

## Brooks Brothers is More Than Just Menswear

By Ken Davis, Yonkers, NY



Frank H. Brooks  
1897 - 1967

Born three years apart, Frank H. Brooks (1897-1967) and Thomas P. Brooks (1900-1959) are the sons of Mr. Tolar Brooks (1869-1943) and Mrs. Amanda (Ayles) Brooks (1880-1953). Both sons offered a unique service to the citizens of Yonkers back in the day. Frank cared for the dearly departed and their family, while Thomas protected citizens' safety and property.

Frank H. Brook attended and graduated from Public School #2 and Yonkers High School. After graduating from embalming schools, Frank and Elliott M. Pryor became partners in the funeral business, Pryor & Brooks Funeral Home. After Elliott M. Pryor died in 1961, Frank and Pauline (Wife) became the new owners of Brook's Memorial Home, Inc. Frank Brooks married Pauline E.

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Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, right, with Assembly candidate Frank Jereis

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## I Voted for Trump Three Times: Now I Have Doubts



By Dan Murphy

One of the stories we have been covering is the response from some Trump voters in Westchester who may have had enough of ICE policy and Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill.

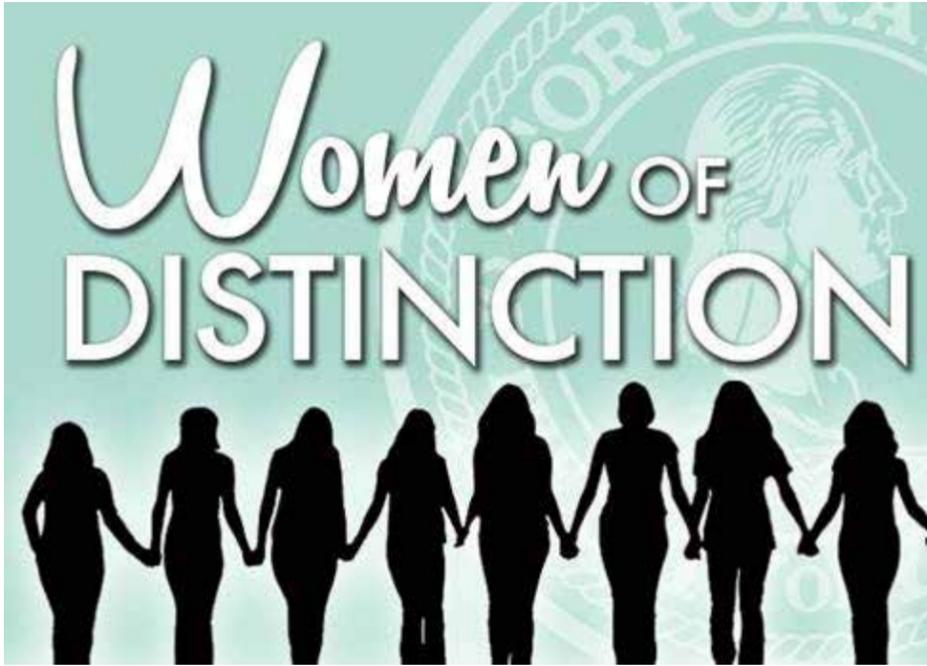
Frank Spotorno was at Trump Tower in 2015 for Donald's Presidential announcement. Frank ran for Congress in 2016 in NY-14 as a republican and on the same ticket with Trump. He has been one of President Trump's biggest supporters over the past 10 years.

But recently, Spotorno, who has an active Facebook page and a large following, has expressed his objections to some of Trump's policies, namely tariffs, Medicaid changes, and lack of affordability.

On the State of the Union: "Folks, tonight's State of the Union address is going to be a real doozy. Our fearless leader will spin us a tale of grandeur, trying to convince us we're liv-

Frank Spotorno  
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## City of Yonkers Accepting 2026 Nominations For Annual Women of Distinction Award



*In Celebration of Women's History Month, Annual Awards Celebrate the Yonkers Women Who Positively Impact the Community*

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the City of Yonkers is accepting nominations for the city's annual "Women of Distinction" Award, presented each year during March to celebrate Women's History Month. The annual "Women of Distinction" Award recognizes Yonkers women who have served their local community and positively impacted the lives of Yonkers residents. Nominations for "Women of Distinction" are to be submitted at [www.YonkersNY.gov/women](http://www.YonkersNY.gov/women).

"Yonkers takes great pride in the countless women whose leadership, service, and dedication strengthen and elevate our community," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Whether they are educators, entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, or community advocates, the women of Yonkers continue to make extraordinary contributions that move our city forward. I encourage every resident to recognize the exceptional women in their lives by submitting a nomination for our Women of Distinction awards. This is our moment to honor their achievements, highlight their impact, and inspire future generations to follow in their footsteps."

The deadline to submit a nomination is Thursday, March 12; the award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 pm at Yonkers City Hall (Ceremonial Courtroom, 4th Floor). In collaboration with the Mayor, winners will be selected by the Mayor's Women's Advisory Board.

### About Women's History Month

Women's History Month originated in 1981 when Congress passed a resolution requesting President Reagan to commemorate "Women's History Week." The President proclaimed the week beginning on March 7, 1982 as the first Women's History Week and the nation continued to designate a week in March as Women's History Week until 1987 when the month of March was officially declared "Women's History Month." Learn more at [www.womenshistory-month.gov](http://www.womenshistory-month.gov).

## Progressive Women kick off petition campaign for state and county legislature in Yonkers

NYS Assembly hopeful Jeanette Garcia (90th AD); and County Legislative candidates Kisha Skipper (15th CLD) and Leslye Oquendo-Thomas (17th CLD) kicked off the 2026 petitioning season tonight at midnight as Tuesday, February 24 marks the first day for each to gather 500 signatures to appear on the Democratic line.

We started at the Stop & Shop at the Cross County Shopping Center and when the store closed the final customers become the first signers of this election cycle. Afterwards the candidates traveled to a bodega on South Broadway to gather more signatures.

They will regroup after breakfast with their campaign teams to pan out throughout the district. Democrats are allowed to sign petitions until April 2, 2026 but each of these of the women are in a competitive contest for an open seat where only the first petition a voter signs for each office counts. Registered Democrats can contact each campaign to obtain a petition or to volunteer on each campaign.

### Letter to the Editor:

#### *Anyone from Westchester in the Epstein Files?*

I hope your paper and website will find out if any Westchester residents appear in the recently released, 3.5 million Epstein files.

I for one, am horrified that while there has been arrests made in Great Britain, there doesn't appear to be anyone under threat of arrest here in the USA.

I don't care where the chips fall, democrat or republican. Justice needs to be served for all of the victims.

I hope that the victims are not forced to "out" who had sex with them under Epstein's duress. And that is another important fact, regardless of how old these girls were, they were under threats from Epstein to harm their families if they didn't go along.

