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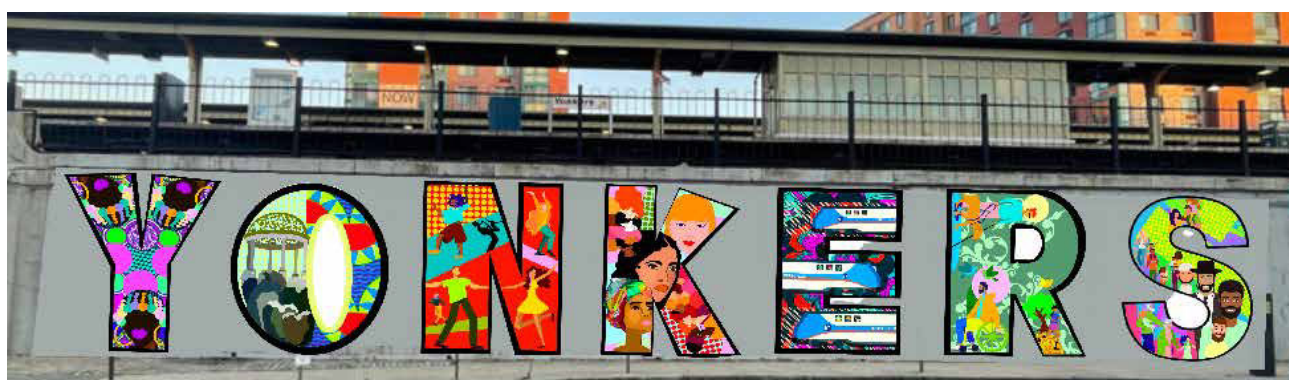
By Dan Murphy

A 15-year old migrant from Venezuela who robbed a store in Times Square, shot a customer at the store, fled and shot at 2 NYPD cops, was found in Yonkers on Feb. 10. Jesus Alejandro Rivas-Figueroa robbed JD Sports sporting goods store on Broadway on Feb. 8 and when confronted by security, shot at the guard and missed, hitting an innocent tourist from Brazil.

Figueroa then fled the scene, and when approached by NYPD officers a few blocks away continued to flee while shooting at the officers. He was able to escape with his mother to a relatives home on Saratoga Avenue in Yonkers, where he was arrested by the NYPD

Figueroa is a migrant from Venezuela who came to NYC in September of 2023, and was placed in a shelter on the west side of Manhattan with his

Yonkers' Waterfront Gets a Vibrant Makeover with New Mural Installation!



On Feb. 14, Yonkers Arts announced the exciting launch of a brand-new mural installation, a vibrant collaboration between the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Arts. The installation is one of the many artistic endeavors that aims to transform the community via the arts, while also creating a welcoming and engaging art experience for commuters and visitors alike. Space for the installation was graciously provided by the MTA and Metro-North Railroad. The mural titled "We The People," by renowned artist CJ Priester showcases Yonkers, now the third most populous city in the state, as a proud community featuring a diverse melting pot in the current metropolitan area. The City of Yonkers, considered to be a 'transient city,' serves as a gateway to NYC and the greater Hudson Valley. The mural is part of Yonkers Arts' ongoing vision of beautifying the City of Yonkers via the arts and culture. The section of the wall being activated was provided as a result of the partnership between the MTA, Yonkers Arts, and the City of Yonkers. Ray Wilcox, Executive Director of Yonkers Arts states, "This evocative piece reflects the unique spirit and diverse cultural tapestry of Yonkers, offering a visual celebration of the city's rich history, artistic vibrancy, and dynamic community. This partnership exemplifies our commitment to enhancing public spaces and fostering cultural engagement within the communities we serve. This vibrant artwork will undoubtedly transform the station into a more welcoming and inspiring gateway for Yonkers."

"We The People," is an unique mural installation that will not follow traditional outdoor-art activations. Yonkers Arts and their installation team of engineers are building durable and sustainable (metal) walls that will be adhered directly to the MTA retaining wall across the street from the Yonkers Riverfront Library. The installation will be approximately 8ft. (at its highest peak) by 50ft. wide.

Councilwoman Tasha Diaz "Illegal Audio by Pineda-Isaac 2 Years Old"



City Councilwoman

Tasha Diaz

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz issued the following statement after her democratic colleagues on the council removing her as Majority Leader on Feb. 8, based on a complaint filed by Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac for threats made against her by Diaz.

"This evening the Yonkers City Council took historic and unprecedented measures to remove me as Majority Leader of the Yonkers City Council. While I am disappointed that my colleagues took these measures due to unsubstantiated stories without any review by an independent body or wrongdoing found, I am undeterred and look forward to serving my constituents as their councilwoman.

"Political opponents on the City Council may be able to remove me as Majority Leader, but I stand proud to continue to fulfill my constitutional duty to the voters of the district, who re-elected me in a mandate.

"Stability in government that is working for the betterment of the people is something that voters have wanted, as seen this past year where the three incumbents for city government won re-election. Sadly that stability will be

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Yonkers Police Arrest Mother Who Abandoned Just Born Baby



On Feb. 9, the Yonkers Police Department announced the arrest of a suspect in the abandonment of a newborn baby that occurred earlier this week.

At approximately 8:30 pm on February 6, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of an abandoned baby in the hallway of an apartment building at 32 Chestnut Street in this City. Upon arrival, units located a newborn female baby in the first-floor hallway of the building. The baby had been wrapped in a blanket and was left on the floor near the entryway. Responding officers and Empress Ambulance personnel began assessing the newborn, at which time they observed her umbilical cord to be still attached with a black string wrapped around it. First Responders immediately transported her to a nearby hospital, where she was evaluated medically and stabilized.

Detectives from our Special Victims Unit, Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the scene to investigate. After reviewing hours of surveillance camera footage and interviewing many witnesses, investigators were able to identify the mother of the child, locate her, and determine the facts surrounding the abandonment of this child. The investigation yielded that a female had given birth to the child by herself earlier that day at approximately 3:30 pm. The female dressed the baby in a t-shirt, wrapped her in a blanket, and placed her in the hallway of 32 Chestnut Street at approximately 7:30 pm. Approximately an hour later, a resident of the building located the abandoned infant, wrapped her in an additional blanket and called for police assistance.

The female suspect was transported to an area hospital for a medical evaluation due to her unconventional childbirth and was later released. The mother is identified as Jaqueline MARLENI PEREZ, a 21-year-old resident of this City. MARLENI PEREZ was arrested and charged with one count of Abandonment of a Child, a Class E Felony, in the New York State Penal Law. Due to laws restricting bail, the above charge is ineligible for bail. MARLENI PEREZ was arraigned in Yonkers Criminal Court today and released on her own recognizance.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano stated, "The circumstances that occurred are heartbreaking and unfortunate, but we are thankful the baby is stable and safe. I commend the compassionate and swift actions of our Yonkers PD in finding the mother, exhibiting concern for her welfare after going through a traumatic and desperate ordeal. This is a poignant reminder that help, regardless of situation, is available to all of us – don't be afraid to reach out."

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, "Criminal investigations involving child victims are often the most difficult to handle, a sentiment that is only amplified when the child is less than one-day-old. I commend our Detectives who worked tirelessly on this difficult case and quickly brought it to a close. We have over six Yonkers Police buildings and 12 Yonkers Fire Department buildings in this city. All of these buildings are "Safe-Haven" locations, in addition to several hospitals and other locations that are designated as appropriate places for parents to legally surrender custody of infants under 30 days old. We hope that this incident sheds light on the proper procedures to follow to avoid what could have been a horrible tragedy."

The child remains in stable condition and is currently in the custody of Child Protective Services. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and additional information may be released as it becomes available.

Roland G. Francis, Harlem Hellfighter!

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian



Roland G. Francis

Born 1898 in New Haven, Roland and his family moved to Nepperhan Street two years later. He attended School Two on Waverly Street; after graduation, he worked for National Conduit and Cable Works.

