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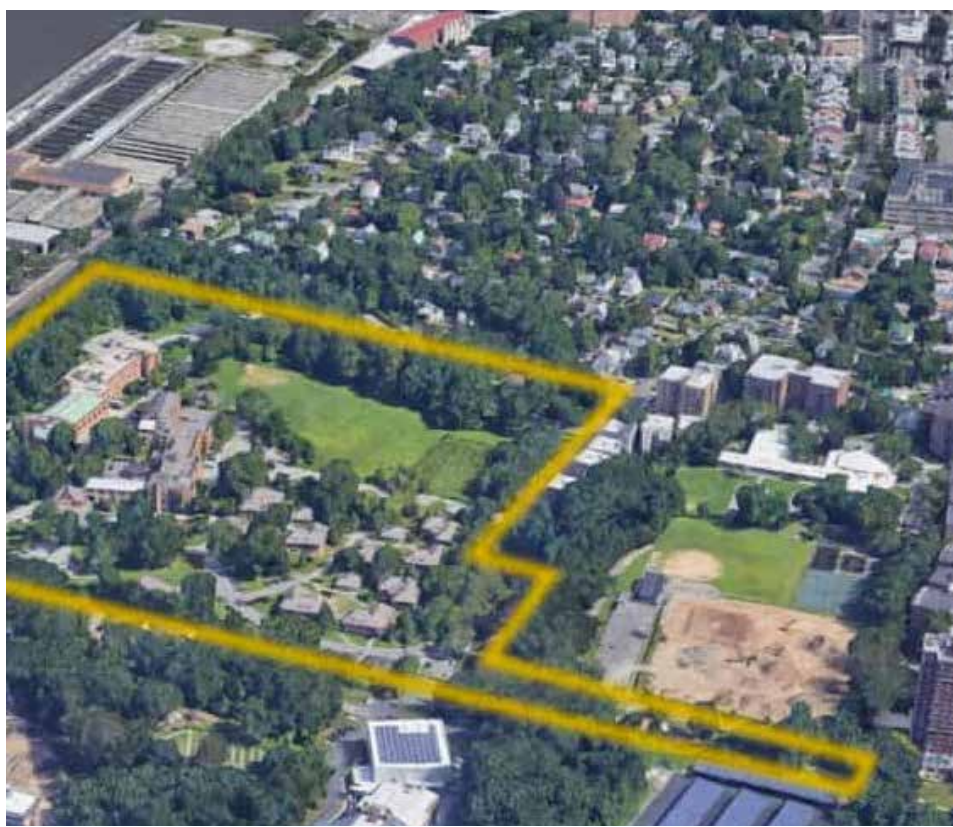
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Hollywood on the Hudson- Yonkers Continues



iPark Buys Rising Ground-Leake & Watts 28 acre riverfront property for \$52.6 Million

By Dan Murphy

The continued interest in Yonkers by developers and corporate America continues, with the announcement that iPark has purchased the 32-acre property in the Ludlow neighborhood of southwest Yonkers, formerly occupied by Leake & Watts, now Rising Ground.

Published reports state that the sale price was \$52.6 million The property will be used as a film studio and a performing arts school for the Yonkers Public Schools.

iPark and its parent company, National Resources, have developed a 14.4 acre property in the downtown by the Yonkers train station to be used by Great Point Studios and Lionsgate Entertainment as the Hudson Film & Television Center.

The Hudson riverfront property was one of the largest parcels that was closest to New York City, for sale. For more than 100 years, the property served as a social service agency center for children under foster care and young adults with advanced developmental disabilities.

Many of the 25 buildings were used as cottages for many of the youth who lived there for a short period of time. Leake & Watts changed its name to Rising Ground in 2018. Rising Ground sold the property to strengthen its financial outlook, and it continues to serve the public at 55 sites in Westchester and New York City, serving 25,000 individuals with 1,600 employees.

The tree lines property includes ballfields and sits on a rise, giving the prop-

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First Legal Marijuana Sale in NY, But Court Case Holds Up Yonkers Marijuana Stores



NYC Council Member Carlina Rivera Celebrates the Opening of the First Cannabis Dispensary in Manhattan

By Dan Murphy

The first, legal, non-medical marijuana dispensary will open in lower Manhattan today, Dec. 29. Housing Works Cannabis Co., located at 750 Broadway, near Astor Place and Washington Square Park, will be selling marijuana products starting at 4:20pm today, and daily from 11am-7pm. Cash payments only are accepted for the time being. Housing Works is a non-profit that assists persons involved in the criminal justice system.

