

Councilmember Merante Kicks Off Reelection Campaign



Councilmember Anthony Merante, with supporters, kicking off his campaign for reelection in the 6th district

Yonkers 6th District Councilmember Anthony Merante, surrounded by a room packed with enthusiastic supporters at the Mont Olympos Diner, officially announced his bid for re-election. The event was opened by Ron Schutte, a respected district community leader, who introduced Merante with high praise.

“Anthony Merante is an independent thinker and a proven leader,” Schutte stated. “Taxpayers have no greater friend than Anthony Merante. Since first elected, he has been a fierce defender of taxpayers and a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility.”

Schutte highlighted Merante’s firm stance against huge tax increases. “When the City of Yonkers recently passed its record \$1.46 billion budget for 2024-2025, which included a 5.4% property tax increase, Councilmember Merante was the only ‘NO’ vote. He was also the only councilmember to oppose the historic 20% pay raise that the City Council and Mayor approved for themselves. Calling it unwarranted and unfair to taxpayers, Merante not only opposed the raise but went a step further by donating back his salary increase to worthy com-

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Stewart-Cousins Secures \$1M Grant for SNUG-Peace Mobile Travels City



City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy with two of Yonkers Finest, outside of the Yonkers Peace Mobile

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins proudly announces that the Yonkers YMCA has been awarded over \$1 million in SNUG funding as part of a \$20.7 million statewide investment in gun violence prevention. SNUG, a groundbreaking initiative created in 2009, has contributed to a 28 percent reduction in gun violence statewide by taking a public health approach and focusing on community-based solutions. Stewart-Cousins has consistently fought to fund this crucial program and this \$1 million investment is the largest one-time investment since the inception of the program.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “When we first launched SNUG, it was based on the belief that community-driven, evidence-based solutions in cooperation with local police are key to stopping gun violence before it starts. The state’s continued and growing investment in the Yonkers SNUG program is a testament to the program’s success. I will continue advocating for strong investments in public safety initiatives that make Westchester and all of New York a safer place for everyone.”

In 2009, Stewart-Cousins played a pivotal role in creating this groundbreaking program and bringing it to Yonkers. Under her leadership, the Senate Majority has taken bold, proactive steps to keep New Yorkers safe – including implementing New York’s first red flag laws, support municipal gun buyback programs, enhanced background check, banned bump stocks, raised the age,

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What Was He Thinking? Congressman Lawler Questions County Legislator Alvarado’s Citizenship?



Congressman Mike Lawler
By Dan Murphy

County Legislator Jose Alvarado

Congressman Mike Lawler put his foot in his mouth after a recent meeting with the Westchester Board of Legislators where he questioned whether County Legislator Jose Alvarado was a US Citizen. The story made national news after the meeting, held on Feb.

Congressman Lawler and Westchester’s other Congressman, George Latimer, met with the BOL to discuss federal issues including immigration and ICE in Westchester.

The remark by Lawler came after José Alvarado, the vice chair of Westchester County’s Board of Legislators, asked the congressman what documentation people should be expected to produce if they are stopped by ICE.

“I’m speaking to you, Mr. Lawler — somebody that looks like me, right, is approached by ICE. What would your immediate expectation would be for me to do? What should I carry on me to demonstrate that this immigrant is the vice chairman of this board?” said Alvarado.

“Well, like every other person that is engaged by law enforcement, if you are asked for information, cooperate. I wouldn’t expect you as a — I don’t know. I assume you’re a citizen. Maybe you’re not. Maybe you are,” said Lawler.

“I didn’t realize that you didn’t know that in order to be elected, you have to be a citizen. In order to vote, you have to be a citizen,” said Alvarado.

Lawler tried to clarify, as did his spokesperson after the incident, but it was too late. The damage was done-it was clearly a stupid and insensitive thing to say, especially coming from a member of Congress.

Alvarado later said that he was appalled at the comment, as were others in the meeting. “I think he demonstrates really how he really feels about minorities, specifically Latinos, some of whom live in fear of of ICE these days, even if they

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County Executive Ken Jenkins: Westchester Is Not a Sanctuary County

Yonkers Public Schools Clarifies Policy-NO ICE in School



By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins proclaimed that “Westchester County is not a Sanctuary County” during his press conference on Feb.18.

“I want to remind people that we have an Immigrant Protection Act, but there are also false claims along the way. Westchester County is not a Sanctuary County. Any claims suggesting otherwise are false and politically motivated.

“Westchester County works with federal law enforcement and ICE and provides that judicial warrant that ICE is required to have to navigate our process. When this document is provided, Westchester County notifies ICE before releasing an individual into custody, and lets Federal law enforcement do its job. This has been in place since 2018 under President’s Trump and Biden. Our Federal

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David vs. Goliath: Ukraine's Unbreakable Will Against Russia's Might

OP-ED by Jaroslaw Palylyk

When Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, few believed that Ukraine—a nation dwarfed by its adversary in military strength, economic power, and sheer size—could hold its ground for long. The Kremlin expected a swift victory, with Kyiv falling in days. Instead, what unfolded was the modern-day equivalent of the biblical story of David versus Goliath, where an underdog defied overwhelming odds through courage, resilience, and sheer determination.

Vladimir Putin's Russia is the Goliath in this story—armed with one of the world's largest militaries, vast energy resources, and a history of regional intimidation. The Kremlin's war machine, bolstered by decades of oil-fueled military expansion, was built to crush resistance. Yet, much like the biblical Goliath, Moscow was blinded by its own arrogance. It underestimated the spirit of the Ukrainian people, the leadership of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and the unity of the international community rallying behind Ukraine.

Ukraine, like David, had no illusions about its disadvantage. But it fought back with agility, innovation, and an unbreakable will. Ukrainian forces, outgunned and outmanned, adapted quickly, using asymmetric warfare, modern technology, and a deep knowledge of their own terrain to repel the Russian advance. Western support in the form of military aid and intelligence certainly played a crucial role, but the true backbone of Ukraine's resistance was its people—ordinary citizens who took up arms, volunteers who risked their lives, and a population that refused to bow.

This war is more than just a territorial dispute; it is a battle for the principles of sovereignty, democracy, and self-determination. If Goliath prevails, it sets a dangerous precedent where might makes right, and autocracies can redraw borders at will. But if David stands tall, it signals to the world that power alone does not guarantee victory—that resilience, unity, and the will to fight for freedom can overcome even the most formidable foes.

The war is far from over. Ukraine continues to endure missile strikes, blackouts, and a grueling fight for its survival. But history teaches us that giants can fall, and seemingly weaker opponents can triumph through courage and strategy. The Ukrainian people have already rewritten expectations, proving that Goliath's strength is not absolute. The question now is whether the world will continue to stand by David until the giant is finally brought down.

The biblical tale reminds us that victory is not always about size or power—it is about the unbreakable spirit of those who refuse to be conquered. Ukraine has embodied this spirit, and its fight remains a defining struggle of our time.

Jaroslaw Palylyk

President, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America – Westchester Branch

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4 Surgeries, Congestion Pricing Down and I'M BACK



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Nothing is ever easy in this world. I told you in December that I was going for major neck and back surgery, and asked for you to pray for me as I knew this surgery would be risky and filled with complications. And after 3 months, 4 surgeries and in and out of hospitals, there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

If I can give you 2 pieces of advice, I will have fulfilled my duty to you. First, DO NOT get admitted to a for profit hospital. All they care about is the bottom line! And if you are going to be hospitalized, check to see the percentage of nursing staff that are employees of the hospital vs. contracted employees. It is no fun dealing with a new nurse everyday who must be brought up to speed on your case.

BUT WAIT! STOP THE PRESSES! Did I hear it correctly? IS THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION killing Congestion Pricing in NYC. Finally something Democrats, Republicans and people of all political faiths can agree on! Something that will benefit the little people, the guy who drives the dirty water hot dog truck in from Queens to secretaries making a fraction of what their bosses make.

Don't get me wrong, this is no endorsement of anything Donald has done during his short period in office. And he did promise us that he would end congestion pricing in his first week in office. A little bit late but we will take it.

