

## True Love Conquers All: Yonkers Couples Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage at City Hall



Every year, under Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, the City celebrates Yonkers couples who have been married for 50 years at Yonkers City Hall. This year's Valentine's Day vow renewal ceremony was held on February 10 in the ceremonial courtroom.

"True love conquers all, and that's what it's all about. Good relationships never stop growing. And like fine wine, they get better with age," said Mayor Spano.

Mrs. Evelyn Bolling said, "I was tired of being alone. I prayed about it, and it's like, it told me to go to church. And so I went to church. And then I

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## Legendary Yonkers Basketball Coach John Volpe Honored



*Coach Volpe sitting, with Sacred Heart Coach Stephen Marcellino, left, and Assistant Coaches*

*Chris Harris, 2nd right, and Sean Brown.*

*By Dan Murphy*

A tradition created over a decade ago to honor a legendary Yonkers Basketball Coach John Volpe continued last week before a packed house at Sacred Heart.

The game honors Coach Volpe

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## Black American Fashion Changed the World Without Permission



*Clockwise from top left: Dr. Infinite "Dr. Finny" Henry, Christian Simpson, Cardier Underwood, and Dr. Kierra Oliver*

*By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

Black American fashion has never just been about clothes—it has always been about identity, resistance, creativity, and power. From the tailored suits of the Harlem Renaissance to today's streetwear and

luxury brands, this Black History Month reminds us how Black style has consistently shaped what the world sees as "cool," even when Black creators were not always given credit. Dr. Infinite "Dr. Finny" Henry, a 27-year-old Yonkers

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## Westchester Missing Child Rescue Operation Successfully Locates 43 Children and Teens

Our Readers Have Questions and Want to Know More

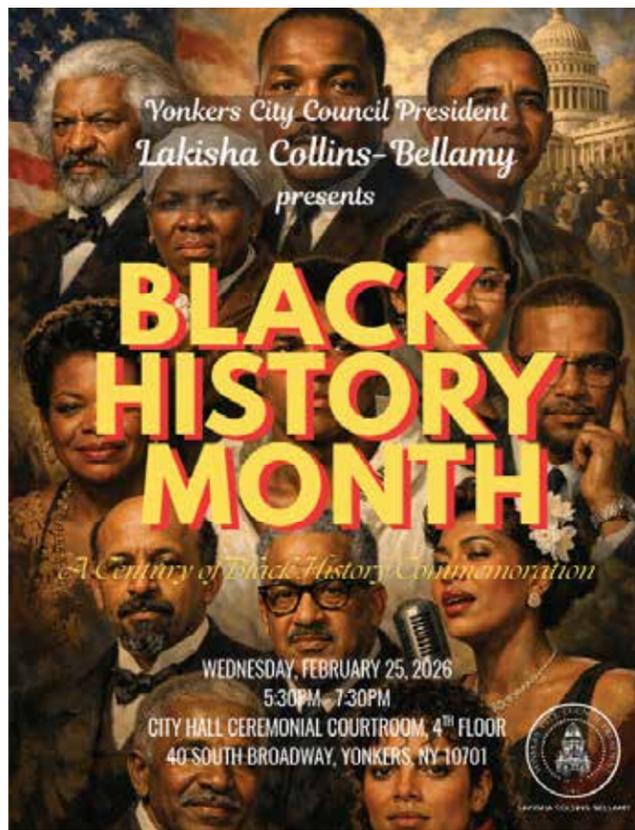


More than 70 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organizations and private partners leverage their resources and provide critical investigative support to police departments in Westchester County

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) announced that 43 children and teens reported missing to police in Westchester County have

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## City Council President Collins-Bellamy to Host Black History Month Event



We are pleased to invite you to attend our Black History Month Celebration next week hosted by the City Council President, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. This event will honor the legacy, achievements, and continued contributions of the African American community here in the City of Yonkers, while bringing together colleagues and community leaders in a spirit of reflection and unity.

February 25th, 2026  
5:30PM - 7:30PM  
City Hall, Ceremonial Courtroom

## Yonkers Man Charged with Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material

On Feb. 17, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Yonkers man has been arrested and charged with offenses related to the possession and promotion of child sexual abuse material.

Jonathan Garcia Salvador, 32 years old, was arraigned on Friday, January 6 in front of Judge Karen Best in Yonkers City Court. Garcia Salvador was charged with Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class D felony, and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony.

DA Cacace said: "Protecting the most vulnerable members of our community will always be a priority for our office. This investigation and arrest is just further proof of our commitment to root out evildoers who try to exploit our children."

This case is just the latest effort by DA Cacace to protect children and to deliver justice in the most heinous of cases. In January, DA Cacace announced the conviction of a Yonkers man, Eleuterio Duran. Duran was convicted of numerous felonies in relation to his violent, sexual abuse of two individuals, one of whom is a minor, and was subsequently sentenced to 45 years in state prison.

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**Luther Garrison Masonic Foundation & James Farrell Lodge's Black History Program Ceremony & Breakfast -Feb. 28**

**Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation, Inc.**  
James H. Farrell Lodge #34  
Yonkers African American Heritage Committee

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**Black History Program and Award Ceremony Breakfast**

**Saturday February 28, 2026 10:00am-1:00pm**  
Free of charge – We will accept Donations

The event will include various entertainers who will bring Black History to life through presentations, performances, and storytelling.

Past Master Richard Crews – Yonkers African Heritage Committee  
Past Worthy Matron Maria George- Past Matron, Terrance City Chapter #26 – Subomi Macauloy- The African Storyteller  
Past Master Delvin Hodges  
King LaGree – Black History Musical Presentation

**Honoring Past Master Russell Boston in recognition of his more than fifty years of distinguished service, his leadership in Masonry and his lasting impact on the community.**

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Worshipful Master Richard Thompson Jr.  
Most Worshipful Darren M. Morton, Ed. D Grand Master

The Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc. (LVGSMF) Scholarship Committee will host a Black History & Awards Celebration Breakfast on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Runyon Heights Community Center, located at 21 Runyon Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710.

