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Yonkers Now #3 in NY! 2020 Census Moves Yonkers Ahead of Rochester, 8% Pop. Inc.



By Dan Murphy

The City of Yonkers population grew by 8% from 2010-2020, giving the City a total of 211,500 residents, according to the 2020 Census. That means that Yonkers is New York's Third most populous City, moving ahead of Rochester by 241 people.

While Yonkers population grew by 8%, Rochester's population grew by less than 1% (.4%). "Over a year ago, you might recall that I asked for your help in ensuring Yonkers was counted on the national stage," said Mayor Mike Spano.

"We achieved our goal. During a global pandemic, we made sure to get the message out that every voice counts. Because of your willingness to participate in the 2020 Census and community organizing efforts, we claimed the title as New York's third-largest city.

Yonkers outpaced every other big city in the State, including New York City growing at an 8% rate. This historic feat. comes on the heels of the progress we have made – becoming one of the safest cities of our size, attracting world-class developers, and investing record amounts in our Yonkers Schools. Over the years, Yonkers has become the destination for people to live, work, and raise a family.

I couldn't be prouder to be Mayor of New York's third-largest city, and I thank you for the role you played."

Yonkers now trails only Buffalo, with 278,000 people, and New York City with 8.8 Million people.

Westchester County's population topped 1 million residents for the first time ever in the 2020 census. As of April 1, 2020 Westchester County had 1,004,457 people living in its borders according to the 2020 Census. Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "I always knew we were a big County, big in culture, big in business, big in life and now also big in population. I want to thank Westchester residents for making Westchester count. No one is fleeing this county – they are coming here to be part of

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Councilman John Rubbo Tells Andrew Cuomo- "That's Not How I Was Raised!"



Yonkers Councilmember John Rubbo, right, with his father and grandfather at the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers City Councilman John Rubbo issued a statement that most New Yorkers agree with, concerning Governor Andrew Cuomo's explanation about sexual harassment allegations made against him by 11 employees, which was that his behavior was taught by his parents, coming from an Italian-American family, that it was OK to hug and kiss and embrace your friends, colleagues and co-workers.

Rubbo stated, "I am an Italian American.-I hug.-I kiss on the cheek.-I embrace friends and family. I know where the line is drawn and I would never cross it. Governor Cuomo used our heritage to defend his actions and that is simply despicable.

"I continue to condemn the Governor's inappropriate behavior. And now, Governor Cuomo has dishonored the millions of Italian Americans who made New York the Empire State. I look forward to the breath of fresh air brought by Lt. Governor Hochul. All I ask of her is that she sets Education as a priority and helps districts like Yonkers meet their full potential," said Rubbo.

The explanation by Andrew Cuomo also tarnishes the reputation of his father, former Governor Mario Cuomo and his mother Matilda.

Governor Mario Cuomo was never accused of touching a female state trooper inappropriately, or groping a staff member in the Governor's Mansion, or asking most of the 11 female accusers whether they thought age made a difference in romantic relationships, and whether they were open to relationships with a man in his 60's.

One of Andrew Cuomo's accusers, Charlotte Bennett, from Westchester, has said again and again that Andrew was trying to sleep with her. His attempts to link those inappropriate comments to his parents and his upbringing, is as Councilman Rubbo stated, "simply despicable."

Other opinions and Op-Eds, like Rubbo, are critical of Andrew Cuomo's

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City of Yonkers Awards \$1.5 Million in Emergency COVID Rent Relief



Yonkers Partners with Local Community-Based Organizations in Granting \$5.9 Million in First Round of Rental Assistance Program

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the City of Yonkers has already authorized the release of approximately \$1.5 million of the \$5.9 million allocated in its first round of the Yonkers Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Y-ERAP). The City launched the program in June to aid Yonkers residents with their payments of back rent, prospective rent, utilities and potentially relocation expenses due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yonkers is expected to grant a total of \$14.5 million in aid through September 2022, from funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan.

Yonkers works in collaboration with local community-based organizations, specifically Cluster Community Services, The Bridge Fund of Westchester, Inc., Westchester Residential Opportunities, Catholic Charities and Westhab, in distributing the funds. Since June, the community-based organizations have received over 2,500 inquiries, and serviced nearly 1,000 households. The average assistance provided to households is \$12,500.

"Yonkers is proud to help struggling renters who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the pandemic," said Mayor Spano. "More than anyone, we know how to best serve our local tenants and landlords and connect them to our local nonprofits who are the 'boots on the ground' with those in need. By processing the Rental Assistance program locally, we have been able to ensure our residents are part of the city's economic recovery as soon as possible."

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Yonkers Reacts to The LOX vs. Dipset Verzuz Battle



The Memorial of Juelz Santana's Bandana.

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

On the night of Thursday, August 3rd, 2021, two American Hip-Hop groups, The LOX, out of Yonkers, New York, and The Diplomats, otherwise known as Dipset, out of Harlem, New York, went head-to-head at Madison Square Garden. The two groups participated in a Verzuz battle. The Verzuz series, created by producers Timbaland and Swizz Beatz, brings two musicians or groups of musical artists together to highlight their discographies. This battle was one for the Hip-Hop history books.

My niece Alajah Whitehead, my nephew Tracy Meighan, Jr., and I all went down to The Garden for the event. Though we were not inside for the function, we saw celebrities like Fabolous, Jim Jones, French Montana, and Takeoff outside of the building. I saw expensive cars, Mercedes Sprinter Vans, and what had to be millions of dollars worth of jewelry. New York looked beautiful.

When the Verzuz battle began, I was one of what would become over 640,000 people who were in attendance virtually. The event was in-person, and Madison Square Garden seats over 20,000 people. The battle began with the introduction of American ring announcer Michael Buffer. After members of each group went back and forth for a while, The LoX started it off. The night was nothing short of spectacular. Rappers Sheek Louch, Styles P, and Jadakiss not only represented The LoX, but they also represented Yonkers.

The Verzuz battle was playing everywhere. It was playing in Manhattan, it was playing on a television screen at a business in Yonkers, even though the store was closed, and I had it playing when I was driving my niece and nephew home. The LoX won the battle without hesitation. Yonkers was in the house, and I loved it.

