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Thank You Gov. Hochul, for Signing Save Our Hudson Bill! Protects Hudson From Holtec Toxic Dump: But What's Next?



Legislation (S.6893/A.7208) Will Protect the Hudson River by Restricting Discharges in Connection with Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning

On Aug. 18, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (S.6893/A.7208) into law, which is intended to protect the economic vitality of the Hudson River Region by restricting discharges of any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant.

"The Hudson River is one of New York's landmark natural treasures, and it's critical we stand together to protect it for generations to come," Governor Hochul said. "My administration remains committed to protecting the economic vitality of the region and working closely with local communities who have advocated so passionately for this cause."

The law aims to safeguard communities in New York's Hudson Valley region. The Administration will continue to work closely with federal regulators, Holtec, local officials and the State's Decommissioning Oversight Board to identify feasible and acceptable alternatives of wastewater disposal so that decommissioning Indian Point can continue, jobs can be preserved, and the site can be cleaned up in a safe, thorough, and prompt manner.

State Senator Pete Harcham said, "Thank you, Governor Hochul, for signing the Save the Hudson bill and protecting one of our country's most important natu-

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Judge Charlie Wood Gets Democratic Endorsement at Judicial Convention-9th JD



L-R-Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Judge Charlie Wood, Judge Fran Connolly, Barry McGoey, Yonkers Firefighters Local 628

Attempts by WCLA and Progressives to Block His Nomination Failed By Dan Murphy

State Supreme Court Judge Charlie Wood received the endorsement of the Democratic parties Judicial convention for the 9th Judicial district, which includes Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange Counties, for his reelection after their judicial convention held this month.

"It is with great honor and humility that Justice Charles Wood accepts the Democratic and Conservative Parties Nominations for NYS Supreme Court Justice in the 9th Judicial District, alongside Justice Francesca Connolly, Judge Rolf Thorsen and Judge Larry Schwartz," wrote Wood's campaign in an email blast to supporters on Aug. 18.

For the past six months, Judge Wood endured an attempt to remove him from the democratic line for his reelection. Those attempts came from the Political Action Committee for the Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion, WCLA-PAC.

WCLA-PAC falsely accused Judge Wood of not being pro-choice, resulting in Judge Wood clarifying his position in a story in our newspapers and here at Yonkerstimes.com <https://yonkerstimes.com/political-agendas-ethics-and-judicial-races-in-westchester/>

Several Westchester democrats pushed back on the attacks against Judge Wood. Robi Schlaff, former Vice-Chair of the Westchester Democratic Party's Judicial Screening Committee said, "I am disheartened and angered by the attacks on Judge Charley Wood by WCLA Choice Matters. The reality is that Judge Wood is pro-choice and as Chair of the 9th Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee, brought the leading international abortion rights lawyer to present to our committee. He is the number one judge on fairness and gender equity in the court system. I urge women voting in the 9th judicial district to consider his excellent record on women's issues."

Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier said, "Judge Wood has always been pro-choice. He has been labeled to the contrary by other groups in an effort to discredit him. They want a preferred candidate that they have in mind. But we don't blindly endorse incumbents. Judge Wood has been screened by the county democratic judicial committee and was found well qualified. Judge Wood has served the people honorably on the court for the 14 years and will do so for the next 14 years."

A group of Progressive Westchester Democrats, Citizens for a Democratic

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Yonkers Finest Head to Middle East to Serve Our Country



Last weekend, Aug. 19, Yonkers Police Officer Joseph Nolan, Sergeant Javier Lugo, and Police Officer Enza Palanca departed Stewart Air National Guard Base as members of the Army National Guard.

They will each be embarking on nine-month deployments in the Middle East. Thank you for your service to our City and our nation. Be safe.

Jennifer Pierz Named Miss Columbus for 94th Yonkers Columbus Day Parade Oct. 1



Congratulations to Jennifer Pierz, pictured left, Maria Regina High School Senior, on being Selected Miss Columbus 2023 for 94th Annual-Yonkers Columbus Day Parade, October 1

She will have the honor of reigning over the 94th Annual Yonkers Day Parade on Sunday, October 1, one of the region's largest Columbus Day celebrations which is expected to attract several hundred marchers from throughout the community including elected officials, representatives from civic and business organizations, families and individuals, among others

The news of Jennifer's selection was relayed by Christina Figura, chair of

the Yonkers Miss Columbus, a fitting coincidence as Christina, who graduated from Maria Regina in 2021, was selected as Yonkers Miss Columbus in 2019. Like Christina, Jennifer was also awarded a scholarship by the Yonkers Columbus Day Celebration Committee. Jennifer was officially named Miss Columbus 2023 at a selection committee dinner on August 9.