Little children belong in school and not accompanying their father, a gentleman who was not elected to any office for press conferences in the Oval Office. Mr. Musk is so rich he can certainly afford a babysitter or have one of his wealthy relatives help out. I didn't find it cute or funny at all, simply stupid. I hope this type of event is not to say to the American people you all are babies and I am your elected father.

In terms of cutting departments like the Department of Education, these departments bring money to Democrat and Republican cities across the country. This is money school districts rely on. So Mr. Trump better think before he cuts needed monies from his supporters school districts.

I would have liked to see professional auditors with backgrounds in the respective fields they are going to audit come in and review spending with the idea of cutting waste and if found prosecuting those who commit fraud. When we hear of the \$100 toilet seat or the \$25 screw, it is upsetting to everyone of all political persuasions. It should not occur, and we all agree those that charge those exorbitant prices should be sent to jail for a long time.

There are a lot of good people who work in government, and the good folks should not be condemned with the bad apples. Asking for a whole department to submit their resignations without reviewing the contribution of those involved is just plain stupid.

Enough Trump. Birthday 65 occurs this Saturday. Does that make me an official Senior Citizen. With your prayers I am hoping to become a healthy Senior Citizen!

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Senator Shelley Mayer and over 100 Westchester Residents Rally Against High Con Edison Bills



Senator Shelley Mayer

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer was joined by over 100 Westchester residents on Friday, Feb. 14 for her ‘No Love for Con Ed’ press conference and rally to call out Con Edison (ConEd) and the New York Public Service Commission (PSC) for unaffordable delivery rates currently faced by New Yorkers and to urge rejection of ConEd’s rate application for another major rate hike. Senator Mayer and the attendees demanded changes to the way rates are approved and for the PSC to put ratepayers first when setting rates.

Despite sky-high bills due to ConEd’s last rate hike beginning in 2023 (\$457.5M electric rate increase over three years and \$187.2 million gas rate increase over three years for ConEd), on January 31st, ConEd filed another \$2 billion request to increase rates. If approved, the proposal would increase electric bills by an average of 11.4% and gas bills by 13.3% starting in 2026. According to Con Ed’s filing, the typical gas heating customer would see an increase in their gas delivery averaging over \$550 more for heat per year. This amounts to a 25.1% increase on the delivery bill or a 19% increase on the total bill. Even without these additional increases, Westchester residents are seeing delivery charges that are often double or triple the cost of the actual usage.

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have some legitimacy in this country,” Alvarado said. “I’m not crying for him to give me an apology,” he continued. “But I think he owes an apology to all of the people that he insulted by his apparent ignorance.”

Legislator Alvarado has served at different times on the County Board since 2001, when he became the first Latino member of the BOL.

The meeting is on video. Democratic consultant Tom Watson, tweeted, “Here’s that Lawler video, from the Westchester County Board of Legislators feed - the Republican Congressman publicly questions Legislator Jose Alvarado’s citizenship. You can hear the gasps in the room. Pretty ugly, folks. A very bad time in America.”

Lawler is usually one of the more thoughtful members of Congress, appearing on TV shows with both the liberal and conservative media. Progressive democrats in Westchester have already begun their attacks on Lawler before this incident.

A group called “Fight Lawler” has formed in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties, with the goal of stopping Congressman Mike Lawler from reelection in 2026 and in his other political goal: To become the next Governor of NY.

As a voter in Rep. Lawler’s district, I have been inundated with political ads while watching YouTube, attacking Lawler and his record in Congress. These ads have been running months AFTER the recent election of 2024.

The other interesting fact about Lawler’s campaign that Fight Lawler has been highlighting is that his campaign received \$1.4 Million in donations from the Political Action Committee of Elon Musk last year.

Fight Lawler recently held two protests; one in White Plains and one in Mahopac. The Co-Founder of Fight Lawler, Ann Starer, spoke at both events. “We cannot remain quiet as MAGA Republicans rapidly dismantle our government and take a sledgehammer to our democracy. Our constant involvement is critical. Here, in Westchester, we are, on the one hand, fortunate to have our new Congressman George Latimer who has, in his short time in Congress, BUT here in Westchester, we are also extremely unfortunate to have MAGA Congressman Mike Lawler, a man who was elected in what should have been a reliably blue district, but who votes with Trump and Marjorie Taylor Greene and who has designs on becoming the next governor of New York,” said Starer.

Watch the video here: <https://www.nbcnews.com/video/lawler-questions-citizenship-status-of-latino-county-official-at-public-meeting-232345157524>.

State Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Calls on NYC Mayor Adams to Resign



**Governor Hochul, left is considering weather to remove NYC Mayor Adams from office
By Dan Murphy**

One of the three most powerful Democrats in New York State has now said that New York City Mayor Eric Adams should resign his post.

Adams, who is up for reelection this year, was indicted last year by former US Attorney Damien Williams for conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, two counts of solicitation of a contribution by a foreign national and bribery, related to accepting international flights, luxurious hotel stays and illegal campaign contributions.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, from Yonkers, said last week that “It’s probably time that he move aside....We really are spending more time on the mayor in his plight. It’s distracting and we have a job to do. We’re in the middle of a budget.”

Stewart-Cousins joins Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado and State Senate Mike Ginarris in calling for Adams to step down. Adams has refused to step down and instead is planning his reelection campaign.

The Department of Justice under President Trump withdrew the charges against Adams, causing an outcry across the state.

New York State law allows Governor Kathy Hochul to fire Mayor Adams, but she has yet to reach that decision. Stewart-Cousins said “I would certainly support the governor looking at her options seriously.”

When Hochul’s Lt. Gov. Delgado became the first hi profile democrats to call for Adams to resign last week, it raised the pressure on Hochul to do something.

A removal of a NY public official by a Governor hasn’t been done since 1974, when then Governor Malcolm Wilson, removed a sheriff. Removal proceedings for Adams would begin by Hochul presenting him with his accusations and Adams having the right to defend himself in public.

The calls for Adams to resign will certainly increase over the next several days and are reminiscent of the calls for former Governor Andrew Cuomo to resign in 2021. The irony today is that Cuomo is the most likely Democrat to succeed Adams as NYC Mayor.

While Adams may have his indictment from last year dropped by the DOJ, many believe that other criminal charges will be filed against him, either from the Feds, or from NYS Attorney General Letitia James or Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg.

Two of the mayor’s associates have pleaded guilty to charges related to their political work for Adams.

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Congressman Latimer, Local Elected Officials, Voting Rights Advocates Denounce SAVE Act



On Feb. 19, U.S. Representative George Latimer (NY-16) was joined by local elected officials and voting rights advocates in White Plains to denounce the Safeguard American Voting Eligibility (SAVE) Act. This legislation is expected to be brought up in the U.S. House of Representatives next week.

“This bill would be better named the Stop All Voter Engagement Act because that is what it will do. U.S. citizens have the right to vote in national elections, period. We should be making it easier for people to vote, not harder,” said Rep. Latimer. “It is already illegal

for noncitizens to vote, it happens incredibly rarely, and if it does, there is a legal penalty. Instead, this disastrous bill will make it harder for women and college students to vote.” The SAVE Act would require documentary proof of citizenship, like a birth certificate or a passport to register to vote and require states to remove an individual’s registration from a voter roll if there is not documentary proof or verified information that the person is a U.S. citizen. This legislation could disenfranchise many voters in our state and around the country, lead to citizens being taken off voter rolls, and undermine trust in our election system. It also increases the burden on state and county election officials to implement and ensure compliance, without any additional funding.

“With the SAVE Act, legislators are proposing changes to our elections that would severely limit access to the ballot for eligible Americans, especially voters of color, rural voters, military members, and women. The proposed SAVE Act’s requirement of providing documentation to prove American citizenship to vote in federal elections is voter suppression. Laws are already in place to thwart illegal voter registration by non-citizens,” said Kathy Meany, President, League of Women Voters of Westchester. “The SAVE Act would put up barriers to voting by requiring every single American citizen to provide very specific documents, by either presenting a passport or an original copy of their birth certificate in person when registering to vote, and anytime they update their voter registration. The SAVE Act is not about safeguarding elections - it is about silencing voters. We must join together to oppose this legislation and protect people’s freedom to vote. Every citizen should contact their Congress member to oppose the SAVE Act. Do not delay. Take action now!”

