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Yonkers Brave Noah Oelkers Gets Yonkers Rising Player of the Year



Noah Oelkers with Yonkers Brave Coach Vic Chiappa

By Phil Foley-

Congrats to Noah Oelkers Quarterback of the Yonkers Brave Football team for his winning his team's Player of the Year award. Noah is a Senior at Saunders High School. He led the Brave at Quarterback and team Captain for the last two seasons. He led his team in passing yardage 1,132 and 12 TD passes and rushed for 251 yards and 5 TDs. He also threw the longest TD pass in Brave history 89 yards.

Coach Vic Chiappa said of Noah: "Noah was our starting Quarterback for the last two years. Last year he broke his elbow but played through it in the New Rochelle game. He was as tough as nails. I wish I had 22 like this kid. He comes from a great family and I will miss him." "Noah never gave up and never quit on me or his team-mates. He and the team fought hard every game and came back to work hard for practice each week."

Noah was also named All Section One Quarterback in his conference.

Noah will attend Monroe College in New Rochelle this Fall. His long range goal in life is to become a fire fighter but in the meantime he will major in business and play football at Monroe. God speed Noah you have a great future ahead of you. All the best.

NYC Teacher & Yonkers Resident Arrested, Charged with Illegal Activity with 8-Yr Old



Miles McNeal

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers resident Miles McNeal was arrested by the Manhattan Child Abuse Squad on Feb. 1 and charged with several sex crimes related to his position as a part-time teacher in the New York City schools.

McNeal, 25, was charged with sex abuse, use of a child in a sexual performance, promoting an obscene sexual performance by a child, course of sexual conduct against a child, possessing an obscene sexual performance by a child, and acting in a manner injurious to a child.

McNeal is accused of the sex crimes and interactions with an 8-year old female student at the school. Media reports say that McNeal interacted with the girl at an afterschool program at a school on West 112th Steet in Manhattan.

According to the criminal complaint, McNeal abused the girl for 11 months

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Councilwoman Diaz Removed as Majority Leader After Complaint from Councilwoman Pineda-Issac: Rubbo Named New Maj. Leader



City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, left, and Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, right, in 2022

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Frances Bates Francis: Yonkers First Black School Trustee



Frances Bates Francis

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian

Born in 1902, Yonkers' ultimate community volunteer Frances Bates Francis spent her earliest years in New York. Born to William and Fannie Bates, Frances and family moved to Yonkers when she was ten. She attended School Two on Waverly Street, then obtained working papers at the age of 14. Mrs. Francis began her career of community service at an early age; during World War I, she helped sell War Bonds.

At the age of eighteen, she married World War I Veteran Roland G. Francis, who served with the "Fighting 15th" of the 369th Infantry.

Roland was one of the founders of the Samuel H. Dow Post 1017, American Legion, in 1929. Together they forged a bond of volunteerism and activism.

One of Frances' great talents was singing; a soprano with the Messiah Baptist Choir, she performed solos and parts in their religious cantatas, such as "Esther." She performed at more than one patriotic meeting of the Yonkers Forum of Messiah Baptist Church; the Forum was an active discussion group with a strong history of social service and charitable works. President Marion Moore Day was daughter of "The New York Age" owner and publisher Fred Moore, and stressed the importance of organized efforts to help "less fortunate members" of the group. It also took stands on community injustice, such as

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Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Historian & A Movie Looks at “Belle” at Philipse Manor Hall for Black History Month



“Portrait of Dido Elizabeth Belle Lindsay and Lady Elizabeth Murray” by David Martin, c. 1778.

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to offer “Historian & A Movie: Belle” on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY) as part of Black History Month programming.

In 1778, Lady Elizabeth Murray and her cousin, Dido Elizabeth Belle Lindsay, sat for their portrait. An unremarkable event but for one detail: Dido’s heritage. The illegitimate daughter of a British naval captain and an enslaved woman, Dido was sent to England as a young child. There, she was raised free in an aristocratic household with her cousin Elizabeth.

“Belle” (2013, 104 mins, PG) is a fictionalized account of the real Dido Elizabeth Belle, following Belle as she struggles to find acceptance and love in White British society. Aaron Robinson, site manager of Senate House State Historic Site, and Michael Lord, site manager of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site will share details of what happened to the real Belle, the history of slavery in the British Empire, and what the film gets right and wrong. “Belle” is rated PG and is suitable for families.

The Historian & A Movie is a program series in which Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Sites invites historians and subject experts to give commentary on popular Hollywood films with historical subjects. The program occurs monthly on Friday evenings.

Tickets:

This in-person program is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-served. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/historian-a-movie-belle>

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

Nominations for Yonkers Teacher of the Year 2024 Open through March 1



Students, Parents, Teachers & Administrators Called to Nominate Teachers at www.yonkersny.gov

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Kiwanis Club in collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Board of Education will present the 2024 Teacher of the Year Awards to three deserving members of the Yonkers Public Schools’ faculty. Students, parents, teachers, and administrators can begin submitting nominations today through March 1 at www.yonkersny.gov.

Established in 1956, the Teacher of the Year Award celebrates Yonkers teachers who further excellence in education. A committee comprised of members of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and Trustees of the Board of Education selects the honorees.

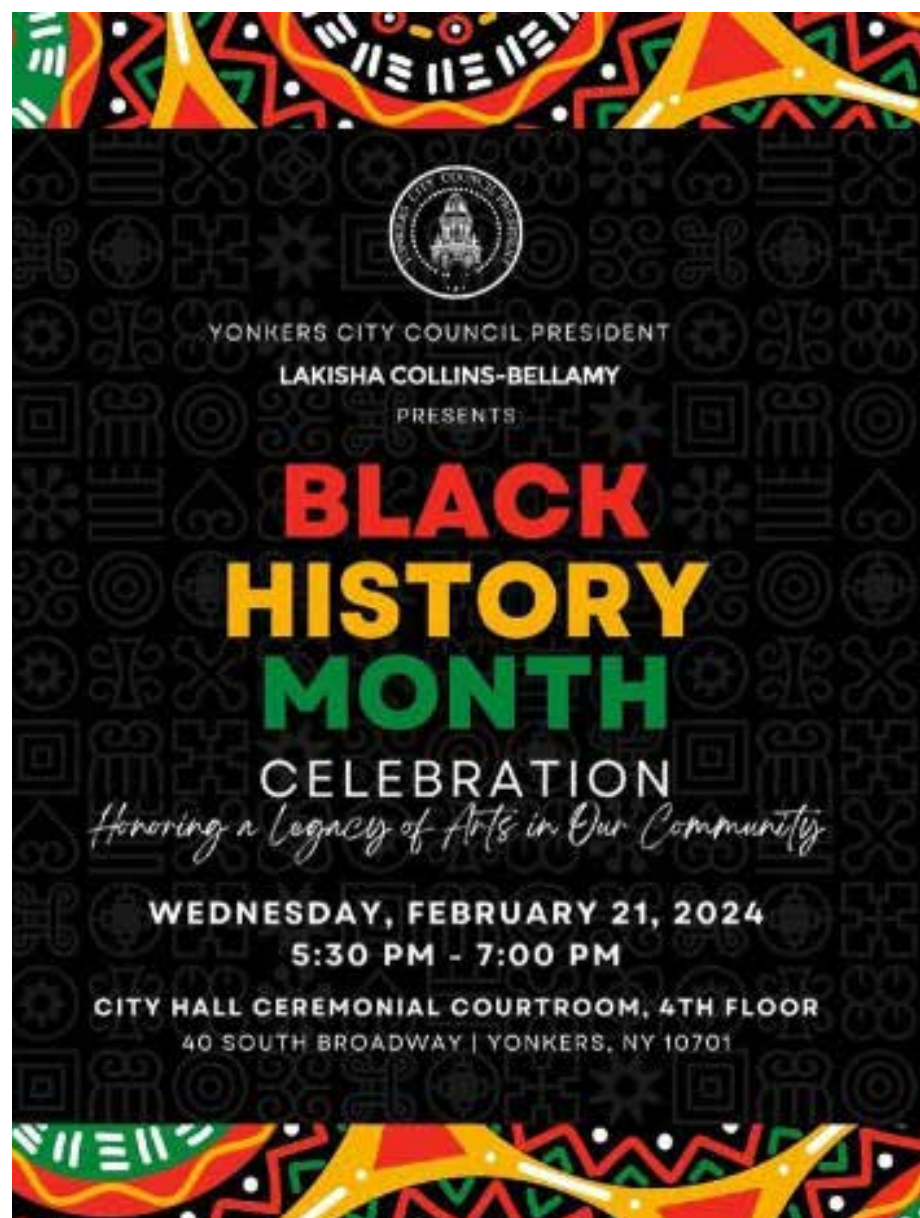
“The outstanding work our teachers do in and out of the classroom deserves to be recognized,” said Mayor Spano. “Our teachers devote themselves to their students and guide them on an important journey that will impact the rest of their students’ lives. The partnership between the City, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club, and the Yonkers Board of Education celebrates the exceptional dedication and commitment of our everyday heroes in the classroom and, at times, even beyond the classroom.”