Excited at the honor of celebrating Columbus Day in such a prominent way in Yonkers, Jennifer said. "It's a day when Italian Americans proudly come together to commemorate their coming to America and their Italian heritage. It's a reminder that the U.S. is a nation of immigrants who have brought their unique history and cultures to our shores."

Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of '99), Principal, noted: "The Maria Regina community congratulates Jennifer for earning this very prestigious honor. Jennifer joins the many Maria Regina High School students who have been selected for this honor over the past few decades. All of us—students, parents, alumnae, members of the administration, faculty and staff—look forward to celebrating with Jennifer in what will surely be an unforgettable Columbus Day."

Veterans Take a Paddle on the Hudson River!



The Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club, YPRC, welcomed Veterans to take a ride on the Hudson. "The vets had an awesome day, both on and off the water, and they could not stop thanking me," said organizer Frank Horvath. "This was our sixth year hosting our veterans and I can't wait to keep this going. It is events like this and the support from our members that make YPRC a special place."

Special shoutout to all the cooks who worked so hard in making an incredible feast and to all the people who brought the delicious sides and desserts, and everyone who made the veterans feel welcome at our club, and who helped out with getting them in the water and staying on top of the water (for the most part).

Big thanks to the Hudson River Riders for their help too, and with the rescues. Everyone did an incredible job.

AG James Stops Yonkers Resident from Preying on Immigrants; Jacqueline Mercado Impersonated an Attorney, Threatened Reporting Victims to ICE-See Story on pg 3

Residents Enjoy Renovations at Smith Park



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano along with the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation officially unveiled completed renovations at Smith Park, on August 22.

Renovations for the park include new play equipment, resurfaced basketball court, new safety surfacing, and the installation of a new flagpole.

Smith Park, located at the corner of Lake Avenue and Nepperhan Avenue, is one of 80+ neighborhood parks located throughout the City and one of three parks to be renovated this month.



above: CEO of the WJC Elliot Forchheimer wraps tefillin with Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz, as Rabbi's brother, Rabbi Yoel Hurwitz blows the shofar



left: famous performer Neshama Carlebach, and her Gospel Choir. Photos (c) Robert Kalfus

By Robert Kalfus

Westchester's 47th Annual Jewish Music and Arts Festival returned to the Kensico Dam Plaza's free parking in Vahalla this past Sunday, providing music, entertainment, performers and kosher food vendors under a glorious blue sky, free of rain. This year's Music and Arts Festival saw a huge and enthusiastic turnout, filling the Dam Plaza area, and spilling over onto shaded benches where some people chose to sit.

A harmony-driven folk group The Levins started the Festival at noon, followed by the WonderSpark Puppets show, the Liz Queler Band and the Urban Garage. The famous singer Neshama Carlebach performed with members of the Gospel Choir and her band for well more than an hour, and also sang with her husband, Rabbi Menachem Creditor; followed by Juggler Ned Gelfars entertaining both children and adults. Two sessions of spirited Israeli dancing filled the plaza area in front of the tent erected to shield people from the sun.

Westchester's seven Kol Hazzarim Cantors - Cantor Gil Ezring, Cantor Ines Kapustiansky, Cantor Anna May, Cantor Lauren Phillips Fogelman, Cantor Melissa Puius, and Cantor Gaby Schwartz closed out the day's events with a delightful kumsitz. More than 50 sponsors included almost every Westchester synagogue, jewelry and boutiques, several financial services, kosher food services including Masala Kraft, Westchester's only Certified Kosher vegetarian kosher Indian restaurant, kosher pizza, ice cream, camps, nursing home and rehabilitation centers, the PJ Library which offers free books to children (www.PJlibrar.org), the Hillels of Westchester, two sessions of Israeli dancing, the Touro College of Dental Medicine, all of which are available at www.wjcouncil.org. The Westchester Jewish Council specified that styrofoam was prohibited for food service; no cups, plates or clamshell boxes for eating or takeout, and paper plates were instead provided. The event was organized by the Westchester Jewish Council which may be contacted at www.wjcouncil.org and (914)328-7001, or info@wjcouncil.org.

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AG James Stops Yonkers Resident from Preying on Immigrants; Must Pay Back \$10k to Victims

Jacqueline Mercado Impersonated an Attorney ,Threatened Reporting Victims to ICE

On Aug. 23, NY Attorney General Letitia James announced an agreement that will stop a fraudulent immigrant assistance service provider who misled and threatened immigrants. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Jacquelin Mercado, an immigrant assistance service provider in Yonkers, fraudulently claimed to be an attorney licensed in the United States, illegally offered legal advice, intimidated at least one customer by threatening to report them to immigration authorities, and violated New York's immigrant protection laws from June 2020 to July 2022. As a result of today's agreement, Mercado will pay nearly \$10,000 in restitution to four different customers in Westchester and New York City, stop all false advertising of her services, and fully comply with the law.