The LoX knew their lyrics, helped each other, and they had enough comebacks for Dipset to make the night feel like true Hip-Hop in New York was supposed to. Sheek Louch, Styles P, Jadakiss, had a major and beautiful stage

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Federal Government Uses Westchester Airport to Bus, Reunify Unaccompanied Minors; County Government Has No Role in HHS Program



undocumented minors boarding buses at the Westchester County airport
By Dan Murphy

A federal government program, aimed at reunifying unaccompanied minor children crossing the U.S. Border, became a political issue in Westchester, as the Westchester Airport was used as one location to transfer young, undocumented teenagers from planes to buses and then to family members.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS, oversees the program, and took several days to publicly comment on the planes arriving at Westchester Airport. During those five days, three prominent Westchester republicans attempted to blame the incoming flights and undocumented children on Westchester County Executive George Latimer, despite the fact that Latimer, and County Government, has no oversight or involvement in the HHS program, and Latimer did not know about the flights until late last week.

Former County Executive and republican candidate for Governor Rob Astorino, took to his radio show on WOR AM 710 radio to discuss what limited information he knew about flights with undocumented persons coming into Westchester Airport on Friday Aug. 13.

"This is a question of public safety, of public health, and the public's right to know, I broke this story Friday on @710WOR: Hundreds of undocumented immigrants from crisis at southern border flown into Westchester Co. Airport each of last several nights. Why was this a secret? Where are they being resettled? Who is paying? Have they been tested for COVID?"

Social Media comments and misinformation began to spread over the weekend as County Executive Latimer and his administration were immediately unable to reach HHS, who was slow to respond and explain what was happening.

Finally, on Monday Aug 16, HHS stated, "Children traveling through Westchester are simply on their way to unite with relatives and sponsors -- to meet sponsors in Westchester, or just traveling through the area until they reach another destination to unite with family members or legal sponsors. Family members and other legal sponsors live across the country, so it's no surprise that children would be seen traveling through states."

"The vast majority of unaccompanied children in our care, age 12 and up, have received their first shot of a COVID-19 vaccine. While children are in our care, we follow CDC guidelines and work to protect their health and wellbeing," said an HHS spokesperson.

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Beware of Flim-Flam, Trick Scams in Westchester



You are approached or contacted by someone with an offer of service or products that is based on a fraud or lie. Often times work is promised but never completed, or fake goods are sold. Bank accounts and personal identities may be targeted.

BEWARE of unsolicited proposals. Always **VERIFY** legitimacy. If it's too good to be true, it's probably a **SCAM**.

There are dozens of scams and confidence tricks that fraudsters use, but the goal is the same - they want to steal your money! Follow these basic tips to keep yourself from becoming a victim.

- **NEVER** give your personal or bank information to anyone over the telephone, unless:
 - You know exactly who you are talking to and/or the company they work for; and,
 - You are engaged in a willing and voluntary transaction.
- **DON'T** give in to pressure to take immediate action.
- **HANG-UP** on suspicious phone calls.
- **VERIFY** information before taking action; ask family members or trusted friends for help.



Scammers often work by wire-transfer - if you are asked to wire money, it's probably a **SCAM**.

For more information call 914-377-7375.

Beware unsolicited offers of contractor services and more...

The Yonkers Police Department is investigating several reports of flim-flam and confidence trick scams in the area.

Residents should be aware of unsolicited offers of service; especially contractor services, including driveway and paving stone repair. The scammers will often negotiate service and accept partial payment but will never start or complete the work. These same scammers may also pose as subcontractors for authorized persons or companies in an attempt to gain access to private property and commit theft. The scammers may colloquially be known as Irish Travelers; several have been identified and charged in various incidents. Residents should ALWAYS verify the legitimacy of the second party before engaging in any financial contracts.

Additionally, a second group of scammers are selling fake jewelry out of different vehicles, duping people into believing the money is needed to transport their family south; the jewelry is costume junk being sold at inflated prices. Residents are advised not to engage in street transactions with unknown parties. These individuals have been identified and are subject to a police investigation.

Residents and community members are advised to report suspicious activity to (914) 377-7900; emergencies dial 9-1-1. Thank you for supporting law enforcement and the Yonkers Police Department.

DiNapoli: Medicaid Fraud Cost NY State Taxpayers More Than \$1.5 B



The state Department of Health (DOH) allowed more than \$1.5 billion in improper Medicaid payments over the course of several years due to errors in its billing system and may have exposed patients to unqualified and uncredentialed health care providers, according to three reports released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

"Troubling errors like the ones routinely identified by my auditors are extremely costly. They can also put patients at risk," DiNapoli said. "By not fixing problems with the Department of Health's eMedNY system and other issues, hundreds of millions of dollars more in taxpayer dollars could be misspent and unqualified providers could continue to treat Medicaid patients. The department must act on our recommendations and address these shortfalls, so Medicaid recipients receive the level of care they deserve, and taxpayers' dollars are spent effectively."

For the state fiscal year that ended March 31, 2020, New York's Medicaid program had approximately 7.3 million recipients and Medicaid claim costs totaled \$69.8 billion.

The Affordable Care Act and federal regulations mandate that state Medicaid agencies require all ordering and referring physicians and other professionals providing services through the Medicaid fee-for-service program to be enrolled as participating providers and their National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) to be included on Medicaid claims. This screening and provider enrollment process improves the efficiency of the health care system and helps to reduce fraud and abuse. It also helps to ensure the quality of services and protects public health by validating that providers have the appropriate credentials to provide services and are not prohibited from participating in the Medicaid program by the federal government.

In the first report, DiNapoli's auditors found that a significant number of claims were paid even though they did not have a proper NPI to ensure the ordering, prescribing, referring, or attending provider was properly qualified or credentialed, creating a risk for patients. Processing weaknesses in eMedNY, the Medicaid claims processing and payment system, allowed \$1.5 billion in payments for Medicaid clinic and professional claims without an appropriate NPI.

For example, some claims contained NPIs of providers who were not enrolled in Medicaid, while other claims did not contain an NPI at all.

Auditors also found \$57.3 million in payments for pharmacy claims that did not contain an appropriate prescriber NPI and \$19.4 million in payments for claims that contained an NPI but, according to regulations, should not be included on Medicaid claims or that should be further reviewed by DOH due to past misconduct.