Roland joined the storied 15th NY National Guard Unit in 1917. His unit sailed to France that December. The French Army needed immediate replacements, so the 15th NYNG Unit federalized, reorganized as the 369th and was assigned to a French Division at the front. This courageous unit served more time at the front, faced more continuous fire than any other American regiment! Although assigning the 369th to the French Army was "temporary," these fierce, loyal and patriotic men did not serve under American command at any time in Europe. Yet they were the first company to plant our Flag at the battle front!

Witnessing the gallantry, intensity and courage of our men in the trenches, the French named them "Hommes de Bronze;" history calls these fierce soldiers the "Harlem Hellfighters!"

They fought aggressively in the Champagne-Marne Defensive. Quartermaster Sergeant Roland Francis brought supplies to the men under cover of night... while facing constant gunfire. A massive French counterattack, reinforced by hundreds of tanks and Allies, ended the German offensive in a few days.

The Aisne-Marne Offensive changed the war; advancing German troops didn't stop, they retreated. Unfortunately, Francis was wounded during this campaign. The months-long Aisne-Marne Offensive was ended less than two weeks later by the November 11th Armistice.

The 369th was welcomed with cheers as they marched through France; the Kansas City Sun reported "no unit received a warmer greeting than when they marched through Lyons;" their bravery and courage changed the tide of the war.

Roland sailed home on La France early February 1919. Not only did he receive a Purple Heart and Victory Medals, the French government awarded him the Croix de Guerre and palm in 1919, an honor given to soldiers who distinguished themselves with significant heroism. His company received several citations.

On February 17th, 1919, 3,000 members of the 369th Infantry paraded up Fifth Avenue, walking the seven miles from 23rd to 145th Street to rousing cheers; this was the first chance Americans had to welcome home any of our brave Doughboys. According to the next day's Herald Tribune, "Never have white Americans accorded so heartfelt and hearty a reception to a contingent of their black countrymen." Reaching Harlem, home to 70% of the company, the cheers were deafening.

Back in Yonkers, Roland moved to Waverly Street and married Frances Bates in 1920. Together they created an incredible partnership of lifetime community service to Yonkers.

Roland became an active Republican, and a hard-working member of James H. Farrell Lodge #34, New York State Prince Hall Masons. He rose through the Mason ranks, and became Grand Master and District Deputy Grand Master of the Westchester and Rockland County District. He joined the Goodfellowship Lodge 53, Knights of Pythias, and became Chancellor Commander. A mainstay of Troop 34 Boy Scouts at School One, he was as Chairman of its Troop Committee.

He played tennis with the Alpha Tennis Club and exercised his basketball skills with the "All Stars."

Concerned about his fellow veterans, Roland was the moving force behind creation of a Yonkers Black American Legion Post, the Samuel H. Dow Post 1017. Although some Yonkers' posts had a few African American members, most Black war veterans didn't join posts. When the Dow Post received its charter June 1929, it had more than 100 members; Roland was the first Post Commander.

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Westchester Democrats Nominate Susan Cacace for DA at Convention *Wagstaff gets 40% and gets endorsements*



Susan Cacace

Democrat Susan Cacace tonight won the Democratic Nomination for Westchester District Attorney at the County Democrats' convention, held at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown. Cacace won 60% of the vote by Democratic District Leaders from across the county, giving her major organizational support for the primary and general elections. Judge Cacace, who brings decades of experience not only as a longtime jurist but also as a former prosecutor and attorney, stepped off the bench to run following the decision by incumbent Mimi Rocah to not seek another term.

"I am so honored to have earned this endorsement," said Cacace. "As Democrats, we are leading the way in making our criminal justice system stronger and fairer by not only holding wrongdoers accountable, but also showing compassion and finding better ways to prevent crime and get at-risk people on a better track."

"Right now, too many people have lost faith in the government and feel unsafe," Cacace added. "But the fact is, we are able to keep our communities safe and correct long-standing issues in our criminal justice system if we do it smartly and consistently, focusing on both accountability and the underlying causes of criminal activity."

Cacace, whose family has a long history of involvement in

Democratic politics, said she would build on the reforms implemented by DA Rocah.

"We've made great progress on wrongful convictions and expanding alternatives to incarceration, and we won't move backwards," she said. "We're going to keep bringing crime down, get more people back on the right track, and make sure that everyone feels protected and respected by our County's criminal justice system."

Wagstaff's campaign said that "the campaign received broad support to be Westchester's next District Attorney at the Westchester County Democratic Committee's nominating convention. While he did not receive the outright nomination for the position, Wagstaff declared intent on running for the seat in the June 25 Primary and surprised members of the county committee with the extent of the support he garnered as he continues to run as a reformer against the entrenched machine and racks up endorsements from leading Democrats.

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Happy 97th Birthday Adelmo "Chubby" Costantini



L-R-Eric Wolf Schoen, Adelmo 'Chubby' Costantini, Carrie Schoen

By Eric Wolf Schoen

Friends, we put aside the problems of the world this week and honor my second father, Adelmo 'Chubby' Costantini of Yonkers on his 97th birthday this past Sunday. This special occasion was most certainly filled with emotion for me, my sister, and his family.

The Schoen's and the Costantini's have an over 50 year friendship dating back to the days when Chubby's dear wife Antoinette and my mom, Rita volunteered in the office at the old School 13 at Park Hill Avenue and McClean Avenue. When their kids, 4 for Antoinette and 2 for Rita moved to the what we would call the 'The New School 13' on McClean avenue south of the old school, their teamwork continued. They did anything that the Principal wanted them to do including running the rexograph machine to raising money yearly for UNICEF on Halloween.

One year when Unicef was involved in some political controversy, they were forced to go outside of school grounds to collect the money children gathered during their Trick or Treat neighborhood jaunts in the little orange boxes. Just shows how they both provided support for their own children as well as the children of the world.

You would always find Antoinette and Rita in the school doing whatever task needed to be done. Never a no, always a yes! Antoinette was a terrific baker who brought many delicious home baked goods to school functions to raise money. Rita's best friend was Ms. Entenmann's, quite often forgetting to plate the baked good like it was homemade leaving it in the box with Entenmann's stamped on the bottom.

It was November of 1978. Dad had a heart attack ultimately dying within a month. I was 18, in my first year of college and devastated. Thank god I had a full tuition and fees academic scholarship, or college would have been out of the picture for me or at least very hard to finance.

I needed a tie for the funeral, but didn't know how to tie one properly. Chubby came to the rescue showing me how to tie a tie, and from that moment on Chubby has served as my special second father.

Chubby as those who affectionately know him call him graduated in 1944 from Saunders High School in Yonkers. His favorite teacher was a Dr. Kleitz, a man who would steer a career path for him. He graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy, and served two years at the end of World War II. He was called into service in the Navy as a Lt. Jg in Korea in the fall of 1952 and came home in the fall of 1954. He served on the USS Haven, a hospital ship stationed in Inchon Harbor, and then the USS Great Sitkin, an ammunition ship. His title was Chief Engineering Officer on the ships.

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Black History Month: To Be Young, Gifted, and Black Trailblazers



clockwise; Cienna Rose, Kierra Carter, and Tajé Dean

By Dennis Richmond Jr.
Author, *He Spoke At My School*

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, at Yonkers Rising, the spotlight shines brightly on folks like Cienna Rose, Tajé Dean, and Kierra Carter, whose stories epitomize resilience, creativity, and empowerment. Hailing from diverse Black backgrounds and pursuing distinct paths, these remarkable individuals inspire and uplift others through dedication to their communities and their passions.

Cienna Rose, a 23-year-old Black trans content creator from Yonkers, NY, embodies resilience and empowerment. Through her social media platforms, she spreads awareness and information about the trans community, serving as a beacon of hope for future generations. Having overcome personal struggles, Cienna exemplifies the strength and growth of trans women, inspiring others to embrace their identities with pride and confidence.