I know that Bill and Hillary Clinton are in the Epstein files and live in Westchester I think that Bill should testify and Hillary should not. Once again, she is standing by her man, but one time too many for me

*Sincerely, Elizabeth Rotella, Somers*

## UPAC-Ira Goldman Memorial Concert Set for March 15 at Will Library

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## County Executive Ken Jenkins Endorses Frank Jereis for Assembly

Democrat Frank Jereis' campaign for New York State Assembly continues to gain momentum and support, today earning the endorsement of County Executive Ken Jenkins. Jenkins, former head of the Yonkers NAACP and longtime Yonkers resident and civil leader, praised Jereis for his experience, commitment, and knowledge of the needs of Yonkers families. Jereis currently serves as Chief of Staff to the incumbent Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, who has announced he is not seeking re-election. The 90th Assembly District is the only Assembly District wholly contained in the City of Yonkers.

"As someone who lives in and loves Yonkers, I'm proud to endorse Frank Jereis for State Assembly," said County Executive Jenkins. "Frank is committed to lowering costs and making our city more affordable, bringing in good jobs, and keeping our streets safe. I know we can count on him to stand strong for our Democratic values, and I know he'll make an excellent Assemblymember."

"I want to thank County Executive Jenkins for his endorsement and for his years of hard work and results for the people of Yonkers," said Jereis. "It's no secret that we are in challenging times, and I look forward to working with CE Jenkins and all of my colleagues in government to lower utility rates, increase our supply of housing that families can afford, keep our street safe, and stand up to Washington extremism that is hurting New York."

Jereis' campaign, which is a month old, is already attracting a broad base of support. In addition to Jenkins, he has earned the endorsements of County Legislators Jose Alvarado, Shanae Williams, and David Tubiolo; AFSCME Local 1897; our local Police, Firefighter, and Teamsters unions; and the unanimous support from the Yonkers Democratic Committee.

### Letter to the Editor: Thanks for all of your efforts

Mr. Murphy, first let us say that all of your readers are praying for Eric Schoen. He is a true fighter, and as you have written in the past, he is your most popular columnist.

I wanted to tell you how much people appreciate picking up the paper, mostly at Supermarkets but at other locations as well.

I have not read alot of news from the Yonkers Police Department lately.

*Sincerely*

*Denise Murray, Yonkers*

## Expansion, and a New 4-acre park Coming to Cross County Center

Marx Realty (MNPP), a New York-based owner, developer and manager of office, retail and multifamily properties across the United States, has begun construction on a two-building, 60,000-square-foot retail expansion at Cross County Center in Yonkers, NY. The 1.15 million-square-foot retail center, originally housing 30 stores when it opened in 1954, is now home to over 100 retail, dining, educational and entertainment outposts across several buildings and serves as the heart of the Westchester community.

"The incredible demand for space at Cross County Center created the need to bring new physical space to the property," said Craig Deitelzweig, CEO of Marx Realty. "The country's leading retail and dining destinations want to plant their flags at Cross County Center due in large part to our special mix of tenants and uses as well as our beautiful green spaces, hands on management and our ongoing reinvestment in maintaining its place as the northeast region's preeminent retail center. We also are excited to introduce a new 4-acre park and boardwalk which will act as the new "front door" to Cross County Center."

Two new buildings – one single-story building comprising 14,000 square feet and one two-story building comprising 44,000 square feet -- will rise on the north lot at Cross County Center and infrastructure-related construction for the new development is currently underway. Plans call for a 44,000-square-foot build out for a national apparel retailer's super flagship location while Marx Realty will restack existing tenants to best accommodate new and existing retailers at the Center. There also will be underground parking and new vertical transportation.

Marx Realty will also develop a beautiful 4-acre green park with an allée of trees, creating an oasis to accommodate seasonal programming and serve as the heart, and new "front door," of this iconic lifestyle center. The park will include a variety of seating options while the space will accommodate farmer's markets, SummerFest events and many wellness programs. An adjacent boardwalk will offer café-style seating and umbrella shaded areas. This space, with its dramatic landscaping, will act as the new 'front door' to Cross County Center and will feature signage to welcome visitors. Cross County Center has been a beacon of innovation and remarkable growth since its inception, and the addition of new retail and green spaces for gathering amplifies its position as one of the most successful lifestyle centers in the country.

Cross County Center revolutionized the retail landscape when it opened as the nation's first open-air shopping destination in 1954. Cross County Center continues to evolve, maintaining a consistently diverse roster of dining outposts and creating a one-of-a-kind experiential mix including retail, dining and educational uses while raising the bar for retail centers worldwide. The experience at Cross County Center has continually fostered a dynamic community atmosphere seeing 14 million visitors annually while attracting well-known retail tenants.

"Cross County Center provides a vibrant and welcoming space for visitors whether they visit to shop and dine or just to unwind with family and friends," continued Deitelzweig. "Green spaces, a beautiful new park, seating areas and year-round programming provide ample opportunity to spend a day at the center enjoying all it has to offer. Current and prospective tenants understand the value of our efforts and the placemaking power of real estate."

TPG Architecture is the architect of record while Dirtworks is the landscape architecture firm charged with creating the welcoming park-like ambiance as part of the expansion.

Over the years, Cross County Center has seen many transformations, including the conversion of the Cross County Hospital into office space in 1977, which now houses the Hyatt Place Hotel. Marx Realty also secured a long-term lease with Target in the former Sears space and brought SUNY Westchester to the same building space for its new lab spaces and design school, further adding to the robust mix of uses.

The outdoor lifestyle center is located at the intersection of Cross County Parkway and I-87 and is home to many of the top names in retail and dining including the first Shake Shack and Zara in the county as well as a growing SUNY Westchester location.

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## City Council Stated Meeting Decisions February 24, 2026

1. LOCAL LAW – AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE FORMER PUBLIC SCHOOL # 9 FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SAID PROPERTY. (POSITIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (COUNCILMEMBER DIAZ.) A LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PURCHASING THE FORMER PUBLIC SCHOOL #9 FOR THE SUM OF 3.2 MILLION DOLLARS TO REDEVELOP INTO A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH APPROXIMATELY 65 MARKET-RATE APARTMENTS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

2. LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS TITLED “ZONING” BY AMENDING ARTICLE XV IN RELATION TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. ADOPTING NEW SPECIFIC PURPOSES SUCH AS IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM WHERE ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MULTIFAMILY HOUSING WILL BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, CHANGING THE HOUSEHOLD EARNING TO BETWEEN 40% AND 120% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME, AND OTHERS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

3. SPECIAL ORDINANCE – CONFIRMING THE TAX ROLL FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAXES, INCLUDING SEWER DISTRICT TAXES AND REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES CONTAINED THEREIN. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) THE CITY ASSESSOR HAS FINALIZED THE 2026 PROPERTY TAX RECORDS, AND TAXES SHOWN ON IT ARE FORMALLY APPROVED AND CHARGED TO EACH PROPERTY OWNER-LISTED. (ADOPTED 6-0)