A second report found that from Jan. 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2019, claims totaling \$28.5 million were paid for Medicaid recipients who were reported as discharged from a hospital, but then admitted to a different hospital less than 24 hours later. These claims raise the possibility that the first hospital wrongly recorded a patient's transfer as a discharge, which is a red flag that the claims are at a high risk of overpayment.

Auditors recommended that the Department of Health develop a process to identify and recover Medicaid overpayments for fee-for-service inpatient claims that have a high risk of incorrect patient status codes such as those identified by the audit.

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Iona Student, Yonkers Native, Spreads Smiles and Awareness on Cross-US Bike Trek



Aidan Connolly

Aidan Connolly initially doubted what he and his fraternity brothers could accomplish by biking across the United States to raise money for disabled people.

The possibilities dawned on the Iona junior as he cycles from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., as part of the Journey of Hope—The Ability Experience. After sharing meals and good times with disabled people across the country, he now understands that their 62-day trek is about more than the \$175,000 he and his 25 teammates have raised so far.

“This is way, way bigger than just me. We’re cycling because we’re trying to bring hope and celebrate the abilities of all people,” said Connolly, 20, who is pursuing a dual degree in economics and business administration in entrepreneurship.

Connolly, a Yonkers native, learned about Journey of Hope through his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, which launched the ride in 1988 as a philanthropic initiative. The Journey of Hope’s goal is to establish volunteer relationships with facilities that serve people with disabilities.

Connolly and his fraternity brothers from throughout the United States expect to arrive in Washington, D.C. on August 14 via two routes. Connolly is on the northern route, and he typically rides all day, stopping at centers that host him and his brothers for overnight visits. Collectively, the riders on the north and south routes have raised more than \$300,000.

While at the hosting sites, the bicyclists participate in activities with disabled people from the local communities; often there are parties at the friendship visits.

“At one of our first visits we had participants waiting for us at an Elks Lodge. We do dance parties, bring a smile to someone’s face, and create a memory. Sometimes we play games with them or dine together,” said Connolly during a rest stop in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Along the way, Connolly has learned lessons about biking and his body’s limits. He got food poisoning in Colorado and viral tonsillitis, both unusual ailments for the Journey of Hope crews.

“Cycling on flat ground in New York didn’t prepare me to climb mountains like the Rockies,” he said of the first third of his journey.

Connolly also learned about the transformative power that every individual possesses.

“One person can make a difference,” he said. “Life is really too short to take things for granted, to complain. You should really try to stay positive and count your blessings every day because you never know what tomorrow will bring.”

Once in the District of Columbia, Connolly will take a long break from biking, but he’s not giving up long-distance adventures.

“Moving forward I know that I and a lot of the guys here are thinking of riding our bikes across Japan or across Europe and continue our efforts to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities and to celebrate people of all abilities,” he said. “This trip has truly taught me that anything is possible with a glimmer of hope.”

Aidan’s crew raised almost \$175,000. Congratulations!

No Turkeys Here!



By Eric W. Schoen

I hate to break the bad news to you! There may be a turkey shortage, particularly in the under 16 pound category this Thanksgiving. Yes, blame it on production delays related to Covid!

Producers are struggling to keep up with demand. One turkey producer told the New York Post that the shortage was the result of “continuing to manage tight labor markets while working to keep employees safe from the impacts of Covid-19 in the communities where they operate.”

Birds weighing 16 pounds or less are more popular because they take less time to defrost and cook than heavier ones. Heavier turkeys will be more readily available. For many that means plenty of leftovers. Be prepared! Go to the butterball website, butterball.com where you will find a host of recipes for turkey leftovers.

I read in this fine newspaper last week that the City of Yonkers is seeking bids for ‘City Hall Brass Cleaning and Polishing.’ I don’t know much about brass, so I figured I would reach out to City Hall Deputy Communications Director Akeem Jamal to find out what this was all about. Having worked in City Hall for many years, I know there is a lot of brass. People use to steal the brass doorknobs from doors at City Hall that had the city seal on them.

Mr. Jamal responded quickly and thoroughly. He said, ‘The scope of the work includes, cleaning the brass exterior doors and door knobs and some interior brass banisters and handrails. There are specific materials needed to perform the work and may prove to be more cost-effective to send to bid.’

If you have experience cleaning brass, this is your opportunity to bid on a city contract, make some money and make City Hall more beautiful! So good to see that the Spano administration is trying to save Yonkers taxpayers some money! Now if only we can get the good Mayor to appear on my radio show on WVOX. So many of you have emailed me wondering why he hasn’t made a grand appearance. The invite is always open!

Can you believe the arrogance of outgoing Governor Andrew Cuomo. On Friday, timed just so he thought no one would read it (Saturday papers are by far the least read) Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie announced the suspension of the New York State Assembly’s probe of Governor Cuomo.

Cuomo’s response: ‘I’m not gonna drag the state through the mud, through a three month, four month impeachment, and then win, and have made the State Legislature and the State government look like a ship of fools.’ That’s our Andrew! Fortunately as we go to press the Assembly has changed course and will issue a report of the finding of its impeachment probe of Governor Cuomo.


Glad to see that the Assembly reacted to public pressure and will continue with their work. Some feel Cuomo is positioning himself for another run for office. As I have said before, his fate if he decides to make a comeback is in the hands of ‘We the People’ who make our voice heard at the ballot box!

The Delta variant has restaurants closing their seating areas and bathrooms. Now aren’t we supposed to be frequently washing our hands? I recently saw a 94 year old man be told that he couldn’t sit at a table at the McDonald’s in Mount Vernon to enjoy his Big Mac. The manager at the McDonalds on Sanford Boulevard should be ashamed of herself. I was buying a cup of coffee and wandered upon this. I sent a video of this incident to McDonald’s corporate offices via Twitter.


I, too was scolded for using the bathroom on a hot, sunny day at the McDonalds on Central Avenue in Hartsdale/White Plains while I was picking up a 200 calorie vanilla ice cream cone to cool down. The employees reaction to me using the facilities was like I was robbing the place. If they are so worried about their bathrooms spreading the coronavirus, then they really need to close the restaurant.