Tajé Dean, a 25-year-old artist in Aurora, IL, reflects the essence of creativity and self-expression. With a background in architecture, Tajé finds beauty in bringing imagination to life through art, inspiring others to see the world through their unique perspectives. Through his passion for art, Tajé embodies the spirit of innovation and individuality, enriching the cultural landscape with his creative vision.

Kierra Carter, a 28-year-old therapist, author, and motivational speaker in Greensboro, NC, dedicates her life to empowering others. With a calling to guide individuals toward their purpose, Kierra's authenticity and relatability resonate with those seeking guidance and inspiration. Through her work, Kierra instills confidence and self-discovery, illuminating the path toward personal growth and fulfillment.

In a world where diversity, equity, and inclusion are challenged, the stories of Cienna Rose, Tajé Dean, and Kierra Carter serve as powerful reminders of Black excellence. Through their respective endeavors, they not only inspire individuals within their communities but also ignite a collective sense of hope and possibility for future generations. As we celebrate Black History Month in 2024, we honor the contributions of trailblazers in the past. It's important, though, that we uplift and amplify the voices of those in the present too.

KeyBank Foundation Awards \$100,000 Grant to Groundwork Hudson Valley for Youth Leadership and Sustainability Education Program in Yonkers



Pictured from left: Candida Rodriguez, Director of Community Engagement and Communications, Groundwork Hudson Valley; Dr. Michelle Yazurlo, Assistant Superintendent for Professional Development with the Yonkers Public Schools; Ellen Theg, Chief of Operations, Groundwork Hudson Valley; Andrew Hara, Principal, Barack Obama School for Social Justice; Maria Bassallo, Manager, KeyBank White Plains Branch; Analisha Michanczyk, Corporate Responsibility Officer, KeyBank; Karen Tumelty, Director of Development, Groundwork Hudson Valley; Joel Rodriguez, Sustainability Education Manager, Groundwork Hudson Valley; and Zoe Camhi, Sustainability Education Associate, Groundwork Hudson Valley, with students

Groundwork Hudson Valley and KeyBank announce a two-year \$100,000 grant from KeyBank Foundation, the bank's charitable non-profit, to support the expansion of Groundwork's Youth Leadership and Sustainability Education Programs. Specifically, the funding will provide out-of-school education for Yonkers NY Public School K-6 students to visit the Science Barge, a floating sustainability education center, to supplement the school system's science curricula; it will also support the award-winning Green Team, a program that provides paid part-time jobs to Yonkers Public High School students to build their leadership skills and gain hands-on skills in environmental conservation, climate risk mitigation, and community engagement.

"We at Groundwork Hudson Valley are immensely grateful for partners like KeyBank who are committed to creating positive and lasting change and who provide resources to organizations like ours to propel our mission forward for Yonkers youth," shared Oded Holzinger, Groundwork Hudson Valley's Executive Director. "This partnership with the KeyBank Foundation exemplifies how we can come together to lay the groundwork and empower our youth to have the knowledge and skills to become the environmental leaders of tomorrow."

Founded in 2000, Groundwork Hudson Valley (GWHV) creates sustainable environmental change in urban neighborhoods through community-based partnerships that promote equity, youth leadership, and economic opportunity. GWHV has been working in southwest Yonkers, one of the most socioeconomically and climate vulnerable communities in the region, to create a more environmentally just community. Projects they have undertaken include the restoration of thousands of linear yards of riparian forest, the creation of conservation jobs for local youth in the community, the daylighting of the Saw Mill River, and the creation of the award-winning sustainability education center, the Science Barge, anchored 30 feet off the downtown Yonkers waterfront. Most recently, GWHV has received funding to design and execute a high school-to-career program in urban forestry that will serve as a model for other school districts across the nation.

"The work that Groundwork is doing with the Yonkers Public School System is impressive and offers a strong model for creating environmental stewardship opportunities for underserved youth throughout the Hudson Valley and across our country," said KeyBank Market President John Manginelli.



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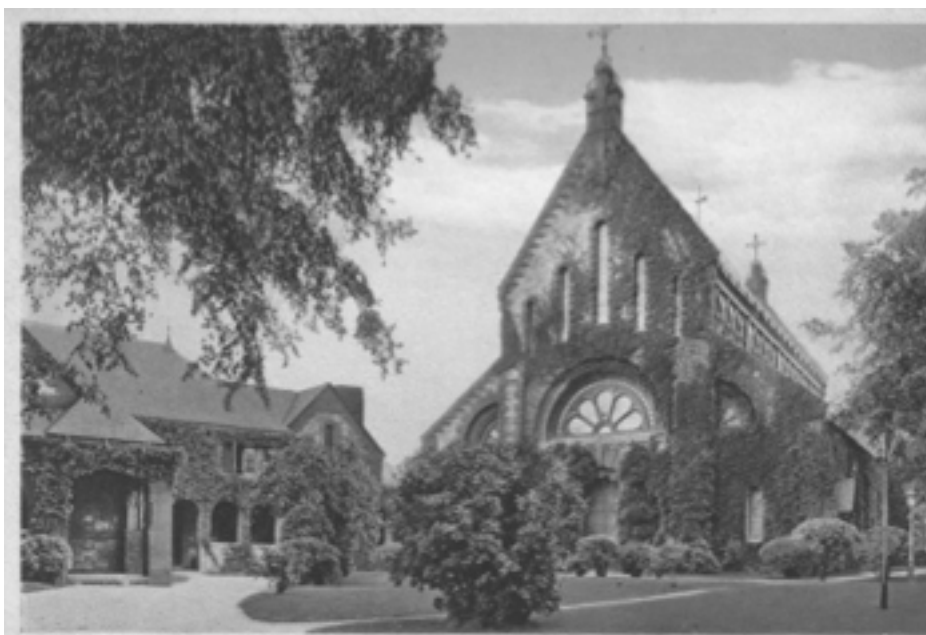
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On This Day in Yonkers History...



1905 postcard of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church in Getty Square.

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, February 19th

February 19, 1944: Staff Sergeant Robert Gilmartin finally was home with his parents on Hayward Street! The ball turret gunner's plane was shot down while on a bombing mission over Greece December 1943; listed as "missing in action," the War Department sent his family a telegram early January. His parents didn't hear another word until Robert wired them he was on his way home.

His plane had been hit by German anti-aircraft fire yet managed to stay up for 30 minutes while Nazi planes flew around it. The crew bailed when the aircraft caught fire. The crew landed safely, ditched their parachutes and ran. They were hidden by the Greek Underground for two weeks while their safe passage to Italy was arranged. This Gorton High School graduate had participated in 22 combat missions in African and Italian campaigns... and was very happy to be back in Yonkers.

Tuesday, February 20th

February 20, 1885: Tapestry workers at the Smith Carpet Factory walked out in support of female workers fired for joining the Knights of Labor, and Smith shut the factory down. At the start of the strike, only two dozen workers were union members. The unit was so enraged the "little girls" were fired, by the end of the strike almost 100% of the tapestry workers had joined the Knights of Labor.

February 20, 1942: Rumors swirled as Supervisor John Sechny reported for his preliminary Selective Service Physical with the expectation he would be classified 1-A for immediate induction. People had many questions: Would he resign as Supervisor, or could he keep the position and collect his salary? Could he be reelected to the Board of Supervisors while in the service? Would a special election be held for Fifth War Supervisor? Would someone be appointed to serve the district? Yonkers wanted their questions answered, especially since Councilman Al Richter was scheduled for his preliminary exam.

Wednesday, February 21st

February 21, 1937: Mayor Joseph Loehr signed the bill amending the Yonkers Anti-Handbill Law, allowing unions to distribute literature on the streets of Yonkers.

February 21, 1944: Yonkers War Salvage Committee reported Yonkers School Third Paper Day had contributed 61,405 pounds of paper salvage; all this wastepaper would be recycled into war equipment.

Thursday, February 22nd

February 22, 1926: A large crowd filled St. John's Episcopal Church for its annual DAR service commemorating George Washington's birthday; former West Point Chaplain Percy Silver was the principal speaker.