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “It is unacceptable that Congress is considering a bill that, under the guise of election protection, will prevent tens of millions of Americans from voting and fulfilling their constitutional rights. There is no evidence to support that non-citizens are attempting to vote in the United States, as H.R. 22 claims. We must be clear that this bill will do real harm against tens of millions of American citizens who are entitled to vote. We should never create unnecessary, politically motivated barriers to voting, whether to those who changed their names, those whose names are different from others, or for any other made-up reason. New York has gone to great lengths to reduce barriers to participation, and this bill is a stain on our democracy and our right to vote. I urge every American and every New Yorker to call their Congress member and tell them to vote no on this bill.”

“I thank Congressman Latimer for taking on this important issue. The SAVE Act is not just unnecessary—it’s an outrageous attack on voting rights built in ignorance. This legislation is a solution in search of a problem, and the real threat to our democracy isn’t noncitizen voting—it’s the continued effort to suppress legitimate voters under the guise of ‘election integrity.’ The SAVE Act disproportionately impacts marginalized groups, including married couples who changed their last names, young voters without passports, low-income individuals, and elderly voters who lack original birth certificates. These people are all citizens, and they all have a right to vote,” said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



left: Dancer Eleanor Powell, from Yonkers

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

Monday, February 24th

February 24, 1947: Photographer’s Mate First Class Leonard Rizzolla, Borchers Avenue, was on the first helicopter flight over the South Pole and took the official Navy photographs! Rizzolla is credited with an earlier first on the Admiral Byrd South Pole expedition, making the first helicopter landing on the frozen Bay of Whales.

Rizzolla was on Byrd’s flagship, the USS Mount Olympus; it was ordered not to break the ice for fear it would damage the ship. Instead, an inspecting party, including Rizzolla, flew over the bay, landing to test ice thickness. The Navy reported the “wind and blowing snow made visibility difficult.” He also was cameraman on the flight conducting the first aerial magnetic survey of the Southern Hemisphere just a few days earlier.

February 24, 1954: Otis Elevator asked Yonkers to close parts of Atherton, Bashford, Locust Streets and Wells Avenue; it would give Yonkers fire and police vehicles 24-hour-a-day emergency access on these streets. Before this could be done, the Common Council had to have to hold public hearings.

After asking for this concession, Otis stated Yonkers levied “unwarrantably high tax assessments” on its Yonkers works; it wanted a reduction.

Tuesday February 25th

February 25, 1918: Dr. Elmer Sheets, Chairman of the Committee on Vacant Lots and Lands, met with Yonkers householders to discuss plans for war gardens. Sheets announced more than 2,000 war gardens were cultivated in Yonkers in 1917.

February 25, 1947: City Manager Montgomery signed papers brought by Federal Public Housing Administration Project Engineer George Bailey to give Yonkers control of the Henning Park Veterans’ Housing Project.

Wednesday, February 26th

February 26, 1942: Brigadier General Frank Brady, US Army Air Corps, son of the late Police Captain Hugh Brady, became the first Yonkers officer decorated for bravery in World War II. He was awarded a medal for heroism in Java. He was a sports star and President of his Yonkers High School Class of 1916; he also was president of his Freshman and Sophomore Class at Columbia, until he left to serve in World War I.

February 26, 1947: Dr. Julius Yourman, NYS Veterans’ Affairs Director, spoke on the changing world at Halsted School’s graduation ceremony for 64 WWII veterans. Yourman stated divorces had increased since the war’s end because “the father or husband had been the dictator, but now the home was democratic and the woman an equal partner. Men don’t have the authority of

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Notice of formation of SPL Revive and Thrive, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2025. 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, 1 Fountain Lane, 2A, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. 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: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Hampton Estate Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

484 SAW MILL LLC - Notice of formation of 484 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office: 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530 Westchester County. SSNY designated Ciaran Rogers as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of formation of Ambit Psychological Services, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/17/24. Office: Westchester County.. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 933 Mamaroneck Ave Ste 202, Mamaroneck NY 10543. Purpose; Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Granola Girl, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/24. 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, 206 B Heritage Hills Drive, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 56-98, TITLED "SCAFFOLDING REQUIRED; PERMIT; FEE," OF ARTICLE X OF CHAPTER 56 PART VI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: February 18, 2025

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2. Bid No. RFB-7390 – Opening date 03/14/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for two 12-month periods, to provide window repairs and maintenance as needed for the Yonkers Public Schools (KS).

3. Bid No. IFB-7398 – Opening date 03/21/2025: Lincoln Memorial Park improvements, Intersection of South Broadway and McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY. (MM).

4. Bid No. RFB-7401 – Opening date 03/14/2025: Purchase of one Indeco model HP1500FS, or Yonkers approved equal, with installation on John Deere 710 backhoe, which includes pick-up and return (FB).

5. Bid No. RFB-7402 – Opening date: 03/14/2025: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 20 AXIS V5925 2MP PTZ cameras w/CradlePoint modems, or Yonkers approved equals. Thew initial purchase will for 7 units (VB).

6. Bid No. RFB-7403 – Opening date: 03/21/2025: Cleaning and maintenance of the Coyne Park (771 McLean Avenue) rifle range filtration system (VB).

7. Bid No. RFB-7404 – Opening date: 03/14/2025: Summer 2025 bus and van transportation to various outings for clients and staff of Camp Rays and Camp Pride (KS).

8. Bid No. IFB-7405 – Opening date: 03/21/2025: Curran Court (Grinton I. Will Library at 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710) pedestrian bridge repairs (AC).

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Letters to the Editor:

Hi Dan. I'd like to call your attention to what I think is a worthwhile story. It seems that the Yonkers City Council has voted to make Yonkers one of the noisiest cities in the country. They voted to increase the day time noise limits by 8X and to double the night time noise limit. 85 dBA, the new day time limit, is on OSHA's threshold for causing hearing damage. It's unbelievable to me that no one on the city council knows about noise pollution or seems to care that for many people in the city, in many neighborhoods, it's a major issue. I know you've been covering the city council for a long time, so perhaps for you it's nothing new. As an average citizen who doesn't pay much attention, I'm shocked.

This ordinance change took place in late 2023. There were no public hearings, just the legal ads and postings on the council webpage. That may be the legal minimum, but it's just not enough disclosure to give people a chance to weigh in. I only found out about the ordinance a couple of months ago. I happen to care about the noise issue, so I got motivated and started organizing a campaign around the issue. We have more than 166 signers on our petition <https://www.change.org/quieteryonkers>. and have launched a new website, www.quieteryonkers.org. The site has considerable background information about noise and about how the city council came to pass the ordinance. There are many aspects of their process that are shoddy, invalidating and perhaps even corrupt.

Thanks,
Peter Cohn, Yonkers

To the Editor:

The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act is coming up for a vote in both the House and Senate. This legislation would require everyone to prove citizenship by providing specific documents, either a passport or birth certificate, when registering to vote or updating voter information, and to do so in person.

The League of Women Voters vigorously opposes this voter suppression legislation. It is unnecessary, divisive, and would severely limit access to the ballot for eligible Americans, especially voters of color, rural voters, military members, and women whose surnames do not match their birth certificates.

Let's be clear: there is absolutely no evidence of widespread non-citizen voting in federal or state elections. It is already illegal for noncitizens to register and vote in federal and state elections. The SAVE Act is not about safeguarding elections - it's about silencing voters.

On a local note, Congressman Mike Lawler, representing NY-17 (most of northern Westchester, portions of Dutchess, all of Rockland and Putnam Counties), is a co-sponsor of the bill. Congressman George Latimer, NY-16 (southern Westchester, portion of northern Bronx), opposes the bill.

We urge everyone to contact their members of Congress NOW and tell them to vote NO on this dangerous legislation.

Susan Maggiotto
President, League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns, Yonkers

Letter to the Editor:

REFLECTIONS ON THE FEBRUARY 11th SPECIAL COUNTY ELECTION

I very much liked your articles appearing in the February 14th edition of Westchester Rising and Yonkers Times regarding the recently concluded special election for Westchester County Executive. I offer the following comments:

County Executive Jenkins' victory was well-deserved in view of his stewardship of the County's affairs as Deputy County Executive during George Latimer's term of office, and more recently as Interim C.E.