Starbucks, too has closed some bathrooms telling customers ‘the bathroom is out of service’ or closed. It use to be you could always rely on Star-

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Untermeyer Performing Arts Council
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In case of rain, please call 914-375-3435 or check our website www.untermeyerperformingarts.org after 2 pm the day of the performance. Our rain site this year is the Cesar Chavez School, 20 Cedar Place, Yonkers

Our events are admission free and open to the public.
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This program is one in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Funding is received from Arta Westchester with support from Westchester County Government, the City of Yonkers, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nadier Beyegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our loyal arts patrons.



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Notice of Formation of SUHANA HOLDINGS LLC. Filed with the SSNY On 05/10/2021. Office location: 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, 27 Ravine Avenue, Apt. 2B, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NYS Education Department Issues COVID, Back to School Guidelines

Editor's Note: On August 9, we highlighted the fact that the NYS Department of Health would NOT be issuing any guidelines for school districts across New York State concerning COVID back to school guidelines, recommendations or mandates. NYS Education Commissioner Betsy Rosa was looking for guidance on behalf of the school districts and called on Governor Cuomo and the NYS Health Department to do so.

After not receiving any information from the NYS DOH other than to follow CDC guidelines, Rosa and the NYS Education Department released their own guidelines, which can be found at the link below:

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/back-school/nysed-health-and-safety-guide-for-the-2021-2022-school-year.pdf>

"Reopening amidst a pandemic for the second consecutive year is truly a daunting task," Education Commissioner Betty Rosa said in a statement. "Our hope is that this guide, coupled with the input of local health officials will help the state's education community as they prepare for September."

Incoming Governor Kathy Hochul said, "I believe there will end up being mask mandates. I just don't have the authority at this moment." Hochul takes over Aug 24, but parents and students can expect to mask up in school.

The other big takeaway is that sports and extracurricular activities could be cancelled in counties that have high transmissions of COVID-19, unless all participants in the sport are vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes most indoor sports.

Among the state recommendations for K-12 schools in New York:

* Universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status and community transmission levels.

* Maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms.

* When schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining the 3-foot distances, it is important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as cohorting.

* A distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated.

* The guidelines also say that "people who are fully vaccinated can refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if they are asymptomatic, facilitating continued participation in in-person learning, sports, and extracurricular activities."

* Fully vaccinated students and staff should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative, the guidance added.

* The report encourages students experiencing COVID symptoms to say home and get tested.

* Practice for fall sports is scheduled to begin Aug. 23. For the fall season, football, volleyball and competitive cheer are considered "high" risk sports by the state Department of Health.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now urging people, even if they're vaccinated, to wear masks indoors in 59 of New York's 62 counties, including Westchester County, Putnam County, and Rockland County.

NYS Department of Health Orders Hospital and Long-Term Care Facility Employees To Be Vaccinated and Authorizes Third Dose for Immunocompromised New Yorkers

All healthcare workers in New York State, including staff at hospitals and long-term care facilities [LTCF] (Nursing homes, adult care, and other congregate care settings) will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Monday, September 27. The State Department of Health will issue orders requiring all such facilities to develop and implement a policy mandating employee vaccinations, with limited exceptions for those with religious or medical reasons. State employees who choose to remain unvaccinated will be required to undergo weekly COVID testing.

The Department of Health has authorized a third COVID-19 vaccine dose for New Yorkers with compromised immune systems, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation last week. Eligible New Yorkers can receive their third dose 28 days after the completion of their two-dose vaccine series. New Yorkers should contact their healthcare provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them at this time.

To date, 75% of the state's ~450,000 hospital workers, 74% of the state's ~30,000 adult care facility workers, and 68% of the state's ~145,500 nursing home workers have completed their vaccine series.

Yonkers Man Guilty of Sexually Abusing One Woman & Fondling Himself Infront of Another

A Yonkers man who sexually abused a woman after he tricked her into allowing him into her Nepperhan Avenue apartment in Yonkers, and who was later caught fondling himself by a passerby after he fled the scene, has been found guilty following a one-week jury trial, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced.

Folarin Soluade, 38, was found guilty of Burglary in the Second Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, and Public Lewdness, a Misdemeanor. Soluade, a discretionary persistent felony offender, faces a sentence ranging from a minimum of 16 years to life to a maximum of 25 years to life in state prison.

At approximately 10 a.m. on June 24, 2020, in the middle of the pandemic, Soluade knocked on doors in a Nepperhan Avenue apartment building in Yonkers attempting to gain entry. Posing as someone who was there to fix a pipe, a female resident, who did not speak or understand English, allowed Soluade inside her apartment, believing he was sent by the landlord to do repairs on the bathroom. Once inside, Soluade exposed himself by dropping his pants.

The female resident screamed and ran into the hallway, but Soluade, who was still undressed, followed her and pinned her against the wall. As he tried to silence her and assault her, another resident intervened and Soluade fled the building. He was later seen in the parking lot fondling himself, which prompted a second victim to call the police. When Yonkers Police arrived, the first victim also reported her attack.

Hudson River Audubon Society Upcoming Events

Beverly Smith Memorial Butterfly Walk
Saturday, August 28, 2021, 10:00 AM
Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers 10701

We will walk up to the garden that Beverly started and look for butterflies as well as eggs, caterpillars and chrysalis. Learn about the Monarch Butterfly's remarkable migration to and from Mexico.
Email hrasbirder@gmail.com to preregister.
<https://www.hras.org/>

Walter Chadwick Memorial Nature Walk
Saturday, September 11, 2021, 8:00 AM
Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers 10701

We will look for birds, butterflies, dragonflies, and nature, ending up at our hawk watch site at 10 AM in front of the mansion.
Email hrasbirder@gmail.com to preregister.
<https://www.hras.org/>

Jury Finds Yonkers Man Guilty in Fatal Stabbing

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that after a three-week trial, a jury on Monday found Yonkers resident Byron Stinson guilty for the 2019 stabbing death of a Yonkers man.

Stinson, 39, was found guilty of Manslaughter in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, both felonies. Stinson, a predicate felony offender, faces a sentence ranging from a minimum of 3 to 6 years to a maximum of 7.5 to 15 years in state prison.