“It’s truly inspiring to witness the dedication and innovation so many of our teachers bring to the classrooms every day,” said Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Luis Rodriguez. “The Teacher of the Year Award is a testament to their unwavering commitment to excellence in education. We are proud to celebrate our educators who not only impart knowledge but also ignite a lifelong passion for learning in their students. Their contribution extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the future of our community and our world. These educators are the architects of tomorrow, molding young minds with care, creativity, and an unyielding dedication to their growth. Their tireless efforts, often unseen but always impactful, are what make our schools vibrant centers of learning and community development.”

Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez added, “The Teacher of the Year award is a shining beacon of recognition for the extraordinary educators who dedicate their lives to enlightening and empowering our students. It reflects the collective spirit of our community, a spirit that values education and the transformative impact it has on young minds. Every nomination is a story of passion, perseverance, and the profound influence a teacher can have. We are incredibly proud to honor the individuals who are not just teachers but also mentors, guides, and pillars of our community. They represent the best of us, embodying the values and aspirations we hold dear. Their unique contributions, whether in a bustling classroom or a quiet moment of guidance, are invaluable assets to our society. These awards celebrate not just the individuals but the enduring legacy they create through each student they inspire.”

Three Yonkers Public Schools teachers, representing the elementary, middle, and high school levels will be selected. Students, parents, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to nominate a teacher at www.yonkersny.gov.

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Black History Month: Ballroom in the LGBTQ+ Community



Clockwise: Dejanay, Leeky 007, Nekia Zulu, and Damelo

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

Black History Month: Ballroom in the LGBTQ+ Community

Ballroom Culture is a Black and Latinx LGBTQ+ way of expression. The Ballroom Scene, or simply The Scene, traces its origins to the Harlem Renaissance and, in other instances, before the 19th Century. In the Ballroom Scene, there are dozens of groups of people in houses. A House is a community of folk that are chosen family. It was during the 1970s that America saw the first Ballroom Houses come to fruition.

The House of LaBeija, The House of Dupree, The House of Ebony, and The House of Pendavis are four of over a dozen houses that were founded decades ago. With the Scene allowing the LGBTQ+ Community freedom of expression, Ballroom continues to be a pillar for the community. "Ballroom to me is my personal escape, my own little universe," said Damelo, 21, Los Angeles, CA. "I'm able to express myself in a way that I never thought existed." Shahleek "Leeky 007" Lewis, 24, Staten Island, NY, explained that in ballroom, folk "walk, model, and vogue."

Ballroom Houses reach all over the world. With dozens of houses, that means that there are thousands of Ballroom House Members. One of these House Members is Jauan T. Durbin, Legendary Prince\$\$ Louboutin-Balenciaga, 25, Atlanta, GA. "Ballroom means the world to me," said Durbin. "Ballroom is where I got my start as a community activist and organizer when I was 19. It just wasn't a safe space for me to grow and formulate my talent, but it was an incubator for me to develop my professional skills and grow as a community worker."

As with Jauan in Georgia, Avery, 29, New York, has an alias in Ballroom. "My name is Avery Parker but in ballroom I go by Dejanay. I'm from Brooklyn." A lot of New York's Ballroom Scene Members and Affiliates are in Brooklyn. Parker went on to say, "Ballroom to me means freedom. You get to be who you are and be around people that are the same as you. Ballroom is power. It's a safe place, although it does have off moments, but that's just like life- everything isn't always peachy. I love ballroom. If you're looking for raw talent and realness- trust, it's in ballroom."

Closer to Yonkers, we find Nekia Zulu, 23, New York, NY. "Ballroom is 2 things in 1. The first- is a competitive arena, where people are able to creatively express themselves through contests," said Zulu. These contests also serve as a way for people to perfect their crafts that they may be using outside of the competition space. The second part, which is the most important, is its a community of resistance through chosen family. Queer people from all walks of life and different backgrounds who come together to help each other grow individually and collectively."

Whether you're in the Ballroom scene or not, one thing is for sure, and two things are for certain. Ballroom- is here to stay.

Grow Up Councilwoman Diaz; Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

By **Eric Wolf Schoen**



Grow Up Councilwoman Tasha Diaz

As Mr. Rogers use to say, 'It's a beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.' Well as we go to press, the sun is shining and it's a beautiful day in Yonkers with temps scheduled to rise to 50 degrees by week's end. In conversation with a pharmaceutical rep from Long Island at the next table at Panera at Cross County, she said, 'I always think of Yonkers as this nice, quiet place.'

Well Mayor Mike Spano, I guess you are doing a lot to change the image of Yonkers. You are to be commended for that. People like Councilwoman Tasha Diaz unfortunately are not. Let me start out by saying that Diaz is a hard worker who during her first term including several pandemic years was a strong advocate for her constituents. Then there is the other, foul mouthed Councilwoman Tasha Diaz. She needs to grow up quickly or get the hell out of Yonkers City Hall.

Here are some recent and not so recent comments heard coming from the mouth of Councilwoman Diaz:

Regarding her fellow Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac: 'I'm going to slice the bitch's throat.' 'I'm going to slit the Councilwoman's neck.' 'I'm going to smack the taste out of her mouth.'

Regarding Pineda Isaac and Councilman John Rubbo: 'I'm going to F (you know the word) them up.'

To a City Commissioner: She called the Commissioner the 'C' word. Sadly, you know the word it refers to

To residents at a meeting regarding extending term limits, she called those in attendance 'beggars.'

The last comment is a disgusting reference to the people who pay her salary. The second from last comment you don't make to professional staff members who should have specific qualifications and advanced degrees for their jobs. It, to is disgusting and is a word that is not appropriate to be used by anyone and in this case a Public Official.

The first set of comments and the second comment were appropriately referred to the Commissioner of Human Resources for Yonkers. In addition, because of the life threatening nature of the comments they should be referred to the Police Department and District Attorney of Westchester County.

Councilwoman Diaz, your repeated what some would say are 'toilet mouth' comments must stop immediately. I have heard of additional comments that the Councilwoman has made that are inappropriate, and have personally faced a 'lite' scorn from the Councilwoman. In the middle of her scorn to me she disappeared and left an aide to defend her. It truly was an insult to me to be in the proverbial boxing ring with a fairly new Yonkers City Council Aide who went on to tell me he knew about 'things Yonkers' and that I didn't.

While Councilwoman Diaz has done many good things for her constituents, her behavior has got to improve. If she doesn't grow up and address her fellow Councilpersons, City Officials and the public with respect, she has to leave the great chambers of the Yonkers City Council and find other work. Councilpersons in Yonkers do not behave this way, Ms. Diaz!

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If you are a foodie, it's time to #findYOflavor at Yonkers Downtown Restaurant Week! The Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District (YDWBID) is thrilled to announce that the annual promotion has been expanded to three full weeks. Fourteen restaurants will be offering pre-fixe, \$20 two-course lunches and \$45 or \$55 three-course dinners. Enjoy these meals any way you want, whether that's lunch with friends, having a fun night out, or picking up to have a cozy evening at home.

"Yonkers Downtown Restaurant Week has been building quite a following over the last several years. So, this year, we decided to expand it to three weeks, offering even more dining experiences for people to try out," said Sara Brody, Executive Director of YDWBID. "Our restaurants are evolving as our downtown city continues to expand. Our goal is to bring more residents and visitors to try out Yonkers Downtown flourishing food scene."