4. SPECIAL ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF STATE NEIGHBORHOOD NATURALLY OCCURRING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (“NNORC”) GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,682 FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27. (POSITIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING HAS AWARDED THE CITY OF YONKERS A GRANT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR FIVE YEARS, WHERE THE CITY WILL PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

5. RESOLUTION – ISSUING A DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR THE PROPOSED SALE OF CITY REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 53 MORNINGSIDE AVENUE (OLD PS 9). (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (COUNCILMEMBER DIAZ.) BASED ON THE CITY COUNCIL’S REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM, THE CITY ADOPTS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA, FINDING THE PROPOSED SALE WILL HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

6. RESOLUTION – APPROVING CERTAIN TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENTS. (NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) LIST OF APPROVED SETTLEMENTS TO BE RECORDED. (ADOPTED 6-0)

7. RESOLUTION -INITIATING THE REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CERTAIN STREET SHALL BE DECLARED PUBLIC. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (MAJORITY WHIP NORMAN.) A REQUEST TO DECLARE A CERTAIN PORTION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL DRIVE A PUBLIC STREET. A REVIEW MUST BE CONDUCTED WHERE INFORMATION IS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS THE REQUEST AND DETERMINE IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY. (ADOPTED 6-0)

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## Increased Security Planned Across Westchester for Religious Observances



Visible patrols, intelligence gathering to be utilized to safeguard houses of worship

Westchester County Police and its law enforcement partners will be conducting increased patrols around houses of worship and religious gatherings over the next two months as members of the community observe holy days during Ramadan, Passover, Lent and Easter.

The County Police and all law enforcement agencies within Counter-Terrorism Zone 3 are once again participating in Operation Safeguard, which includes an increased police presence around religious institutions and mass gatherings for religious observances. CTZ-3 comprises Westchester and Putnam counties.

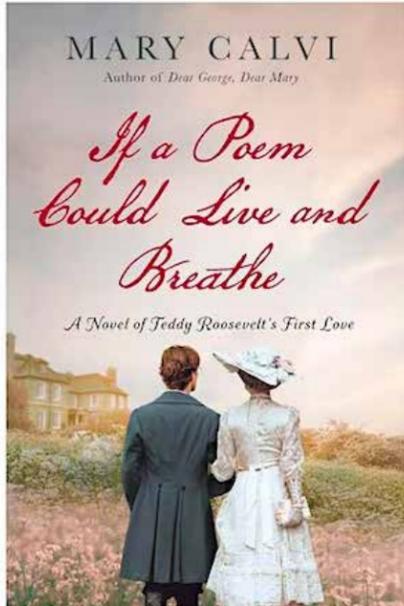
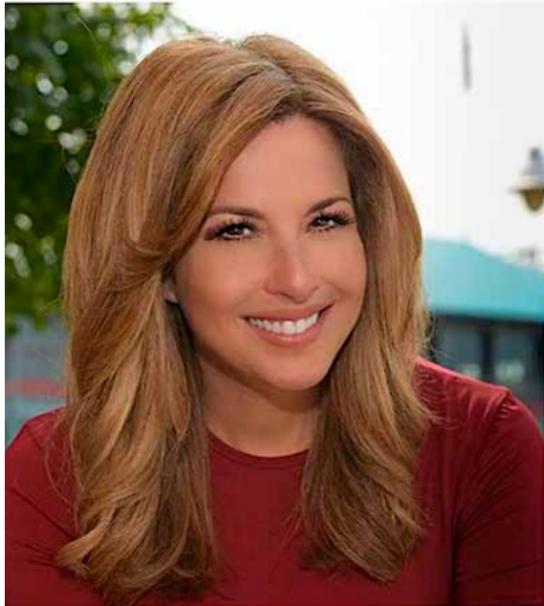
“As is customary during all major religious and secular holidays, law enforcement in Westchester will be on heightened alert,” County Executive Ken Jenkins said. “We also encourage the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to their local police department.”

Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said that while there are no known specific or credible threats at this time, the law enforcement community is taking proactive measures out of an abundance of caution.

In addition to expanded patrols, Raynor said the County Police and its municipal police partners will be monitoring social media and reviewing intelligence information provided by federal and state agencies about any potential threats to Westchester or its religious institutions. This information will be shared through the multi-agency Real Time Crime intelligence center, which is housed at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne.

Jenkins said, “Westchester County is proud of its diverse faith communities. We remain committed to ensuring that every resident can observe their traditions in peace and without fear.”

## Yonkers' Own Mary Calvi to Receive Top Honor at 2026 ArtsWestchester Awards



Mary Calvi—the celebrated historian, best-selling novelist, and “First Lady of Yonkers”—will be the recipient of ArtsWestchester’s prestigious President’s Award at the 2026 Arts Awards.

The annual ceremony, held on March 13 at the Brae Burn Country Club, honors the visionaries who define the cultural landscape of Westchester County. This year, the spotlight shines brightly on Yonkers, with Calvi leading a distinguished group of honorees that also includes the Yonkers-based We Art One: Artist Collective, Inc. (WAO).

A Literary and Historical Powerhouse: While known to many as a mainstay of CBS News New York, Calvi has earned this year’s President’s Award for her profound contributions to American historical literature and her commitment to the arts. Her “Club Calvi” book club and her meticulously researched novels, such as Dear George, Dear Mary, have brought national attention to the rich, often untold histories of the region.

“The 2026 Arts Award honorees embody the extraordinary depth and diversity of Westchester’s cultural spirit,” said Kathleen Reckling, CEO of ArtsWestchester. “From reclaiming long-silenced histories to fostering radical inclusivity, these visionaries remind us that the arts are the foundation of a vibrant community.”

Yonkers Excellence on the rise: Calvi is not the only local name being celebrated. The Sophia Abeles Arts Education Award will be presented to We Art One: Artist Collective, Inc. (WAO). Based in Yonkers, WAO has become a vital pillar of the community, transforming public spaces into hubs for intergenerational healing and providing arts programming for hundreds of local youth and seniors.

2026 Arts Award Honorees: In addition to the Yonkers winners, the 2026 roster includes:

- Joseph Squillante: 50-year Hudson River photographer (Arts Award).
- Chioma Nwana: Pulitzer fellow and documentarian (Larry Salley Photography Award).
- Joyce Sharrock Cole & Christina Picciano: Local leaders recognized for Advancing Equity.
- White Plains Puerto Rican Cultural Committee, Inc.: (Advancing Equity Organization Award).
- KinoSaito: Interdisciplinary art center in Verplanck (Arts Organization Award).