On April 24, 2019, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Stinson and Yonkers resident Michael Federico were sitting in a parked car on Whetstone Avenue in Yonkers using narcotics. The two men argued and Stinson fatally stabbed Federico in the neck with a kitchen knife. Stinson fled the scene, and Federico got out of the car, and collapsed on the sidewalk. He was later pronounced dead at the scene.

Yonkers Police identified Stinson as a suspect after interviewing witnesses and reviewing surveillance videos. Stinson later surrendered himself to Yonkers Police and was arrested.

"A life was needlessly lost the night of Byron Stinson's callous attack," DA Rocah said. "This verdict underscores the importance of holding violent criminals accountable and our commitment to getting justice for any family who has ever had to unnecessarily mourn the loss of a loved one."

Stinson is scheduled to be sentenced on September 27.

“The Proud Boys Came to My Hometown”

Westchester Democrats Call Out Local Republicans



By Dan Murphy

Usually, when a former U.S. President comes to a political fundraiser, the party faithful line up for a photo, which they are proud to display on Social Media.

But when former President Donald Trump came to Briarcliff Manor and his private golf club there to host an event for the NY GOP, there were very few photos posted on Facebook. Only three republican members of Congress, Lee Zeldin, who is the leading republican to run for Governor next year, and Elyse Stefanick and Nicole Maliotakis. There were also no photos of the crowd to see who was there.

Regardless, NY GOP Chair Nick Langworthy claimed that they raised over \$1 Million and called it a success.

Outside of Trump National Golf club, supporters of the former President gathered, including members of the infamous Proud Boys, a white supremacist group accused of inciting the Jan 6th insurrection at the Capitol.

We received several letters about Trump’s visit and the Proud Boys. “Hey Mr. Murphy, I enjoy reading your political coverage of Westchester, and here’s my take. I live in Briarcliff and have been a republican all of my life....until 2017 when I became an independent,” writes Colleen McCarthy.

“I was more than surprised to see The Proud Boys in my hometown, in support of Trump. You see, my family is black and white, my husband is black and my sons and daughter are both. On the date of Trump’s visit, I went to see the two sides of supporters and protestors, and I tried to speak with the Proud Boys, but they were too busy flaming the fires from their visit. Do me a favor, Proud Boys, DONT COME Back!”

Mrs. McCarthy’s letter points to the conundrum that many republicans in Westchester have had since Trump’s election 5 years ago. If they

embrace Trump, they may lose independent voters and rally democrats. Perhaps that is why there is no record, photos or releases on what elected officials from Westchester attended the event.

The Westchester County Democratic Committee issued the following statement. “In light of the gathering earlier this month outside the Trump National Golf Course in Briarcliff Manor NY, not coincidentally on the evening of the NYS GOP fundraiser, it’s important to state on this page what I trust is apparent to all residents:

“Westchester County is home to a diverse population with many ideologies and we are stronger for that reason. Last week, President Trump’s followers arrived for a New York State GOP Fundraiser, and the ultra-nationalist white supremacist ‘Proud Boys’ joined them acting as security. The Southern Poverty Law Center has designated the Proud Boys as a hate group. Proud Boys members are being charged with crimes against our country stemming from the January 6 riot in Washington and are actively working to sow chaos and advance their twisted ideals here in our community

“Westchester Democrats call on Westchester GOP Chairman Doug Colety and other members of the Westchester GOP to commit to working against the efforts of the Proud Boys and other white nationalists groups here in Westchester County.

“Every Westchester resident must decide if their party and candidates for office stand with or against hate groups. The people of Westchester deserve to know.”

We spoke to County Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger, who said that this post on Social Media “was well read and shared, and had the most views since I became Chair, and all of the responses were positive.

“I think it important that if someone knocks on your door asking for your vote that you ask and know where they stand.”

“I haven’t heard from any republican in Westchester when we challenged them on the Proud Boys and standing together against hate. And I think that there silence is informative,” said Berger.

At the event in Briarcliff, members of the Proud Boys stood for a photo wearing T-Shirts that read “Free all Political Prisoners 1/6/21” and chanting “Free the Boys!”

Joining the Proud Boys in support of Trump were 50 Chinese Americans who supported Trump’s stance against the Chinese Community Party.

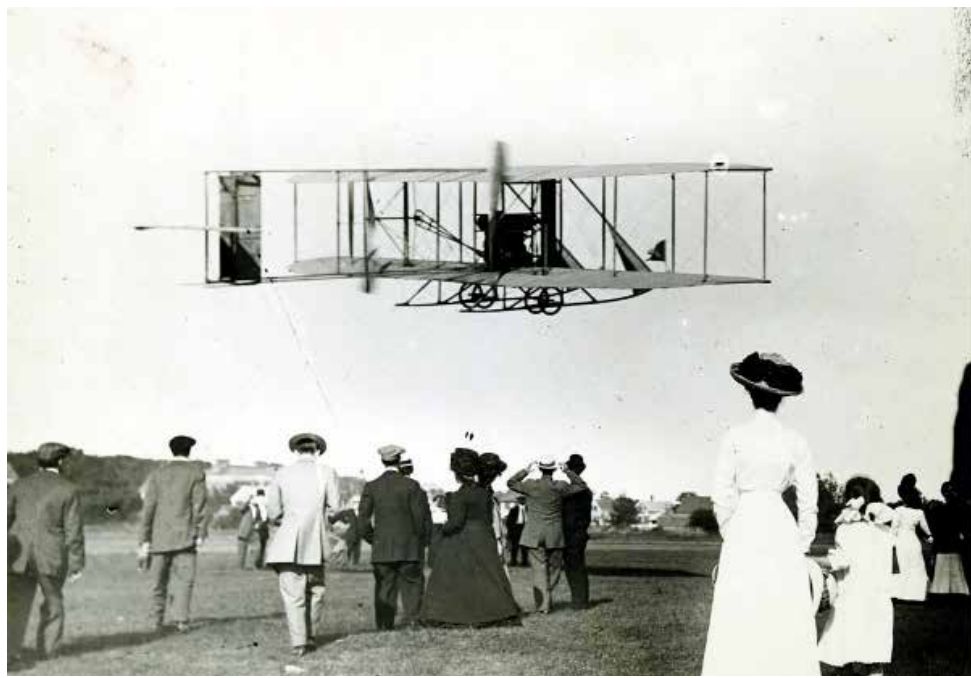
On the other side of the street were Westchester democrats and members of Westchester Indivisible, holding signs that read “Lock Him Up.” According to several accounts, the event, “had both sides shouting accusations at each other for more than three hours.” Congratulations to the Briarcliff Manor Police for keeping both sides apart and without violence or incident.