I was particularly impressed by the turnout -- over 90,000 votes cast -- in a mid-winter special election, which I believe was helped by the early vote option;

While I commend Christine Sculti's candidacy as offering voters a choice in this election, I wonder if she might have received more votes had she secured a second ballot line (i.e. Conservative or Independent) and taken advantage of additional voter forums and media interviews. In view of past county-wide elections, it seems to me that a MAGA Republican has a certain ceiling of support, which cannot win a county-wide race in Westchester County against a centrist Democrat. The GOP needs to seriously consider running more moderate candidates in future elections.

I also agree that special elections such as these cost a great deal of money (\$ 4 million by one estimate). In an era of ever increasing tight budgets, serious consideration should be given to amending the County Charter to permit the County Legislative Board to fill a C.E. vacancy this close to a general election, as is done elsewhere.

STEPHEN R. ROLANDI

Larchmont

(The writer is an adjunct professor of public administration and formerly served in the administrations of New York City Mayors Edward I. Koch, Michael Bloomberg and Governor David Paterson. A life-long Republican, he is active in the Ripon Society, Principles First, and Moderate Republican PAC)

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Trump Kills Congestion Pricing, MTA & Gov Hochul Sue to Keep it

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By Dan Murphy

On Feb. 19, US Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy informed NY Governor Kathy Hochul and the MTA that NYC's Congestion Pricing Plan Duffy is terminated because it was beyond the scope of the authority given by Congress, and that the \$9 Toll that drivers started paying one month ago, to enter Manhattan south of 60th Street is being used to raise revenue for the MTA instead of reducing congestion pricing.

After Duffy's letter, President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social "CONGESTION PRICING IS DEAD. Manhattan, and all of New York, is SAVED. LONG LIVE THE KING!"

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An enraged Governor Kathy Hochul told reporters, "NY hasn't labored under a king for more than 250 years and we are sure as hell are not going to start now. New Yorkers don't back down from a fight, not now not ever. We are fighting for our residents, commuters, drivers our riders. Life has gotten better. New York commuters are now the roadkill on Donald Trumps revenge tour against NY. I'm confident we will win our lawsuit and we are keeping the cameras on next time you are stuck in traffic and your train is delayed, blame him."

President Biden's administration had granted authority to New York on Nov. 21 to implement Congestion Pricing. Now the courts and Congress will determine the future of Congestion Pricing in NYC.

Congressman Mike Lawler released a statement which "Praised President Trump's decision.

"I want to extend my sincere thanks to President Trump and his Administration for taking swift and decisive action to suspend Kathy Hochul's disastrous congestion pricing scheme. This is a huge win for New York families, commuters, and small businesses ruthlessly targeted by this unjust tax."

"Make no mistake: this entire program is nothing more than a scam — a money grab — and is the symptom of a far deeper, systemic issue in our state - government overreach and rampant mismanagement at the hands of Kathy Hochul and her cronies in Albany," concluded Congressman Lawler.

"Instead of imposing new, crippling taxes on struggling families, we should be auditing the MTA, the worst-run authority in America, to find savings, address its outrageous waste, and make sure that commuters are kept safe and served as well as they deserve."

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Yonkers Couples Married 50+ Years Celebrate Valentine's Day at City Hall with Renewal of Vows



On Valentine's Day, Mayor Mike Spano and City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy celebrated Yonkers couples who have reached their Golden Wedding Anniversary of 50 years of marriage. Some of the couples were celebrating 55 years and 60 years! Mayor Spano, who has officiated many weddings during his term as Mayor, presided over the renewal of vows for these blessed couples, who said "I still do." Mayor Spano's parents celebrated 66 years of marriage.



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FL!P Circus (www.FlipCircus.com), one of America's best family entertainment options, is hitting the road with a completely new production for their 2025 national tour and it all begins at the Cross County Center in Yonkers, NY from February 21 – March 18. Created by the Vazquez family, this intimate big top experience has consistently entertained audiences around the country with its high-energy, family-friendly, edge-of-your-seat production. The 2025 show brings together an entirely new cast of stellar international human talent who are guaranteed to wow. Taking place under its distinctive red and white striped climate-controlled tent, audiences enter a world where amazing things happen and lasting memories are made at every performance. With only 800 seats, and none more than 50 feet from the ring, it's an intimate experience where you feel as if you're part of the action, and some will literally get pulled into it!

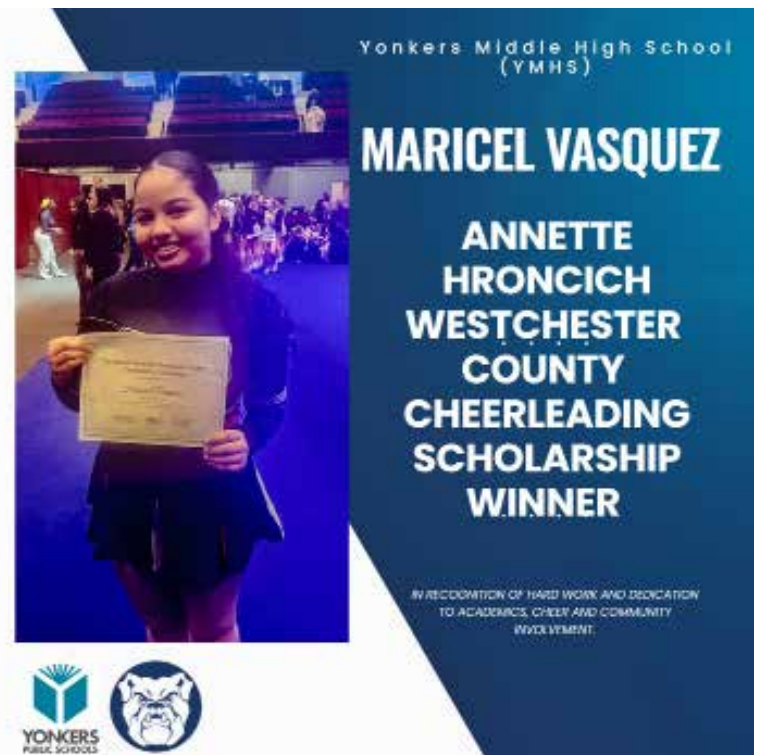
The 2025 cast is led by charismatic Ringmaster Jan Vazquez, who, together with his sister, Carolina Vazquez, are fourth-generation performers presenting a daring act on the rolla bolla pushing the boundaries of equilibrium and gravity. Spain's Johnny Rico, seen around the world at the most prestigious circuses, international festivals and even Netflix, brings his energetic brand of outrageous comedy to Flip Circus for the very first time. Be amazed by the multi-talented Bravuuri Troupe from Finland, who delight with their group skating, bike, acrobatics and human pyramids. From Hungary, Duo Fossett present an incredibly challenging aerial pole act blending acrobatics and aerial arts in a totally unique way. Superhuman strength and dexterity are hallmarks of Brazil's extraordinary father and son hand-

Yonkers Students in the News



Above: Congratulations, Elmer Hernandez, Yonkers Middle High School Class of 2025, one of 20 students across New York State nominated as a 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar for Academic Achievement. New York State Senate Majority Leader recommended Elmer for this recognition. Presidential Scholar recognition is among "the nation's highest honors for high school students who represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.

Below: Congratulations to Yonkers Middle High School Senior Maricel Vasquez, for receiving the Annette Hroncich Westchester County Cheerleading Scholarship, during the Westchester Cheerleading competition at the County Center in White Plains.



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Stepinac Teacher AnnMarie Galdau Collaborates with Khan Academy to Develop AI-Powered Writing Coach



AnnMarie Galdau

Archbishop Stepinac High School proudly announces that AnnMarie Galdau, one of its esteemed English teachers, has partnered with Khan Academy to contribute to the development of their innovative AI tool, Khanmingo Writing Coach. This groundbreaking platform utilizes artificial intelligence to transform essay writing into a dynamic and interactive experience, offering step-by-step guidance for students and actionable insights for teachers.

When initially approached by Khan Academy to assist with the project, Galdau candidly admitted she was skeptical about AI, expressing concerns that it “gives the kids all the answers.” However, Khan Academy saw her perspective as precisely what the project needed, encouraging her to provide critical feedback that would help align the tool with the real-world needs of educators.