Event Details: Friday, March 13, 2026, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Brae Burn Country Club, Purchase. Tickets: \$175 (Individual) | \$125 (Cultural Org Members)

Deadline: Registration must be completed by 2:00 PM on March 12th. For tickets and more information, visit <https://artswestchester.org/>

## On This Date in Yonkers History...



Poet John Masefield wrote some of his works in Yonkers

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 Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, March 2nd

March 2, 1918: Leslie Sutherland was elected Chair of the Catholic War Fund Campaign, slated to start on March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day. The fifteen Yonkers Roman Catholic churches and the Knights of Columbus had committed to raise \$82,800 with the assistance of patriotic non-Catholic Yonkers citizens... like Mr. Sutherland.

March 2, 1923: Assemblyman Russell Livermore of the Fourth Westchester district stopped by the Yonkers City Clerk’s office to pick up copies of bills approved by the Common Council. He was the son of Arthur and Henrietta Wells Livermore, founder and first president of the Women’s National Republican Club.

March 2, 1947: Douglas Crier was elected President of the Yonkers Branch of the NAACP.

Tuesday, March 3rd

March 3, 1934: The Rotary club launched their campaign against obscene literature, focusing on the type banned from being mailed, but still on sale at the newsstands.

March 3, 1945: Habirshaw Cable Company announced expansion of its local facilities to include a fourth plant at the foot of Main Street where National Sugar Refinery once stood. Habirshaw spent \$757,000 for the facility and was to employ several hundred men to make the needed wire. As soon as installation started, machinery started producing much needed strand wire for the US Signal Corp.

This most likely was the waterfront location where top secret Operation Overlord cable was constructed, the operation— and cable-- many later credited with being responsible for D-Day’s success.

Wednesday, March 4th

March 4, 1945: Four eleven-year-old South Yonkers boys held a puppet show to raise money for the Red Cross! Starting off as a rainy-day activity, it soon became a benefit performance for the Yonkers branch. Dave Wies, Paul Knepper, Dale Grand and Arnold Knepper joined their efforts, making scenery and props, and writing a script for the three puppets the boys would use. They performed their show at the Wies Valentine Avenue apartment; at the end of the show, one of the marionettes made a touching speech asking for donations. The boys were able to donate \$5.75 to the Red Cross Drive and had very proud parents!

Thursday, March 5th

March 5, 1916: An unpublished poem written by John Masefield was found in Philadelphia; Masefield wrote the poem while working in the Smith Carpet Shop in 1898.

March 5, 1928: Protests against the scheduled appearance of Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle at Loew’s Theater were filed with Public Safety Commissioner Frank Devlin by Florence Macbean, an official of the Charity Organization Society. Miss Macbean stated “Arbuckle’s appearance here would have a bad influence on the morals of our City.”

Many believed the 1921 death of actress resulted from an encounter with Arbuckle, an encounter he denied.

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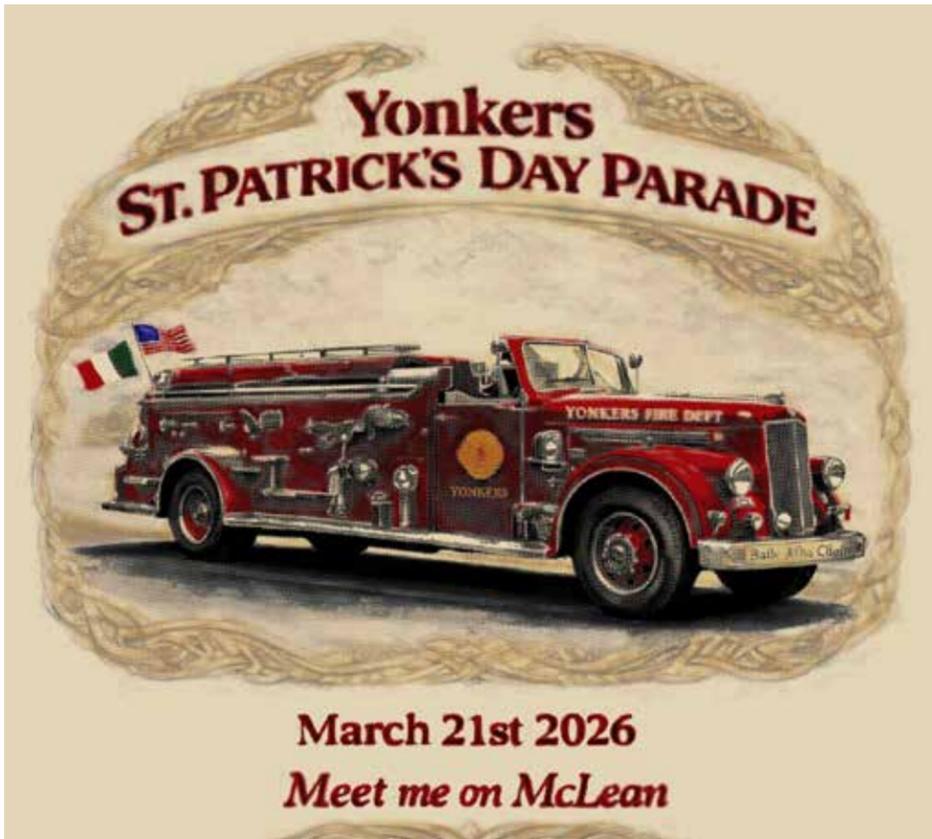
## Mayor Spano Welcomes Appointees to African-American & Women's Advisory Boards



Mayor Mike Spano welcomed new appointees to the African American Advisory Board Kevin McAllister now serves as Chairperson, alongside Shaney Jacobs and Jessie Thomas. and the Women's Advisory Board Kim Johnson joins as Board Member. These boards continue to help strengthen community engagement and provide valuable insight across Yonkers. Dwanita Crosby, Mayor's Liaison: African American Advisory Board & Women's Advisory Board is pictured with the Mayor and the members. Thanks for your service

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We will be covering the upcoming Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade in the next three issues.

The big day is March 21st.

We love this year's logo and Sweatshirt, in Honor of Grand Marshal YFD Commissioner William Fitzpatrick

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## 18th Annual Yonkers Idol Search for Its Next Singing Sensations: Auditions March 7

## Black History Month Celebration at Philipse Manor Hall Feb. 28



**Yonkers Idol**  
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 the City of Yonkers, Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
 and Untermyer Performing Arts Council  
 presents the  
**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Yonkers Idol Search**  
 A free and exciting three round city-wide singing competition.  
 Yonkers Junior Idol Search (ages 10-14)  
 Yonkers Idol Search (ages 15-19)  
**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
 Register at [register.capturepoint.com/yonkers](https://register.capturepoint.com/yonkers)

**General information:**

- This is a competition for Yonkers Residents Only - PROOF OF AGE AND ADDRESS REQUIRED.
- Winner is awarded the title for a year and participation in a variety of city-wide events and programs.
- Audition Date: March 7, 2026 at 9am @ Yonkers Montessori Academy.**
- Final Showcase: **June 13, 2026**
- JUNIOR IDOL contestants must be at least 10 years of age & not have reached their 15th birthday by 1/1/26
- IDOL contestants must be at least 15 years of age & not having reached their 20th birthday by 1/1/26.

**CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 914.377.6450**  
 PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE FACILITY WITHOUT CHECKING IN AND PROVIDING DOCUMENTS TO PARKS STAFF.



The City is searching for Yonkers' next great young singers to compete for the titles of Yonkers Junior Idol 2026 and Yonkers Idol 2026. Celebrating its eighteenth year, the singing competition will kick off at Yonkers Montessori Academy on March 7, at 9 AM.

Those interested in auditioning must be between the ages of 15-19 years old to qualify for Yonkers Idol or between the ages of 10-14 years of age to qualify for Yonkers Junior Idol. The audition will be limited to one verse and one chorus of a song. Winners will hold their title for a year and win \$1000, courtesy of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council Teresa Fund. The title provides performance opportunities at numerous City of Yonkers events throughout the calendar year.

The final round of competition will take place at Untermyer Gardens on June 13th at 6 PM. Callbacks will audition a different song for the finale show.

Online registration is required at [register.capturepoint.com/yonkers](https://register.capturepoint.com/yonkers) and is open to Yonkers residents only. Walk-ins are welcome.



**Black History Month Celebration**

Andrea Stewart-Cousins  
 President Pro Tempore and  
 NYS Senate Majority Leader

Shelley B. Mayer  
 NYS Senator  
 Majority Assistant Whip

Join NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley B. Mayer at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site for an engaging conversation on the impact and meaning of Black history in Westchester. Together, we will also commemorate 100 years since the first Negro History Week was launched by Carter G. Woodson.

The program will feature a presentation on Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, followed by a panel highlighting historic leadership in Westchester County, including:

**Kenneth Jenkins**  
 County Executive  
 Westchester

**Yadira Ramos-Herbert**  
 Mayor  
 City of New Rochelle

**Lakisha Collins-Bellamy**  
 Council President  
 City of Yonkers

**Marion Anderson**  
 Councilmember  
 City of Rye

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**Andrea Stewart-Cousins**  
 President Pro Tempore • NYS Senate Majority Leader  
 35th Senate District

EMAIL: [scousins@nysenate.gov](mailto:scousins@nysenate.gov) WEBSITE: [stewartcousins.nysenate.gov](http://stewartcousins.nysenate.gov)

Join Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Shelley Mayer for a Conversation on the Impact and Meaning of Black History in Westchester, on Saturday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will feature a presentation on Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and a panel featuring Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, and City of Rye Councilmember Marion Anderson. RSVP by 2/26: [Tinyurl.com/2026BlackHistoryMonth](https://tinyurl.com/2026BlackHistoryMonth).

**Read it all Online at [Yonkerstimes.com](https://Yonkerstimes.com)**

## Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers Donates 50 LifeVac Devices Across the City



Mayor Mike Spano welcomed members of the Rotary Club of Yonkers–East Yonkers to City Hall, and to thank them for donating 50 LifeVac devices to senior centers, restaurants, and local businesses across our City. These devices are designed to help save a life in the event of a choking emergency and provide an added layer of safety for residents, seniors, and visitors alike. Initiatives like this truly make Yonkers a safer and more caring community. County Legislator Shanac Williams also attended.

## Youth Charged in Stabbing on Bee Line Bus in Greenburgh

*Victim taken to Westchester Medical Center With Serious Injuries*

A 15-year-old boy was arrested today and charged with stabbing another person during a dispute on a Bee-Line bus as it traveled along Route 119 in the town of Greenburgh.

The victim, an adult male, was taken by Greenburgh EMS to Westchester Medical Center with wounds to his head, chest and one of his hands. His injuries are serious but not believed to be life-threatening at this time.

Greenburgh and Westchester County Police responded about 10:25 a.m. to a report of an altercation on board the bus on Route 119 near the border with White Plains. Greenburgh police officers detained the 15-year-old at the scene and turned him over to the County Police, which investigates crimes that occur on the Bee-Line system.

The juvenile is currently in custody at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and will be charged with Assault 1st Degree, a felony. Due to his age, the matter will be handled in Westchester County Family Court.

The incident remains under investigation by detectives from the General Investigations Unit. The bus was taken out of service and the crime scene was processed by detectives from the Forensic Investigations Unit. Detectives are also obtaining video from the bus from Liberty Lines personnel.

Commissioner Terrance Raynor thanked the Greenburgh Police Department for its prompt response and assistance at the scene.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to contact County Police. The Department maintains telephone and electronic tips lines so the public can provide information confidentially or anonymously.

· Voice Tip Line: (800)898-TIPS (8477).

· Electronic Tips: Send email, text messages and small video clips to [tips@wccops.com](mailto:tips@wccops.com).

· Via Mobile App: The WCPD Mobile App contains a home screen Submit a Tip button to enable tips to be sent confidentially or anonymously. It is available for Apple and Android phones. Enter Westchester County PD in the app store search bar to locate and download it.

## Letter to the Editor: Eat Crow, Mr. Lawler

Congressman Mike Lawler's sponsorship of the SAVE Act embraces a discriminatory "solution" to a problem that doesn't exist. It threatens to silence millions of eligible American voters.

The bill would force every voter, even those registered for decades, to show a passport or certified birth certificate to vote in federal elections. Yet voters already swear under penalty of perjury that they are citizens. Some 21 million voting American citizens (11% of the voting eligible population) won't have all these documents, including people like me. When I was adopted, my legal name changed, but my birth certificate didn't. Married women who changed their last name, people that lost documents through natural disasters, seniors, people of color, and low-income citizens will similarly be disenfranchised because they don't have these documents. Nearly 60 bipartisan election officials and civil rights groups agree that these new hurdles amount to cruel voter suppression that is disguised as "election integrity." In other words, these are more lies about fictitious fraud that lead to more constraints on the rights of honest Americans from voting to healthcare. Thirty-six states already require some form of ID, but the SAVE Act goes far beyond any of them, according to VoteRiders. It would even punish election workers with prison time for registering voters who lack paperwork.

Worse still, the Lawler SAVE Act forces states to share voter registration lists with the Department of Homeland Security. That is another Orwellian move which consolidates personal data under federal control. It would also cripple mail and community registration drives, making participation harder for seniors, people with disabilities, service members stationed around the world, and rural residents. All of this stems from Donald Trump's repeatedly debunked claim that non-citizens are stealing our elections. His own "election integrity" commission found no significant fraud. Yet Rep. Lawler keeps parroted this lie to appease Trump, rather than protecting all of his constituents.

Lawler: We don't want any of your Crow! Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown

## Trump Doubts, continued from pg 1-

ing the dream. But let's get real – the numbers don't lie. Under Trump's watch, the cost of living has skyrocketed, utilities are through the roof, and food prices are forcing us to choose between groceries and rent.

On the one hand, we've got stats showing unemployment near historic lows at 4.3% and inflation relatively under control at 2.5%. Real wages are up 1.9% in Trump's first year back in office, with blue-collar workers seeing a \$1,300 increase in real annual earnings. Sounds great, right?