The protest came the day after a demonstration outside the Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck that was honoring Trump, who is a member of the club.

Shannon Powell, co-founder of Indivisible Westchester called it “a sad day for the United States.” “It’s interesting that the Proud Boys were embolden enough to show up and flash the white power sign and pose for pictures but they hid behind masks and were either too ashamed or scared

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



aviator Harry Atwood, flew from St. Louis to Yonkers in 1911, sixteen years before Charles Lindbergh

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, August 23rd

August 23, 1911: Steamboats in the Hudson and Yonkers factories stopped operation to welcome daring aviator and cross-country pilot Harry Atwood, who flew over Yonkers at an altitude of 500 feet. Atwood, on the last lap of his flight from St. Louis to New York City, was welcomed to Yonkers air space by factories and steamboats blowing their whistles.

August 23, 1937: Contrary to a ruling by the New York State Department of Education, the City of Yonkers Law Department upheld the validity of the appointments of 88 teachers to the Yonkers Public Schools.

April 23, 1949: Firefighters in the Yonkers Fire Department announced not only had they joined an AFL affiliate, the International Association of Fire Fighters, more than 95% of the men had joined.

Tuesday, August 24th

August 24, 1930: Western Yonkers was woken by loud noises across the Hudson as several ledges on the Palisades began disintegrating. Unfortunately, six campers sleeping along the Hudson were injured by the large boulders, rocks, gravel and earth that came raining down.

August 24, 1939: Board of Supervisors Chairman Ralph McClelland announced a ten-cent toll would be charged on the Saw Mill River Parkway after validity of the toll on the Hutchinson River Parkway was determined... finally The toll would be near the Yonkers city line.

August 24, 1940: The Common Council directed City Manager Raymond Whitney to inform Frank Bellanca Yonkers wanted him to locate his watercraft manufacturing industry at Ludlow Field; Whitney was to offer him a partially tax free 20-year lease for at least \$3500 per year.

Wednesday, August 25th

August 25, 1933: Although the City of Yonkers was meeting the weekly \$40,000 payrolls, such as for DPW workers and Work relief crews, it once again delayed paying employees paid monthly and semi-monthly.

August 25, 1943: Jack Lambert, Hawthorne JHS and Yonkers HS graduate, was the first voice heard in the Hollywood film “Bomber’s Moon.” Playing the turret gunner, he was heard discussing the beauty of the moon. Lambert went on to be a well-known character actor, appearing in movies Vera Cruz, The Killers, The Enforcer, and How the West Was Won, and others. He also appeared in several TV series, such as Gunsmoke, Daniel Boone, Wagon Train, Get Smart, The Andy Griffin Show and was a regular (playing Joshua Walcek) in Darren McGavin’s Riverboat.

August 25, 1951: Corporation Counsel John Galloway ruled Yonkers could not legally levy an “amusement device tax” on pari-mutuel machines at Yonkers Raceway.

Thursday, August 26th

August 26, 1945: Brigadier General Frederick Hopkins, Jr., of Riverdale Avenue was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal; according to the presentation, “General Hopkins services were an outstanding contribution to the success of the Army Air Forces and the war effort.” As Chief of the Resources Division at the Headquarters of the Army Air Forces, he was responsible for

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the aircraft facilities expansion program. He acquired raw and semi-fabricated materials, machine tools, and equipment, and developed an efficient system to get these supplies to the urgent production and tactical needs; this enabled the aircraft industry to meet their production schedules and maximize production. Hopkins was born 1895 in Yonkers, graduated from Yonkers High School and enlisted during World War I.

August 26, 1945: After traveling down the Saw Mill River Parkway from West Point, General Charles de Gaulle stopped to pose for pictures at the Yonkers city line, and graciously accepted the greetings of the hundreds of Yonkers residents there to catch a glimpse of him. He officially was welcomed to New York City by Police Commissioner Lewis Valentine and Grover Whalen, and then continued on to New York City.

August 26, 1955: North Yonkers residents again complained after a second accident in less than twenty-four hours happened on Palisade Avenue. Speedsters in cars and on motorcycles regularly used the stretch from Lake Avenue north to the former Ewing Estate, all paved level ground since the trolley tracks had been covered.

Friday, August 27th

August 27, 1896: James J. Mulcahey was appointed first Chief of Yonkers Professional Fire Department at the annual salary of \$900. During his tenure, he fought thousands of fires, and trained hundreds of young men in the skillful art of fighting fires, life saving techniques and fire prevention. After his compulsory retirement in 1931, he continued to speak on fire prevention until he passed away eighteen years later.

August 27, 1927: For the first time in the history of Yonkers politics, a polling place was designated for the convenience of our commuters. Residents of the First District of the Eighth Ward would be able to vote at the Putnam Line Caryl Station.

Saturday, August 28th

August 28, 1946: Rumors abounded in Yonkers that Eleanor Roosevelt was being treated at St. John's Riverside Hospital for several days; instead, she was visiting her maid Gertrude Jones there. Not only did staff members and patients see Mrs. Roosevelt several times, they also saw her son Elliott and his movie star wife Faye Emerson visiting Jones frequently.

August 28, 1945: According to the Municipal Civil Service Commission report on its 1944 activities submitted to Acting City Manager Norman Hendersen, Yonkers had more than 2,000 Civil Service workers on its payroll at the end of the year.

Sunday, August 29th

August 29, 1940: City Manager Raymond Whitney rejected the \$64,000 price the Elks' Club demanded for the purchase of their clubhouse on South Broadway.

August 29, 1941: The Westchester Grand Jury began examining the "Elks Deal," one protested by several Yonkers leaders. Although the club had defaulted on its mortgage, interest and back taxes, instead of foreclosing on the property, the city purchased the building from the club. Those protesting the deal, claiming the lodge got favoritism because of the many powerful political leaders and city officials who were members.