This special celebration will honor Past Master Russell Boston with the Russell Boston Leadership Award. The award recognizes his exemplary service, unwavering dedication, and outstanding leadership. PM Boston has served with distinction as a Masonic Educator, James H. Farrell Lodge #34 Historian, and a committed member of the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc. Scholarship Committee.

The breakfast will also feature a powerful and engaging Black History program, including:

- PM Richard Crews – Yonkers African American Heritage Committee
- Past Worthy Matron Maria George – Spoken Word Black History
- Subomi Macauloy – African History Storyteller
- Past Master Delvin Hodges – Black History Message
- King Lagee – Black History Musical Presentation

The event is free and open to the public. There is no charge to attend, though donations will be accepted to support the LVGSMF Scholarship Committee and its mission.

**Former NYPD Official from Yonkers Charged With Bribery Offenses**



On Feb. 12, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced today the unsealing of an indictment charging former Commanding Officer of the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) School Safety Division (“SSD”) KEVIN TAYLOR, left and Florida businessman GENO ROEFARO with bribery and related offenses. TAYLOR was arrested this morning and will be presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker. ROEFARO was also arrested this morning and was presented in the Southern District of Florida. The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Vernon

S. Broderick.

“The NYPD is the greatest police force in the world, including because it invests wisely and honestly in resources,” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “The NYPD procurement process is not for sale. As alleged in the indictment, in 2023 and 2024, Kevin Taylor engaged in a corrupt relationship with Geno Roefaro—a Florida businessman who paid tens of thousands of dollars’ worth of bribes to Taylor—in exchange for Taylor agreeing to use his power and influence within the NYPD to enrich Roefaro’s company. As alleged, Taylor also used his influence within the NYPD to attempt to extort at least two other businessmen for payments. Corruption will not be tolerated from those, like Taylor, who are entrusted to keep New York City’s children and teachers safe.”

“As alleged in the Indictment: From at least in or about July 2023 through in or about February 2024, TAYLOR repeatedly abused his authority and considerable influence as the Commanding Officer of the NYPD SSD by soliciting or demanding bribes in two corrupt schemes.

First, TAYLOR solicited and received bribes from ROEFARO in exchange for promises by TAYLOR to advise and pressure others in the New York City government to award ROEFARO millions of dollars’ worth of contracts.

At all relevant times, ROEFARO was the founder, majority owner, and chief executive officer of a company (“Company-1”) that markets and sells cellphone-based tipline applications to school districts and police departments. In or about summer 2022, ROEFARO began attempting to sell his products to the New York City government through seemingly legitimate means. When those legitimate efforts did not progress to ROEFARO’s liking, ROEFARO chose to bribe TAYLOR on multiple occasions to achieve the results he wanted. ROEFARO bribed TAYLOR with multiple cash payments and paid for TAYLOR’s vacations, entertainment experiences, and dining at high-end restaurants. In exchange, TAYLOR advised and pressured others, including other high-ranking officials at the NYPD and the City Council of New York, to procure goods and services from Company-1.

Second, TAYLOR solicited and attempted to extort as much as \$75,000 from two employees (“Individual-1” and “Individual-2,” respectively) of a second company (“Company-2”) that had contracted with the NYPD to outfit the SSD’s members with ballistic vests. TAYLOR sought these payments in exchange for TAYLOR’s official acts facilitating and not disrupting Company-2’s contract with the NYPD. TAYLOR also threatened economic harm against Company-2 as a means to obtain the payments.

Specifically, in summer 2023, TAYLOR signed a contract with an event space (the “Event Space”) in Manhattan so that TAYLOR could host a holiday party for the SSD at the Event Space in December 2023. Through that contract, TAYLOR was personally liable to pay the Event Space more than \$100,000 for the holiday party. In an attempt to satisfy that personal liability, TAYLOR repeatedly solicited payments from Individual-1 and Individual-2 in exchange for TAYLOR facilitating Company-2’s contract with the NYPD, and TAYLOR otherwise threatened Company-2 with economic harm to obtain those payments. Despite TAYLOR’s efforts, Individual-1 and Individual-2 never made the bribe payments solicited by TAYLOR.

TAYLOR, age 52, of Yonkers, New York, is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud and one count of honest services wire fraud, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; one count of conspiracy to commit bribery, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison; two counts of bribery, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; and two counts of extortion, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

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## Artificial Intelligence: Promise, Peril, and the Path Forward

By Randal Ikeda

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming how we live and work. From drafting emails and generating images to assisting with retirement planning, AI tools are becoming part of everyday life. But as their capabilities expand, so do concerns about ethics, risk, and societal impact. At the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Local Summit on February 10, Lee Huang, an AI coach, and Dave Ingram, retired risk management consultant and Managing Editor of the Society of Actuaries' AI Bulletin, explored both the promise and the pitfalls of this powerful technology.

Their shared message: AI is a remarkable tool—but it requires thoughtful use.

### AI as an Everyday Resource

Lee Huang began by making AI approachable. While often associated with big tech, today's AI tools require no coding skills. "You just need to know how to ask good questions," he explained.

AI can help plan travel, summarize complex topics, identify plants and animals from photos, compare products, and assist with financial planning. It can generate presentations, refine communications by adjusting tone, and even help users write creative works—such as a sequel to a favorite novel. Used well, AI can save time, reduce costs, and open new possibilities.

However, Lee cautioned that AI is not a substitute for professional advice. "All AI makes mistakes." It can inform decisions, but it should not replace lawyers, doctors, or financial advisors in high-stakes matters.

### Understanding the Risks

Dave Ingram highlighted a critical distinction: AI sounds human, but it does not think or understand truth. Large language models are trained to generate sentences based on patterns in data—not to determine what is true or false. "AI does not know when it is making mistakes," he noted.

Because of this, users must double-check conclusions, particularly when numbers or complex analysis are involved. Overreliance can lead to diminished critical thinking and what some fear may become "mental laziness." Human judgment remains essential.

### The Rise of AI-Enabled Scams

A major concern discussed at the Local Summit was the growing sophistication of AI-driven fraud. Scammers now use AI to craft convincing emails and messages by skimming personal information online. Even more troubling, AI can replicate a person's voice with increasing accuracy.

Traditional cues—how something "looks and feels"—are no longer reliable indicators of authenticity. Scammers often create urgency and request hard-to-trace payments such as cryptocurrency.