But here's the thing: housing affordability is a nightmare. Rents are up 50% since 2017. Grocery prices jumped 5% in 2025, and electricity prices are up 9%. Trump's tariffs aren't helping, costing average households \$1,700 plus annually."

Spotorno, a proud union member who has for 20 years advocated for American corporations to bring back middle-class manufacturing jobs, commented on Trump's tariff policy.

The Trump Tariffs: A Middle-Class Squeeze

We voted for him, folks! We wanted change, and boy, did we get it. The Trump Tariffs sounded like a great idea at first – make America great again, right? But, surprise, surprise, it's the working-class Americans who are getting squeezed.

Those tariffs were supposed to bring back jobs and boost our economy, but all they've done is raise prices on everyday goods. Remember when Trump promised \$2,000 stimulus checks? Yeah, those disappeared.

The truth is, tariffs are just taxes on imports, and guess who's paying them? Middle-income families and seniors on fixed incomes. Meanwhile, big corporations are just passing the costs to consumers. Who's laughing? Not us.

In the end, it's the American people who'll bear the brunt of these tariffs. Maybe next time we'll think twice before voting with our hearts instead of our wallets.

Tariff Tango: We Collected Billions, But Lost in Translation

The United States collected a record \$287 billion in tariffs in 2025 – a number so big, it's like we finally figured out how to monetize our opinions on global trade. But hold onto your wallets, folks, because the Supreme Court just ruled the Trump administration's tariff strategy was illegal. That's right, we're potentially on the hook for \$175 billion in refunds. Who needs a participation trophy when you can have a refund party?

The tariffs had all the subtlety of a sledgehammer, increasing costs for US consumers and businesses while claiming to boost manufacturing. Spoiler alert: it didn't. We lost 83,000 manufacturing jobs in 2025, and our goods trade deficit hit a record \$1.241 trillion. It's like we paid for a gym membership and got a lecture on inflation instead of a workout.

But Spotorno's most personal problem with President Trump and Congressional Republicans stems from the changes to Medicare under the Big Beautiful Bill.

Approximately four months ago, I fired off a scathing letter to President Trump about the comprehensive bill. Specifically, the potential repercussions on our Medicare program and the impact on Americans following the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The situation has become utterly absurd, and I'm now experiencing the consequences firsthand.

The bill is a whopping 1,000 pages long, and trying to decipher it -did anyone actually read the thing?

Donald J Trump: the unsung hero who's making waves in the Medicare Advantage market. Meanwhile, over 2 million Medicare recipients were forced to switch plans due to insurance carriers scaling back their offerings. UnitedHealthcare, Humana, and Aetna (CVS Health) cited shrinking profit margins, rising medical costs, and declining federal reimbursement rates as reasons for their exits. Who needs stable healthcare coverage when profits are at stake?

Medicare Advantage Plan Changes for 2026: • UnitedHealthcare: Dropped plans in 109 counties, affecting around 180,000 people

- Humana: Cut plans in hundreds of counties and a few states to stabilize financial margins
- Aetna (CVS Health): Operating prescription drug plans in 100 fewer US counties
- UCare: Exiting the Medicare Advantage market entirely, affecting about 158,000 enrollees

The numbers are staggering:

- 1.5 million people losing ACA coverage due to expiring subsidies
- 1.5 million people in New York are potentially losing coverage due to federal policy changes
- 16 million people who lost Medicaid coverage during the "unwinding" process
- 1 million patients who had to find new Medicare Advantage plans because their insurers dropped certain plans (My wife being one of these statistics)

The American Healthcare System: A Looming Crisis for Vulnerable Populations

The United States healthcare system is on the precipice of disaster, with ordinary citizens bearing the brunt of the impending crisis. The Medicare Advantage plans, touted as a solution for seniors, have proven to be a deceptive alternative. These plans come with coverage caps, leaving patients with exorbitant bills and limited access to healthcare providers and facilities. The recent healthcare legislation has transformed the system, making insurance companies the primary providers for seniors.

The days of unlimited Medicare coverage, 80% reimbursement, and supplemental insurance options are gone, replaced by a system that prioritizes profits over people. In my zip code, UnitedHealthcare is the sole provider of supplemental insurance, but neither of our primary care physicians accepts it. Fortunately, AETNA offers various out-of-pocket plans that provide additional coverage.

The Devastating Consequences:

- Medicare Advantage Plans: Primary insurance providers for many seniors, with coverage caps that can lead to financial ruin.
- Limited Provider Networks: Narrow networks restricting patients' access to healthcare providers and facilities.
- Prior Authorization: Delays care and causes frustration for patients and providers.
- Overpayments: Medicare Advantage plans receive higher payments from Medicare, resulting in overpayments and increased costs for taxpayers.

As the healthcare system continues to deteriorate, it is clear that the forgotten Americans are those relying on Medicare. The future looks bleak, with predictions of rising healthcare costs, reduced access to care, and a growing number of uninsured Americans. The question remains: how much more will the American people have to suffer before meaningful change is implemented?"

We asked Spotorno, who lives in Yonkers, the same question we ask many of our friends and family who voted for Trump but are now disillusioned. Who will you support if not Trump? Frank said he doesn't know but did say he supports Trump on issues like securing the border, and added, "I don't see much from the democrats either." More coming from Frank in the weeks to come. Read and follow Frank at <https://www.facebook.com/frank.spotorno.5>.

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## Annie Huang Appointed Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources

*Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-*



Mayor Mike Spano has appointed Annie Huang as Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources for the City of Yonkers.

Huang brings extensive experience in public service, including leadership roles with SUNY System Administration, Westchester County, and previously the City of Yonkers where she served as Acting Deputy Commissioner of Human Resources and Senior Assistant to the Mayor. Her background in workforce strategy, employee wellness, and large scale program management will help strengthen the City's operations and support its workforce moving forward

Notice of Formation of JB HUDSON LINE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/2026. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 59 Alta Vista Dr, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Fratelli Legacy Capital LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/23/2026. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Fratelli Legacy Capital LLC, 31 Bayberry Drive, Peekskill, New York 10566. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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 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.

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 Mountaindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Monte Builders Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2026. 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, 23 Bronxville Ln Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of DoubleStripe Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/7/2026. 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, 23 Mt. Joy Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 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, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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.

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.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Friday, March 6th

March 6, 1942: New York Daily News columnist Ed Sullivan mentioned Yonkers native Brigadier General Frank Brady in his column; hero aviator Brady, the son of late Yonkers Police Captain Hugh Brady, won many awards for his courage fighting in the skies over Java.

March 6, 1948: After reading correspondence from Refined Syrups and Sugars about the "inadequacy of service and lack of punctuality" on the NY Central's Hudson Line, the special committee of Yonkers citizens and officials appointed by Mayor Curtiss Frank discussed the issue. They developed a list of suggestions to improve the line's service.