"Jacqueline Mercado took advantage of that fact and used her position to intimidate and scam immigrants who relied on her for assistance and support. I encourage any immigrant who thinks they may have been taken advantage of to contact my office and help us ensure bad actors and scammers are taken down," said AG James.

Immigrant assistance service providers can help their customers by translating documents and providing other support with forms and applications. However, they are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice or representation. New York law requires providers to follow certain rules — including posting signs explicitly stating they are not attorneys — to protect immigrants from scams and fraud.

An investigation by OAG found that Mercado was in violation of numerous provisions of New York's Immigrant Assistance Service Enforcement Act. From at least June 2020 to July 2022, Mercado fraudulently posed as a lawyer and used the title "attorney at law" even though she was not licensed to practice law in the United States. Mercado also unlawfully offered legal advice, potentially putting her customers in danger. The OAG's investigation also found that she had threatened to report at least one customer to immigration authorities and threatened to undermine their efforts to secure lawful immigration status.

As a result of today's agreement, Mercado must immediately stop all false advertising, explicitly state in any advertisements that she is not a licensed attorney, and pay restitution to four different customers totaling \$9,946.48. In addition, Mercado must fully comply with all laws governing immigrant assistance service providers.

"There are many legitimate resources, attorneys, and organizations dedicated to helping immigrants in New York, and as a state, we've invested tens of millions of dollars to help this population," said New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "I am so glad Attorney General James is taking on fraudulent immigrant assistance service providers who are looking to take advantage of this vulnerable community."

"Language barriers and unfamiliarity with our legal system may leave new immigrant vulnerable to intimidation and fraud. It is essential that those providing assistance are held to the highest possible standard. I appreciate the Attorney General's Office's work that will result in an agreement that will include restitution to clients in Westchester and New York City, an end to false advertising, and compliance with the law," said State Senator Shelley Mayer.

"We pride ourselves on welcoming those seeking refuge and the American dream here," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "But when bad actors prey on these individuals for their own self-gain, their fraudulent acts must have direct punitive consequences. I applaud Attorney General James for taking swift action in this case to protect the good people of New York and to ensure no other immigrants fall victim."

"My office applauds and supports the efforts of Attorney General Letitia James in her commitment to protect the vulnerable population of immigrants seeking assistance and services in the city of Yonkers and the surrounding greater New York City area," said Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. "Wrongdoers, be put on notice that your actions will not be tolerated, and that you will be swiftly prosecuted and brought to justice."

"It is very unfortunate that some in our communities would choose to misrepresent the immigration legal system to deceive and hurt those who are trying only to make a better life for themselves and their families," said Yonkers City Councilmember Corazon Pineda-Isaac. "These predatory and manipulative actions take advantage of some of our most vulnerable populations. This action taken by the New York Attorney General's sends a strong message to other would-be scammers that here in Yonkers, scams targeting our residents will not be tolerated."

Anyone who believes they may have been the victim of fraud is encouraged to report complaints by filling out a complaint form or calling 1-800-771-7755.

It's Barbie/Oppenheimer Time



By Eric Wolf Schoen

With all that is going on in the world, it's no surprise that the hit movies at your multiplex right now are Barbie, based on the Barbie Fashion Dolls by Mattel and Oppenheimer, the film that chronicles the career of American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer.

You couldn't pick two more different movies. But by this point in the summer people want something different. Enough with things flying in space. We crave a laugh or something serious.

The Barbie movie plays for the little girls in their pink dresses (yes, clothing worn to the theater) as well as their mothers who have original Barbie dolls hidden somewhere in the house. Barbie and fellow dolls reside in Barbieland; a matriarchal society with different variations of Barbies, Kens, and a group of discontinued models, who are treated like outcasts due to their unconventional traits. The Kens spend their days frolicking at the beach, considering it as their profession. The Barbies hold prestigious jobs such as doctors, lawyers, and politicians. (You have come a long way girl!) Beach Ken is only happy when he is with Barbie and seeks a closer relationship, but Barbie rebuffs him in favor of other activities and female friendships.

At a dance party, Barbie is suddenly stricken with worries about mortality. Overnight, she develops bad breath, cellulite, and flat feet (we should all have it so bad!) Weird Barbie, an outcast due to her disfigurement, tells her she must find the child playing with her in the real world to cure her afflictions. Ken joins Barbie in her search.