The opening validates Governor Kathy Hochul's promise that New York will start selling, and taxing, marijuana by the end of the year. Other marijuana stores and cafes will open in early 2023.

Last month, the NYS Office of Cannabis Management awarded 36 licenses, to 28 Justice-involved individuals & 8 Nonprofit organizations, to sell marijuana grown in New York State, at 223 farms.

OCM Director Chris Alexander said, "Not only have we ended the prohibition in New York, but we're showing the nation, and the world, how to build a market that's truly equitable and inclusive, and works to undo the harms caused

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Yonkers Police Deliver Holiday Cheer- "I Now Feel Connected to the People Who Serve & Protect Us"



Here is a heartwarming story for the Holiday Season. This individual wrote a note of thanks to the Yonkers Police Department, name withheld.

"Below is my story on my experience with the YPD.

I think it is very important and necessary to notice and speak about the good things and people that live and serve our community too. I had an incident where something was stolen from me. as a result, I called 911 to assist me in this matter. The officer that responded to the crisis was "Police Officer Michael DeRosa".

Now I just wanna say that this officer's presence was refreshing. From the moment he exited out of the vehicle, he was very professional and gave off a safe feeling. Usually, the presence of police officers sends out fear and anxiety but not this officer. He made me feel comfortable which made my crisis very easy. I explained to him my situation. I run a video game after school program where I bring my personal system into the school (where I am also a Teachers Assistant in the day time) so the kids can use.

Officer DeRosa then knocked on doors and did some questioning. He told me he would investigate further into the matter and will contact me the follower day. The next day he contacted me and had some information for me.

at left-Yonkers Police Surprise a resident who had their video game stolen with a new Playstation 5

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YMA Lady Eagles Go 'Back to Back'- City Championship



On Saturday December 18, the YMA lady Eagles won the Yonkers City Championship by defeating the Obama School by score of 69-27. Ana Ndoci scored 13, while Sinead McGourty finished with 11. Ana Ndoci was named Game MVP and Sinead McGourty was named Tournament MVP. 10 different girls scored for YMA.

This makes it three years in a row where YMA made it to the Yonkers City Tournament Championship game and winning it the last two times and going back to back! The YMA Lady Eagles have been dominant in this years City tournament. How did they get there? Well on Monday December 12 the opening round of the tournament YMA defeated Roosevelt by score of 69-22. In that game Sinead McGourty recorded her career high school 24 points, while Liliana Toro and Emilee Doherty both had 12 and 11 points respectively. Then in the semifinal round, the Lady Eagles faced Yonkers High School. In that game YMA win by score of 64-27.

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Job Corps Students Inspired by Visit To Yonkers Domino Sugar Plant



On December 6, a group of six students and their work base specialist from the South Bronx Job Corps, pictured above, visited the Domino Sugar Yonkers Plant to learn about our operations and the wide range of jobs available in the food manufacturing industry and within our organization.

Job Corps is a free education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps students pursue careers without a college degree. The program offers hands-on training in a variety of industries and provides students with the skills and experience needed to enter the workforce.

The students' visit began with a presentation by Plant Manager Tiffany Dunnell, who provided an overview of our Company and the plant's operations. Sr. Security Manager Henry Nurse then led the students on a tour of the plant, where they saw first-hand the variety of jobs we offer that do not require higher education. The students were also able to speak with hourly employees, including members of the sanitation team, about their jobs. In addition, students learned résumé writing tips and best practices from Human Resources Representative Andrea Stephens.

"The students were very motivated and asked great questions," said Henry. "In addition to being a fantastic learning experience for them, some students were so inspired by their visit that they may apply to join our team, potentially adding value to our business for years to come. We're grateful to all of our employees who helped show our visitors how they can grow meaningful careers in manufacturing right here in Yonkers."

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Unfortunately, the information wasn't enough to connect me back with my now stolen system. vDeRosa saw how affected I was by this and he just knew he wanted to go above and beyond to fix this! *-continued on pg*

2 days later, DeRosa and the Yonkers Police Department on behalf of the Yonkers PBA surprised me at my home with a Brand New PlayStation 5!! I know my kids at work are going to love playing with this new system. I wasn't expecting The Yonkers PD to go above and beyond like this especially for a complete stranger like myself. Usually, I'm the one who's always helping and giving so for people to go this far for me truly means a lot!