Both speakers emphasized slowing down. Verify email origins. Avoid responding to unknown callers. Confirm financial requests directly with institutions. Some families have adopted "safe words" to confirm identity during emergencies. There is no single solution, but caution and patience are powerful defenses.

### Misinformation and a Changing Society

Audience members raised concerns about fake news and deepfakes entering AI systems. While efforts are underway to improve data quality, misinformation remains a challenge. AI-generated images, videos, and even online "influencers" can be entirely fabricated—and are increasingly difficult to detect.

There are also broader societal questions. Younger generations are growing up with AI-integrated tools and even digital companionship. As technology evolves, so does the way we relate to information—and to one another.

### Jobs, Skills, and the Human Role

Despite the risks, both panelists expressed cautious optimism. AI will reshape the workforce, but it will also create opportunities—particularly for those who can guide AI effectively and critically evaluate its outputs. Skills such as interpersonal communication, sales, personal care, and critical thinking remain distinctly human strengths.

AI may enhance decision-making, but it should remain a tool—not a co-pilot that replaces human responsibility.

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## AI and Jeanine Pirro Want \$250K From Rye slip and fall occurred outside of crosswalk



Jeanine Pirro left, is being represented by her ex-husband AI Pirro

Jeanine Pirro, the prominent former Fox News host, former judge, and current U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, has filed a \$250,000 negligence lawsuit against the City of Rye, New York—her hometown—and utility giant Consolidated Edison (Con Edison) following a slip-and-fall incident in August 2025.

The accident occurred on August 28, shortly after Pirro's confirmation as the Trump administration's top federal prosecutor for D.C. While walking in downtown Rye near the intersection of Purchase Street and Library Lane (or along Boston Post Road near Rye City Hall, per some accounts), the 74-year-old alleges she tripped over a large wooden block protruding from beneath a steel plate in the roadway. This plate reportedly covered an excavation tied to Con Edison's gas-main work in the area.

According to the amended complaint filed in Westchester County Supreme Court, the defendants' negligence—failing to properly secure the site, warn pedestrians, or remedy the hazard—directly caused her fall. Pirro claims she sustained serious injuries, including bruises and contusions to her head (described in some reports as brain bruising or a contusion leading to swelling/bleeding), eye, face, and shoulder. She was reportedly confined to bed for a period, required medical treatment, and continues to suffer pain, discomfort, and limited mobility.

The lawsuit accuses both the City of Rye and Con Edison of recklessness in maintaining safe conditions, particularly given the construction site's proximity to pedestrian areas. Pirro seeks at least \$250,000 in damages, plus court costs, arguing the obstruction created an avoidable danger.

Defendants have pushed back in court filings. An attorney for Rye argued the city bears no negligence since the spot "was not a pedestrian walkway." Con Edison's counsel contended the risks were "open, obvious and apparent," implying Pirro should have noticed them. Representatives for Pirro, the city, and Con Edison have declined to comment on the ongoing case.

## A Note From Eric Schoen:

Note: We were slow to get Eric's thoughts up, our apologies but wanted to let all of his readers know he is still fighting

I hope this finds you're in better shape than I am and getting ready for Valentine's Day, I hope you're eating healthy and not over sugarizing yourself.

I wish I were in better shape, I'm praying I get better soon. It's hard to believe I'm still in the hospital and hard to believe you're following me on the internet.

I have some wonderful friends helping me through this process and before I forget I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy Valentine's Day

So what are you doing for Valentine's Day my friends? It's so nice to have a Valentine's Day pizza and I hope you have the opportunity to have one. I wish I could have a pizza with you

I hope the snow washes away and the weather is nice by you and your pizza is as good as the ones are in Yonkers

I'm glad I'm able to talk to you and its good you're able to hear me.

Be Happy!

Eric

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# On This Day in Yonkers History...



*Photos of the RKO explosion on South Broadway. The theater is still located inside what is now an office building.*

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

Monday, February 23rd

February 23, 1934: An electrical explosion in front of RKO Proctor's Theatre on South Broadway killed three people. Motorcycle Officer Patrick Whalen and passerby Michael Gruber leaped into the cellar to save a young girl they saw the explosion throw into the pit of flames. The men managed to push 10-year old Gloria D'Addio to safety before they died. James Frazier, who had been working on a transformer in the basement, later passed away from severe burns.

February 23, 1937: Showing extraordinary courage, bravery and quick-wittedness, 33-year old Oak Street's Warren Williams prevented 8-year old Emilio Prestano from being carried into the flume leading to the Hudson and certain death in the swirling waters of the Nepperhan Creek. Emilio had attempted to walk across the old sewer pipe near Fire Headquarters and fell into the creek five feet below.

Seeing the young unconscious youngster in the river, Williams ran to the School Street Bridge and plunged into the Creek to save him.

Williams, father of two children, received the highest praise and commendation from the Yonkers Common Council.

Tuesday, February 24th

February 24, 1918: Saunders Trades School received a letter from "somewhere in France," thanking students for the hospital supplies they made for French hospitals to treat people injured during the war.

February 24, 1943: C. Van Ness Wood of the Greystone Holding Corporation made an offer for a large parcel of the Yonkers owned property, the former Brandt Farm on Saw Mill River Road. They offered \$1200 for the property; a war firm wanted to build a garage and other structures on the land. Wood informed the Council they had all needed priorities for building materials. The Council was concerned the purchase would block the right of way to city holdings behind the property. Wood indicated they would purchase nearby land to leave the right-of-way, but also specified the deal needed to be made quickly, or his client would move planned operations to New Jersey.

Wednesday, February 25th

February 25, 1918: Yonkers Bakers began making "Victory Bread." According to the National Food Administration regulations, twenty percent of flour substitutes had to be mixed with wheat flour.

February 25, 1928: Dr. Frederick Dieterich, Director of the Bureau of Laboratories, announced he would establish a blood donors' registry in Yonkers!

Thursday, February 26th

February 26, 1910: Vassar graduate Elsie LeGrand Cole told a Woman's Day rally in Teutonia Hall her part in the shirtwaist makers' strike in NYC opened her eyes to the needed social and economic reforms in industry. She added, if women were allowed to elect lawmakers, many social and industrial hardships would be eliminated.