Arriving at Venice Beach, Barbie punches a man for groping her (aggressive Barbie) leading to her and Ken's brief arrest. Alarmed by this, Mattel's CEO orders their recapture. Barbie tracks down her owner, a tween girl named Sasha, who criticizes her for encouraging unrealistic standards of beauty. Distracted, Barbie discovers that Gloria, a Mattel employee and Sasha's mother, inadvertently caused a crisis after Gloria began playing with Sasha's old Barbie toys in a similar dysfunctional state. Mattel attempts to put Barbie in the designated toy box for remanufacturing, but she escapes with Gloria and Sasha's help and the three travel to Barbieland with Mattel executives in pursuit.

Meanwhile, Ken learns about the patriarchal system and feels respected for the first time. Returning to Barbieland, he persuades the other Kens to take over, and the Barbies are indoctrinated into submissive roles, such as girlfriends, housewives, and maids. Barbie arrives and unsuccessfully tries to convince Ken and the Barbies to return to the way things were. She becomes depressed (so what did u expect) but Gloria gives an inspirational speech about society's conflicting expectations of women, restoring Barbie's self-confidence.

With the assistance of Sasha, Weird Barbie and the discontinued dolls, Gloria convinces the Barbies to free themselves from subordination. The Barbies manipulate the Kens into fighting amongst themselves, distracting them from enshrining male superiority into Barbieland's constitution. The Barbies regain power. Having experienced systemic oppression for themselves, the Barbies resolve to rectify the faults of their previous society, emphasizing better treatment of the Kens and all outcasts (the happy ending...sunglasses and smiles on please!)

Barbie and Ken apologize to each other, acknowledging their mistakes. Barbie, who remains unsure of her own identity, meets with the spirit of Ruth Handler, Mattel co-founder and creator of the Barbie doll, who explains that Barbie's story has no set ending (expect Barbie the Sequel) and her ever-evolving history surpasses

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**Founder of the World's Largest Hacker Forum
 Arrested in Peekskill: Admits to Cyber Crimes
 & Possessing Child Porn, By Dan Murphy**

Brian Fitzpatrick, 20, of Peekskill, New York, pled guilty on July 13 to hacking and selling private information of millions of individuals and companies on his dark web site BreachForums. Fitzpatrick, a 2021 graduate of Peekskill High School, was arrested in March of this year. Fitzpatrick admitted the offenses when he was arrested by the FBI at his Peekskill home earlier this year, and last month signed a statement in which he admitted to committing access device fraud, solicitation for the purpose of offering access devices and possession of child pornography. He faces 40 years in prison when he is sentenced next year.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Virginia Federal Court, Fitzpatrick, was charged with "conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b), related to his alleged creation and administration of BreachForums. At the time of his arrest, BreachForums was a major hacking forum and marketplace for cybercriminals that claimed to have more than 340,000 members.

Court documents state, "Conor Brian Fitzpatrick, allegedly operated BreachForums as a marketplace for cybercriminals to buy, sell, and trade hacked or stolen data and other contraband since March 2022. Among the stolen items commonly sold on the platform were bank account information, social security numbers, other personally identifying information (PII), means of identification, hacking tools, breached databases, services for gaining unauthorized access to victim systems, and account login information for compromised online accounts with service providers and merchants.

"Fitzpatrick's alleged victims have included millions of U.S. citizens and hundreds of U.S. and foreign companies, organizations, and government agencies. Some of the stolen datasets contained the sensitive information of customers at telecommunication, social media, investment, health care services, and internet service providers. For instance, on Jan. 4, a BreachForums user posted the names and contact information for approximately 200 million users of a major U.S.-based social networking site. Further, on Dec. 18, 2022, another BreachForums user posted details of approximately 87,760 members of InfraGard, a partnership between the FBI and private sector companies focused on the protection of critical infrastructure. As part of the scheme, Fitzpatrick allegedly supported the activities of cybercriminals by creating and operating a "Leaks Market" subsection that was dedicated to buying and selling hacked or stolen data."

Fitzpatrick went by the name of poppompurin online, and drew the attention of the FBI when he hacked into their system in 2021.

BreachForums operated as an illegal marketplace where its members could solicit for sale, sell, and purchase and trade hacked or stolen data and other contraband, including stolen access devices, tools for committing cybercrime, breached databases, and other services for gaining unauthorized access to victim systems.

An individual could access the BreachForums website without a membership. However, the website required an individual to sign up for a membership to solicit items for sale, with different tiers of membership. BreachForums included a "Marketplace" section that was dedicated to the buying and selling of hacked or stolen data, tools for committing cybercrime, and other illicit material.