I now feel connected to the people who serve and protect my community. I just wanted to notice the officer for changing my prospective on the people who serve my community. Usually you hear bad stories of coming into contact with the Police but this experience eased any fear and anxiety I had So again thank you, Police Officer Michael DeRosa from the 3rd precinct. Sorry Batman, there is a new hero in town haha.

City of Yonkers Breaks Ground on Trevor Park Renovations



L-R- Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone, Yonkers City Councilmember Anthony Merante, Yonkers City Council Majority Whip John Rubbo, Yonkers City Councilmember Shanae Williams, Trevor Park Committee member Melvin Alston, Yonkers City Engineer Paul Summerfield and Trevor Park Committee member Donnell McCall. Photo by Joe Panella

Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation Commences First of Three Phases of Park Improvements

On Jan. 3, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano along with the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation broke ground on the first of three phases of renovations planned for Trevor Park, located on Ravine Avenue.

Renovations for the 25-acre park include the installation of new basketball courts, new tennis courts, new benches and walkways and the replacement of the playground surfacing. The first phase, estimated at \$1.1 million, is scheduled to be complete in early summer.

"Trevor Park is a staple of this neighborhood and our waterfront," said Mayor Spano. "When we invest in local parks like Trevor, we are investing in the quality of life of our residents. Thank you to our City Council, especially Councilmember Shanae Williams and our Parks Department for prioritizing these improvements for the betterment of our City."

Shanae Williams, Yonkers City Council, 1st District, said, "Trevor Park is a significant community space here in west Yonkers, yet for years it has been overlooked and in dire need of an upgrade. I'm proud that together with the Mayor, Parks Commissioner and the Trevor Park Committee members, we are at the stage of renovating this magnificent park for the community."

Steve Sansone, Commissioner, Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation said, "This is a first in a series of exciting parks renovations to be done this year. We are excited to reimagine and reinvent Trevor Park while respecting its history and unique splendor and views."

Trevor Park is slated to undergo additional improvements in the next three years that will include the rehabilitation of the restrooms and the ballfields, the dog area and the installation of fitness equipment and new bleachers.

Trevor Park is one of 78 neighborhood parks located throughout the city.

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by the disproportionate enforcement of cannabis prohibition. Every dollar spent in this growing industry will help support independent businesses, our schools, and our communities."

OCM received more than 900 applications for licenses to sell, and plans on approving 150 in 2023. NY State issued 37 recreational cannabis licenses, 13 in New York City and 3 in the Bronx, closest to Westchester.

No licenses were awarded to applicants from Westchester, Putnam or Rockland Counties, because of a lawsuit filed by a company outside of New York State. The lawsuit claims that round one of the licensing process, which grants licenses to applicants from NY only, is unconstitutional.

Variscite NY One, Inc. filed the lawsuit and applied for OCM licenses in the mid-hudson region which includes Westchester, Brooklyn and other upstate locations. A federal judge has issued a restraining order barring OCM from granting licenses in those communities.

OCM has filed an appeal to the restraining order, which affects more than 50 licenses to sell marijuana. As a result of the lawsuit, OCM did not announce the recipients of licenses in Westchester or Putnam when they announced the 36 other licenses last month.

But several Westchester communities have already opted out of allowing marijuana stores or cafes to open in their communities. According to the Rockefeller tracker, 23 Westchester local governments have opted out. They are:

Ardasley, Bronxville, Eastchester, Elmsford, Irvington, Larchmont, Lewisboro, Mamaroneck Town, Mamaroneck Village, Mount Kisco, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pelham Manor, Pleasantville, Port Chester, Rye City, Rye Brook, Somers, Tuckahoe, Yorktown and Harrison.

And according to the tracker, the Westchester cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains, Yonkers and the Town of Pound Ridge and the Village of Sleepy Hollow will permit both cafes and dispensaries. The Town of Greenburgh will allow stores but not cafes.

So when and if the lawsuit is resolved, the only place in Westchester where stores and cafes can open will be in the seven communities listed above, and we will report on that when it happens.

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Dr. Janusz Rudnicki, St. John's Riverside Hospital, Offers Robotics & Compassionate Care



Dr. Janusz Rudnicki

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com recently spoke to Dr. Janusz Rudnicki, Gynecological Surgeon and OBGYN at St. John's Riverside Hospital, about the latest advances in gynecological robotic surgery, and specifically the minimally Invasive da Vinci® Gynecologic Surgery.