Make sure to check out YonkersDowntown.com/restaurantweek to view restaurant menus and schedules. When making reservations or placing a pick-up order, you MUST mention it is for Yonkers Downtown Restaurant Week to take advantage of the promotional pre-fixe menus.

Yonkers Downtown Restaurant Week is proudly supported by Westchester Magazine as a media sponsor and the Hudson River Museum as a community partner.

Follow @YonkersDowntown on all social media for the latest updates and happenings.

2024 Participating Restaurants Include:

- Francey Brady's 72 Main St, Yonkers NY 914-226-8644
- Guapo Mexican & Cuban Cuisine 10 Warburton Ave, Yonkers 914-920-5900
- The Pizza Place 92 Main St, Yonkers NY 914-709-1050
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- La Bella Havana 35 Main St, Yonkers NY 914-920-9777
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- Dos Marias 200 New Main St, Yonkers NY 914-476-2500
- Singa's Famous Pizza & Grill Restaurant 41 Dock St, Yonkers 914-376-3636
- NEW! Tequilero 38 - Dinner Only 38 1/2 Main St, Yonkers 347-605-6057
- X2O Xaviars on the Hudson 71 Water Grant St, Yonkers 914-965-1111

Visit <https://yonkersdowntown.com/restaurantweek/> for more information .

Teacher of the Year continued from pg 2-

Eligibility requirements for selection as Teacher of the Year include employment as a teacher in the Yonkers Public Schools for at least five years; demonstration of dedication to the teaching; initiation of new, meaningful programs for either students, teachers, or parents, or being innovative in the use of existing programs, and display significant community involvement.

"The Yonkers Kiwanis Club is once again honored to sponsor the prestigious 'Teacher of the Year' award," said Ralph J. Vasami, Yonkers Kiwanis President. "We are proud to have the opportunity to join the City of Yonkers and the Board of Education to honor these deserving Yonkers Public School teachers for their exceptional and dedicated service."

Online nominations must be submitted by March 1 at 5 PM.

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024 is the last day to change your party enrollment to be effective for any of the primaries. Changes may be made using the NYS voter registration form or the new NYS Board of Elections Online Voter Registration portal. Party enrollment changes received after February 14 will not take effect until the November general election (N.Y. Election Law Section 5-304(3)).

This deadline especially concerns the upcoming democratic primary for Congress in District 16 between Congressman Jamaal Bowman and County Executive George Latimer. Any non-democrat who wants to vote in the primary on June 25 must change their party enrollment by Feb. 14.

This year is also a Presidential election year, and there is a Presidential primary in New York State on April 2.

Do not confuse the Presidential primary with the Congressional primary, and other party primaries in New York State, which will be held on June 25.

Notice is hereby given that a license, NA-0524-24-01305, for beer, wine, & liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine, & liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at the business known as Las Hijas Del Mariachi Inc. at 394A Central Ave #396 White Plains, NY 10606-1211 for on premises consumption.

Notice of Formation of Buffsicle, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/15/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 Old Post Road, Rye, NY, 10580. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Adele & Fred Astaire performed in Yonkers at the Proctor's Palace as part of a Vaudeville show in 1916

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

Monday, February 12th

February 12, 1916: The up-and-coming brother and sister dance team of Fred and Adele Astaire appeared at Proctor's Palace of Yonkers in a vaudeville program headed by "The Bank's Half Million." The Palace featured only the "Highest Type Vaudeville," and had reserved seating at the price of 25 cents. Regular seating was 10 cents for the matinee and 15 cents for the evening performance.

February 12, 1930: Peene's Wharf Corporation presented a claim for \$150,000 in damages for damage done by the Nepperhan River diversion to their property on the Hudson River. The company claimed the Plaza flume was depositing so much fill just south of their property, it was unfit for shipping.

Tuesday, February 13th

February 13, 1930: Otis Elevator was awarded the single largest elevator contract in the world, to install sixty-six lifts in the Empire State Building in Manhattan. Although the contract's exact amount was not announced, it was just under \$3 million. Work was to start immediately so they would be installed by May 1, 1931, when the building was scheduled to open; the 85-story building would be the largest in the world. All work would be done in the Yonkers plant.

February 13, 1945: Trial Commissioner Francis Duffy cleared YPD Lieutenant Edward O'Connor of one charge in the Copcut Lane case; he was cleared of the charge of not recording a call he received from Patrolman Thomas Boyle. The other three charges were continued.

Wednesday, February 14th

February 14, 1931: Motion picture stars Charles Farrell and Virginia Valli slipped into Yonkers City Hall to obtain a marriage license. They were married by the Reverend Ralph Houston in the First Methodist Church at North Broadway and Ashburton Avenue.

Valli starred in her last film, "Night Life in Reno" in 1931; that same year, the couple moved to Palm Springs, where Virginia lived out her retirement.

Besides starring in movies, Charles Farrell played Gail Storm's father Vern Albright in the 1950's TV series "My Little Margie." He was elected to the Palm Springs City Council in 1946; he became the city's Mayor from 1947 to 1955.

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Notice of formation of Jaylee's Beauty Lounge, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/23. 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, 55 Cole Street, Ste. 101, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 326 PROSPECT AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 03/24/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 130 Franklin Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 66 Meserole, LLC., Articles of organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 11/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. NYSS is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of process to: 11 Bon Air Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Ana Lucia Nail Lounge LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/8/24.. Office: New York 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, 115 Chelsea Street Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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ditionally, Marciano must publicly advertise all vacant units and include that government housing vouchers, such as Section 8, are accepted on every rental listing. Finally, Marciano must ensure that rental application fees are capped at the \$20 maximum and, during the five-year period of the agreement, must also waive broker fees for any applicants seeking to use a government housing subsidy for their rental.

"As the sole provider of free-comprehensive civil legal services in the Hudson Valley, we often provide legal advocacy to fight injustices like this," said Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Chief Program Officer of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. "These practices, left unchecked, deeply harm our community and perpetuate the cycle of poverty. This agreement Attorney General James secured is a win for all low-income New Yorkers affected by discrimination and systemic oppression in housing matters."

Among the illegal excuses given by Marciano Real Estate to renters who wanted to use a Section 8 voucher, according to the agreement included "Unfortunately, no. This is a coop...you have to go to a board for approval. You need a 700 FICO score and income," and "Uh, no I don't think so...It's up to the Landlord, he kind of prefers the tenant without the Section 8 voucher...there were two other people with a voucher, and he said 'No'."

It is illegal in New York State for any owner, managing agent, broker, or any other representative to refuse to rent, sell, or lease housing to any person based on their source of income. New Yorkers who suspect they are victims of source of income discrimination are encouraged to file a complaint online.

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The Picture House Film Club Kicks Off Winter Season for 2024 on February 7



Film Critic Stephen J. Whitty Returns as Host of Popular Series

The Picture House Regional Film Center (TPH) has announced that its highly-popular Film Club will kick off its winter season on Wednesday, February 7th at the Pelham theater. TPH's Film Club offers movie-lovers the opportunity to see upcoming films in advance of their release date. Each season includes six films, which are followed by a discussion with the critic-in-residence Stephen Witty and special guest speakers from the industry. Winter 2024 dates are February 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13 and 20. Subscriptions to Film Club are open to members of The Picture House.

"The TPH Film Club stands as a cornerstone of our organization's commitment to foster a communal experience through the medium of film," said Clayton Bushong, Executive Director, The Picture House Regional Film Center. "This new season features an exciting line up of thought-provoking films and guests, which provide a great backdrop for movie enthusiasts to delve into the cinematic experience from various perspectives."

TPH is excited to welcome Stephen Witty back for a new season as Film Club Host. Whitty was a critic at The Star-Ledger for nearly two decades. He has also written for Entertainment Weekly, The New York Daily News, Cosmopolitan, Stanford Magazine, and The Minetta Review, among many others. He has profiled some of cinema's most influential figures including Steven Spielberg, Peter O'Toole, and Judi Dench. Whitty is also the writer of the book *The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia*.

To learn more about Fall Film Club please visit <https://thepicturehouse.org/tph-film-club/>.

Letter to the Editor: Harrison Election for Supervisor

I would like to know why former Supervisor Ron Belmont was not sworn into office after receiving one more vote than his closest opponent, Supervisor Rich Dionisio.