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bucks for a clean bathroom. Again, people want to wash their hands as our mothers taught us before we eat. We learned to do this way before Covid! A tip. CVS, Walgreens and other pharmacy chains usually have clean, open restrooms for you to use.

I love dogs. Never had one, but if you invite me to your house your dog will be my best friend. Dogs in grocery stores or places that serve or prepare food. A big no no unless it is a service dog. Emotional support dogs? New York State law precludes them from entering food establishments.

Now most dog owners know the law. I was at a supermarket recently and a cute fluffy dog was sitting in the part of the grocery cart where a child usually sits. With nothing underneath it. The dogs owner had 3 kids with him so I doubt it was a service dog. It had no markings that it was a service dog. And how cruel could the owner of the dog be to have him/her rest on the metal gratings in the grocery cart. Unsanitary for the dog and the next person who would use the cart and might not wipe it down with cart wipes that were on the scene way before Covid.

I sent this message via Twitter to the corporate office for the grocery store chain. To their credit, at the entrance doors to the supermarket they posted signs that say 'Service Dogs Only.' Twitter is a powerful device that all of us need to learn. It gives you a direct line to America's corporations, the majority of which will respond to your concerns.

The 911 system in WESTCHESTER is still broken. I saw an emergency at a store in Pelham Manor which is in WESTCHESTER County, dialed 911 and got connected to New York City 911. Don't blame it on my phone which has a 914 WESTCHESTER area code. The system is broken and needs to be fixed.

After playing games on the phone with rude New York City 911 operators I got through to the Pelham Manor Fire Department. They were grateful that I had called as they have been dealing with this emergency for a long time and it is yet to be corrected. Nice when you are dealing with a municipality in an emergency situation and they treat you with respect!

Speaking of Pelham Manor, the village could be the first one in Westchester County with Red Lights Cameras. Friends you know my feelings about Red Light Cameras. They are money making devices for the municipalities where they exist. With the crazy drivers out there speeding As roads are less clogged due to the pandemic we need Speed Cameras not Red Light Cameras.

Interesting that there have been no incidents at in intersection Pelham Manor wants to place the Red Light Cameras. According to a Journal News report the Town of Rye and Greenburgh are looking at Red Light Cameras. These cameras cause more accidents than solve problems. And of course are big moneymakers wherever they are located.

Live in Yonkers, Mount Vernon or White Plains. At least in Yonkers the locations of the cameras are listed on the city website. Make a review of the locations part of your summer reading.

Well, no turkeys here. Just some good solid advice for these final days of summer. Enjoy it while you can. Labor Day is two weeks from Monday. That's also when Rosh Hashanah begins. Get out there, take a walk in our beautiful county parks or a swim or day of fun at the crystal clear WESTCHESTER County pools. Get that summer glow, but don't forget proper sunscreen! Enjoy!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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The public auction will be held Friday, September 10th, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the Community Room AB of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY.

The auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Properties may be offered for sale subject to certain express terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the City, which will be disclosed prior to the auction. The Terms and Conditions, will be available prior to the auction at www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers.

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2	3215	23	21 Suffolk Trl
2	3270	192	1212 Saw Mill River Rd
2	211	110	240 Oak Street
1	461	76	146 Oak Street
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Westchester. This Census news continues a trend of good news for Westchester County. Our economy is thriving, businesses both small and large are growing, crime is down, and our vaccination rate is among the highest in the state.”

An accurate count enables Westchester County to receive billions of dollars in state and federal funding that is allocated based on population, and can be used for our schools, infrastructure, roads, hospitals, fire departments and after school programs. The 2019 Census population estimate was 967,000, well below the 2020 population number.

On April 1, 2019, County Executive Latimer signed an Executive Order and announced the formation of the Westchester County Complete Count Committee to include geographic, ethnic and constituency representatives from many of the traditionally hard to count populations. The Complete Count Committees worked with Census advocates, community-based organizations, local municipal Complete Count committees and college students to get the word out about the importance of a full and complete count for the 2020 Census.

Included in the County’s efforts to promote the 2020 Census was a robust public awareness campaign in both English and in Spanish, which included advertising on billboards, County buses and bus shelters, bookmarks and stickers, and more. Latimer also rolled out a series of seven public service announcements, each one focused on a different target audience for the Census from youth to clergy to business leaders.

The Census portal opened on March 12, 2020 while the County was beginning to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused the County to pivot activities and outreach efforts accommodating a lockdown and social distancing.

Commissioner of Planning Norma Drummond said: “The County’s role in the 2020 Census was unprecedented compared to previous Census events. We took hold of this challenge and didn’t leave the work to the Census Bureau and municipalities. Westchester’s success in achieving a higher percentage of self-response was partly due to the work done well in advance of 2020 to ensure the Census Bureau had more accurate addresses to reach out to. The results of the County’s efforts show the hard work paid off.”

Latimer said: “We kicked off a robust awareness campaign a full year before Census was set to begin, establishing a Complete Count Committee that put a great focus on ensuring all sectors of the County are participating. I want to thank Carola Bracco, who chaired the Complete Count Committee, for her dedication and outstanding work. I also want to thank all the County departments who stepped up and helped us get an accurate count of Westchester.”

Westchester Community Foundation awarded the County two grants for a total amount of \$100,000 to support the work of the Westchester County Complete Count Committee through the hiring of a coordinator for the Committee. Latimer introduced Heriberto Contreras as the County’s Census Coordinator assisting the County Planning Department. The County thanks Contreras for his work on this important topic.

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later this month, when another \$8.6 million becomes available from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Residents can access information on eligibility requirements, program resources and begin the application process at www.yonkersny.gov/yerap.

Those eligible for the Yonkers Emergency Rental Assistance Program must have suffered a reduction of income or unemployment due to COVID-19, owe back rent beginning after March 20, 2020 and face homelessness or housing insecurity in 2021.

Eligibility includes:

Resident of Yonkers, AND
An obligation to pay rent, AND
You or a household member that has been financially affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, AND
Experienced or are at risk of housing instability, AND
Your household is at or below 80% of area’s median income

Prioritization to households:

· with incomes less than 50% of area median income or
· households with one or more individuals that have not been employed for the 90-day period preceding the date of application.