February 26, 1914: George T. Kelly, builder of Yonkers "new" City Hall, purchased William Allen Butler's home at the southeast corner of North Broadway and High Street. Kelly planned making interior and exterior alterations.

Thursday, February 27th

February 27, 1925: The Woman's Clubs of Yonkers entertained the Westchester County Federation of Woman's Club. The main topic of discussion at the morning and afternoon sessions was "Good Government." Mrs. Lawrence Tanzer lead an open forum on the Woman's Jury Bill, Marriage Law and the Child Labor Amend

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# Exploring a Return to a Twelve-Ward System Under a City Manager Form of Government



*Part 2-By Joseph Berger, pictured above, & John P. O'Leary Northwest Yonkers Republican Club co-founder, member and guest writer.*

When taxpayers pay more but continue to experience uneven delivery of basic city services, it is appropriate to examine not just policies, but the structure of government itself.

Yonkers currently operates under a system of six City Council districts and a City Council President, a structure that emerged from court-ordered changes in the 1980s. Prior to those changes, Yonkers had a twelve-ward City Council, with each ward electing its own representative. At the time, concerns were raised that the ward-based system did not provide sufficient minority representation on the Council as demographic changes were occurring unevenly across the city.

In response to those concerns, the twelve wards were consolidated into six larger City Council districts to increase minority voting strength within individual districts. Elections proceeded under this new structure. When it was later determined that these changes were still insufficient, litigation followed, and additional court-ordered modifications were made to redraw district lines across traditional ward boundaries to further enhance minority representation. These changes were made with a legitimate and necessary goal: ensuring fair and representative government during a period of demographic transition in Yonkers.

Today, Yonkers is a far more diverse, integrated, and complex city than it was forty years ago. Minority representation is now well established across neighborhoods and throughout city government. Given these changes, it is reasonable and responsible to re-examine whether the current six-district system remains the best model for representation, or whether a return to a twelve-ward structure—paired with a modern City Manager form of government—can once again strengthen neighborhood democracy while fully reflecting the city's diversity.

As part of a broader restructuring under a City Manager form of government, Yonkers should explore returning to a twelve-ward City Council system similar to the model that previously existed. A twelve-ward system would enhance local representation while also delivering meaningful cost savings, improved accountability, and better overall government performance.

**GOVERNANCE AND REPRESENTATION:**

- A twelve-member City Council, with each member elected from a single ward
- Two-year staggered terms for City Council members to ensure continuity and frequent voter accountability
- A citywide elected Mayor serving a three-year term, replacing the current City Council President as the city's political and ceremonial leader
- A professionally appointed City Manager responsible for daily operations, fiscal discipline, and performance management

**COST-SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES:**

- Smaller, ward-based districts reduce campaign costs, encouraging grassroots candidates and limiting the influence of special interests

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# Yonkers Couple Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage at City Hall



Center: Mayor Mike Spano, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and Councilwoman Deana Norman, with Left to Right: Paul & Amber Mazzacane, Hal & Sheila Greenwald (52 years), Stephen & Alice Tuers (55 years), James & Marianna Antonucci (57 years), Harold & Evelyn Bolling (53 years), Leroy & Leona Adams (61 years), George & Susan McAnanama (51 years)

looked up in the choir, and he was there.” She added when asked how they made it to 53 years of marriage, she said, “Be forgiving, and remember how it was when you met.”

Mr. Jim Antonucci said, “There were a lot of dance places in Yonkers at the time. So we would up, first we started at the upstairs room, called the enchanted room. Back then, they used to have dances, and we matched up over there. She is really compassionate. She has a heart for people. She’s just naturally built for people. I mean, we could be anywhere, and the next thing you know, she’s having a conversation with someone as if she knew them for 100 years. I don’t care where we are, she just has that natural ability to hang with people.”

And it’s not always a bed of roses. “It’s really survival sometimes. It’s a survival thing sometimes because you have very distinct personalities. We started off cockeyed, and then you are always trying to chase it to keep it together,” said Antonucci.

Mr. Harold Bolling said, “Don’t give up. Just be patient and be trusting. Trust in God; ask him to lead you to the path you should be taking.”

Mayor Spano officiated over a vow renewal ceremony for the seven couple, sealed with a kiss.

The three “magic words” for a successful marriage, frequently cited from Pope Francis, are “Please,” “Thank you,” and “Sorry.”

God bless these couples.

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## Coach John Volpe Honored Won 566 Games at Sacred Heart and Gorton High Schools



who won 566 games while coaching at both Sacred Heart and Gorton. Friends, family, alumni and many Hall of Fame members from the Westchester and Yonkers community were in attendance.

Among the many tributes to John, the current coach of Sacred Heart, Stephen Marcellino thanked Coach Volpe for inspiring his team last year to achieve the best record in Sacred Heart's hundred year history, winning the city and state CHSAA championship and winning the New York City Mayor's cup defeating the best PSAL team.

The game was a challenging contest for both teams, with Sacred Heart ultimately

### Team Yonkers Campaign Kick-Off a Resounding Success!

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Over 100 enthusiastic supporters gathered to launch Team Yonkers 2026 election campaigns that set the stage for real change in our community. The slate features strong candidates ready to bring fresh voices and accountability to Albany and Westchester County:

- Anthony Merante for New York State Senate (35th District)
- Brandon Neider for New York State Assembly (89th District)
- John Isaac for New York State Assembly (90th District)
- Bebe Ahmed for Westchester County Legislator (14th District)

The core message rang loud and clear: Voters deserve more choices at the ballot box. Too many elections have featured no real opposition, allowing failed leadership to continue unchecked. Team Yonkers is united in fighting for better representation, lower taxes, safer streets, stronger

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## WCA to Host Educational Webinar on Early Intervention in Westchester County-Feb. 26



Marina Yoegel

*Valley Bank–sponsored webinar will highlight challenges and advocacy needs for New York State’s Early Intervention Program*

Westchester Children’s Association (WCA) will host the first event in its Educational Webinar Series on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 12:00–1:00 PM, focusing on New York State’s Early Intervention Program (EIP), a critical program supporting infants and toddlers ages 0–3 with developmental delays and disabilities. The webinar, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Valley Bank.