I was one of more than 2,000 Harrison residents who wrote in Belmont's name for Supervisor last November. I have read several accounts in the media which claim that there was a referendum on the ballot on the same election day, 2023, to enact term limits for the office of Supervisor.

I understand that term limits are legal, but what I do not understand is how could a referendum for term limits in Harrison be voted on at the same time as an election for Supervisor, and that referendum is enforceable for that same election?

Shouldn't the referendum become effective for the following election? I am sure that Belmont's attorneys have argued that point, but I would ask for a story to be written explaining what happened. Some are saying in Town that the election was stolen from Belmont

Sincerely-Rebecca Molloy, Harrison

Man Flees From New Rochelle & Eastchester Police After Traffic Stop: Drove at Officers



Paul Murch

On February 1st at approximately 11:10 a.m. our department was notified by the Westchester County Real Time Crime Center (RTC) of a wanted vehicle that entered our jurisdiction. The driver of the vehicle had been stopped by the New Rochelle Police Department two times hours prior. During both traffic stops the driver fled from officers, and during one of the stops he drove on the sidewalk forcing officers to jump out of the way of his vehicle.

With updates from RTC, our officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and follow it on White Plains Road. Officers initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle at which time the driver, who had stopped, accelerated towards one of our officers in the only passable lane of travel. This forced the officer to jump out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, as it nearly struck him. Officers pursued the vehicle to the Bronx River Parkway. The driver fled at a high rate of speed and officers eventually lost sight of the vehicle.

Through investigation the New Rochelle Police Department was able to identify and locate the suspect at a local bar. The suspect again tried to flee officers but was apprehended. The suspect was identified as Paul Murch, 5/26/1995, a resident of New Rochelle. After the defendant was charged in New Rochelle, he was transferred to our department where he was charged with Attempted Assault 1st degree and Attempted Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer. He is also wanted for warrants in New Jersey.

Murch was arraigned in Eastchester Town Court and was transported to the Westchester County Jail being held on bail. We would like to thank the New Rochelle Police Department, Real Time Crime Center and numerous other agencies who assisted in the investigation.

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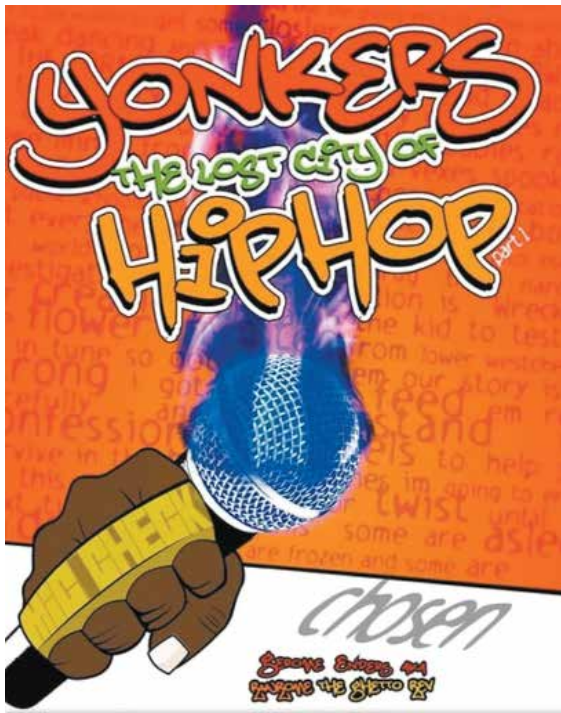

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February Events at the Hudson River Museum -HRM.org

Hip Hop Heroes Art Activity



Hip Hop Heroes Art Activity

Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop, Sunday, February 25, 2024, 2-4pm, Greene Education Center: General Admission. This event is free with general admission. Join us for an immersive program celebrating the rich and vibrant history of Hip Hop in Yonkers. This special event will feature a reading and discussion of Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip-Hop with author Jerome Enders, graffiti specialist Ken Davis, and DJ Beat Master Gene. Support provided by Sarah Lawrence College through a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

Saturdays from 1-2pm & Sundays from 3-4pm through Sunday, March 3 Community & Partnership Gallery. Families, General, Teens. This event is free with general admission

Create your own Hip Hop Heroes comic book cover in the Community & Partnership Gallery. Instructions and art materials will be provided. Submit your work to be considered for display in the exhibition. Recommended for ages 5+

Support provided by ReStart the Arts, administered by ArtsWestchester.

Westchester County can EGG-spect an early spring as its feathered forecaster, Cluxatawney Henrietta, laid an egg this morning, signaling an early spring! For its sixth year, Muscote Farm hosted its annual Groundhog Day celebration, featuring kid-friendly activities and treats, and its unique way of observing Groundhog Day by relying on one of its very own farm animals to predict the weather.

Muscote Farm's Cluxatawney Henrietta, Predicts an Early Spring

[See Story left](#)

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Cluxatawney Henrietta has become synonymous with Groundhog Day in Westchester County. The anticipation every year of our hometown hen predicting the weather is unmatched."



Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "Muscote Farm's Groundhog Day celebration has become one of the County's most popular traditions and is fun for residents of all ages to participate in."

Muscote Farm Director Jonathon Benjamin, pictured left, said, "Cluxatawney Henrietta continues to rise to the challenge as our weather predicting animal as we don't have a groundhog on the farm. She gives groundhogs across the country a run for their money every year!"

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Erik Nadecki, Horace Greeley HS, Named Con Edison's Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Erik Nadecki

Congratulations to Erik Nadecki, a Senior at Horace Greeley High School, for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week. Nadecki is the captain of the Greeley HS Boys Swimming team, and is undefeated, (14-0), for his senior year individual events.

Recently, Erik competed in two dual meets, earning first place finishes in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Breaststroke against Clarkstown, along with first place finishes in the 50 Free and 100 Free against Fox Lane/John Jay.

Erik was a 2023 New York State champion in the 400 Freestyle relay, where he set new records for Greeley, Section One, and New York State. He was also all state in the Breaststroke, and 48th in the nation.

As Captain, Erik inspires his teammates and translates the messages from the coaches to his teammates seemingly.

Erik is an Advanced Placement Scholar and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is a member of Greeley's Weather Club, a member of Unified Basketball, and is a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester.

Erik has committed to attend Brown University and continue his swimming career.

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DiNapoli: Local Sales Taxes Grew 4.2% to \$23 Billion in 2023

Local government sales tax collections in New York state totaled \$23 billion in calendar year 2023, up 4.2%, or \$919 million, from 2022, largely influenced by growth in New York City sales taxes, according to a report released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

"Growth in local sales tax collections statewide moderated in 2023, following two years of double-digit increases," DiNapoli said. "The fluctuations in sales tax collections that characterized the pandemic period have subsided. Local officials should plan for sales tax revenue with more stable and modest growth rates."

Local sales tax collections in the fourth quarter of 2023 increased by 3.1% compared to the same quarter of 2022, similar to the 3% and 3.6% year-over-year growth experienced in the second and third quarters, respectively, and not nearly as robust as the 7.1% growth in the first quarter.

New York City's sales tax growth of 5.9% in 2023 exceeded the aggregate results for the counties and cities in the rest of the state (2.4%). Growth in the city's collections, which typically account for approximately two-fifths of the statewide total, was boosted by increases in domestic and international tourism, which approached pre-pandemic levels this past holiday season.

County collections, in total, grew by 2.4%, or \$259 million, in 2023 compared to the previous year. Most (50 of 57) counties outside of New York City experienced a year-over-year increase in sales tax collections, with many smaller counties seeing the strongest growth.

Sullivan County had the largest increase at 11.6%, Yates County experienced the steepest decline in collections (-5.6%). Of the 18 cities outside of New York City that impose their own sales tax, 15 saw year-over-year increases in 2023. Oswego had the strongest growth at 16%, followed by Glens Falls (9.6%), Norwich, and Oneida (8.9% each). Three cities experienced modest decreases in collections, with Auburn and Ithaca seeing a decline of 0.2% each, followed by Yonkers at less than 0.1%.