Galdau worked closely with Khanmingo’s research team to offer insights into the types of feedback English teachers typically provide to students. During live sessions, she reviewed the AI’s comment generation process and shared suggestions to refine the platform’s language and functionality. Her expertise played a key role in ensuring that Khanmingo Writing Coach delivers constructive and relevant comments that foster student learning.

As part of her collaboration, Galdau earned the Khan Academy AI Certification, a distinguished achievement that qualifies her to train fellow education professionals on integrating Khanmingo’s resources into their classrooms. This certification recognizes Galdau as an expert in using AI-powered tools to enhance student writing and teacher efficiency.

“AnnMarie’s involvement with Khan Academy is a testament to her dedication to innovative teaching methods and her commitment to student success,” said Frank Portanova ’93, Vice Principal for Academics. “We are incredibly proud to have her expertise recognized on such a prestigious platform.”

Through her collaboration with Khan Academy, Galdau not only helped shape an essential educational tool but also elevated Stepinac’s presence in the evolving landscape of technology-driven learning.

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and invested in numerous community and youth programs to support proactive, preventative safety with the intent of stopping crime before it starts. This approach has helped reduce gun violence in New York State by 47 percent since 2021, proving that community-driven solutions save lives.

Yonkers YMCA SNUG Program Manager Peter Thompson said: “This funding is vital to our mission of reducing gun violence in Yonkers. It allows us to expand our programs, support those most at risk, and create a safer community for everyone. We are grateful for Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins’ and Governor Hochul’s continued support.”

The impact of New York’s gun violence prevention efforts is evident, with communities participating in the state’s Gun Involved Violence (GIVE) initiative reporting record-low shooting incidents in 2024, according to reports from DCJS. Statewide, shooting incidents with injuries declined by 28 percent, while Yonkers saw a decrease of 47 percent, among the sharpest reductions anywhere in the state. This downward trend demonstrates the success of sustained investments in SNUG and other comprehensive crime prevention strategies that continue to make a real difference in communities across the state.

“We, the Yonkers SNUG family, extend our deepest gratitude to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Governor Kathy Hochul for their unwavering support and commitment to the inner-city community. The SNUG program plays a vital role in reducing gun violence in Yonkers, and this funding will allow us to continue our life-saving work,” SNUG Representatives said. “With these resources, we can guide our youth away from the streets, expose them to new opportunities, and help them build brighter futures. We are truly grateful for this investment in our community and remain dedicated to making a lasting impact.”

One of the programs in Yonkers to foster peace is the YMCA Peace Mobile, and the Yonkers Peace in the Streets initiative. City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy joined with members of the YPD to highlight the Peace Mobile.

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community groups and charities.”

Schutte continued, “Many voters may not know this, but Anthony Merante is the only councilmember who refused a taxpayer-funded city car and free gas. He believes public officials should not burden taxpayers with personal perks.” He also praised Merante’s dedication to the community, stating, “Anthony listens, he cares, and he fights for the community even against all odds. He holds town hall meetings, listens to residents’ concerns, and acts. For instance, he stood with the community against the UPS expansion that posed safety dangers, and he now opposes the proposed lithium-ion battery facility on Saw Mill River Road. Anthony has consistently fought against developments that threaten safety or quality of life. He always stands with residents..”

Taking the podium to a cheering crowd, Councilmember Merante expressed his gratitude and commitment. “I am honored to have served as your councilman for seven years. I pledge to continue working tirelessly to ensure Yonkers remains a great place to live and work. I believe government should be accountable to the people—focusing on your needs, providing real value for your tax dollars, and delivering efficient, respectful service. I will continue to be your problem-solver, tackling issues before they escalate.”

Merante reaffirmed his priorities, stating, “Residents’ concerns will always be my top priority. I will focus on the essentials that impact your daily life—whether it’s road repairs, unsafe trees, or other critical community issues. You can always count on me to have your back. I would be honored to continue representing you and look forward to earning your vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th.”

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County Executive Jenkins Appoints Joshua Gaccione as New Director of Veteran Services



County Executive Ken Jenkins with new Director of Veteran Services Joshua Gaccione, left

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has appointed Joshua P. Gaccione the new Director of Veteran Services. With an extensive background in military service, higher education, leadership and veteran advocacy, Gaccione brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the role.

Gaccione served in the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division from 2000 to 2004 as an Intelligence Analyst and Paratrooper. During his service, he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, where he played a critical role in intelligence processing, security operations and mission planning.

Jenkins said: "Josh's dedication to serving veterans is evident in everything he has accomplished. His military experience, combined with his passion for higher education and community service, makes him the ideal leader for our Veteran Services Department. We are confident that under his leadership, Westchester County will continue to provide the highest level of support to those who have served our nation. We also extend our deepest gratitude to retiring Veterans Director Ron Tocci for his service to our country, and his many years of dedicated public service."

Following his military service, Gaccione dedicated his career to supporting veterans and underserved communities. Since 2013, he has served at Westchester Community College, where he served as Director of Student Support Services & Student Conduct. In this role, he has led initiatives to combat resource insecurity, secured millions of dollars in funding for student support programs, and developed policies that have had a lasting impact on student success. Most notably, he established the Veterans Resource Office, increasing enrollment, retention and graduation rates for student veterans while ensuring compliance with state and federal policies.

Gaccione said: "I am honored to step into this role and continue serving my fellow veterans. Westchester County has a strong tradition of supporting those who have served, and I look forward to expanding our programs, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that every veteran in our community has the resources and opportunities they deserve."

New York State Department of Veterans' Services Commissioner Viviana DeCohen said: "Congratulations to Josh Gaccione on his appointment as Westchester County's new Director of Veteran Services. Josh has been a good friend to me and so many in our Veterans community, and Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins made a fantastic choice with his appointment. I also want to recognize my mentor Ron Tocci for his work as Westchester County's Director of Veterans Services, a Member of the New York State Assembly, Westchester County Board of Legislators, and United States Army. I know everyone joins me in wishing Ron well in his next chapter. Under County Executive Jenkins' leadership and Director Gaccione's commitment, Veterans will continue receiving first-class service as Westchester County remains a dynamic, inclusive place where everyone, especially Veterans and their families, can thrive."

As the former Director of the Veterans Outreach and Support Program at Family Services of Westchester, Gaccione developed and managed a countywide initiative that provided vital resources and support for veterans and their families. His expertise in program development, strategic partnerships, and advocacy has made a significant impact on the veteran community in Westchester County.

In his new role, Gaccione will oversee programs and services that assist veterans in Westchester County, ensuring they have access to benefits, employment resources, mental health support and community-based initiatives.

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Law enforcement partners have been able to navigate and work with us though this process and haven't had any issues that we are aware of. Our Immigrant Protection Act was enacted to be able to have people protected and public safety of the upmost importance to all, so crimes against immigrant communities and housing issues, could be reported.

My father was a NYC Police Officer, we have long affirmed our commitment to public safety, and our commitment to public safety -we are dedicated to keep this county safe-the decline in crime is a testament to the strong partnership with law enforcement, community leaders and residents," said Jenkins.

Since the passage of the Immigrant Protection Act in 2018, there has been debate over whether that law makes Westchester a Sanctuary County.

Jenkins and his predecessor, George Latimer, claim that it does not, while other republicans, including Jenkins opponent in the special election, and his likely opponent in November, Christine Sculti, claim that Westchester is a Sanctuary County.

The IPA requires ICE to obtain a Federal warrant from a Judge in order to detain an illegal, or undocumented resident and take them into custody.

While there have been no public statements by ICE regarding their work in Westchester in 2025, there have been reports of ICE sightings in Sleepy Hollow, Ossining, Peekskill and Pleasantville.

Pleasantville Police Chief Erik Grutzner reiterated that "If there are situations where we're asked to hold people, or investigate them for anything that's out of the purview of what we've done in the past, then we are respectfully declining those requests."

And that is the policy for most police departments in Westchester County. In recent cases where ICE was spotted in some communities, their efforts were to detain undocumented residents with criminal histories.

Some school districts, including the Yonkers Public Schools, have clarified their policy.