March 22, 1933: More than 4,000 people toured the new Genung's Store in Yonkers during their 3 hour "Pre-opening" evening open house. Although no sales could be made, the enthusiast visitors asked sales staff many questions

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Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company ETAMNI FAMILY CLEANING LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 01/29/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 2 Hudson Street Apt 4G Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

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Families Can Lose Health Coverage if They Don't Reenroll in Medicaid



Westchester Disabled on the Move Working to Register Families, Seniors and the Disabled

February 7, 2024 – Westchester Disabled on the Move Inc. is now reenrolling people with disabilities, seniors and low-income residents in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, free of charge.

Many people who rely on Medicaid could lose their coverage if they fail to reenroll. COVID protections for those on Medicaid have ended so they are now required to re-enroll in the program, but many people don't know this and are losing coverage.

More than 1 million people have been dropped from Medicaid since COVID protections ended. Most got dropped for not filling out paperwork.

Westchester Disabled on the Move recently received a grant from Community Service Society (CSS) and Mother Cabrini Health Foundation as part of the Keep New York Covered (KNYC) program, a network of enrollment agencies that conduct marketing and outreach about how New Yorkers can keep their health coverage after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

WDOMI Enrollment Manager Jackie Forbes Clark said that families who depend on Medicaid and Child Health Plus may need to re-register for their health insurance. She said that WDOMI can help with all the forms.

"Even if you don't get a reenrollment packet in the mail, you might still need to re-register," she said. "Avoid the red tape and hassle of having to reapply if you get dropped from coverage."

Darla Lao Paula, Lead Medicaid Facilitated Enroller, said that one senior citizen who she worked with had recently moved and did not receive her reenrollment packet in the mail.

"Because she was an existing client, they notified us and we were able to help her re-enroll," said Lao Paula. "She was so grateful and said that she might have lost her health insurance if we hadn't let her know."

For more information on how to get assistance with reenrollment call 914-968-4717 X109 OR VISIT <https://wdom.org/>. Help is available in English and Spanish.

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And engineer he could. You know if you have an engineering question he will always have the answer. Whether it be as a leader in the Boy Scouts creating the wooden cars the boys would race, or building a sewing room for his wife, a fine seamstress, right through his living room. My grandma had a fondness for big, heavy mirrors, and when we moved from Bruce Avenue to Spruce Street I remember watching in amazement how he mounted these huge heavy things on the wall, perfectly.

Chubby has been active at Mt. Carmel Church on Park Hill for many years, and with the advent of Covid truly misses attending daily masses. He would always arrange for Father Vinci at Mt. Carmel to visit my mother in the hospital. My mom, who grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family always believed in covering all her bases. Chubby's wife did her fine dressmaking for many Jewish customers and mom's friends from Temple Emanu-El on Rumsey Road. Mom would often bring Chubby and Antoinette to affairs and parties at the Temple, and so many people would come over to them to say hello or vice versa. A new Rabbi's wife who Antoinette sewed for could not believe how many Temple Emanu-El members Chubby and Antoinette knew. But that was Yonkers. Everyone no matter what your race or religion were friends.,

When I became Bar Mitzvah, I gave the honor of lighting a candle on my cake to Chubby and Antoinette. Antoinette spoke about the honor for so many years after my special day. They joined relatives from around the globe, but I felt she and Chubby were such an important part of my life that they truly deserved the honor.

Chubby goes to the cemetery every Sunday to spend time with his beloved Antoinette. She was larger than life, and her loss put a big dent in the beautiful Costantini family. Like her husband she is an angel, and as he often says she is watching over him everyday. I know my mom and dad are closely at her side.

Chubby's youngest brother died way too young, and he watches over his son and wife just like he is a father to me. Up until Covid he traveled around the states visiting his children, their children and his great grandchildren using his engineering skills to make their lives better. There was always a project for Chubby on his arrival at their homes.

There was a problem with the boiler at my complex recently. Sitting in the car he offered a solution to the problem, his engineering skills still intact.

So instead of going to visit them, his 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren visited him for his 97th Birthday. As his family grows, he becomes more prouder of their accomplishments, a small television set sits on the kitchen table where they can send daily pictures of the goings on in their lives. Family and friends are so important to Chubby.

Christmas Eve afternoon is when his family gathers to celebrate Christmas every year. Every year there are more people at the table. And every year he talks about using his engineering skills, breaking down a wall in the dining room so that the family can all sit at one table. Everyone knows with Chubby it's never too late to happen.

So his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, friends and family including Carrie and this writer raise a cup of coffee, his favorite beverage to toast chubby on Birthday 97, and wish him many more years of good health and happiness surrounded by those he loves and who love him. And we all thank him for being who he is and such an important part of our lives. And encourage you to do the same to that special person who means so much to you.

Happy Birthday Dad. I love you!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

"Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Westchester County, on the 22nd day of January, 2024, bearing Index Number 50614/2023, grants the right to assume the name of Matthew Luigj Koleci. Present address: Yonkers, NY; Birth: November 2004, White Plains, NY; Present name: Matthew Louis Jankovic. An affidavit of publication shall be filed with the Westchester County Clerk's Office."

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Letter to the Editor: Who is the real “Spoiler” in the Latimer-Bowman Race?

To the Editor:

Last month, you wrote a story about the Bowman-Latimer congressional race by printing a letter from a resident in the district, who hypothesized that if Bowman were able to defeat Latimer in the democratic primary in June, then a republican would be able to defeat Bowman in a November election.

First let me say that as a supporter of Congressman Bowman, I do not believe that theory, for several reasons. There are simply not enough republicans in the district to elect a republican to congress in Westchester and the Bronx. And I don't believe that a supermajority of independent voters would vote for the republican over Bowman.

There is also not a republican in the district who is well know enough, without any political baggage, who would be able to attract enough voters to defeat Boman.

Finally, in a Presidential year, with Trump at the top of the Republican tickets, there is no way that Trump will have any coattails in Westchester to help a congressional candidate.

But let me turn around the hypothesis of your reader: Bowman already has the Working Families Party. What if Latimer became the spoiler in this election if Bowman decides to continue to run in November on the WFP line, if Latimer wins the democratic primary.

This would offer voters three choices in November; Latimer as a democrat; Bowman on the WFP line, and the republican candidate.

If you give the republican candidate, with Trump at the top of the ticket, the 33% of the vote that republicans usually get in this district in a Presidential year, you have Latimer and Bowman splitting up the remaining 65%.

Are Bowman's supporters and voters more inclined to vote for Bowman over Latimer? Or are Latimer's supporters more motivated to vote for Latimer over Bowman in November?

Or, could the worst scenario for both Latimer and Bowman supporters happen, with both Latimer and Bowman splitting 65% of the vote, and the republican winning with 35%?

If that happens then who would the spoiler for the democrats be? Many of us in the progressive-indivisible -democratic-WFP community believe that Latimer is the spoiler because he is challenging an incumbent Democratic member of Congress.

Name withheld, Bowman supporter from Westchester and NY-16.

Latimer Raises \$1.4 M in Run for Congress

False Media Reports Claim that AIPAC Contributed \$600k

73% of Latimer's Contributions come from The Bronx & Westchester

More than 80% of Bowman's contributions come from outside the Bronx and Westchester

By Dan Murphy

The latest fund-raising reports filed with the Federal Election Commission, (FEC), show George Latimer raising \$1.4 Million compared to \$631,00 for Congressman Jamaal Bowman, during the same period.

Latimer raised \$1.395 million for his Congressional campaign starting from his kickoff announcement on December 6 through the close of the filing period on December 31. Most impressively, a large majority of Latimer's donations – over 73% - come from donors living in the Bronx or Westchester County indicating overwhelming grassroots support for his candidacy. In comparison, Latimer's opponent has raised less than 20% of his donations from Bronx and Westchester donors in his filings to date, instead relying on a network of outside money to fund his campaigns.