Fitzpatrick offered a "middleman" service in which he acted as a trusted middleman, or escrow, between individuals on the website who sought to buy and sell information. As of March 7, 2023, the official section purported to contain 888 datasets, consisting of over 14 billion individual records. These databases included a wide variety of both U.S. and foreign companies, organizations, and government agencies. BreachForums had approximately 333,412 members as of March 14, 2023. It was the largest English-language data breach forum of its kind at the time it went offline. Fitzpatrick and his co-conspirators gained at least \$698,714 through his now admitted criminal conduct. In September 2022, a BreachForums user sought advice on how to monetize a breached e-commerce database that included approximately 16 million records. Fitzpatrick used BreachForums private message to reply that "[I'd] try getting money out of them first, and if they refuse try selling it." FITZPATRICK then explained that he would value the database at about "a few thousand" after the user sought pricing guidance. Enforcement performed a digital forensic examination of Fitzpatrick's devices which revealed he had saved child pornography in two folders. Many of the files had file names and phrases indicative of child pornography, such as "14yo," "15yo," and "Hebephilia." The Department of Justice has created a victim form to individuals to fill out, at the following link:

www.justice.gov/d9/2023-06/potential_victim_form_0.pdf

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ral resources. This historic, landmark law prevents the release of radioactive wastewater into the river and protects the robust economic vitality of the region. Also thank you to the many residents, environmental advocates and colleagues who fought with us so passionately to arrive at this outcome. The culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work and collaboration, Governor Hochul's signing of the Save the Hudson bill is one of the great environmental victories in state history. We stand ready to work with all stakeholders to find alternative solutions to this challenge and to continue the timely and safe decommissioning of the Indian Point power plants."

Assemblymember Dana Levenberg said, "The signing of this bill comes as such welcome news to so many people in my district and far beyond. Today I say thank you to Governor Hochul and her office for carefully considering this legislation, and to my colleagues at the federal, state and local levels for their support. I am also incredibly grateful to the advocates who dedicated countless hours alongside us legislators working to get this legislation passed. So many people in the Hudson Valley showed up to this fight determined to protect the river that defines our region, and we will continue working together in the coming years to ensure a safe and successful decommissioning of Indian Point."

Representative Jamaal Bowman said, "Dumping 1 million gallons of radioactive water into a river with a basin home to more than 8 million people is never an option. Polluting facilities shouldn't be allowed to run roughshod over the voices of our communities and push through waste disposal plans without their consent. I'm pleased that Governor Hochul is taking the action needed to protect New Yorkers by signing A7208/S6893 to ban decommissioned nuclear plants from dumping waste into the Hudson River. We must take every precaution when it comes to protecting the health of our communities and we must always put democracy over convenience."

County Executive George Latimer said, "Today marks a monumental stride forward in safeguarding our majestic Hudson River and the Hudson Valley region. I commend Governor Kathy Hochul for her leadership in signing this legislation, and I also thank Senator Pete Harckham and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg for introducing this vital measure. Today, we take a stand and shield the Hudson River from potential harm during Indian Point's decommissioning - prioritizing the environment and human well-being above all other considerations."

Prior to Gov. Hochul's decision, Yonkers Assemblyman joined in the opposition to Holtec's planned dumping. "Our historic Hudson River waterfronts have enjoyed a rebirth helping to grow the region's economy by creating jobs and new housing," said Assemblyman Sayegh. Allowing over a million and a half gallons of radiological waste water to be discharged into the river is completely unacceptable."



2021 Peekskill High school yearbook photo of Conor Fitzpatrick, now 20 Faces 40 Years 500,000 personal accounts sold on his dark website BreachForums

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NY Judge Extends Ban Against New Cannabis Licenses:

A New York State Supreme Court Judge has issued a preliminary injunction for New York's Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) licensing program. Albany State Supreme Court Judge Kevin Bryant of the Albany ruled in favor of four service-disabled veterans who claim that the Cannabis Control Board ("CCB") unconstitutionally created a conditional license for "justice involved" retailers that does not exist under the states' Cannabis statute.

No additional Cannabis permits can be issued until the case is resolved or the injunction is lifted.

New York's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act ("MRTA") gives priorities to disabled veterans, but the five veterans suing argue that only "justice involved" applicants have benefitted from priority status in obtaining licenses.

So far, 24 operational retailers have opened dispensaries in NY State, and none in Westchester County. Several license holders have received approval and a CAURD but have not yet opened. It is unclear whether the injunction allows them to continue to move towards opening.

Included in Judge Bryant's order was, "It was Defendants that decided to move forward and accelerate the CAURD program in the face of unresolved litigation and they were undeniably on notice of the alleged constitutional defects at issue." "Despite this notice, Defendants encouraged potential licensees to incur significant expenses in reliance on a program that Defendants knew was at issue in pending litigation."