"Aligned with the Yonkers Public Schools commitment to safeguarding the rights of all students, the District has shared New York State Education Department guidance with building leaders regarding the rights of immigrant students. Per this guidance, law enforcement will not be allowed on school property to remove students based on immigrant status without a judicial warrant. Our focus is creating safe spaces for all students." Said Akeem Jamal, YPS Communications Officer.

Yonkers City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac said, "In light of recent concerns about immigration enforcement and the presence of ICE in our community, I want to take this opportunity to share essential information to help protect you, your loved ones, and your neighbors. Yonkers is a community built on diversity and resilience, and together, we can ensure everyone feels informed and empowered. Please know that I recently had conversations with Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Police Department Commissioner Chris Sapienza, both of whom assured me that Yonkers will not assist ICE in their operations."

Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie also commented on ICE in her city. On Jan 31, Peekskill Police were notified that ICE were in Peekskill in search of an undocumented resident with a criminal record.

"Residents should be aware that the Peekskill Police Department's own regulations, consistent with New York State and Westchester County law, prohibit members of the police department from engaging in law enforcement activities solely for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law, unless required to do so by a judicial warrant or other federal law," said McKenzie.

ICE's website and social media have not included any story on apprehensions or detentions in Westchester County.

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Former Sing Sing Correction Officer Sentenced to 1-3 Years Over Cellphone Smuggling Scheme

Jose Estevez-Luciano pleaded guilty in November to conspiracy, bribery, contraband and misconduct charges.

On Feb. 14, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a former correction officer at the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, in Ossining, N.Y., was sentenced by Judge James McCarty Thursday to 1 to 3 years in state prison over a scheme to smuggle cellphones into the facility to incarcerated individuals.

The sentence comes after Jose Estevez-Luciano, 35, of Yorktown Heights, pleaded guilty in November to one count each of Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree, Bribe Receiving in the Second Degree, Promoting Prison Contraband in the First Degree and Official Misconduct.

DA Cacace said: "Correction officers are entrusted with maintaining facility safety and protecting incarcerated individuals, staff and visitors, in part by rooting out contraband. Scheming to undermine these safeguards, all for personal enrichment, makes our prisons less safe and erodes public trust in government.

"The vast majority of correction officers are law-abiding public servants who work a thankless, often dangerous, job, day in and day out. Correction staff who flout the law are the exception, not the rule. But we will not hesitate to pursue cases against officers who breach their oath of office."

Estevez-Luciano and a co-conspirator, Francis De La Cruz, 25, of Sleepy Hollow, were initially charged in a 40-count indictment with conspiring to smuggle cellphones to individuals incarcerated at Sing Sing, in exchange for payment from the individuals' associates, between October 2021 and August 2023.

Estevez-Luciano and De La Cruz exchanged messages with each other in furtherance of the conspiracy, planning their smuggling operation and discussing ways to avoid detection.

In one message, Estevez-Luciano told De La Cruz to avoid sending screenshots of his discussions with incarcerated individuals' associates about the smuggling operation.

"When they send you a photo, don't send it to me," Estevez-Luciano said. "Send me regular because they are investigating and checking all phones."

De La Cruz pleaded guilty in November to two counts of the indictment. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 6.

Pot Bust on Cross County, continued from pg 1-

Our tale unfolds one night last week when PO Peluso made a traffic stop on the CCP in Mount Vernon for an observed cell phone violation. As he approached the driver, he also saw there were two passengers in the car and multiple bags of various sizes, shapes and colors throughout the passenger compartment. In speaking with the driver, and through training and experience, he quickly recognized possible signs of potential marijuana trafficking.

After further investigation, the three suspects (from Connecticut) were taken into custody and the car, a Toyota Camry with Illinois plates, was impounded. Back at headquarters, officers and detectives inventoried the contents of the bags and others like them found in the trunk. Assuming you already looked at the accompanying photo, you know what they found.

Our three suspects are not being identified at this time due to an ongoing investigation. They were charged with Criminal Possession of Cannabis 1st Degree, a felony.

Nice job by PO Peluso! He recognized signs of possible trafficking and investigated accordingly.

And we'd be remiss if we didn't add:

Never use a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device.

Note: This arrest and discovery of such a large amount of marijuana points to another fact. Despite the legalization of marijuana in New York, there is still a black market that exists and continues to sell pot. Some social media comments on this story say the reason is that the price for legal marijuana is too high because of the NYS taxation. This gripe comes years after marijuana users called for legalization.

Letter to the Editor:

END THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-

This is a capsulation of an article by a national known educator, appearing in a major newspaper on February 14th 2025.

"The founders of our great nation, in 1867, established land grants to the states, especially for the building of schools.

They did not seek to control learning from a distant capital, but entrusted it to those nearest the student, they knew that education to be effective must be free".

"The modern Department of Education is a repudiation of this principle, who quickly demoted it to an office of the Department of the Interior after public resistance. "

"The modest bureau was to be a clearing house of information by which citizens and statesman could learn from one another.

Resurrected as a cabinet department in 1979, this department has grown into a sprawling bureaucracy that weakens, rather strengthens American learning.

It governs by detailed and impenetrable rules, by mandates that burden schools, diminishes teachers, and estrange education from the purpose it was meant to serve."

"The scale of this failure is plain, the department oversees \$1.6 trillion in student loans—92% of all student loan debt. Employing 4,400 bureaucrats to enforce ever-shifting social policies, it issues thousands of regulations that entangle every level of schooling.

"Among the 23 million civilian employees in America, 11 million work in public education—yet fewer than half of them, only 4.7 million, are teachers or their assistants. The rest are administrators and regulators, consuming more than half the system's resources while standing apart from the classroom."

Joe Pettit

Yorktown HTS, NY

(source: Restoring America, End the Department of Education—Published in the Washington Examiner By Larry P. Arnn, Ph.D. President of Hillsdale College)

Police Find Ghost Guns & Cocaine in Lewisboro



Some of the Ghost Guns found by Westchester County & Lewisboro Police

From the WCPD / Narcotics Unit

Two Lewisboro residents were arrested and seven "ghost guns" were seized earlier this week following an investigation by the WCPD Narcotics Unit and supported by the Lewisboro Police Department.

Nicholas Pinnetti, 46, and Brooke Ahern, 42, of Hillside Avenue, Goldens Bridge, were charged with multiple felonies, including Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd, 3rd and 4th Degrees and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th Degree.

Pinnetti, a previously convicted felon, and Ahern were found in possession of seven personally made firearms, a quantity of cocaine and unfinished firearm frames. Investigators determined they had been utilizing a 3D printer to manufacture un-serialized firearms and modifying flare guns into operable weapons.

A search warrant was executed at their residence about 8 a.m. on Tuesday morning and they were taken into custody at that time. They were arraigned and sent to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$3,500 bail.

The investigation, which is continuing, was conducted with additional assistance from the Westchester County Police Special Response Team, Emergency Service Unit, Forensic Investigations Unit, and Hazardous Devices Unit; and the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit, FBI Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, Queens County District Attorney's Office and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

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 - Strong customer service and communication skills.
 - Proficiency in using computer systems and parts catalogs.
 - Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and handle multiple tasks.
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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

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

Westchester Knicks, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Get tickets <https://www.ticketmaster.com/westchester-knicks-vs-raptors-905-white-plains-new-york-02-21-2025/event/00006132FEBF8610>

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

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

Sugar House Chat, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us in our Sugar House to watch and learn how we boil our sap to make maple syrup. Also: March 1.

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

Native Plant Seed Dumplings Workshop, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join Hilltop's Native Plant team to make seed dumplings. It's a great hands-on activity to sow native wildflowers that support our local pollinator and insect populations! All seeds are local-ecotype and grown here on the farm. \$5.

Preregistration is required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-plant-seed-dumplings-workshop-tickets-1141048890949?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Predators and Prey, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn all about the differences between predators and prey, from their behaviors to their body structures, from Trailside's impressive collection of taxidermy and bones. They will be used to illustrate how animals adapt to survive in their unique ecosystems. This program is oriented to those in grades 3 through 8, but all ages are welcome.

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

Harvest + Craft: Face Masks, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

In this indoor class, we will focus on crafting skincare face masks using natural and gentle ingredients. Recommended for ages 10 and older. \$17.85 per person. Supplies are included in the program fee.