“I'm honored and humbled with the depth of grassroots energy that is powering this campaign. But I'm running against an incumbent with a national fundraising network, and we know he'll be able to rely on outside money for his campaign. That's why I'll continue to do what I do – talk to every voter, listen to every voice, and deliver real results,” said Latimer. “Whether it's defending abortion rights, getting dangerous guns off our streets, or protecting our democracy, I've done the work and delivered results, and I'm ready to stand up against MAGA extremism to fight for our nation,” he added.

Rep. Bowman's stance on Israel and the Gaza war has been one of the major factors in many Westchester democrats backing Latimer. But what has been falsely claimed by many in the media is that

“AIPAC IS THE LARGEST DONOR” to Latimer's campaign, and “AIPAC has given more than \$600,000 in total to Latimer's campaign.” Both are untrue.

What AIPAC did do in support of Latimer is to help visitors to the AIPAC website make a personal contribution to Latimer's congressional campaign. And while it does make it easier for supporters of AIPAC to contribute to Latimer, the individual contributor still has to take additional steps to make the contribution. This practice is legal and is done in many political campaigns. It is the modern way of getting your supporters to make a contribution.

When we viewed Latimer's latest FEC filing, there are 340 entries listed as a donation from AIPAC, but the reason for that ID is because those individual contributions came from the AIPAC portal. All of the AIPAC identified contributions came from individual contributors who made their contributions through the AIPAC portal, according to Latimer's campaign.

More than 400 individuals made contributions to Latimer for Congress of \$3,300. Some made two donations of \$3,300, maxing out their contribution for the Primary at \$6,600. A total of 1,750 contributions were made to Latimer for Congress over a three-week period last December.

After expenditures of \$108,000, Latimer has \$1.32 Million on hand.

Bowman's campaign raised \$657,000 from individuals during the same period and has \$630,000 cash on hand.

The contributions to Latimer underscores one of his campaign themes; that he is more locally connected to Westchester democrats, who are supporting his campaign. “I'm out there, every single day, talking to voters and listening to voters so when I go to Washington I can deliver real results for them,” said Latimer. “The nearly \$1.4 million raised to date is from local donors, at the grassroots level who believe in my vision for the district, this Country, and our future. This is more than showtime, this is a real movement for significant change.”

Yonkers Marathon Set for Sunday September 15



– Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced registration is now open for the 97th Yonkers Marathon, hosted by the City of Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation on Sunday, September 15, 2024. The day will also include a Half Marathon and 5K, all beginning at the Yonkers Riverfront Library on the Yonkers Waterfront at 8:00 AM. Registration for all races is available at www.yonkersny.gov.

“We welcome thousands of runners each year to our great City,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Our hills may be a challenge, but these athletes prove time and again the course is worth the training and commitment. Come out and see our beautiful City, celebrate our history, and participate in one of the most prominent races in the region.”

Yonkers Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone said: “The 2024 Yonkers Marathon is a culmination of motivation, dedication, and commitment by runners to the sport. This is one of Yonkers' longstanding traditions that we celebrate. Run, volunteer, applaud – we value everyone's participation.”

The Yonkers Marathon, the second oldest marathon in the country, is USA Track & Field certified and is a qualifying race for the Boston Marathon.

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Yonkers Public Library Launches “Grow, Harvest, & Feast” Program Series



Chef B

Yonkers Public Library will launch its “Grow, Harvest, & Feast” program series on Sat., Feb. 17, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverfront Library in celebration of Black History Month. The kick-off party invites residents to learn about the library’s seed library, watch a cooking demonstration with Chef B, sample local cuisine from Black and Afro-Caribbean chefs, and enjoy an interactive dance performance with James Norton from Youth Theatre Interactions.

The “Grow, Harvest, & Feast” is a year-long series of events celebrating the city’s diverse cultures through food, recipes, oral history, and community gardening. In partnership with ConEdison, Groundwork Hudson Valley, and Sarah Lawrence College, Riverfront Library has created a pop-up indoor gardening center featuring a new hydroponic garden, the seed library, and a curated collection of gardening, cooking and ecology books on display through 2024.

Kick-off Party Information:

Grow, Harvest, & Feast: Black History Month Celebration

Date: Sat., Feb. 17, 2024

Time: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Riverfront Library, Yonkers Room (4th Floor), One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

Schedule of Events

12 p.m.: Cooking demo with Chef B. (registration required)

12:30 p.m.: Tasting of Local Black and Afro-Caribbean Cuisine

2 p.m.: Interactive Dance Performance with Youth Theatre Interactions

This program series is made possible through a generous grant from ConEdison and the Mellon Grant for Civic Engagement through Sarah Lawrence College. In addition, Charles C. Hart Seed Company graciously donated thousands for seeds for the Seed Library.

Celebrate Afghanistan Arts & Culture Day with the Fanoos Ensemble



ArtsWestchester will celebrate the vibrant tapestry of Afghanistan’s arts and culture at its February 24 Afghanistan Arts & Culture Day, featuring the renowned Fanoos Ensemble, pictured above. The Fanoos Ensemble, comprised of four talented Afghan musicians, brings to life the soul-stirring melodies and rhythms of Afghanistan’s musical tradition. The day kicks off with an Arts & Culture Fair from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, offering free admission to the public. Tickets for the Fanoos Ensemble’s evening concert are for sale online. For more information, visit www.artswestchester.org.

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**FILMING AT SAN MARTINO YONKERS RESTAURANT FOR STARZ SERIES
“RAISING KANAN,” ABOUT 50 CENT**



Al LoParo, owner of San Martino Ristorante, left, with actor Tony Danza

Yonkers City Councilman Anthony Merante recently paid a visit to San Martino Ristorante in Yonkers to watch filming of the Starz Series “Raising Kanan.” The series is loosely based on the early life of rapper 50 Cent, who is also the executive producer of the series.

San Martino Ristorante has been in business for 48 years and is located at 12 Young Avenue in Yonkers. Al LoParo owner of the San Martino Ristorante was thrilled to have the production filming at his restaurant, and added that it was the first time a TV or Movie crew had filmed there. Al also enjoyed meeting actor Tony Danze, one of the stars of the series, who is better known for his work in “Taxi” and “Who’s the Boss.”

Councilman Merante, who represents the 6th District, where San Martino is located, said “I stopped by the set filming on Wednesday to welcome the production to the 6th District and met with “Raising Kanan” episode director Dylan Brown and writer Naja Rayne. The show is about the early life and trials of rapper 50 Cent, who’s the executive producer of the show. The restaurant will reopen Thursday, and the final episode of Season 3 of “Raising Kanan” airs on Starz this Friday.



filming inside of San Martino with Tony Danza

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Assistance offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning February 1

Free, in-person tax assistance through AARP Tax Aide will again be offered at the New Rochelle Public Library this tax season.

This year, assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis; no appointments will be available. Assistance will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, February 1 through Thursday, April 11, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Main Library, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle. Trained AARP volunteer counselors will meet with patrons in the library's Meeting Room and on the stage of the Theater, in the order in which they arrive.

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Roland Francis, continued from pg 2-

Roland became involved in veterans' causes, especially as a member of the Central Committee of Ex-Servicemen. Memorial Day 1931 was set aside to honor Civil War veterans (GAR). The Central Committee not only created a committee to support GAR efforts to plan and execute its day, they suggested the GAR Memorial Committee ask other organizations not to hold ceremonies during their parade. The Central Committee didn't want any other group to overshadow the GAR.

A days later, Roland was one of the prominent residents appointed to the Mayor's Committee planning Yonkers' Independence Day celebration.

Roland was an integral part of the new Joint Relief Committee, created by all Yonkers veterans' groups out of need. Its first act was submitting a petition to the Common Council, asking them to create a special fund to help veterans using municipal money. The NYS Legislature had passed a bill legalizing use of public money to help veterans. Not only did they get the fund, Yonkers hired wounded veteran Harold Thibault to manage the \$10,000 relief fund.

Again, working with the Joint Relief Committee, Roland helped create a toy depot for veterans' children. Funded by veterans, the depot on New Main Street was open through Christmas Eve, well stocked with books, toys and gifts for children.