While Justice Bryant states in his Order that the entire CAURD program could be in jeopardy due to the legal challenges and the exclusion of priority groups specified in the MRTA, he directed that the state can request exceptions to the Order by motion, and such motions will be determined on a "case-by-case basis" taking into consideration: (1) "the extent of potential licensee's reasonable reliance on OCM policy with regard to the CAURD program and applicable regulations," (2) "the precise timing of the actions" and (3) "expenses in relation to the pending litigation and the extent to which the expenses at issue would be necessary in order for the potential CAURD licensee to submit an application for an adult use license once Defendants finalize applicable regulations." Justice Bryant ordered the OCM to provide a list of CAURD retailers that qualify as exempt from the Order by August 22, 2023. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for August 25. The CCB has also been instructed to finalize applicable regulations for Adult Use Cannabis Licenses, as outlined in Article 4 of the MRTA, on an expedited basis.

Prince, Lobel, a law firm with offices in Westchester, (Purchase), sends out an email newsletter with information about the Cannabis industry in New York. We enjoy reading it, at princelobel.com.

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Judiciary, circulated a petition against Judge Wood receiving the democratic party line, and Westchester Indivisible also opposed his reelection.

But in the end, the vast majority of Westchester democratic leaders, including Westchester Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger, backed Wood's nomination, based on his 14 years of experience as a State Supreme Court Judge, and the overwhelming support he received from the legal community made his nomination at the convention not in doubt.

"My two takeaways from this whole fight are that Judge Wood is well deserving of the democratic party's nomination for reelection. And once you become a State Supreme Court Judge and they are qualified and respected as Judge Wood is, they are tough to beat," said one Yonkers democrat.

"I would also challenge the WCLA PAC and Progressive Democrats of Westchester and Indivisible Westchester for their failed effort to remove Judge Wood. I think this whole escapade backfired in the end."

Judge Wood, who also has the Conservative Party line, still has to win election in November against a slate of Republican candidates. We will highlight all of the candidates for State Supreme Court next month.

On This Day in Yonkers History ...



Ludlow resident and famed stage actor Jefferson DeAngelis in 1905,

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

Monday, August 28th

August 28, 1912: Famed actor Jefferson de Angelis of the Ludlow section of Yonkers made his debut in vaudeville; he appeared in the nautical farce, "All At Sea" in New York City.

August 28, 1936: President Franklin Roosevelt promoted Yonkers High School graduate Frederick Hopkins, Jr., of Riverdale Avenue, to the rank of Major. An officer in the Air Corps, he served as Redistribution and Salvage officer at Air Force headquarters during WWII. In August 1945 he was named Commanding General of the Seventh Fighter Command of the 20th Air Force and Commanding General of the Pacific Air Service Command in November 1946. He retired in the 1950s as an Air Force Major General.

Tuesday, August 29th

August 29, 1943: The Office of Civilian Protection unveiled its new war emergency radio service, using it during a Yonkers air raid drill! The system, designed to work when wire connections were disrupted or destroyed, worked "with flying colors." A crew of 4,082 people had worked to protect Yonkers during the practice blackout.

August 29, 1964: Because of the "shocking increase" in teenage addiction, Yonkers Schools Superintendent Stanley Wynstra announced a program throughout the district to "narcotics-proof our boys and girls." The program, already a "permanent, constant part of our curriculum" before the "recent disclosure of teenage drug addicts in Yonkers," would roll out in full force. Wynstra would send all secondary school taped talks by Sheriff John Hoy, as well as narcotics and alcohol experts. Hoy's frequent addresses to junior and senior high schools had been recorded and were to be played "over and over in health classes" throughout Yonkers, as well as the films showing the "horrors and pitfalls" of addiction.

Wednesday, August 30th

August 30, 1937: Fifth Ward Alderman James Sullivan introduced legislation to the Common Council to purchase 20 acres for \$21,879.55. Apparently, Yonkers did not own all of Prescott Street Park, although considerable city money was spent on playground equipment and tennis courts.

August 30, 1945: Brigadier General Frederick M. Hopkins Jr. of Riverdale Avenue received the Distinguished Service Medal during a ceremony held at the US War Department. Hopkins was responsible for expansion of government aircraft facilities to meet the objective of maximum production; he procured plants, machine tools, equipment, and construction materials as well as handled labor and power issues in his position of Controlled Materials Officer for the Army Air Forces. He developed a highly efficient system, greatly benefiting the Army Air Forces. According to the award, Hopkins "...demonstrated rare foresight, exceptional leadership, professional knowledge and experience, high organizational ability and efficiency and an ardent devotion to duty. General Hopkins' services were an outstanding contribution to the success of the Army Air Forces and the war effort."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING PART VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED NUISANCES, PUBLIC WELFARE AND CRIMINAL TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 88 TO BE ENTITLED "CATALYTIC CONVERTERS: RECORD KEEPING FOR PURCHASE, SALE, AND INSTALLATION; INDIVIDUALS IN POSSESSION"

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Part VII of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled "Nuisances, Public Welfare and Criminal" in part by adding a new Chapter 88, "Catalytic converters: recordkeeping for purchase, sale and installation" to combat the rampant and skyrocketing wave of catalytic converter thefts that is costing the residents of the City of Yonkers thousands of dollars on a regular basis.