Titled, Early Intervention in Westchester: Understanding the NYS EIP, the webinar will be presented via Zoom. The session’s featured speaker is Marina Yoegel, Assistant Commissioner for Children with Special Needs at the Westchester County Department of Health. Registration is required and can be completed at this link [https://secure.everyaction.com/-AYfy\\_R7kE-3EOENkwCewg2](https://secure.everyaction.com/-AYfy_R7kE-3EOENkwCewg2)

The Early Intervention Program plays a vital role in identifying and addressing developmental delays during a child’s earliest years. This webinar will explore how EIP operates in Westchester County, the current challenges placing stress on the program, and the advocacy needed to strengthen and sustain these essential services for children and families.

WCA’s Educational Webinar Series brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness of issues impacting children and young people ages 0–25 across Westchester County.

About Westchester Children’s Association: Westchester Children’s Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Westchester’s young people by shaping policies and programs to meet their needs, and by keeping the county’s decision-makers and the public informed about the issues affecting youth.

### Child Sex Abuse Material, continued from pg 1-

In addition to investigating and prosecuting these cases, the District Attorney’s Office also engages in community outreach to provide education to students, parents and school staff on recognizing potential threats and encouraging children to report inappropriate behavior.

This investigation was conducted by criminal investigators from the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

This case is being handled by ADA Mathieu Reno of the Trial Division and Bureau Chief Laura Forbes of the Child Sex Abuse Material (CSAM) Bureau.

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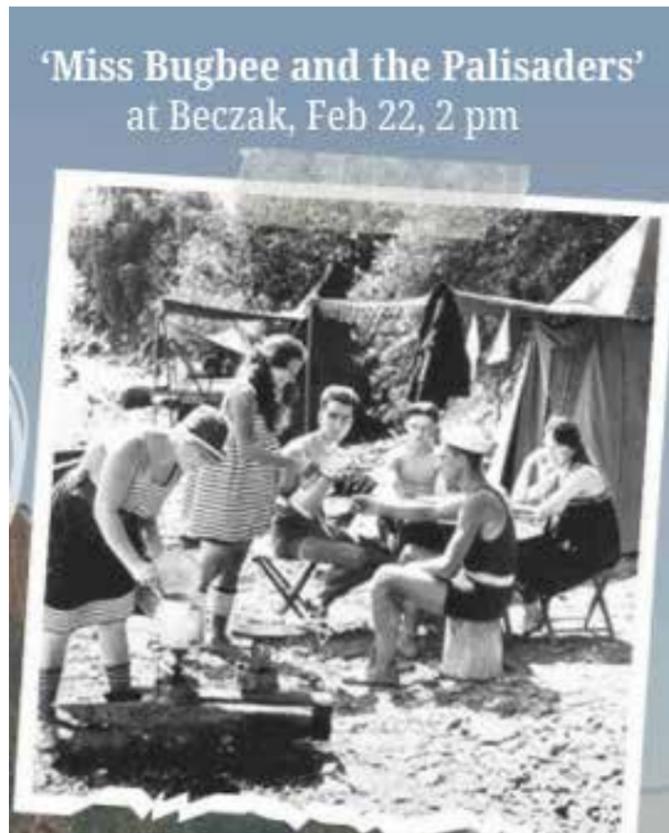
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Location: Dayspring Community Center, 320 Walnut Street, Yonkers, NY

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### Miss Bugbee and the Palisades at Beczak Feb. 22



Based on an article and accompanying cartoon illustrations from the New-York Tribune, this illustrated talk will introduce participants to the author of the piece, Emma Bugbee, a pioneering woman journalist, writer, and suffragist. To help bring Bugbee’s spirited account to life for this illustrated talk, our public historians have also reached into the Palisades Interstate Park’s vast photo archives of the period.

Join us for an illustrated talk inspired by a New-York Tribune article and accompanying cartoons that captured the excitement of “Palisading” — a popular pastime that drew thousands of visitors to the river by ferry and canoe. Through historic photographs and illustrations, this program introduces Emma Bugbee, a pioneering journalist and suffragist, whose spirited writing brought the Palisades to life for a new generation of park-goers.

Presented by: Eric Nelsen & Francesca Costa-Sunday, February 22 • 2:00 PM

Location: Beczak Environmental Education Center 35 Alexander Street, Yonkers

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## Remembering Dara Marie Kane Yonkers First Female City Court Judge



The people of Yonkers are remembering Dara Marie Kane, who served as Yonkers first female City Court Judge, and who recently passed away.

Mayor Mike Spano posted, It is with deep sadness that I extend my condolences on the passing of the Honorable Dara Marie Kane, a trailblazer who made history as the first female judge of the Yonkers City Court. Her dedicated service to justice, including her work with the Yonkers Corporation Counsel's Office, leaves a lasting legacy for our City and for generations of women who follow in her footsteps. On behalf of the City of Yonkers, I extend my heartfelt sympathies to her family, loved ones, and all those whose lives she touched. It is with regret that we announce the passing of the Hon. Dara Marie Kane. She was 78 years old. She is survived by her son's Joseph (Kerry), Thomas (Sharry), Brian (Maureen) and Brendan Johnson. Also, her grandchildren James, Elizabeth, Eamon, and Stella. Dara was preceded in passing by her parents James Francis Kane and Elizabeth Kane (nee Lavery)."

The obituary reads, "Our mother was born and raised in the Bronx where she attended Saint Philip Neri School, Mother Butler Memorial High School, Fordham University, and New York Law School. She served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Bronx County, the Yonkers Corporation Counsel office, and was appointed as the first female judge on the Yonkers City Court."

A Wake was held at Whalen and Ball funeral home and Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church.

Judge Kane kept working up until her passing. Dara worked with MHACY until last week and the entire MHACY community is stunned and saddened by her loss. She was a tiny giant," said Yonkers Housing Authority (YHA) CEO Wilson Kimball.

## Black American Fashion, continued from pg 1-

native and Lincoln High School graduate, explains, "Fashion, to me, is a reflection of how I feel and who I am on any given day. When you look good, you feel good, and I believe every outfit is a carefully selected puzzle of pieces that come together to tell a story."