In 1933, Cook Post 321, American Legion, honored commanders of other posts; Roland Francis was one of the esteemed guests.

A few weeks later, Samuel H. Dow Post was honored at the Elks Flag Day ceremony at Memorial Park. Harlem Congressman and World War I veteran Joseph Gavagan inspired attendees by retelling the story of our emblem of liberty, the American flag. Beginning with Washington's understanding of the patriots' need to have a symbol to fight under and Betsy Ross creating the flag at Washington's request, he ended by telling the story of the first time the flag flew at the Battle of Brandywine.

While presenting the American Flag to Commander Francis, Gavagan declared giving him the flag was "one of the finest things" he (Gavagan) had ever done. Nathan Pollard thanked him afterwards and spoke about the courage and patriotism our Black soldiers showed fighting in the World War.

Roland retired as Commander of the Samuel H. Dow Post in 1937; 500 people attended the dinner held in his honor. Besides local officials, VFW delegations from throughout Westchester, Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey attended to witness Dow Post present the retiring commander a ring, a symbol of their appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis were active members of Bethany Lutheran Church. Roland served as church clerk and ran fundraising campaigns to pay the mortgage; it was retired in 1951. He also served several years as President of the Bushey Avenue Home Owners Association.

Roland took the test to become a mail carrier and was appointed to the Yonkers South Post Office in 1931, where he worked for 31 years.

Typical of Roland, he wanted to serve his country during WWII, to do his part to "bring our boys home." He joined the Yonkers Police Auxiliary in 1942.

Roland Francis' life of service ended October 10, 1962, a loss to all Yonkers.

On the first anniversary of his passing, Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church honored his memory by dedicating a sterling silver communion wafer box, handmade in England, to celebrate his life of devotion to his church, to Veterans and to Yonkers.

In August 2021, 102 years after its triumphant return to New York, the 369th Infantry, Roland Francis' regiment, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, to express the nation's appreciation for their courage and bravery.

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Watch Your Wallets Westchester: Pickpocket Alert in Supermarkets

Hang on to Your Wallets, Westchester. Pick Pockets are thieving in Supermarkets in the county. According to North Castle Police, "Unfortunately, there has been a rise of pick pocket type thefts. We would like to remind everyone that when shopping in supermarkets, leaving your purse in a shopping cart while looking for groceries could be a target for thieves. Thieves are using distraction techniques, and usually are traveling in groups. A crossbody type bag, where all of your cards and wallet are on your person could prove to be helpful in keeping your belongings safe. Additionally, when checking out using a debit card, cover your pin number so other's can't view it."

Two recent incidents at the Stop and Shop in North White Plains included \$1700 stolen by thieves who watched a person enter their PIN, and the thieves stole the card and took the cash.

Shoppers are distracted by partners in the crime, while the other takes the card. Another method is to follow a shopper with the pocketbook in the shopping cart. While the shopper walks a few steps away to grab an item, the pickpockets quickly reach into your bag and take you debit card.

Some good pickpocket prevention tips include:

Keep your wallet in your front pocket to keep it close.

Wrap a rubber band around your wallet so it doesn't slide out easily

Choose a purse with a complex latch to deter pickpockets

Shorten the straps on your bag or purse to keep it close to you.

Hold your bag or backpack instead of setting it down when you sit or when you shop.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Yonkers, to be held on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM** in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Yonkers, New York, the City Council will proceed to give a public hearing on the application of **Sana Sayegh, Owner/Petitioner** in relation to a requested change of zone district classification from the present Planned Executive Park District ("PEP District") to an MG District ("MG District"), for the following described parcel of land, to wit:

Section 3, Block 3415, Lot 23 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

Said property is situated on the northerly end of North Broadway in the City's northwestern corner and is bordered by an office building at 944 North Broadway to the north, 206 Odell Terrace to the east, the Gateway Apartments Owners Corporation to the south and North Broadway to the west, and is known as 900 North Broadway.


The Owner/Petitioner proposes the construction of a senior citizen apartment complex.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to law, the notice is sent to you as an owner of land within a radius of 200 feet of the area of land affected by the proposed change of zone and land directly opposite thereto extending 200 feet from the street frontage of such opposite lands.

You may present to the City Council a protest against the proposed change of zone if you are opposed thereto. Such protest must be in writing, signed by you and acknowledged by you before a Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds; it must state your name and address, describe your own property Tax Map and Block Numbers, and by Street Number, and by other appropriate description showing the dimensions and area of your property, and that it is either within the area of land affected by the proposed change of zone, or within a radius of 200 feet of said area of land so affected or within 200 feet from the street frontage of land directly opposite to the land so affected; that you object to the proposed change of zone and the grounds for such objection.

This notice is sent to you by the Petitioner, as required by Rules of the Yonkers City Council and the General City Law.

Dated: February 5, 2024


Sana Sayegh, Owner/Petitioner
by: Stephen A. Veneruso
Attorney for Petitioner
35 E. Grassy Sprain Road, Ste 400
Yonkers, New York 10700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

VILMA VICTORIA SOTO-CABRERA, *

Plaintiff, *

v. *

Case No. C-15-FM-23-007196

NELSON ANTONIO ABARCA-AREVALO, *

and *

MARTA LORENA RAMIREZ-ZAVALA, *

Defendants. *

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

A Verified Complaint for Third-Party Custody of a Minor and Motion for Factual Findings to Establish Eligibility to File Petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status was filed against Nelson Antonio Abarca-Arevalo and Marta Lorena Ramirez-Zavala in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County Maryland, on November 10, 2023. The Complaint alleges, in substance, that Katherin Lorena Abaraca-Ramirez (the Minor), the daughter of Nelson Antonio Abarca-Arevalo and Marta Lorena Ramirez-Zavala, was born on May 6, 2003 in Sensuntepeque, El Salvador; that Defendants abandoned and neglected the Minor; that the Claimant is the friend of the Minor and is an appropriate and adequate person to obtain custody of the Minor; and that the best interest of the Minor is to stay in the United States with her friend, and not to be returned to El Salvador. Plaintiff seeks sole physical and legal custody of the Minor and a determination that the Minor is eligible to petition for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

It is this 23rd day of January, 2024, ORDERED that the plaintiff cause a copy of this Notice to be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Westchester, NY; publication to be completed by March 2, 2024; Defendant Marta Lorena Ramirez-Zavala must file a response on or before April 11, 2024; and Defendant Marta Lorena Ramirez-Zavala is warned that failure to file a response

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Montgomery County, Md.

Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

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

Wintering Eagles, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Croton Point is a well-known winter gathering habitat for bald eagles. Hike to the Point to learn about this magnificent bird's behavior and history. Meet at entrance to RV Park; free; all ages; winter hiking conditions.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

All About Ice, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Discover how and why ice was harvested at Muscoot. Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-about-ice-tickets-773180071407>

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

Royal Hanneford Circus, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. Motorcycle stunts inside the Globe of Death, a flying trapeze, graceful aerialists, funny clowns, and amazing animals await you and your family! Also: Feb. 18, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m.; Feb. 19, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. Get details and tickets <https://countycenter.biz/event/royal-hanneford-circus/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Take Out the Trash!, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Help keep our beautiful salt marsh beautiful by collecting trash the tides left. It's a great way to have fun, exercise and give back to the earth.

Miller House, 140 Virginia Road, White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Miller House Open House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Drop in to visit the former home of the Ann and Elijah Miller family, an average colonial Westchester family whose lives were changed forever when Gen. George Washington and his army fought for American independence.

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

Sugar House Chat, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. As long as the sap is running we will be making one of nature's sweetest rewards: maple syrup. Come into the sugar house to chat with us!