The penalties for offenses pursuant to this ordinance are as follows:

The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a Class III offense except for any Business found guilty of more than one (1) violation of this chapter within any twelve (12) month period the subsequent violations shall be a Class I offense.

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

Dated: August 14, 2023, Vincent Spano, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR BUSINESSES SELLING TOBACCO AND RELATED PRODUCTS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS PENDING APPROPRIATE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that, in part, enacts a temporary limited moratorium on the issuance of "Cigarette Dealer Licenses" pursuant to section 31-153 of the Code. Notwithstanding any other ordinance, law, or resolution, no person shall be issued a new license under section 31-153. This moratorium shall not impact current license holders. This ordinance is effective immediately and shall expire and have no further force or effect on or after November 1, 2023.

The penalties for offenses pursuant to this ordinance are as follows:
A violation of this article shall constitute a Class II offense.

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

Dated: August 14, 2023, Vincent Spano, City Clerk

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Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. 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, 20 South Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Lime-killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 54 TOWER PLACE LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/2023. Office: Westchester County. RAED M ALAMMARI designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 54 TOWER PLACE YONKERS, NY 10703 Purpose: Real Estate.

Formation of OFF THE MILL LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Desmond Clarke, 1271 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, Plaintiff AGAINST MAXINE LANSKY-TEJADA, ALEJANDRO TEJADA, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 16, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY on September 11, 2023 at 10:30AM, premises known as 94 Jervis Road, Yonkers, NY 10705. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, Section 1, Block 73, Lot 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$234,256.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #59161/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WEST-CHESTER County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and protocols in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Syma Funt, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 20-001206 77099

Notice of formation of JJMB PROPERTIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/27/2023. Office location, County of Westchester. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to:, c/o Incorp Services, Inc - 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful act.

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X Index No.

Date Summons Filed:

FENNY OKOMO-OWIDI.

Plaintiff. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is Plaintiff's residence.

-against-

BRIAN OCHEING OWIDI aka CRAIG BRIAN OWIDI.

Defendant.

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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 (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.

Dated: 11/7/2022

Shirani Ponnambalam, Esq
Pace Women's Justice Center
Attorneys for Plaintiff

78 North Broadway, White Plains NY 10603
(914) 422-4069

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between 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. The Plaintiff is not seeking maintenance as payee as described in the Notice of Guidance 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.

(Form UD-1-1/25/16)

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 this 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, with 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 n 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 NOTICE: 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 honor after January 25th 20 sixtheme 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

Because you may not have counsel in this action to advise you. It does not mein 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 divorces final

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There are 2 formulas to determine the. Amount. Of the obligation. If you or 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 period otherwise the higher formula will apply period

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her roots. After the Barbies, Kens, and Mattel executives bid Barbie goodbye, she decides to become human and return to the real world. Sometime later, Gloria, her husband, and Sasha take Barbie, now going by the name "Barbara Handler", to her first gynecological appointment. Barbie is all grown up! Riveting!

The other hot movie for a slightly more mature crowd (though folks are seeing it as a double feature with Barbie) is Oppenheimer. My advice. See it another day. And for a kid under 16, this 3 hour movie though well done will be torture.

In 1926, 22-year-old doctoral student J. Robert Oppenheimer studies under experimental physicist Patrick Blackett at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge. He is homesick and suffers from anxiety while struggling with the required lab work (sounds like kids back to college this week).

Oppenheimer, upset with the demanding Blackett, leaves him a poison-laced apple but retrieves it before consumption. Visiting scientist Niels Bohr is impressed enough by Oppenheimer's intellect to recommend that he should instead study theoretical physics in Germany, where Oppenheimer completes his PhD. He later meets theoretical physicist Werner Heisenberg at a conference in Switzerland.

Oppenheimer returns to the United States, wanting to expand quantum physics research there. He begins a teaching career at the University of California, Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology, starting with a mere one student. He meets his future wife, Katherine "Kitty" Puening, a biologist and ex-communist, and also has an intermittent affair with Jean Tatlock, a member of the Communist Party USA.