Notice of Formation of Yugen Creationz LLC. Arts. Of. Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Commerce Dr, 102. New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Ashlee B. Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/6/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of NORTHERN WESTCHESTER KITCHEN & BATH LLC. Arts. Of Org filed with SSNY on 11/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. Registered Agent to mail process and may be served: ZENBUSINESS INC, 41 STATE STREET SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Eight Westchester Democratic Committees Endorse Latimer for Congress

By Dan Murphy

Less than two months after launching his campaign for United States Congress, Democrat George Latimer continues to win overwhelming support from local Democrats and Democratic Committees across the 16th Congressional District. Latimer is challenging incumbent democrat, Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

To date, Latimer has picked up the endorsements from 8 local, democratic committees, including: Mamaroneck Town Democratic Committee, Harrison Democratic Committee, Pelham Democratic Committee, Scarsdale Democratic Committee, Rye Town Democratic Committee, White Plains Democratic Committee, Rye City Democratic Committee, and the Eastchester Democratic Committee.

Also to date, Congressman Jamaal Bowman has not picked up an endorsement from any democratic committee in Westchester.

Latimer thanked his endorsers for giving his campaign critical momentum in its early stages. "This election is about who can best deliver actual progressive results, not just more rhetoric," said Latimer. "I'm proud to have worked with my supporters and proud of what we've accomplished together, protecting abortion rights, standing up to the NRA to get guns off our streets, and protecting our democracy from Republican extremism. I'm a proud progressive Democrat, and I'm honored to have earned this support from so many

Democratic leaders I respect."

Latimer also picked up the endorsements from County Legislator Ben Boykin and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.

"There is only one candidate in this race who has ever flipped a seat from red to blue - Democrat George Latimer. There's only one candidate with an unmatched record of campaigning for and electing Democrats up and down the ballot - George Latimer. And there is only one candidate in this race who has actually passed laws protecting a woman's right to an abortion, legalizing same sex marriage, and getting guns off our streets - Democrat George Latimer," said Westchester County Legislator Ben Boykin in endorsing Latimer. "I'm proud to endorse George for Congress."

"I'm supporting George because he has a proven track record of delivering on the issues that matter to our community. George and I have successfully worked together to protect abortion rights, fight domestic violence, expand LG-BTQ rights, take on climate change, and address our high cost of living. Time and again George gets the job done," said New York State Assemblymember Amy Paulin. "More importantly, George knows that we must stand with our democratic allies from Israel to the Ukraine in these uncertain times. We are experiencing horrifying levels of antisemitism and prejudice, and we need a leader who realizes that an attack on Jews anywhere in the world is an attack on all Jews. I'm proud to support George, and I look forward to helping him win in June and November."

A video was leaked of Bowman attending a political event in Westchester, in which he said, "They've got all these little democratic clubs. With all due respect, when I first ran and nobody knew who I was, I didn't go to one democratic club meeting. And I won by 16 points. And we ran again in two years and my vote totals were more than both of my opponents. We don't need their support. We work with the grass roots. We work with people directly," said Bowman.

Note: Bowman, with 54%, defeated fellow democrats Vedat Gashi-25%, and Catherine Parker-19% in 2022.

We see support for Latimer in the democratic committees along the Sound Shore, Scarsdale and White Plains for two reasons: One is Latimer's history with all of these committees over four decades. "We know George, we have seen him at our meetings forever. And we appreciate what he does and his record," said one sound shore democrat.

The other reason for Latimer's strong support in Westchester is based on the reason he decided to challenge an incumbent member of Congress from his own party: Many democrats in Westchester are unhappy with Bowman's constituent services and do not agree with his stances on Israel and the Gaza war.

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Where is Mtayari Dixon? FBI Offers \$10 Reward for Info

Wanted -2022 Murder of James Caldwell in New Rochelle



MTAYARI DIXON



By Dan Murphy

The FBI has joined in the search for Mtayari Dixon, who has been on the run since October 26, 2022, when he is accused of shooting James Caldwell Jr. in New Rochelle. The two were involved in a verbal altercation which resulted in Caldwell's death at the age of 29.

16 months after the shooting, the FBI announced on Jan. 31, "The FBI's New York Field Office is assisting the New Rochelle Police Department in New York with the search for Mtayari Dixon. Dixon is wanted for murder in the death of a man on October 26, 2022. Dixon is alleged to have shot the man after the two were involved in a verbal altercation in New Rochelle, New York, causing his death. After the murder, it is believed that Dixon boarded a train and went to Stamford, Connecticut. He then may have boarded a bus to Atlanta, Georgia, and then traveled on to Charlotte, North Carolina. Dixon has known ties to Charlotte, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; Stamford, Connecticut; and New Rochelle, New York.

"On November 14, 2022, Dixon was charged with murder in the New Rochelle City Court, New York, and a state warrant was issued for his arrest. The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the location and arrest of Mtayari Dixon," end of FBI statement.

One year after the shooting, on October 26, 2023, the New Rochelle Police Department announced that they had "obtained a Warrant of Arrest regarding a Homicide that occurred on October 26th, 2022 on Horton Avenue and Colonel Lee Archer Boulevard. The NRPD is looking to arrest Mtayari Z. Dixon, 29, formerly of New Rochelle but currently known to reside in Stamford, Connecticut.

"The Warrant calls for full extradition from any U.S. State. Anyone with current information of his whereabouts are encouraged to call New Rochelle Police Detectives at 914-654-2300.

"James Caldwell Jr, 29 years of age, of New Rochelle, died one year ago today. On October 26, 2022, at about 5:54pm, New Rochelle Police received multiple calls of shots fired, and that a person was shot near the intersection of Horton Avenue and Colonel Lee Archer Boulevard. Upon arrival, New Rochelle Police located a person on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds.

"New Rochelle Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel administered first aid and the victim was transported to a local hospital. Caldwell, ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

"Although New Rochelle Detectives have identified the person believed to be responsible for the murder, the suspect, Mtayari Dixon, is believed to be in hiding somewhere in the southern United States. New Rochelle Detectives have been working with other Law Enforcement agencies, including the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, to bring Mtayari Dixon to justice. We urge anyone with information on Dixon's whereabouts to contact the New Rochelle Police Department at 914-654-2300," end of NRPD statement from Oct. 2023.

Crimestoppers had offered a \$2,500 reward dating back to 2022.

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Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

I use to say it is easy to pen a weekly column on the City of Yonkers because there is always something to write about. I now have to say the same thing about writing a column in the district represented by Congressman Jamaal Bowman, 16th Congressional District in New York State representing all of Yonkers. But first a little something brought to my attention by County Executive, Congressional Candidate and my friend George Latimer.

Bowman on Instagram: New York voters MUST register to vote in a party. I'm not on Instagram, but Latimer who is texted me Monday night, 'Hey, he read your columns!' Thanks County Executive Latimer for bringing this to my attention. And Thank You Congressman Bowman for reading my columns!

A quick reminder that if you want to be able to vote against Bowman in a Democratic Primary you have until Valentine's Day this Wednesday to change your party registration for the June Primary. All the instructions are contained here: <https://yonkerstimes.com/how-to-say-goodbye-to-congressman-bowman-on-valentines-day/>

So what did we learn about Congressman Bowman this week: According to the New York Post, while a High School Principal Bowman penned conspiracy theories about 911. He claimed that Osama bin Laden, a Saudi native, was "blamed" for the attacks as an excuse to wage war in Afghanistan. The terror leader had openly taken credit for the massacre.

He also reportedly promoted the conspiracy theory movies "Loose Change" and "Zeitgeist" on his blog. "Loose Change" asserted that the US carried out the 9/11 attacks and "Zeitgeist" promoted the suggestion that globalist bankers were behind the tragedy to influence the US to go to war and take on more debt. The movies were a favorite of Infowars host Alex Jones — who served as executive director on the final cut of "Loose Change" — and of Arizona mass shooter Jared Loughner, who injured former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-Ariz.) and killed a federal judge and five others during a 2011 supermarket rampage. Insults to the families who lost loved ones on 911 and all Americans.

Bowman invited AOC (I don't have to define who that is I hope) to his campaign kick off last week. She called him an 'Effective Junior Member of Congress.' She said Westchester County cannot be bought. No part of the district can be bought. This was an apparent reference to AIPAC and the many other organizations who have raised millions to defeat any Congressional bid by Bowman and encouraged Latimer to challenge him in a Democratic primary. She said Bowman 'stands up for the working people.' He voted against the Infrastructure Bill in Congress which would have put many 'working people' back to work!