Get tickets <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-craft-face-masks-tickets-1124681866739?aff=oddtcreator>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Animal Interactions, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ages 8 and up can enter one of our enclosures to see, touch and learn about an animal of the farmer's choice. \$27.77 for two (one adult and one child, as adult supervision is required; or two adults). Meet at the reception center and wear sturdy, closed-toe footwear. Also: March 22.

Pre-registration required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-1105856950909?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

Invasives "R" Us, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to identify and remove these problematic plants. All tools and hand gloves will be provided; great for service credit hours.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

History of Marshlands Hike, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Take a walk with us to learn about the Conservancy's fascinating history. Led by Clare Francis, president of the Friends of Marshlands.

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

Invasive Species Awareness Walk, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kick off North American Invasive Species Awareness Week with a hike around the preserve to learn about and discuss native and invasive species. Moderate hike; hiking shoes recommended.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Sugarhouse Chat, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

How does sap become syrup? Stop by during those three hours to see our Sugar Shack in action! We will be inside using the evaporator to boil down gallons of Lenoir's very own maple sap until we have sweet maple syrup! All ages. Also: March 1.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23

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

Community Science Series: FeederWatch, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

From the comfort of the Nature Center, join staff in practicing techniques for studying bird populations, how to identify common bird species and how to bring birds into your yard.

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

Spinning Bananas and Weaving Tails, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Ages 5 and up will spin banana and other plant fibers such as corn and mint to make yarn that they will use to weave a mini wall hanging. \$5 per child.

Pre-registration required <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/spinning-bananas-and-weaving-tails/>

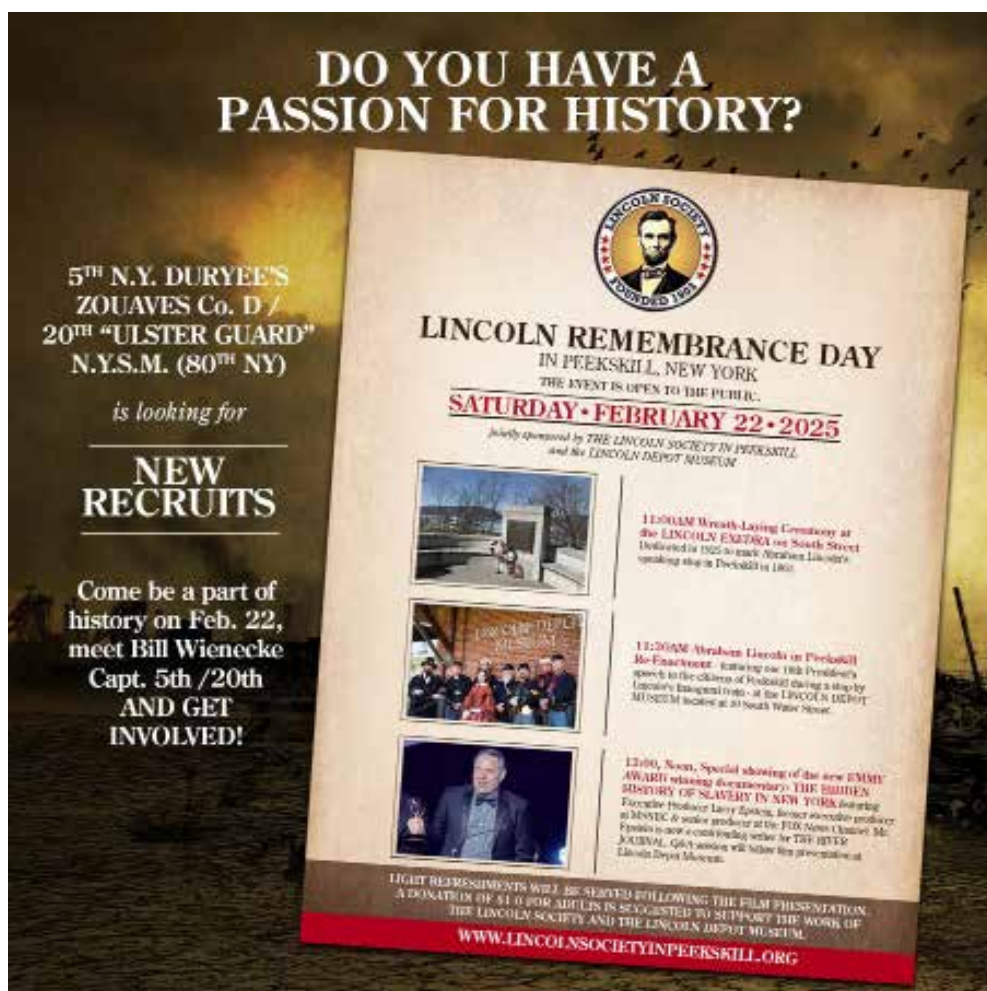
Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Guided Farm Tours, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Join a guide who will take you on a free tour around the farm to visit and learn about our animals and some of our historic buildings. Also: March 23. Pre-registration required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guided-farm-tours-tickets-1138257190899?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Green in Winter, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Observe different species of evergreen vegetation, from trees to shrubs and others.

Lincoln Remembrance Day in Peekskill Feb. 22

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 Saturday, February 22, 2025 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 2025 Annual Lincoln Remembrance Day Event:
 Lincoln Remembrance Event: Saturday, 22 February 2025: SCHEDULE
 11:00 Wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Exedra on South Street
 11:30 Recreation of Lincoln's 1861 visit to Peekskill at the Lincoln Depot Museum
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 featuring Executive Producer Larry Epstein, former executive producer @ MSNBC & senior producer @ the FOX News Channel. Mr. Epstein is now a contributing writer for THE RIVER JOURNAL. Q&A session will follow film presentation @ Lincoln Depot Museum. The public is invited to attend.
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 Songs, Speeches, Refreshments.
 A donation of \$10. for adults is suggested to support the work of the Lincoln Society and the Lincoln Depot Museum.

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balancing team, Duo Marrufo. Hailing from Guinea, West Africa, the Bone Breakers have presented their unforgettable jaw-dropping contortion act to audiences around the world and been featured on America's Got Talent. Direct from Ukraine, the Bingo Troupe presents their renowned high-energy display of dance, acrobatics and aerial artistry that fills the tent with their boundless exuberance. Show times are 7:00pm on weekdays and 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays. For tickets and additional information, please visit www.FlipCircus.com. Tickets start at \$15.00 (children) and \$50.00 (adults) with senior/military/handicap and family pack discounts available. Tickets will also be available in person at the box office during each engagement.

Also in attendance were Congressman George Latimer, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive Ken Jenkins, State Senator Robert Jackson, Assemblyman Steve Otis, Assembly Member Chris Burdick, Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, Assembly Member Mary Jane Shimsky, County Legislator Vedat Gashi, Legislator Erika Pierce, Legislator Catherine Parker, Legislator Ben Boykin, Legislator Judah Holstein, Legislator David Tubiolo, Legislator David Imamura, Legislator James Nolan, Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner, City of Rye Mayor Josh Cohn, City of Rye Manager Greg Ustry, Mamaroneck Town Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney, Mamaroneck Town Council Member Anant Nambiar, Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, New Castle Town Supervisor Victoria Tipp, North Castle Town Board Member Barbara DiGiacinto, New Rochelle City Council Member Sara Kaye, Port Chester Deputy Mayor Philip Dorazio, Tarrytown Trustee Kenny Herzog, Tuckahoe Trustee Josh Gaccione, White Plains City Council Member Victoria Presser, White Plains City Council Member Richard Payne, Yonkers City Council Member Corazon Pineda- Issac, and Yonkers City Council Member Anthony Merante.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I hear daily from constituents who, despite every effort to conserve energy, face outrageous utility bills with unaffordable delivery charges. The Public Service Commission is not fulfilling its responsibility to establish delivery rates for gas, electric, and other regulated utilities that are 'fair, just, and reasonable.' The PSC and ConEd must be held accountable.

"I am proud to sponsor legislation in the State Senate that will directly address the high utility costs, including my bill to prevent utility companies from recovering from ratepayers salaries greater than the Governor's salary (currently \$250,000) and legal fees and other costs incurred during their participation in the rate case in excess of \$100,000; and another bill (which has passed the Senate three times) that targets key elements of the rate-setting process – the rate of return on equity and common equity ratio – to reign in the profits utility companies earn at the expense of ratepayers.