In the 1920s and 1930s, during the Harlem Renaissance, fashion became a statement of pride and dignity for Black Americans. Men wore sharp suits, polished shoes, and fedoras, while women embraced elegant dresses, fur coats, and bold accessories. This was more than style—it was a response to racism and stereotypes. Dressing well was a way of saying, "We are more than what society says we are." In cities like New York, Chicago, and Detroit, fashion reflected a new era of Black confidence, art, and intellectual life.

As time moved into the 1970s, Black fashion began to shift alongside music and culture. The rise of new music genres brought a completely different aesthetic. Bell-bottom pants, afros, large-collared shirts, floral designs, and bold accessories became symbols of identity and expression. By the 1980s, brands like Adidas and Puma gained popularity—not because of advertisements, but because of their connection to the streets and to Black youth culture. As 23-year-old Cardier Underwood of New Jersey shares, "Fashion is a way of exercising what control I can have over how I feel about myself and how I want other people to perceive me. It lets people know who I am as a person."

By the 1990s and early 2000s, streetwear exploded into mainstream culture. Oversized clothing, jerseys, Timberland boots, sweatbands, wristbands, and fitted caps became staples, heavily influenced by rappers and athletes. Black designers and entrepreneurs also began creating their own brands, such as FUBU, Sean John, Rocawear, and Phat Farm. These brands were important because they represented ownership—Black people creating for themselves, not just influencing others. As Christian Simpson, 27, from Mississippi, explains, "Fashion means dressing in a way that represents an aesthetic you feel comfortable with."

Today, Black fashion continues to lead global trends, especially through streetwear and luxury collaborations. Designers such as Telfar Clemens have created highly sought-after lines of clothing and accessories, while Virgil Abloh, who led Louis Vuitton's menswear division, helped bridge the gap between street style and high fashion. Sneakers, hoodies, and everyday wear have become part of luxury fashion, showing how styles once labeled "urban" are now celebrated on runways around the world. As Dr. Kierra Oliver, 30, of South Carolina, reflects, "Fashion smiles for you when you don't feel like doing so yourself."

However, the story of Black fashion is also about recognition. For decades, Black culture has been copied without credit or respect. Today, more people are calling this out and demanding that Black designers, stylists, and creators receive the acknowledgment they deserve.

From New York to hip-hop to high fashion, Black style has always been more than just clothing—it is a powerful form of expression that continues to shape culture across the globe.

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

Notice of Formation of Israelov Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/27/2026. Office Location: Westchester. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 51 Nethermont Ave, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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*City Manager form of Government, continued from pg 5-*

- Reduced staffing levels in Council offices to eliminate duplication and lower payroll expenses
- City vehicles limited to the Mayor, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader, reducing fleet, fuel, and maintenance costs
- A streamlined Mayor's office with clearly defined responsibilities and reduced administrative support
- A clear separation of policymaking and administration under the City Manager model, eliminating overlapping political functions

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEGISLATIVE PRODUCTIVITY:

- Committee Chairs may receive additional compensation based on workload, time commitment, and the advancement of substantive legislation
- Compensation tied to measurable performance, not titles alone
- The mayor serves as an automatic member of each Council committee, with compensation tied to committee attendance and participation

## CONCLUSION:

This restructuring reflects the realities of Yonkers today—not the Yonkers of forty years ago. It modernizes city government, lowers long-term costs to taxpayers, restores neighborhood-level representation, and ensures professional, non-partisan management of city operations while maintaining strong democratic accountabilities for all residents

*Missing Kids Found, continued from pg 1-*

been located through the Westchester Missing Child Rescue Operation. The operation, coordinated by the DCJS Missing Persons Clearinghouse in partnership with the state Office of Children and Family Services, and the National Child Protection Task Force, leveraged the experience, expertise and resources of more than 70 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private partners to provide critical investigative support to local police departments.

The three-day operation, which concluded Thursday, convened public, nonprofit and private partners with one goal: to explore new leads, review case notes and leverage technology to find children who are at risk of endangerment, exploitation and harm. The 43 children and teens ranged in age from 8 to 17 years old when they were reported missing.

The Office of Children and Family Services coordinated with nonprofit organizations and victim assistance programs throughout the Downstate Region to assist the investigations and provide services and support for children who were recovered, with the goal of addressing their needs and preventing future missing episodes.

A total of 10,629 children younger than 18 were reported missing to police across the state in 2025, with 94 percent of them reported as runaways. Last year, police closed 10,672 cases involving children reported missing in 2025 or years prior. At the end of 2025, there were 1,079 active missing children cases statewide.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace said, "As chief law enforcement officer in Westchester County, the plight of missing and exploited children has always been a top priority for me. Efforts like this week's operation help bring theoretical leads into the realm of the practical, giving our investigative partners the resources and expertise needed to solve their most challenging cases. Thanks to these collaborations, we are able to work together to more effectively protect children from harm and reunite them with their families and loved ones. I'm so proud of the work we are doing with our local and state government partners to keep children safe and look forward to working with them on future operations."

City of Mount Vernon Police Chief Marcel Olifiers said, "We were proud to take part in this operation and to help locate missing children from our community. This effort shows the real impact of agencies working together to protect young people and support families."

Town of Mt. Pleasant Police Chief Paul Oliva said, "I am proud of the work that the team is doing to conduct such organized and focused work to find these at-risk youth."

Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said, "The Yonkers Police Department is honored to have been part of this operation, which proved the power of concentrated, coordinated law enforcement efforts. By bringing together local, state, and federal partners with a singular focus, we were able to locate vulnerable children and teens who may have been at serious risk. This outcome underscores why missing-person investigations must remain a top priority. When agencies work side by side with purpose, lives are protected."

914Cares CEO Lisa Horten said, "914Cares is honored to play a small role in supporting this incredible operation by providing basic essentials for the children who are being found this week. The work that National Child Protection Task Force does with their Missing Child Rescue Operations truly showcases the power of collaboration at its best."

Note: After posting this story at Yonkerstimes.com, our readers had several questions. Some asked "Where were these missing kids found? Will anyone be arrested?"