At the same campaign event, Bowman said he was concerned about flooding and infrastructure challenges in his district and put in 3 requests for assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers. So why did he vote against the Infrastructure Bill in Congress bringing billions of dollars to repair the infrastructure including roads with craters, not potholes but craters destroying cars traveling our nation's roads. That includes the flat tire you just got!

Bowman praised 'antisemite' Norman Finkelstein who said Hamas Oct 7 massacre 'warms every fiber of my soul'

So friends, that's the Congressman Jamaal Bowman report for this week! Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED 'TAXES'- IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE 2023 AMENDMENTS TO THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IN RELATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTIONS

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MIKE SPANO,
Mayor

Date: February 1, 2024

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Greeley HS Guidance Counselor Bernadette Kenny said, "Erik has tremendous work ethic and knows how to set goals and achieve them. He is loyal, talented, committed and determined. He has earned himself a 4.0 GPA in a rigorous, college preparatory high school. His teachers describe him as "dependable, hardworking, smart and dependable."

Coach Margaret Kaplan said, "Erik is a quiet and humble young man who leads by example. He is focused on his individual path to the state championships while also helping his teammates reach their full potential. He is a wonderful ambassador, not only for Greeley, but for Section One and New York State."

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

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OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

5790 – Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132) (ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 2024)

5797 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0_3rOyDixjXc_ttIYGnZq?usp=share_link

5810 – Use & Area Variance – David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117) (ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MARCH 2024) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmlnZ67Pdqnxi n47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share_link

5818 – Area Variance – William Null, Esq. of Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of UB Tanglewood LLC, owner, on premises known as 2248 aka 2270 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4800, Lot: 60, Zone: BR (B32155) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kfspSJjpCbe9uAotY_sNZ_PQ3dPgh7Lm?usp=sharing

5820 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Mountain Portfolio Owner NY LLC, owner, on premises known as 380 Riverdale Avenue, Block: 130, Lot: 1, Zone: BA (B22026) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h3FBZlCdBqsNn UILEZxutFeFSj9xC8fj?usp=sharing>

5823 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz LLP, on behalf of CPD NY Energy Corp, owner, on premises known as 1250 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 3182, Lot: 2, Zone: I (B32100) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16KK7VQdcakUWvDXKM 98DB4TaFVrwwecG?usp=sharing>

5826 – Area Variance – Stephen Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 1270 Saw Mill Associates LLC, owner, on premises known as 1270 Saw Mill River Road, Block: 3270, Lot: 220, Zone: CM (B32288) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_-38xILKND Y3aRGWIdljFRB6NspZE1U6?usp=sharing

5829 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Alba Developers Inc., owner, on premises known as 173 Linden Street, Block: 477, Lot: 38, Zone: M (B21173) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QUk9ksqWVXq-t400q9bscrkPQutJJ1Gv?usp=sharing>

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: MG (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWy Xq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5838 – Use Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 222 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 1, Zone: A&I (B32787) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ckpicipRFStOnVZ118vQjNIPcnX IrS3?usp=sharing>

5841 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 497 Van Cortlandt Park LLC, owner, on premises known as 497 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Block: 40, Lot: 1, Zone: A (B32965) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cg0oNdYgPj5h1kF dZwBQwmhdLk1vRDQQ?usp=sharing>

5842 – Improvement & Intensification to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance - John Masone, on behalf of Illuminare Realty Inc, owner, on premises known as 140 Sweetfield Circle, Block: 6050, Lot: 96, Zone: S-50 (B32517) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DJRNpGycz7T9VY0GkFe0zorRal6b9WN?usp=sharing>

5843 – Area Variance - Keith P. Brown, Esq., on behalf of GettyMart, Inc., owner, and Global Montello Group Corp., lessee, on premises known as 286-290 Ashburton Avenue, Block: 2067, Lot: 1, Zone: I (B30675) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBV9cH4gmAG4aViVTkhhwbnMl41X4gBG?usp=sharing>

5844 – Area Variance - Mark Olson, R.A., on behalf of Shkelqim Xhaferri, owner, on premises known as 65 Wildway, Block: 5273, Lot: 4, Zone: S-75 (B33291) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AX9_HU4MfEHPOaF85Vift9QdExNVla3q?usp=sh aring

5845 – Area Variance - James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Brian & Aileen Doo-han, owners, on premises known as 62 Margaret Avenue, Block: 4707, Lot: 33.34, Zone: S-50 (B33555) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mnYDVJpd3jyoDAU9 yIYYsg8J6np-WLWN?usp=sharing>

NEW HEARINGS

5846 – Use & Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 166 Yonkers Ave LLC, owner, on premises known as 166 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 446, Lot: 8, Zone: BA (B32605) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZgbV5J1JyCicKwpgAC cltpoW8eOLE8ME?usp=sharing>

Harrison Police Arrest Two Men for Illegally Entering Home to Get Roofing Work



Patrick Quinn



Thomas Stokes

Two men with ties to Ireland were stopped by the Harrison Police and were charged with soliciting without a permit, a Harrison Town Code violation. In addition, one of the men, Mr. Patrick Quinn, was also charged with Criminal Trespass 2nd degree, an A misdemeanor.

On January 23, 2024, a Harrison resident contacted the Harrison Police Department alleging while at her residence, an unknown male had entered her home without her consent and attempted to solicit roofing work. Harrison Police responded to the area and observed the two men, identified as Patrick Quinn, 20, and Thomas Stokes, 26, both UK residents, attempting to solicit roofing work to other Harrison residents. The two men, who spoke with Irish accents, stated that they were from the UK and have only been in the U.S. for a short period of time.

They further advised they were roofers and that they did not have a permit to solicit, nor licenses or permits to perform any home improvement work. Both men were charged with soliciting without a permit and Mr. Quinn was charged with Criminal Trespass in the 2nd degree. Both men were issued summonses, processed, and released on their own recognizance.

Westchester Innovation Network Seeks 2024 applicants

The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) seeks entrepreneurs who want to join the Westchester Innovation Network's (WIN) 2024 cohort of innovators.

The ideal BCW WIN participants are startup organizations that have a minimum viable product or service to test. BCW WIN matches innovators with established businesses in Westchester County that help evaluate the new market ideas.

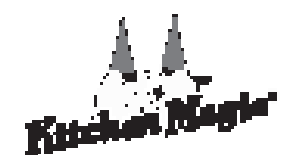
“The Westchester Innovation Network puts innovators in front of companies that are in positions to give emerging companies their first big breakthrough,” said Marsha Gordon, the BCW’s president and CEO. “Just recently, BCW WIN helped the Canadian startup Last20 undertake a test of its plastic-infused asphalt at a new parking lot at Regeneron’s global headquarters. The BCW WIN program is ready to help innovators set up more of these valuable opportunities.”

The BCW WIN network is composed of small and mid-sized companies, professional services firms, and non-profits along with well-known brands like IBM, Pepsico, MasterCard, Heineken, Danone, Morgan Stanley, and Regeneron. It also includes some of the largest hospitals and healthcare systems in the world and many colleges and universities.

Last year’s successful matches included Clarapath and EverFoam Products. Clarapath of Hawthorne received a \$10,000 BCW WIN Champions Award in November to support the company’s efforts to automate human and animal tissue slide development and facilitate disease mapping and treatment discovery. EverFoam Products of Yonkers received a \$5,000 BCW WIN Champions Award in November to manufacture and market sustainable and reusable party décor.

Other successful 2023 matches included KELLS’s collaboration with the YMCA of Central & Northern Westchester in White Plains, where the company screened adults at the Y’s early learning childcare program using its artificial-intelligence powered oral health screenings; VAE’s retail launch of its caffeinated energy spray in 20 Chestnut Market stores; and Undercare’s test of its adaptive underwear for people with limited mobility at the Meadowview at Wartburg, an assisted-living facility.