In 1938, Nazi Germany's progress in nuclear fission research spurs Oppenheimer and his colleagues to replicate their results. In 1942, amid World War II, U.S. Army General Leslie Groves recruits Oppenheimer to lead the Manhattan Project, the goal which is to develop an atomic bomb after he gives assurances that he has no communist sympathies.

Oppenheimer, who is Jewish, is particularly driven by the Nazis' potentially completing their nuclear weapons program, headed by Heisenberg. He assembles a stellar scientific team including Edward Teller and Isidor Isaac Rabi in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and also collaborates with scientists Enrico Fermi and David L. Hill.

After Germany surrenders, some project scientists question the bomb's relevance, while Oppenheimer believes using it will quickly end the ongoing war in the Pacific, saving Allied lives. However, he and Albert Einstein had discussed the small possibility that an atomic detonation could trigger an atmospheric chain reaction and destroy the world.

President Harry S. Truman orders Hiroshima and Nagasaki to be bombed, forcing Japan's surrender. Oppenheimer is thrust into the public eye as the "father of the atomic bomb", but the immense destruction and mass fatalities caused by it haunt him. He urges Truman to restrict further nuclear weapon development, which Truman dismisses.

As an advisor to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Oppenheimer advocates against further nuclear research, especially the hydrogen bomb proposed by Edward Teller. His stance becomes a point of contention amid the tense Cold War with the Soviet Union. Commission Chairman Lewis Strauss resents Oppenheimer after he dismissed his concerns about exporting radioisotopes, publicly humiliating him, and for recommending arms talks with the Soviet Union.

At a hearing intended to eliminate Oppenheimer's political influence, Strauss exploits Oppenheimer's past associations with Communist Party members. Despite allies testifying in his defense, Oppenheimer's security clearance is revoked, damaging his public image and neutralizing his policy influence.

At Strauss's later Senate confirmation hearing for Secretary of Commerce, Hill testifies about Strauss's personal motives in engineering Oppenheimer's downfall. The U.S. Senate votes against his nomination. Get the popcorn. Two end of summer movies you will enjoy! Listen to Eric Schoen 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. Reach him at thistooisonkers@aol.com.

Thursday, August 31st

August 31, 1639: Native Americans sold Nepperhaem (Yonkers) to the Dutch West India Company.

August 31, 1778: Dozens of Stockbridge Indians were killed fighting on the side of the Patriots near McLean and Kimball Avenues in Yonkers. The actual site of the battle was later annexed into the Bronx.

Friday, September 1st

September 1, 1950: Fisherman James Van Dalen of Warburton saved two people as they drifted helplessly in a crippled motorboat off the coast of Yonkers!

The boat lurched and Patsy Gianzero fell off the boat by the propeller, which badly cut his leg. The other man, Anthony Mucilli, pulled him back on the boat and gave him first aid while calling for help. YPD Sergeant Stephen Kaputa and Patrolmen Charles Polsen and Edward Jones rushed to the foot of Glenwood Avenue, but the boat was 500 feet from shore. Van Dalen, hearing the distress call, immediately went to help. He tied a line to their 14-foot boat and towed it ashore. Meanwhile, Gordon Miller of the Ludlow Marina rushed to the scene and towed the boat to the Yonkers Lighthouse Restaurant. There an ambulance was waiting and brought Gianzero to the hospital.

Saturday, September 2nd

September 2, 1862: The 135th New-York Infantry was organized at Yonkers and mustered into service under Colonel William Morris and Lieutenant Colonel Howard Kitching.

The regiment left New York State on September 5, 1862, for Maryland to defend Baltimore at Fort McHenry. Known as the "Anthony Wayne Guard," the designation of the Regiment changed to the 6th New York Heavy Artillery on October 3, 1862. They then saw service as heavy artillery and infantry in several battles.

The regiment was honorably discharged and mustered out August 24, 1865, near Washington, D. C. It lost 5 officers, and 130 enlisted men fighting for the Union; it lost 6 officers and 275 enlisted men to disease.

Sunday, September 3rd

September 3, 1867: Dr. Charles A. Leale married John Copcutt's daughter Rebecca Medwin Copcutt at the Nepperhan Avenue Copcutt home. Dr. Leale was the first doctor to reach the presidential box at Ford's Theater after John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln. His quick thinking temporarily saved the president's life. He stayed with Lincoln, holding his hand through the night until the president passed away. Leale is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers.

September 3, 1942: Just one "casualty" resulted from the test mobilization of Yonkers Red Cross First Aid units. A Sixth Ward runner was late in reporting back to headquarters at Sacred Heart Church. When he breathlessly finally came in, he related how he was "captured" by three boys, taken into custody and held until he broke loose to rush back to headquarters!

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

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