And this is good news, but more details needed for this story.

And from a Yonkers reader, "After reading your story, I don't know if any of the missing kids were from Yonkers. Police Commissioner Sapienza is quoted, so am I to assume that some were found from Yonkers? Tell us more."

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

## Twenty-Seven Members And Associates Of Tren De Aragua

## Splinter Faction Anti-Tren Charged With Murder In New York

## And Sex Trafficking, Kidnapping, Racketeering

## Home Invasion in Yonkers Cited

On Feb. 13, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York unsealed a 38-count superseding indictment (S4 indictment) charging 27 members of the Anti-Tren faction of the designated foreign terrorist organization Tren de Aragua (TDA or TdA) with offenses including racketeering conspiracy, murder in aid of racketeering in connection with an April 15, 2024, double murder in the Bronx, New York, murder-for-hire conspiracy, kidnapping in aid of racketeering, sex trafficking and sex trafficking conspiracy, and other offenses. Twenty-one of the 27 defendants charged in the S4 indictment were previously charged in a 12-count indictment. Of the six newly added defendants, five are now in federal custody.

"As alleged, these members of Anti-Tren, a splinter faction of the terrorist organization Tren de Aragua, planned and carried out a series of horrific crimes, including gunpoint robberies, murders, and the exploitation of vulnerable young women through sex trafficking," said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton for the Southern District of New York (SDNY). "Tren de Aragua is in the business of murder, sex trafficking, and intimidation, and they brought that business to New York while being unlawfully present in the United States. Today's charges reflect our commitment to bankrupt TDA and bring its members to justice. The gang members charged today exerted ruthless control over sex trafficking victims through intimidation, brutality, and threats of violence against them and their loved ones — leaving lasting trauma in their wake. The women and men of the SDNY are unwavering in their commitment to bankrupt gangs that corrupt our neighborhoods, prey on the vulnerable, and pursue violence as a way of life."

According to the allegations contained in the S4 indictment, Anti-Tren is a criminal organization almost exclusively comprised of former members and associates of TDA. Anti-Tren operated throughout New York City, including the boroughs of the Bronx and Queens, and in New Jersey, and elsewhere around the country, including in Illinois and Washington. The purposes of Anti-Tren included:

Preserving and protecting the power and territory of Anti-Tren and its members and associates through acts involving murder, assault, other acts of violence, and threats of violence, including acts of violence and threats of violence directed at members and associates of TDA;

Enriching the members and associates of Anti-Tren through, among other things:

The unlawful smuggling of individuals, including women and girls from Venezuela, into the United States,

The sex trafficking of young women or "multadas" who had been unlawfully smuggled into the United States,

The trafficking of controlled substances, including "tusi," and Armed robberies;

Keeping victims and potential victims in fear of Anti-Tren and its members and associates through threats and acts of violence;

Promoting and enhancing Anti-Tren and the reputation and activities of its members and associates;

Providing assistance to members and associates of Anti-Tren who committed crimes for and on behalf of Anti-Tren, such as lodging and interstate transportation for members and associates of Anti-Tren to flee prosecution, or bail money for members or associates of Anti-Tren who are detained; and

Protecting Anti-Tren and its members and associates from detection and prosecution by law enforcement authorities through acts of intimidation, threats, and violence against potential witnesses to crimes committed by members of Anti-Tren.

Anti-Tren engaged in human smuggling and sex trafficking of young women or "multadas," into the United States in exchange for debts that the young women would pay back by engaging in commercial sex work. Like TDA, members of Anti-Tren enforced compliance among these young women by, among other things:

Threatening to kill the young women and their families,

Assaulting the young women,

Shooting or killing the young women, and

Tracking down and kidnapping the young women who tried to flee.

The new charges in the S4 indictment allege, among other things, that:

***In or about January 2025, Keiswuel Orlando Palacios-Milano, also known as "Oturache" and "Inmortalidad," Anderson Smith Zambrano-Pacheco, and Yeferson Prieto Galviz, also known as "Flacot" and "Flacote," conspired to commit and did commit a gunpoint home invasion robbery of an individual (Robbery Victim-1) and Robbery Victim-1's family in Yonkers.***

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

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ment. Lunch was served at the Central Methodist Church, and the Chaminade Club provided musical entertainment for the visitors.

February 27, 1941: While speaking to "Wake Up Yonkers," a group she founded, Edith Welty reported a group of "Lone Wolves" were organizing to "back Mrs. Welty." She continued, "a prominent citizen" told her he was forming an organization of people who were not Republicans, not Democrats, just "Lone Wolves."

Saturday, February 28th

February 28, 1936: After carefully reviewing a plan suggested by the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, Westchester Director for the National Youth Administration (NYA), Adah Hopkins Aime submitted the plan to State NYA Director Karl Hesley.

Hesley and Yonkers Public Safety Commissioner Denis Morrissey enthusiastically tentatively accepted the plan to have guards at street crossings! Fifty men would be hired; their special training would include Red Cross First Aid. Their equipment would include whistles and special caps; they would be on duty morning, noon and school closing hours.

Adah Hopkins Aime was the sister of Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, both former Yonkers Residents.

February 28, 1952: Sansone brothers Daniel and

Anthony pled guilty to gambling charges, running a policy slip operation out of their School Street produce business. Assistant District Attorney Morton Edminston moved to dismiss two other charges against the brothers. They received maximum potential penalties; Daniel received six years and Anthony four.

Sunday, March 1st

March 1, 1895: John Copcutt's will was filed for probate. The petition said the estate was not worth more than \$150,000. He left property at 127 Buena Vista Avenue to his sister-in-law Ann Maria Phelps and daughter Ann Elizabeth Hyde was left the Nepperhan Avenue brick house where she lived. Daughter Rebecca Medwin Leale, wife of Dr. Charles Leale, the doctor who treated President Lincoln immediately after he was shot, received a house on Hudson Street. Copcutt's wife Rebecca received the remainder of the estate. Son William owed the father more than \$310,000 and was asked to sign a general release of all claims against the estate; if he did so, all his debts would be forgiven. Son John and the three daughters were executors of the will.