The U.S. Census Bureau’s 2013-2017 American Communities Survey reported that there were 133,154 renter-occupied households in Westchester County, including 39,197 in Yonkers. It is estimated that 31,557 renter households in Westchester and 9,290 in Yonkers believe they are at imminent risk of eviction.

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to show their true identity. That’s not proud, that’s pathetic.”

“I’m also not surprised that we don’t hear from any republicans to disavow hate speech and what the Proud Boys stand for. The Proud Boys are doing the dirty work of the GOP and trying to re write the history of January 6. They’re terrorists, but they are well funded.” said Powell.

Several unanswered questions about this event remain, which we hope to answer and report on in the weeks to come.

- 1-Were any of the Proud Boys at the Briarcliff Event from Westchester?
- 2-Were the Proud Boys given permission to rally in Briarcliff Manor?
- 3-Were the Proud Boys “Hired” to provide protection for the Chinese-American supporters of Trump at this event? And if yes, who funded it?
- 4-Who is the leader of the Proud Boys, or the former leader as he likes to proclaim, who lives in an exclusive home in Westchester?

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Astorino, who is trailing Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin in his quest to get the republican nomination for Governor next year, held a press conference at the County Airport with Christine Sculti, republican candidate for Westchester County Executive, to highlight the arrivals

“George Latimer finally admitted that he was notified at least two days ago that the federal government would begin flying persons who entered the United States illegally into Westchester County Airport. George Latimer’s preposterous claim that he only knew about the flights for 48 hours is completely implausible and defies common sense. Worse are his attempts to claim the valid concerns of residents are driven by ideology and politics. Our concerns are driven by public safety and public health,” said Sculti.

Republican Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater also commented. “There are many questions and concerns about this relocation program and the lack of information shared with county and municipal officials, With local COVID-19 cases again surging, HHS officials must tell local officials about the details of their program, the participants and their vaccination status.”

To answer the questions of Astorino, Sculti and Slater, we found:

1-The young teenagers arriving on HHS flights into Westchester airport are not staying there. They are placed on a bus and then taken to a family member or a legal sponsor.

2-Most of these young adults have been vaccinated.

3-There is no connection, or correlation, to Westchester County governments Immigrant Protection Act, (IPA), and the flights into Westchester Airport. The IPA was passed to codify the apprehension of undocumented residents in Westchester by ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the interaction between ICE and Westchester law enforcement.

4-Even if County Executive Latimer knew about the flights coming into Westchester, (which we do not believe because why lie about something like this?) he would not have been able to change Federal policy or affect the arrival of children on flights coming into Westchester Airport from the HHS.

The issue of immigration and controlling our border is a controversial topic, but it is not under the purview of the leader of Westchester County government.

Westchester democrats and republicans we spoke to are split on this issue. “Why do I think that some of these children getting off the plane will end up in Yonkers, and in the Yonkers Public Schools?” asked one republican. While I understand that there is nothing that county government can do about, at least we are entitled to know about it.”

Democrats have a completely different view. “The sights of these children getting off the planes makes me wonder how bad their situation must be in the countries that they had to leave, and for their mothers to have them cross the border by themselves. We have a new President, and a new policy towards children crossing the border. I think its time for some of our republican neighbors to deal with that.”

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attempts at explanations. “The photomontage that displays political hugs from other politicians, including his late father and former New York governor Mario Cuomo, also shows Andrew Cuomo’s readiness to sacrifice anyone and everyone to his cause. Putting Joe Biden in the photo mix did the president no favors; it’s a reminder that he, too, has been accused of inappropriate touching,” wrote Joan Vennoch, in the Boston Globe. “None of his conduct is meant “to convey warmth,” as Cuomo tried to frame it. It conveys power and intimidation — and in the workplace, it’s sexual harassment.”

Some thought that Cuomo was trying to deflect attention from the crimes that he committed. “Cuomo’s bizarre photo montage was just that: weird and wacky enough to dominate the day’s headlines, the online jokes, and the conversations and text messages, but also recognizable. It shouldn’t be, nor should the familiarity now of men exploiting their positions of power to harass women who are just trying to do their jobs. With his photos and grandfatherly defense, Cuomo is trying to distract you. Don’t let him,” wrote Jeva Lange, in The Week.

Now there is an effort to rename again the Mario Cuomo Bridge back to the Tappan Zee Bridge. More on that next week.

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presence. They brought energy, movement, and a plethora of hit songs. Technician The DJ was on cue with the group so much that anybody who saw the battle knew what time it was. Dipset rapper Juelz Santana purposefully bumped into LOX rappers Styles P and Jadakiss, so Jadakiss took Juelz Santana’s bandana off his head and threw it on the floor of the stage. Iconic.

The day after the battle, I decided to go from neighborhood to neighborhood in Yonkers and ask people how they felt about the event? I started filming on Riverdale Avenue in Yonkers. On foot, I made my way to Palisade Avenue, Elm Street, Spruce Street, Cliff Street, Oliver Avenue, Ashburton Avenue, and Warburton Avenue.

I had a lot of people tell me not to film them. A group of people on Palisade Avenue permitted me to film The Memorial of Juelz Santana’s Bandana. In less than four days after the completion of the video, Yonkers Reactions To The Lox VS. Dipset Verzuz Battle, it now has over 232,000 views and almost 4,000 likes on Youtube. I gained well over 500 subscribers on Youtube too. People from across the world are commenting on the video and are looking at my channel. All I did was ask people in my community how they felt.

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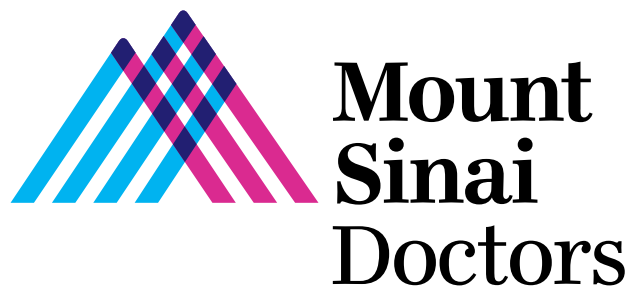
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