"I am grateful to every constituent who has reached out to me about their outrageous ConEd bills and to every person who attended the event. The PSC has failed to adequately protect consumers and the utility companies have protected shareholder profits at the expense of New Yorkers. It is shameful, and I will keep fighting and advocating for every New Yorker and especially Westchester residents."

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "New York State has some of the highest utility rates in the country, and many New Yorkers are currently struggling to pay their utility bills. Con Edison's proposed double-digit rate-hikes would exacerbate the significant financial strain and stress that residents in my district of Westchester and areas across New York are already experiencing. I'm proud that our Senate Democratic Conference has recently passed legislation that would empower the Public Service Commission (PSC) to evaluate the economic impact of any proposed utility rate changes on consumers. I stand with Senator Mayer, my colleagues, and our communities in demanding fairness, transparency, and accountability when it comes to utility pricing."

Assemblyman Steve Otis said, "We need to reform the process for the setting of rates and the allocation of costs. Utilities should not be allowed to use their monopoly status to pass all operation costs to consumers and shielding the company from responsibility for expenses owners of other businesses would share."

"Con Ed must be stopped from its relentless rate hikes. It's unconscionable and outrageous that they proposed yet another rate hike, this time a whopping increase of 11.4% for electricity and 13.3% for natural gas. Con Ed shareholders saw third-quarter earnings up 11.8%. Meanwhile, Social Security recipients saw only a 2.5% cost of living increase," said Assembly Member Chris Burdick. "I receive so many phone calls and emails from constituents who are now struggling to pay Con Ed bills that are double or triple what they used to be. I am calling on the Public Service Commission to reject in its entirety any increase in rates. It's time for shareholders to pony up."

Assembly Member Mary Jane Shimsky said, "Westchester residents already carry some of the highest gas and electric rates in the country. Con Ed's new filing for a double-digit increase is simply outrageous and unacceptable. It far outpaces the rate of inflation and what our residents can afford — all while Con Edison's business notches record profits. I strongly urge the Public Service Commission to reject their proposal."

"We are all suffering as a result of Con Ed's endless rate increases. Despite having solar panels on my home, I also find myself paying delivery charges that are all out of proportion to the amount of energy my household consumes. I am proud to stand with Senator Mayer and so many others to call on the Public Service Commission to reject this new request for a rate increase, and I will continue to work with my colleagues to pass legislation that will rein in our utility costs," said Assembly Member Dana Levenberg.

"Con Ed's recent proposal for another double-digit rate increase is unacceptable. Many Westchester residents are already struggling to pay exorbitantly high ConEd bills. This proposed rate increase will contribute to making Westchester unaffordable for residents— especially our elderly and others who are living on fixed incomes. Together with my Assembly colleagues we are going to fight this increase," said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh said, "I am proud to join Senator Mayer and colleagues in government to urge the rejection of a rate hike by the New York Public Service Commission. It is clear that residents across our region are suffering under already very costly electric and gas bills from Con Ed. I find the recent proposal for an additional rate hike from Con Ed to be outrageous and not feasible. Affordability and cost of living remains an issue of extreme importance for our residents and the last thing our residents need is a rate hike from Con Ed."

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SUNY Westchester Community College Sees Significant Increase in Veteran Enrollment

SUNY Westchester Community College (SUNY WCC) is proud to announce a significant rise in the number of veterans choosing to further their education at the college. Since the Spring 2021 semester, veteran enrollment has doubled, increasing from 105 students to 210 in Spring 2025. This growth reflects the college's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities and comprehensive support for those who have served our country.

SUNY WCC offers a range of resources to assist veterans and their families, including financial aid guidance and academic counseling. Veterans and their eligible family members can take advantage of GI Bill®, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA), Military Career Advancement Account (MyCAA), Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) programs and more to help fund their education. Additionally, thanks to new rules regarding the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) now is a good time for veterans to check to see if they are eligible for educational benefits through the VA. The college's Veterans Resource Office and financial aid counselors are well-versed in all aspects of Post 9/11 GI Bill assistance and are dedicated to helping veterans navigate the process. To learn more about the changes in the Montgomery GI Bill® please visit the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>

"The remarkable increase in veteran enrollment at SUNY WCC is a testament to our commitment to supporting those who have served," said Travis Melby, Veterans Assistant Director. "We understand the unique challenges that veterans face when transitioning to higher education, and we are here to provide them with the resources, guidance, and community they need to succeed."

Veterans interested in learning more about the services available at SUNY WCC can visit the Veterans Services website at <https://www.sunywcc.edu/student-services/counseling/veterans>.

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control." He went on to say divorce happened because men and women did not know their roles.

Thursday, February 27th

February 27, 1880: The Yonkers Club, led by William Kellock, won the finals of the Grand National Rink Curling Competition to take home the Gordon Championship Medal at the New York Skating Rink.

February 27, 1935: Alderman Sylvester Barker introduced a local law in the Common Council requiring a two-year residence of all Civil Service employees appointed by Civil Service.

February 27, 1936: Eleanor Powell of Pennsylvania Avenue was labeled as the "best and prettiest lady tap dancer in the world" in the latest issue of *Made-moiselle* magazine for women.

Friday, February 28th

February 28, 1923: Mary Noonan, caretaker of the Yonkers City Pier, rescued an eight-year-old floating on Hudson River ice! The boy fell in the Hudson while testing ice strength and climbed onto a nearby ice floe. Making her rounds at the pier, Mrs. Noonan heard his cries, quickly unwound her neck scarf and threw him its end. With great difficulty, she managed to pull him close enough to the dock to help him to safety.

February 28, 1952: Yonkers began demolition of the former Eschmann mansion on Warburton Avenue to build an extension to School 25. Used many years as a Board of Ed supply warehouse, the residence was built in the early twentieth century for F. W. Eschmann, President of Arlington Chemical Company, who lived there for twelve years.

The estate's stable and garage housed Engine 8 of the Yonkers Fire Department; the city owned the Eschmann dock on the Hudson.

Saturday, March 1st

March 1, 1936: The School Sixteen PTA Burlesque "Dream of a Clown" was performed by some of Yonkers most prominent residents. The all-male cast featured 70 well-known Yonkers residents capering in ballet and evening skirts. Mayor Joseph Loehr played a bridegroom who promised to take his blushing bride, County Registrar Will Condon, "in awful padlock" in the "perforated bonds of matrimony." Former Public Safety Commissioner Walter Mitchell was so fetching, he won the title of "Miss Yonkers!"

March 1, 1945: Yonkers High and NYU graduate Lieutenant August Rabe flying a P-51 Mustang, while returning from escorting Liberators over Central Germany, joined his squadron strafing a German ammunitions train, thirteen locomotives, and eleven motor trucks. One train, its boxcar filled with explosives, disintegrated and blew up train tracks, leaving craters where it once stood. The blast was so intense, debris blew up to the attacking fighters. Pilots reported "our mustangs flipped like flapjacks."

From Hillside Avenue, Rabe originally was with the Royal Canadian Air Force and transferred to the Army Air Forces after D-Day.

Sunday, March 2nd

March 2, 1915: Officers of the Third Precinct moved into their new commodious Station House on Radford Street. The well-lighted and ventilated rooms had everything necessary for up-to-date police work. One favorite feature was a second-floor assembly room where the men could socialize.

March 2, 1928: Governor Alfred E. Smith expressed his belief Westchester Country would eventually become a city. He planned to resume his fight with the Republican Legislature to create a special commission to study possible consolidation of small New York State counties.

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.yonkershistorical-society.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 56421/2024 Keybank, NA Plaintiff, vs Unknown Heirs Of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, 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, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Mary Ann Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Donella Marie Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, James Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Loretta H. Davis As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Milo R. Davis, JR. As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Unknown Heirs Of Milo R. Davis If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, 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, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 80 Touissant Avenue Yonkers, NY 10710 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel, Unknown Heirs Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gretchen Walsh of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Tenth day of January, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated December 30, 2011, executed by Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel (who died on January 20, 2019, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$150,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 520373408 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 11, 2012. The property in question is described as follows: 80 Touissant Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: January 15, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 84237

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