Saturday, March 7th

March 7, 1906: Former Fire Commissioner and well known builder George T. Kelly gave the Yonkers Fire Department a personal check for more than \$2,500; the check was to pay salaries of the men who had not received their money due to the Yonkers fiscal crisis.

March 7, 1928: After Public Safety Commissioner Frank Devlin requested an opinion, Corporation Counsel Leonard McAneny ruled an appearance of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle at Loew's Theater, would not constitute "an offense against public decency." Yonkers had no legal right to block his appearance. Arbuckle had been tried three times over the incident. Twice the jury couldn't reach a verdict; the third trial found him innocent.

Sunday, March 8th

March 8, 1930: The Nathan family announced Fairlawnm their late mother's North Broadway estate, would be auctioned to close her estate. The property on Yonkers' northern border included a twenty-five room home with a baronial hall, an open staircase, large fireplaces, a picture gallery, music room, library, servants' quarters and complete kitchen equipment. The outbuildings on the estate were greenhouses, a gardener's cottage and a large garage with chauffeur's quarters. Bluestone drives, broad lawns, mature trees and shrubbery completed the package.

May 8, 1944: Seaman First Class Andrew Reed sang the praises of Yonkers. Reed arrived in Yonkers on a ship needing repairs at Blair Shipyard. When the work started, the men were given a furlough. Every Yonkers resident he met was welcoming. One night, he and a shipmate returned from Manhattan and waited for a trolley to take them back to their ship. Vincent Borelli of Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, passing by in his car, saw them and gave them a ride back to the ship. The next morning Borelli found Reed's wallet with \$51. He tried to reach the sailor with no luck, so Borelli asked YPD to help. YPD found Reed's ship had sailed but continued efforts to locate him. Reed was found at the Brooklyn Navy Yard; he was told to report to police headquarters. The sailor was delighted to get his wallet, papers and money back!

Borelli refused a reward, stating he was "glad to do something for someone in our armed services."

To quote the sailor, Borelli and the officer were "just about tops!"

If you have questions, please email [yonkershistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:yonkershistory1646@gmail.com). For information on 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)

Notice of Formation of YureeshStyle LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 35 S Broadway, K6, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful 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.

Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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.

Notice of Formation of FOREVER JADE LLC, filed with SSNY on 02/10/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC: ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

## Best of Bach Concert

On Sunday, March 22nd at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 North Broadway, Irvington NY, 7:30 pm, the newly formed nonprofit organization Szabo Chamber Music Society, now in its second year, will present a tour de force concert presenting the most famous compositions by J. S. Bach. Beethoven famously referred to Bach as "the father of us all" due to his unparalleled technical mastery of counterpoint, harmony, and prolific composition. Renowned soloists will include Cathy Yang, violin, Khaory Hinata, flute, Andy Kim, cello, Dr. Sandor Szabo, harpsichord, organ and conductor, Holly Thomas, soprano, Spencer Smith, bass and Brenten Megee, tenor. Delicious coffee and dessert will be served following the concert. This exciting concert is not to be missed!

Tickets are \$25, adults, \$20 seniors and \$5 students. Donations gratefully accepted and are tax deductible.

For more information contact; szabochambermusicsociety.com, or mail to: szabochambermusicsociety@gmail.com, (908)267-1980



Cathy Yang, Violin

### City Council Business , continued from pg 1-

8. RESOLUTION – APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE LOCAL 456, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS (WHITE COLLAR UNIT). (NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) THE SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND LOCAL 456 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029. (ADOPTED 6-0)

9. SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION - \$10,000.00 – HYNES, V. CITY OF YONKERS - PLAINTIFF ALLEGEDLY SUSTAINED PERSONAL INJURIES WHEN HE WAS ENTERING A CITY OF YONKERS OFFICE FOR THE AGING VEHICLE, SLIPPED, FELL ON HIS BACK. (FISCAL IMPACT – AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) SETTLEMENT FOR INJURY SUSTAINED BY PLAINTIFF. THE CITY DRIVER CONFIRMED THAT HE DID NOT ASSIST THE PLAINTIFF IN GETTING INTO THE VAN. (ADOPTED 6-0)

10. RESOLUTION – APPROVING SETTLEMENT WITH GTL CONSTRUCTION LLC. (NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) FOR A CLAIM MADE BY GTL CONSTRUCTION LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK PERFORMED AT THE HUDSON RIVER MUSEUM. (ADOPTED 6-0)

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE AND REMOVAL OF THE SOUTHERNMOST PORTION OF RIDGEVIEW AVENUE. OWNER OF PREMISES AT 10 RIDGEVIEW AVENUE HAS FILED A PETITION REQUESTING DEMAP (ADOPTED 6-0)

12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS TO APPOINT SADE GILCREST TO THE YONKERS' HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THEY WILL BE APPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS TO APPOINT NURYEL BENITEZ TO THE YONKERS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THEY WILL BE APPOINTED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS. (STAYED IN COUNCIL & 3.3.26 AGENDA)

14. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AMENDING ITS WRITTEN PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING AND ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE TO INCORPORATE THESE WRITTEN PROCEDURES. THE CITY IS UPDATING ITS PROCEDURES ON VIDEOCONFERENCING. MEETINGS ARE STILL IN PERSON, BUT REMOTE PARTICIPATION IS ALLOWED IN LIMITED SITUATIONS, AND MEETINGS MUST BE ACCESSIBLE, RECORDED, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. (ADOPTED 6-0)

15. RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS COMMEMORATING THE 69th ANNUAL YONKERS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS OF IRISH AMERICAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. CELEBRATING THE RICH CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE IN YONKERS AND THROUGHOUT THE U.S., THE PARADE WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 21, 2026. (ADOPTED 6-0)

16. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS TO DECLARE MARCH 2026 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. WE RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE EFFORTS OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE WORKED TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT DIVERSITY AND CAPABILITIES OF ALL OUR CITIZENS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

17. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH." AND DECLARING MARCH 8, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY". THE MONTH OF MARCH OBSERVES THE VITAL ROLE WOMEN HAVE PLAYED IN THIS GREAT NATION AND CITY, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN MILITARY, ARTS, MEDICINE, POLITICS, AND OTHER FIELDS. (ADOPTED 6-0)

18. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 26, 2026, AS PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS IN THE CITY OF YONKERS TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, COMPASSION, AND SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY EPILEPSY. (ADOPTED 6-0)

### Brooks Brothers, continued from pg 1-

Woods in March of 1922. Frank was the treasurer, trustee, and a member of the choir at the Institutional AME Zion Church, 42 Irving Place, Yonkers, NY. Frank was also a member of the Metropolitan Funeral Directors Association, Inc., of New York State. As a mason, Frank was a member of James H. Farrell Lodge #34, Free & Accepted Masons. In December 1937, the brothers of James H. Farrell Lodge #34 elected Frank H. Brooks as their Worshipful Master. At this time, the Lodge was located at 5 Cottage Place. The line officers included Carlton R. Seymour (Senior Warden), Leon H. Middleton (Junior Warden), Aldo A. Smith (Treasurer), Arthur T. Giddings (Secretary), James W. Dunn (Senior Deacon), Lester W. Kingsland (Junior Deacon), Ralph J. West (Senior Master of Ceremonies), Ernest F. Jaycox (Junior Master of Ceremonies), David Wilson (Senior Stewart), Harold J. Miller (Junior Stewart), Nathan Graham (Chaplain), William Brumskill (Tiler), and retiring Master, Charles W. Skeeter, as the Trustee.