March 1, 1930: To fill the need for a high powered car, a sedan capable of driving 90 miles an hour was given to the Police Department Detective Division to be used for emergency calls.

*Questions or comments on this column? Email*

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*For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit their website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).*

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Artificial intelligence is neither inherently good nor bad. It amplifies human capability—and human vulnerability. As our community adapts to this new landscape, the challenge is clear: embrace innovation while preserving discernment.

The future of AI will depend not just on the technology itself, but on how wisely we choose to use it. The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. Our next meeting, on March 10 at 8 am at the Nautilus Diner in Mamaroneck, will discuss "Complete Street and Traffic Safety." For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>.

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prevailing 54-39. Marion Morgan of Sacred Heart led the way with 21 points.

John Volpe was a legendary high school basketball coach in Yonkers. He began his coaching career in 1959 at Charles E. Gorton High School (Gorton High School), where he served as head varsity boys' basketball coach for 33 years until 1996. During his tenure at Gorton, he amassed 446 victories at that single school—a record for Section I at the time—and he accumulated more wins than any coach in any sport in Yonkers history up to that point. He was also a Social Studies teacher at the school for 37 years before retiring from teaching in 1996.

He then continued his career at Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers, serving as head varsity boys' basketball coach. His career victories included 14 Yonkers City championships, 8 Section I titles, and 2 Regional crowns. Three of his players advanced to the NBA, including Charles Criss and James Bostic (both Yonkers Sports Hall of Fame members).

For his accomplishments, Coach Volpe was inducted into multiple Halls of Fame:

- Yonkers Hall of Fame
- Westchester Hall of Fame
- New York State Basketball Hall.

His legacy endures through the annual Coach Volpe Basketball Classic, a matchup between Gorton HS and Sacred Heart. Coach Stephen Marcellino has organized this annual event to recognize Coach Volpe as one of the greatest coaches in New York history.

Coach Marcellino has continued the tradition of coaching excellence at Sacred Heart, leading last year's team to its best record in the school's history and a CHSAA city and state championship. For his accomplishments, he was named the New York State high school coach of the year by BCANY, the Basketball Coaches Association of New York.

Coach Marcellino noted during the festive ceremonies that while wins are important, the most significant achievement of any coach is "...the development of student athletes to prepare them for college and life. We are so fortunate to be able to recognize the accomplishments of Coach Volpe who has been a model for all of us who coach".

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Notice to our readers waiting to pick up our papers in Yonkers

We are now delivering Yonkers Rising on Friday's. Most of the papers will be delivered by 2pm, with our most popular location, Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road, to be delivered by 1130.

We meet our readers when delivering the paper, and we know some of you time your shopping to pick up a copy. We didn't want you waiting on Thursday's, which was our old delivery day.

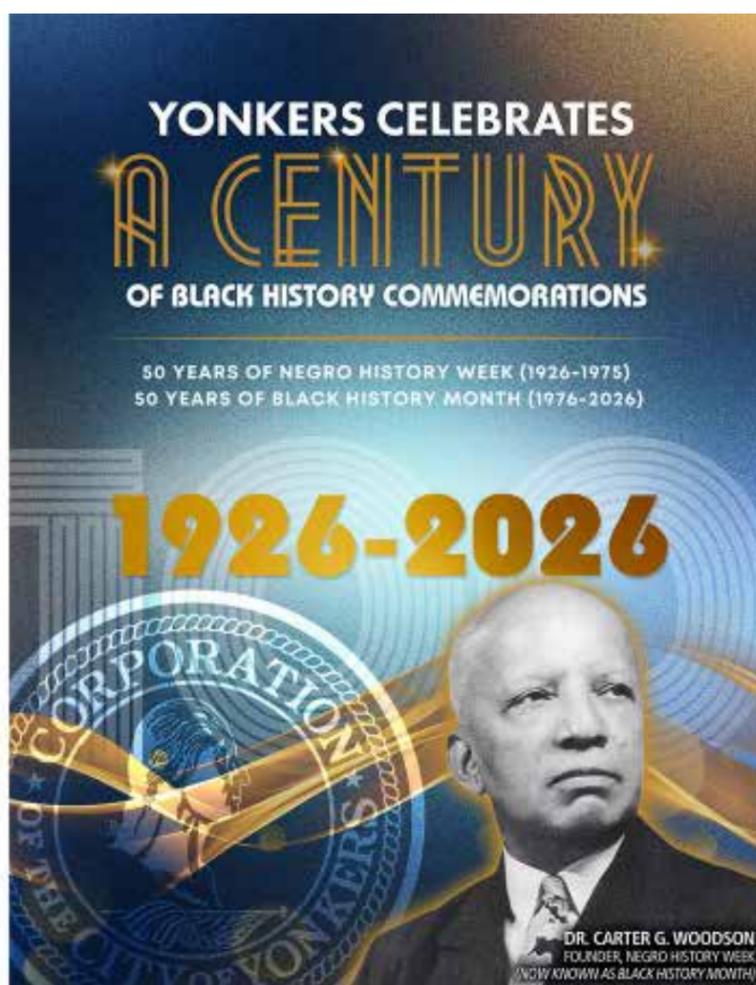


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### Frankie Has Recovered from Slashing, Now He Needs a Home



Yonkestimes.com has reported in detail about Frankie the Dog, who was slashed by its owner and abandoned in Yonkers without food or water. Frankie is now in the loving care of the SPCA of Westchester, and needs a home.

Westchester DA Susan Cacace posted, "Now that Frankie is safe and our office is prosecuting his former owner, let's help get this beautiful pup adopted! Please like and share and contact the SPCA Westchester if you're interested in adopting Frankie!"

The SPCA of Westchester posted, "His tail never stops wagging. Frankie is a true testament to resilience, strength, and unwavering positivity. After being cruelly dumped in Yonkers with a severe cut to his throat, Frankie endured unimaginable pain. Yet through it all, he never lost his joyful spirit and faith in people. Fortunately, the SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement Unit arrested Frankie's owner. Now that this sweet 1-year-old mix has made a full recovery, he's officially ready to find his forever home! If you're looking for a super outgoing, loving and playful pup, please stop in to meet Frankie."

Call, email or stop in at the SPCA of Westchester if interested.

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