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

Bird Bonanza! Backyard Bird Feeders and Feeder Watch: Make + Take, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. We'll identify the birds that visit our feeders and create some simple feeders that you can take home to attract birds in your neighborhood. Registration is required by emailing sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov or calling 914-967-8720.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

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

Identifying Houseplant Problems, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Learn how to identify those troubling houseplant symptoms and ways to correct them. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/identifying-houseplant-problems/>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Life Under Ice, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Learn about what happens to aquatic life when ice forms over bodies of water. Hiking shoes are recommended.

US Attorney Charges New Rochelle Man Charged with Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced on Feb. 9 the unsealing of a Complaint charging CHARUDET SMITH, a/k/a "Charles Smith," with sexual exploitation of a minor. SMITH was arrested yesterday and presented before U.S. Magistrate Judge Victoria Resnik this afternoon in White Plains federal court.

As alleged in the Complaint: From at least on or about December 21, 2019, up to and including at least on or about February 13, 2020, SMITH impersonated various individuals and created and used a series of Instagram accounts, emails, and phone numbers in order to deceive a 17-year-old minor ("Victim-1") into creating and sending sexually explicit videos and images to SMITH and agreeing to meet SMITH to engage in sexual activity in Seattle, Washington.

SMITH posed as an established freelance photographer for a well-known international camera company ("Company-1") and told Victim-1, an aspiring teenage photographer, that he had numerous contacts within the media industry and could act as Victim-1's mentor. SMITH then posed as multiple employees of Company-1 who purported to offer Victim-1 a position in a sought-after youth professional development program. In fact, SMITH was never an employee of Company-1 and had never been paid by Company-1 for any services or any employment.

Anyone who may have encountered CHARUDET SMITH, a/k/a "Charles Smith," or whose child may have had any communications with SMITH is asked to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324).

SMITH, 31, of New Rochelle, New York, is charged with one count of sexual exploitation of a minor, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Charudet Smith allegedly constructed an elaborate web of lies and fabricated multiple identities in order to gain the trust of an unsuspecting minor. Today's arrest underscores the urgent need to protect children from the dangers posed by predators who use social media to prey on children both online and in person."

Mr. Williams praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Connecticut U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont, the Sheriff's Office in Washington, Vermont, the Massachusetts State Police, the New Rochelle Police Department, and the Westchester County Police Department in connection with this investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Marcia S. Cohen is in charge of the prosecution.

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about the merchandise. The store also held a private two-hour reception attended by Yonkers officials and better-known citizens.

Friday, February 23rd

February 23, 1942: Industrial Arts students at Franklin, Hawthorne, Longfellow and Mark Twain Junior High Schools and Roosevelt High School began making scale model warplanes to be used by the Army and Navy. Yonkers schools were given a quota; they had to make twelve sets of fifty different types of warplanes being used in the war. Plans for the planes did not arrive, so the first models were made from plans they found in books.

February 23, 1944: Carmela Topazio pled guilty for tampering with records and files of three Yonkers Draft Boards, and was released on bail. Judge Vincent Leibell requested a probation report be prepared. The FBI initiated the investigation, charging she destroyed documents and removed the files of her future husband and her brother-in-law. Topazio was arrested one month after her wedding and faced a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Saturday, February 24th

February 24, 1927: The Chamber of Commerce joined with Yonkers Rotary, Yonkers Lions, South Yonkers Board of Trade, Yonkers Real Estate Board, and the Yonkers Merchants Association to hold Yonkers' first Civic Harmony Dinner at the Elks' Club; attendance was confined to men.

February 24, 1947: The Regional Plan Association for the tri-state area proposed two new airports to serve Yonkers residents. As they predicted approximate 20,000 privately owned planes would be in use in the area. One airport would not be in Yonkers, but in the Town of Greenburgh because appropriate land was not available. A second smaller field would be in Yonkers, on County owned property such as the Sprain Brook Golf Course.

Sunday, February 25th

February 25, 1906: Eleven boys were arraigned in City Court on charges of malicious mischief. NY Central Detectives accused them of planting small torpedoes under trains on the Hudson Line to steal rides. The boys, who confessed, put firecrackers on the tracks. When an engineer heard noise when the train hit the firecrackers, he slowed the train down and the boys jumped on. Some days they traveled as far as Poughkeepsie.

February 25, 1944: Three children from Woodworth Avenue returned home after scaring the life out of their parents. The three, eight-year-old Hugh Powers, eight-year-old Ruth Barrett and her nine-year-old brother Edwin, had left home three pm the day before to "join the army!" They headed to the Glenwood Train Station but became cold and tired waiting. They sheltered in a Glenwood Gardens apartment building lobby and fell asleep. When they woke up in the morning, they were hungry, so went back home to eat!

Parents, relatives and Yonkers Police searched for them throughout the night. According to Yonkers Police, the trio "would not be joining the army anytime soon."

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

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

Cacace, Democratic Convention, continued from pg 3-

"The county convention is just the first step in a long campaign and I look forward to continuing to talk with voters across this great county as I seek to become Westchester's first Black District Attorney. I am deeply honored to have received the support I have thus far and remain committed to talking to every voter in the county to make the case for a re-imagined District Attorney's office.

"From every corner of our diverse county, our campaign has generated grassroots support and received dozens of endorsements from elected leaders and organizations. I have unique experience unlike any candidate to ever seek this office, and have the ability to affect real change instead of rhetoric as we make Westchester fairer, safer, and stronger. I look forward to hearing the concerns of voters across Westchester," said Wagstaff.

Both Cacace and Wagstaff have received a number of endorsements from Westchester elected officials. A third democratic candidate in the race is Adeel Mirza.

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Guest Speaker
Mayor Mike Spano



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Questions? contact lakeavenueassociation@outlook.com

Read our stories from Westchester Rising at Yonkerstimes.com

Hastings Historical Society Commemorates Drs Mamie and Kenneth Clark: Psychologists & Civil Rights Activists

Building on events that took place this past fall, the Hastings Historical Society is continuing its year-long Clark Commemoration Project to honor two of the village's most renowned former residents – Drs. Mamie and Kenneth Clark. This married couple are best known for their “Doll Tests,” which showed the negative impact of segregation on Black children's self-esteem. Their test results were influential exhibits in the groundbreaking 1954 Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision that ruled segregated U.S. public schools to be unconstitutional.

The Society currently has an extensive exhibit about the Clarks on display at the Observatory Cottage in Draper Park. The Clark Legacy provides an in-depth view of the Clarks' lives and accomplishments, covering how they met and married, with details of their Doll Tests, as well as the couple's academic achievements and profound impact on at-risk children. Other topics include the history of their integrated neighborhood in Hastings; the story of the Clarks' houseguest, Minnijean Brown of the Little Rock Nine, who lived with them in the late 1950s; and the background of some of the Black luminaries who were friends and visitors to the Clarks' home on Pinecrest Drive. The Clark Legacy exhibit will be available for viewing until October 2024.

A number of related events took place in the fall of 2023. These were:

- The co-naming of Mount Hope Boulevard in Hastings as Drs. Mamie & Kenneth Clark Way, funded by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. The dedication ceremony was held at the James V. Harmon Community Center in Hastings on October 14, 2023, and drew approximately 160 attendees, including Minnijean Brown-Trickey and many members of the extended Clark family. A video of this event can be accessed at <https://hastingsonhudsonny.swagit.com/play/10182023-533/>

- Minnijean Brown-Trickey, who in 1957 was one of nine Black students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, shared that experience and her worldview with students in the Hastings school district on October 12 and 13, 2023. Recordings of the three assemblies with Ms. Brown-Trickey are provided below:

Hillside Elementary School: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/125974>

Farragut Middle School: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/124341>

Hastings High School: <https://events.locallive.tv/events/124339>

The next phase of the Clark Commemoration Project involves the creation and installation of permanent outdoor signage related to the Drs. Clark. A total of three signs are planned for the beginning and end of Drs. Mamie & Kenneth Clark Way in Hastings – two at the bottom of Mount Hope Boulevard on Farragut Avenue near the Middle School and High School, and one at the top of the hill at Lefurgy Avenue near the entrance to Hillside Elementary School. This phase of the Clark Commemoration Project is fully funded through the generosity of the Elliott family of Hastings, whose donation is in memory of Bob Elliott.