In December of 1967, Frank H. Brooks, of 275 Warburton Avenue, passed away at St. John Hospital after a brief illness. Warren Jackson, a popular columnist for the Herald Statesman, quoted Frank as an outstanding man with an open heart for his fellow brothers. He was a leader in the sense of doing it, rather than just talking about it. Frank was definitely "All Yonkers."

Thomas P. Brooks, too, attended Public School #2 and Yonkers High School. In April of 1925, he was recruited to the Yonkers Police Department, becoming the first Black Patrolman. In May of 1925, PO Brooks was given a complimentary dinner at the New Armory. Those in attendance were Mayor Ulrich Wiesendanger (1924-1925), Police Commissioner Alfred H. Iles (1924-1925), other city officials, community members, family, and ministers. Also in attendance was Samuel J. Battle (1883-1966), the first Black Officer recruited to the New York Police Department. In January of 1928, PO Brooks responded to 404 Prescott Street. The owner, Harry Feiner, reported that several stray dogs had killed 18 of his chickens. PO Brooks attempted to locate the strays, to no avail, and reported the incident to Edward Smith, the city's dog catcher. In May of 1931, PO Brooks responded to Yonkers Avenue and Walnut Street on a report of a derailed one-man trolley car. The trolley car was out of service for an hour; no injuries were reported. Even though the operator refused to give his name, his badge number was put in the report. In November of 1932, PO Brooks and Freeman, of the Wells Ave Station, and PO Martin of the Central Avenue Station were honored at Memorial A.M.E. Church by past and present mayors and police commissioners, community members, and other city officials for their outstanding performance as officers. In December of 1925, while on foot patrol, PO Brooks heard broken glass and observed suspects running towards a taxi. They attempted to steal several furs from the Fashion Shop at 10 Main Street. With the assistance of PO Daniel Quity, one of the suspects was arrested. In December of 1947, PO Brooks assisted in apprehending two shooters. An off-duty firefighter was murdered, and an off-duty police officer was seriously wounded. In May of 1959, PO Thomas Brooks developed a serious heart condition and died at the age of 59.

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1) Bid No. RFB-7581 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: 2026 Summer Bus and Van Transportation – Camp Rays and Camp Pride (NG).

2) Bid No. RFB-7588 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: Cleaning and maintenance of the Coyne Park (771 McLean Avenue) rifle range filtration system (VB).

3) Bid No. IFB-7590 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract, with option to renew for 12-Months, for On-Call Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair of Storm, Sanitary and Combined Sewers using the Shotcrete Method (KS).

4) Bid No. IFB-7591 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract with option to renew for 12-Months, for the On-Call Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair of Storm, Sanitary and Combined Sewers using the Cured-in-Place Method (KS).

5) Bid No. RFB-7592 – Bid opening: 03/20/2026: Twelve Month Contract with option to renew for 12-Months for On-Call Line Stopping Services for the Water Bureau (KS).

6) Bid No. RFB-7589 – Bid opening: 03/13/2026: US Fire Apparatus Service and Repairs (FB).

7) Bid No. RFB-7594 – Bid opening: 3/13/2026: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase as needed of 150-pound cylinders of liquid chlorine per City specifications, approximately 700 cylinders (AC).

## Rape Arrest at Yorktown Nursing Home Has Families Outraged

On Feb. 25, the Yorktown Police Department reported the arrest of 48-year-old Javier Barragan of Shrub Oak, who is charged with Rape 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony, and Endangering Welfare of an Incompetent Person 2nd Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

On February 21, 2026, at approximately 7:08 AM, the Yorktown Police Department responded to The Yorktown Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, located at 2300 Catherine St, Yorktown, for the report of an alleged sexual assault. Upon arrival, a comprehensive investigation was conducted. It was determined that the defendant, who was an employee at the facility, allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim, who is a resident of the facility. It was determined that the victim is incapacitated and lacks the ability to consent. The defendant surrendered himself at Yorktown Police headquarters and was placed under arrest.

After arrest processing was completed, the defendant was arraigned by the Honorable Judge Raniolo at the Yorktown Justice Court. A temporary order of protection was served on the defendant, protecting the victim, and bail was set at \$100,000 cash. After failing to post bail, the defendant was remanded to the Westchester County Jail and turned over to the Westchester County Department of Corrections.

Barragan's next court date in Yorktown Justice Court is on March 10.

Family members who have loved ones at Yorktown Rehabilitation and Nursing Center have a lot of questions, including the following posts:

A CNA heard a loud noise and went in the room and found the worker on top of the patient. The employee was there for 20 something years!! Employee of the month multiple times!!! Insane



What I find upsetting my mother in law is a resident at this facility .... And we were NOT notified of this incident . I feel it's the job of the director of the facility to notify all the families of this disgusting disturbing act that took place.

The Human Resources department said "it does not wish to give more information." Really???

Under New York law, second-degree rape – defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is incapable of consent by reason of being mentally disabled or mentally incapacitated – is a Class D violent felony punishable by up to seven years in a maximum-security state prison.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 70794/2025

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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

Mortgaged Premises:  
609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502  
Section: 6.70, Block: 44, Lot: 9

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC

Plaintiff,  
vs.

V.C., MINOR CHILD, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN JESSICA SALES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,  
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$796,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 15, 2022, in Instrument Number 620673829, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502.

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 15th, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

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Westbury, NY 11590

516-280-7675

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office issued charges after our deadline.

Civil litigation by the victim's family is widely expected.

The New York State Department of Health may conduct its own investigation of the facility, which could result in additional deficiency citations, fines, or enforcement actions.

NursingHomeNews.org reported that, "The facility was not always a corporate-owned, for-profit operation. For more than 130 years, it operated as Field Home-Holy Comforter, a nonprofit institution with a long tradition of serving the elderly in the Hudson Valley. That changed in April 2018, when the nonprofit Fieldhome organization sold the campus to Personal Healthcare LLC for approximately \$28 million, as reported by Westfair Online. Under new ownership, the bed count was expanded from 127 to 200. The facility was designated a Special Focus Facility (SFF) candidate by CMS on October 25, 2023, a designation reserved for nursing homes with persistent quality problems. Only approximately 400 facilities nationally receive this designation at any given time, placing Yorktown among the worst-performing homes in New York State at the time."

Family members are looking to identify Barragan so that they can determine if he had any interaction with their loved ones at the home.

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