To learn more about becoming an Innovation Partner or joining the BCW WIN program, visit <https://thebcw.org/westchester-innovation-network/>



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Manhattanville College Hosts Annual Ethics Bowl

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Students from Paraclete Academy at 9th Ethics Bowl at Manhattanville

High School students from across the region gathered to answer some thorny ethical questions as part of the 9th Annual Ethics Bowl hosted by Manhattanville College. Sponsored by the college's philosophy program in cooperation with the Marshall Institute for Ethical Thought and Action, the regional bowl was held January 27. The competition pitted high school students from top-tier regional high schools including Arlington High School, Dover High School, the French-American School of New York, George F. Baker High School, Haldane High School, School of the Holy Child, John S. Burke Catholic High School, The Montfort Academy, Paraclete Academy, Poughkeepsie High School, and Salesian High School.

Paraclete Academy in Greenwich, CT placed first for the region followed by runner-up Haldane High School in Cold Spring, NY. Paraclete Academy will compete with the New Jersey Regional High School Ethics Bowl Champions in a Divisional Playoff on February 7th (to be held online) to determine who will compete at the National Level at UNC – Chapel Hill.

The region's best and brightest prepared themselves for a day of mental fortitude and battling of wits that lasted until the closing ceremonies. Manhattanville students, alumni, friends, and professors watched five rounds to determine the winning team. In addition to Manhattanville faculty and students, a unique roster of judges presided over the event, including a former U.S. Appellate Court Judge.

The teams came from throughout the county and were presented with 16-20 ethical scenarios to study ahead of time that they then had to discuss as part of the competition. During the competition, teams are asked to come up with a solution and, more importantly, defend their position in an intelligent and logical fashion.

One topic included whether artwork produced by artificial intelligence (AI) should have a copyright. Other topics included state secession and the ethics of "savior babies" (children who are born to provide a sibling in medical need with biological material). The students were judged by whether they had captured the salient ethical issues and how clearly they stated their cases.

"We are grateful that so many bright high school students are willing to tackle complicated ethical problems. Clear thinking and ethical dialogue are two of the hallmarks of philosophy at Manhattanville," said Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Ph.D., Manhattanville's Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy.

sending their resolution to Congress requesting lynching be outlawed in the country or asking Westchester DA Frank Coyne to investigate threats against Black doctors who moved into a White Plains white neighborhood.

From the early 1940s, the couple were active members of the Bethany Lutheran Evangelic Church; Frances was a member of the Altar Guild and Roland was Church Clerk.

Frances, besides being one of the founders of the Dow Post Auxiliary, served as President for two years and chaired its Americanism and Publicity committees. A member of the Westchester County Past Presidents' Parley of the American Legion Auxiliary, she served as County Chairman of Publicity and Radio, the first African American to have an official role in the county organization.

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star of Prince Hall (Yonkers), Frances served in various capacities, including as the youngest Worthy Matron of the Terrace City Chapter and Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Eastern Star of the State of New York and the Bahama Islands. She also was Deputy Grand Matron of the International Conference of the Grand Chapters of the Eastern Star of the United States and Africa.

Frances organized of Girl Scout Troop 41, served as Troop Leader, and was Corresponding Secretary of the Girl Scout Leaders Association. She organized the Bushey Avenue Homeowner's Association and was its Corresponding Secretary.

Although busy with church and community service, Frances still managed to fulfill one of her dreams by returning to school! In 1932, this lifelong learner enrolled at Roosevelt High School, graduating in 1936 with an academic diploma earned with honors. She then took courses at NYU, studying psychology and public speaking.

In 1942, she graduated from Yonkers' first Red Cross Nursing class; she earned her cap as a Nurse's Aide after completing the stringent Red Cross coursework, and helped fill a worrisome World War II Homefront shortage. Mrs. Francis became a licensed Practical Nurse.

She was an active member of the Family Service Society of Yonkers' Advisory Case Committee and the Yonkers Salvation Army Advisory Council. Other organizations she supported were the Yonkers Historical Society, Nepperhan Community Center, Westchester County Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Westchester County Urban League and the NAACP.

Mrs. Francis was politically active, serving many years as a Republican district leader and election inspector. During proportional representation, she not only passed the 1945 Municipal Civil Service Commission test for ballot counting Canvasser, she was selected for the position. Out of sixty Republicans nominated for the job, only 25 were selected. In 1947, she was one of just 20 selected for the job.

On August 5, 1953, Mayor Kristen Kristensen appointed Frances a Trustee on the Yonkers Board of Education, the first Black member of the Board. She was a dedicated Board member, making speeches, attending school activities, programs, graduations, and award ceremonies, while working for change. Among her many accomplishments during her years on the Board, Frances was especially proud of closing School One, a segregated school she felt "offered inferior educational facilities" to Black children. School One students were redistricted to School 5 and School 24; the Dunbar Houses later were built on the School One site. She actively advocated hiring more Black teachers for Yonkers schools. According to a letter she wrote to the Herald Statesman in 1980, she also was "proud of the association with members of the board, and the beautiful way" they worked together.

In 1998, almost thirty-years after her Board of Education service ended, Frances was recognized and honored by teachers and administrators of the Yonkers Public School system. The Yonkers Office of the Aging honored her in 1976 for her support of their services, including serving as a delegate to the Westchester Council of the Aging. Other honors were bestowed by her Eastern Star and veterans' auxiliary.

Frances Bates Francis passed away April 1991, just a month after her 89th birthday, leaving behind a heritage of activism and community service.

Frances Francis left Yonkers a better place for us all.

CORPORATION NOTICE

CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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MIKE SPANO
Mayor

Date: February 1, 2024



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDEX NO. 66627/2023
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Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
as the place of trial situs of the real property

the place of trial situs of the real property
Plaintiff,

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

vs.

Mortgaged Premises:

2 CHERRY HILL CIRCLE, OSSINING, NY 10562

Section: 89.12, Block: 1, Lot: 39

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

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

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

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

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 5th, 2024

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

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by “repeatedly assaulting her,” “taking obscene pictures of her,” and “showing her pornographic images of other naked children.”

The NYPD has asked any parents of children who had any type of contact with McNeal to call the NYPD Sex Crimes Hotline at 1-212-267-RAPE (7273).

McNeal was charged in Manhattan Criminal Court and bail was set at \$75,000 cash. He was remanded to Rikers Island until his Feb. 7 court date.

We feature this for Yonkers parents whose children may also have interactions with McNeal in Yonkers. We will attempt to find out his Yonkers address, so that families are aware.

Attorney General James Stops Illegal Housing Discrimination in Westchester

Real Estate Broker Anthony Marciano Denied Housing to Low-Income Renters



New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced an agreement with real estate broker Pasquale Marciano and his companies, Century 21 Marciano, Anthony Marciano Real Estate Inc., and New Roc Property Management to stop illegal policies that denied housing opportunities to low-income renters. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG), with assistance from the Housing Rights Initiative (HRI), found that real estate agents, who Marciano oversees, violated local and state laws by refusing to rent apartments to investigators who indicated that they intended to use a Section 8 Housing Choice voucher to pay rent.

As part of the agreement with OAG, Marciano, who owns 13 multifamily rental properties throughout New Rochelle with a total of 76 units, must place nine tenants using Section 8 or other government housing subsidies in units he owns and pay \$40,000 to the state, among other actions to make housing more accessible for low-income renters.

“Discrimination against low-income New Yorkers denies opportunities to those most in need of housing assistance,” said Attorney General James. “This agreement will open up housing specifically for low-income New Yorkers and send a clear message that this kind of discrimination is unacceptable in our communities. I want to thank the Housing Rights Initiative for their help with this investigation and consistent work to fight housing discrimination.”

Refusing to rent to prospective tenants based on their source of income is illegal discrimination under New York law, and wrongly denies New Yorkers equal access to housing. Owners, landlords, property managers, rental agents, and brokers cannot refuse to accept potential tenants solely because they receive housing subsidies. Government-issued rental vouchers, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program, provide housing assistance to the lowest-income households to rent decent, safe housing in the private market. These programs also aid senior citizens and disabled persons on fixed incomes, displaced families, and homeless individuals with disabilities.

At the time of the investigation, Marciano, as the owner and head real estate broker at Century 21 Marciano, oversaw the rental leasing practices of more than 25 real estate sales agents representing Westchester landlords seeking to rent apartments. An investigation done by HRI revealed that Century 21 Marciano enforced a policy that prohibited Section 8 holders from submitting applications for rental units. Century 21 Marciano agents specifically told investigators that the units they inquired about did not accept Section 8 vouchers because they “preferred not to” — a violation of state and local antidiscrimination laws.