The Hastings Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. The Society is located at the Observatory Cottage in Draper Park in the Village of Hastings.

The public is invited to view The Clark Legacy exhibit during public hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, and on the first Saturday of every month (from September through June) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For GPS directions, please use this address: 407 Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

INDEX NO. 66627/2023

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

Mortgaged Premises:

2 CHERRY HILL CIRCLE, OSSINING, NY 10562
Section: 89.12, Block: 1, Lot: 39

JAMES GARZIA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA; DIANE M GARZIA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; LARCHMONT FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$795,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 03, 2011, in Control Number 503213391, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 2 CHERRY HILL CIRCLE, OSSINING, NY 10562.

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: February 5th, 2024
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

Upcoming Events at the Hudson River Museum

Saturday, February 17, 11am–5pm

Lunar New Year 2024

Kick off the Year of the Dragon with traditional Asian crafts, demonstrations, and performances for all ages! Enjoy a ceremonial lion dance, hands-on activities and origami workshops, traditional folk dances, a Tai Chi demonstration, and more.

Special thanks to our community partners, the OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates, Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter, and the Greenburgh Evergreen Club, a Chinese senior organization based at the Theodore Young Community Center.

Sunday, February 18, 1:30pm

Artist Tour of Embrace: Cinematic Moments by James Seward Image

Join artist James Seward on a special tour of Embrace, which features a series of his large-scale paintings of memorable moments in iconic American cinema.

Monday–Friday February 19–23, 11am–5pm

School’s Out, Stars Are In (SOSI)

Students and parents are invited to experience the HRM during extended hours for winter break! Visit the exhibitions on view, watch free planetarium shows under the dome, and engage in interactive art and science workshops.

SOSI is sponsored by Con Edison.

Sunday, February 25, 2–4pm

Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop

Join us for an immersive program celebrating the rich and vibrant history of Hip Hop in Yonkers with author Jerome Enders, graffiti specialist Ken Davis, and DJ Beat Master Gene.

Support provided by Sarah Lawrence College through a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

Planetarium Shows

Friday, January 16, 7pm

Pink Floyd’s The Dark Side of the Moon Image

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pink Floyd’s iconic album The Dark Side of the Moon with a full-dome planetarium show. Recommended for ages 10+; 42-minute show. Advance reservations are encouraged.

NYS Independent Redistricting Commission

Meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission. To conduct the business of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 2 PM. Roosevelt Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor Albany, New York 12210

Pursuant to a court order (Anthony S. Hoffmann et al. v. New York State Independent Redistricting Commission et al.) and Article III Section 5-b and Section 94 of the Legislative Law, the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission has been constituted to determine congressional district lines.

This meeting shall be convened to discuss the following agenda:

1. Vote on the final congressional map proposal
2. Vote to send the final congressional map proposal and enacting legislation to the Legislature

The meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission shall be open to the Public and shall be streamed online at www.nyirc.gov. A recording of the meeting shall also be available to the Public.

Deputy County Executive and Yonkers resident Ken Jenkins is co-chair of the NYS IRC.

forever lost by this distinguished legislative body due to the actions of my colleagues.

“Many of the allegations levied against me in news reports were stated on the record in the reorganization meeting two years ago when I was first elected majority leader, yet many of the very Council members who voted to remove me today had supported me back then.

“The illegal audio recording taken of me by Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac was recorded over 2 years ago. Even more troubling, during the November 2023 SOMOS conference in Puerto Rico, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy approached me and informed me about the illegally obtained recording, but still voted to re-elect me as Majority Leader a few weeks ago.

“Many may wonder what spurred the stories and action by the Council considering many in the Council were well aware for months and years of the allegations, but only decided to take action after stories were published. Recently, I fired my Chief of Staff for wrongdoing and since then there has been a coordinated effort to take things out of context and paint myself in a bad light.

“This vote that occurred today was nothing more than political expediency for 4 Council members concerned about their re-election prospects in 2025.

“In the future, I hope all my colleagues hold themselves to the same standard that they held me to today. My colleagues can continue to waste time and city resources on this matter; however, I look forward to delivering to the people of Yonkers and keeping our city moving forward in the right direction,” said Diaz, who raises several legitimate questions.

I-If the recording was made two years ago, and is so serious that it warranted her removal as Majority Leader, why did it take two years for the audio to be shared with the public, and two years for a vote on her removal?

II-The same question can be asked of the other councilmembers-why wait two years to take action, if the matter was so serious?

III-Why not conduct an independent review of the matter before making any determination?

IV-We have been told that both Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac and Councilwoman Diaz have filed criminal complaints against each other. Pineda-Isaac’s complaint alleges harassment, while Diaz’s complaint alleges illegally recording her private discussion.

We have also learned more about the audio tape. This was not a recording between Pineda-Isaac and Diaz, but a recording that Pineda-Isaac made outside of Diaz’s office that she overheard. This type of recording may NOT be protected under NYS Criminal law. We had previously reported that anyone in New York State can record their conversation without the knowledge of the other person. That is not what happened in this case.

Many of the allegations included in Pineda-Isaac’s complaint, which can be found in our other story <https://yonkerstimes.com/city-council-votes-diaz-out-as-majority-leader-replaced-by-rubbo/>, are third person accounts, and were not made directly to Pineda-Isaac from Diaz, and may not reach the level of criminal harassment.

Councilwoman Diaz has told us that she “has had no interactions with her (Pineda-Isaac) in two years.” “When she comes into the room, I leave,” said Diaz. This fact points to no interaction between the two. This since the re-organization meeting two years ago, and thus, no escalation of any threats or comments made against Pineda-Isaac in two years.

In an earlier NY Post story about the incident, Diaz said, “Language taken out of context does not give the full picture and is mainly used as metaphors. If language used has ever offended anyone, I apologize.”

The City Council also voted to censure Pineda-Isaac for recording private conversations in Council chambers and offices. If Diaz was speaking to someone else in her own private office, and did not know that Pineda-Isaac was recording her comments, does that constitute harassment?

Pineda-Isaac will also not likely be charged for illegally recording the conversation between Diaz and someone else in her closed door office.

Editor’s Note: As we watched the special council meeting, we saw how emotionally distraught Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac was when she recounted the comments made by Diaz against her.

This reporter has covered the Yonkers City Council for more than 20 years. I have seen disagreements between other council members turn into a dislike that turns into hate, with council members cursing at each other.

Unfortunately, this is nothing new in Yonkers politics. And while I personally do not agree with the tone taken by Diaz, I believe that the City Council took action against her because of the media attention given to Pineda-Isaac’s complaint in The Journal News, News 12 and the NY Post.

Councilwoman Tasha Diaz has been elected twice by the people of the Third District. A review of the comments posted below Diaz’s statement indicate that they still support her.

Yes, Diaz comments are indefensible, but in our view not illegal. In fact, we see this type of disagreement between elected officials in Washington DC that are much worse than what happened here in Yonkers.

And in our national politics, there seems to be an effort to remove one candidate from the ballot, instead of defeating that person in the election booth. We believe that the voters of the Third District knew that Diaz “speaks her mind,” and yes her language can be construed as distasteful by some.

Diaz has never been accused of touching anyone or physically harming anyone in this matter, or in Pineda-Isaac’s complaint.

Diaz writes, “Sadly that stability will be forever lost by this distinguished legislative body due to the actions of my colleagues.”

Mayor Mike Spano talked about ending the political drama in Yonkers, when he first ran for Mayor 12 years ago. During the past two decades, Spano and others have been able to do that...until now.

What I watched at the special council meeting on Feb. 8 was reminiscent of council meetings of 20 years ago, and a divided city council.

Yes the Council took action against both Diaz and Pineda-Isaac. But they also opened a political Pandora’s box that only time will tell if it can be closed.

Some want Diaz removed from her council office-but she’s not going anywhere. And without her due process, she has every right to stay and serve the people who elected her twice.

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