workshops, performances and the new "Fashion in Motion" fashion show (Sat., 5/17 at 2pm). Venue and programs will be available Saturday 11am - 5pm.

Untermeyer Park & Gardens will feature tours of the gardens, performances, family workshops. Venue and programs will be available Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm.

Carpet Mills Arts District (CMAD) will feature the 21st Annual YOHO Artists Open Studio, live painting at the Mural Festival at CMAD, Small Business Expo at The Lab, performances, exhibitions, and family workshops. Venue and programs will be available Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm.

Downtown Yonkers will feature extensive programming, performances, family workshops, walking tours, and exhibitions at multiple locations. Venue and programs will be available Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm.

Juanita Alcena, Fashion Design & Technology Curriculum Chair at Westchester Community College stated, "Fashion in Motion" is a compilation of student work, ranging from first-semester designs to the final collections of graduating students. Each piece showcased at the Hudson Valley Museum this spring highlights their boundless imagination and creativity. The SUNY WCC Fashion Design Department is thrilled and honored to participate in Yonkers Art Week 2025."

Yonkers Arts Weekend is sponsored by the Yonkers Community Development Agency produced by City of Yonkers in partnership with Yonkers Arts, Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District, and Thompson & Bender.

Evan Bishop, Executive Director, Yonkers Arts commented, "Yonkers Arts is excited to continue to play a part in contributing to this wonderful annual celebration of the arts in the city of Yonkers."

Participating and supporting partners to include Yonkers Arts, Yonkers Public Library, Yonkers Public Schools, Hudson River Museum, SUNY Westchester Community College, Yonkers Parks Department, Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy, Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, YOHO Artists, Historic Carpet Mills owners coalition, The LAB at CMAD, Simple Motive Brewing, Blue Door Art Center, Urban Studio Unbound, SIC Film School, YOFI Digital Media Art Center, Yonkers Brewery, WeArtOne Collective, MorDance, Arts Westchester, Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), Yonkers Riverfront Art Gallery, and more to be announced.

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This is the first time in the history of the New York State Archdiocese that a decree was revoked by the Vatican. The decision also marks only the ninth time in modern Catholic history when a decree eliminating a parish has been revoked by the Holy See.

In its decision, the Dicastery for the Clergy found Cardinal Dolan lacked a sufficient canonically "just" cause to warrant the merging of Immaculate Conception Parish with the Parish of St. Peter-St. Denis. While Cardinal Dolan had argued in his decree that the COVID 19 pandemic had reduced attendance at Immaculate Conception Parish, the Dicastery for the Clergy found in the year immediately prior to the parish's closure there had been a 76% increase in attendance.

Cardinal Dolan's decree also resulted in the elimination of Spanish language masses, leaving only one bilingual mass. In actuality there was an increase of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the parish, who sought to attend mass. Spanish-speaking parishioners were forced to attend St. Peter's Church, but many were turned away due to overcrowded attendance and parking conditions. These factors weighed heavily in the Dicastery's decision to revoke Cardinal Dolan's decree.

St. Mary's Church (Parish of the Immaculate Conception Parish), was founded in Yonkers in 1848 as the first Catholic parish in the city. Mass is presently celebrated in St. Mary's Church for English-speaking and Arabic-speaking Catholics. Spanish-speaking parishioners are hopeful that masses in Spanish will soon resume. St. Mary's Parishioners are eager to work with Cardinal Dolan and the Archdiocese of New York to ensure that the parish can spiritually nourish all of its parishioners for years to come.

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