Under the agreement with OAG, Marciano and any customer-facing staff member at his companies must undergo anti-discrimination training. Marciano must also implement an anti-discrimination policy and distribute it to everyone involved in the rental process at his companies. Rental applications must include clear anti-discrimination statements containing the sentence, “we are happy to consider applicants who have housing vouchers or subsidies.” Additionally, Marciano must publicly advertise all vacant units and include that government housing vouchers, such as Section 8, are accepted on every rental listing. Finally, Marciano must ensure that rental application fees are capped at the \$20 maximum and, during the five-year period of the agreement, must also waive broker fees for any applicants seeking to use a government housing subsidy for their rental.

“As the sole provider of free-comprehensive civil legal services in the Hudson Valley, we often provide legal advocacy to fight injustices like this,” said Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Chief Program Officer of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. “These practices, left unchecked, deeply harm our community and perpetuate the cycle of poverty. This agreement Attorney General James secured is a win for all low-income New Yorkers affected by discrimination and systemic oppression in housing matters.”

Among the illegal excuses given by Marciano Real Estate to renters who wanted to use a Section 8 voucher, according to the agreement included “Unfortunately, no. This is a coop...you have to go to a board for approval. You need a 700 FICO score and income,” and “Uh, no I don’t think so...it’s up to the Landlord, he kind of prefers the tenant without the Section 8 voucher... there were two other people with a voucher, and he said ‘No.’”

It is illegal in New York State for any owner, managing agent, broker, or any other representative to refuse to rent, sell, or lease housing to any person based on their source of income. New Yorkers who suspect they are victims of source of income discrimination are encouraged to file a complaint online.

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Square Garden, Tilden's professional debut; Tilden won the match in 65 minutes.

Thursday, February 15th

February 15, 1929: The firm of Carreau and Snedeker of New York City gave a seat on the New York Stock Exchange to James Fitzpatrick of Convent Avenue for his "efficient service." The seat was valued at \$650,000.

February 15, 1934: Mrs. Arthur Maudlin, wife of the County Register and Yonkers Republican City Chairman, 21th two other teachers (Harriet Gehr and Elizabeth Vail), were back on the city payroll after their jobs were abolished by the Board of Education as an economy measure. The reinstatement was kept a secret; Schools Superintendent Lamont Hodge refused to discuss the case.

Friday, February 16th

February 16, 1914: The Yonkers Teachers Association petitioned the Board of Education to provide rest rooms for grammar school teachers; apparently most Yonkers elementary schools did not have them!

February 16, 1920: Mayor William Wallin appointed Comptroller James Lynch to head of a committee against the repeal of the Daylight Saving Law; they were to speak at a public hearing in the NYS Legislature on February 18th. Other committee members were William Merritt, Frank Ward, Henry Herz, Frederick Fuller, and Aldermen Dedrick, Davis and McGeory.

February 16, 1924: Copper magnate William Boyce Thompson of North Broadway sent a \$500 check to the Yonkers Committee on the Relief of Starving Children in Germany. The Committee, chaired by Walther Spreckels, had collected \$17,500 in contributions from the people of Yonkers.

Saturday, February 17th

February 17, 1924: Future basketball star and union leader John Acropolis scored 26 points to lead Leake and Watts Basketball team to a 67 -10 victory over the Hebrew national Orphan Home; the game was played on the Leake and Watts court.

February 17, 1944: Thirteen-year old Jimmy Coogan of Palisade Avenue, who ran away three months earlier, returned home... after completing US Navy boot training! He was believed to be the youngest person ever discharged from any branch of the service! Jimmy had moved to Albany, got a room in the Y, and then got a job. He registered with an Albany Draft Board, fibbed about his age and entered the Navy on January 11th. Jimmy's story attracted national attention, including a mention in the Saturday Evening Post.

February 17, 1947: Sister Elizabeth Kenny, an Australian nurse famous for creating a successful method of treating polio, visited Yonkers City Hall to receive a check for \$4500 from PAL President Lieutenant Edward O'Connor; the money was raised at a benefit show, held specifically to raise money to fight polio. She thanked "the good people of Yonkers for their generous support of my foundation."

Sunday, February 18th

February 18, 1925: Samuel Untermeyer of Greystone donated \$10,000 of the \$300,000 raised at Carnegie Hall for the Palestine Foundation Fund.

February 18, 1933: Riverdale Avenue resident and internationally known sculptor Isidore Konti was elected President of the Yonkers Art Association, replacing the late Rudolf Eickemeyer.

February 18, 1943: Proving that Yonkers is a hard place to forget, Marine Lester Teed of Palmer Road, serving somewhere in the Pacific, sent a note to members of his church, the Calvary Baptist Church on North Broadway. Enclosed in his letter was a generous check to help the church continue its good works!

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Councilwoman Diaz Removed as Majority Leader After Complaint from Councilwoman Pineda-Issac: Rubbo Named New Maj. Leader

By Dan Murphy

In a period of just two weeks, Yonkers City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz lost her leadership position as Majority Leader when the council held a special meeting to amend the Rules, remove Diaz as Majority Leader, and place Councilman John Rubbo in as Majority Leader, on Feb. 8.

Two weeks prior, City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac filed a complaint against Diaz with the Yonkers Human Resources Administration, and Commissioner Carlos Moran.

Pineda-Isaac's complaint reads, "I feel that I cannot remain silent any longer. The workplace in the City Council has become extremely hostile and I must ask that necessary measures must be taken to remedy this situation.

This ongoing problem was first documented on May 6, 2022 when I emailed Majority Leader Diaz directly about comments I personally heard her make about me. In that email I detailed inappropriate remarks she was making about me to her staff member Brentin Bullock. The email which I will attach to this communication quotes the Majority Leader as she criticizes my wardrobe, calls me a "backwards bitch" for being cold during the summer months, and most alarming made a violent threat against me by stating she would "smack the taste out of my mouth".

I took the approach of addressing it principal to principal in hopes that it would be enough for Majority Leader Diaz to take the necessary steps to correct her behavior. That did not happen. Instead, the behavior has continued and worsened. Here are a few instances:

On July 19, 2023 I attended an event at Spanglish in my capacity as a Council member as I was there to present a proclamation to the Presidents of the Yonkers Vulcan Society and the Guardian's Association. It was made aware to me by fellow attendees and police officers that as soon as I walked in the Majority leader became enraged by my presence. At one point the Majority Leader even stated that since I had walked in with my sister and multiple cousins that she, too could call in her cousins as to be ready for a physical altercation. Imagine being at a work event and not realizing there's potential danger to me and my family for just being there.

Most recently, former Council President Chuck Lesnick attended the Mayor's Menorah Lighting at City Hall on December 13, 2023. Mr. Lesnick attempted to discuss a personnel matter with the Majority Leader and offer advice as a former Member of the council. Majority Leader Diaz once again became enraged, assumed that I was responsible for Mr. Lesnick's actions and proceeded to ask him "did that bitch Corazon put you up to this". Majority Leader Diaz had no regard for guests that were at city hall, for COY employees or respect for the workplace to not use such vile language when referring to me.

On January 2, 2024 the council convened to vote on our new set of rules. I was honest on the floor about my reasons for not supporting the Majority Leader for her leadership role. As you are aware commissioner, I am within my rights to vote as I choose. Professional disagreements should not result in violent threats which create at the very least a hostile workplace. However, that is what transpired at the conclusion of that meeting. My colleagues on the council and some of the staff witnessed the Majority Leader of the Yonkers City Council, the third largest city of New York say that she was going to "slit my throat". Imagine how I felt being made aware of that.

Imagine coming to work and having to sit next to someone who has made such violent remarks. When will this come to an end? When she actually physically harms me or someone else. I am not the first or last person to have fallen victim to Majority Leader Diaz's behavior. I respectfully ask that the necessary steps be taken to fix this," wrote Pineda-Isaac.

After the media reported on the complaint, additional accusations came out, and the while there is no legal remedy that can come from Yonkers City Hall, there was a political solution, which was to remove Diaz as Majority Leader.

While we write this the day before the council special meeting, we are told that at least 5 council members will vote to remove Diaz as Majority Leader and appoint Councilman John Rubbo as Majority Leader.

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