Dr. Rudnicki is a physician who brings more than 40 years of experience to his patients, and it shows in the compassion he brings to each consultation, diagnosis, and surgery if required. But Dr. Rudnicki also brings a passion for keeping up to date with the latest technological advances and sharing them with his patients.

"I take great joy and pride in providing compassionate and highly skilled care for generations of women. If you love what you do, you aren't working a day in your life, and at St. John's Riverside Hospital, it is the nurses and staff that make it like a family. We all respect our patients and each other."

A hysterectomy removes the uterus and possibly the ovaries and fallopian tubes. Several conditions may prompt your doctor to recommend a hysterectomy. They range from benign (noncancerous) conditions to cancer conditions, including uterine cancer. Approximately 400,000 women in the U.S. still receive hysterectomies each year.

Dr. Rudnicki explained that there are four ways to perform a hysterectomy on women: Open surgery, through a long incision through the abdomen; trans vaginal surgery, laparoscopic surgery, also known as keyhole or band-aid surgery, where minor cuts are made in the tummy; or robotic surgery, which is the most advanced and sophisticated.

"For 20 years, we did laparoscopic hysterectomy, so robotics is the next step in performing minimally invasive surgery. I think it's the future of medicine, and I'm excited because robotic surgery is a significant extension of performing surgery with less pain and scarring. There is also a faster recovery, reduced risk of infection, and patients stay in the hospital for a shorter amount of time," said Dr. Rudnicki.

Robotic surgery involves mounting tiny instruments on robotic arms to maximize the range of motion while using small, lighted cameras, which allows the doctor to view the surgery from a computer monitor. The da Vinci surgical systems integrate robotics and sophisticated computer technology with the skills of Dr. Rudnicki.

"At St. John's Riverside Hospital, we are operating on the da Vinci 4, the most advanced model. Safety is paramount, and Intuitive Surgical, the company that makes the da Vinci robot, has set standards ensuring that all surgeons at our hospital are trained and updated," said Dr. Rudnicki.

The da Vinci system allows surgeons to see and move in three dimensions, allowing them to perform delicate operations with precision and only tiny surgical openings. "Everybody who needs gynecological surgery could be considered a candidate for robotic surgery. I tell all my patients that the lighting and the instrumentation are more precise and state of the art."

The da Vinci vision system delivers 3D high-definition views, giving your surgeon a crystal-clear view of the surgical area magnified ten times what the human eye sees. Suturing is far easier with robotic instruments as well. Also, blood loss is significantly reduced.

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We Are All to Blame for George Santos



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Editorial Note: As I was sitting having lunch at Panera on Tuesday, the day after New Year's Day was celebrated, on both sides of me were biz folks talking about the insane plane experiences they had over the holiday weekends. Seems like no one got to the right place at their scheduled date and time. Congress and the agencies that monitor the industry need to investigate the mess that occurred and going forth, the reimbursement travelers should receive for delays and disruptions. And if the airlines can't carry the increase in passenger load, they should not schedule flights. You can only blame weather, technical issues and getting flight crews as the reason for all this mess so far. We never had these problems 20 years ago, and airline technology has gotten better while the number of flights have increased as demand has increased. Remember when it was fun to fly?

George Santos: Congressman Elect (lol)

Can you believe the news coming from Long Island where George Santos was elected Congressman. Everything from theft, incredible increase in assets, lies about the colleges he attended, lies about the high school he attended, a resume full of fantasy, Ponzi (Madoff Style) scheme, I am only at the tip of the iceberg as to what this fraudster is all about.

We have to give credit to the North Shore Leader, a small town Long Island community newspaper similar in content to the one you are reading for exposing 2 months ahead of Election Day what a scammer Santos was. That said, let's give credit to that paper and this one as well as blogs and internet radio and All forms of communication where enlightened citizens like you and me have the opportunity to see and hear comments on things happening locally.

But wait a minute. This is a Congressman from New York, the media capital of the world. No Dorothy, we are not in Kansas anymore. New York is chock full of community newspapers, radio stations, blogs as well as The New York Times, Daily News (a fraction of its old self), New York Post (what many consider the paper of record as it offers stories that tell you the crime and carnivals) and Newsday. New York has a plethora of radio and television stations with their flagship stations in New York. Most weekly nationwide magazines publish from New York. Our media is considered to be the finest in the world.

So what happened here? No one reads the North Shore Leader? Fortunately that's not the case in Westchester with Rising Media Group Newspapers one of which you are reading today. Can't believe it. There's only so many bake sales and high school car washes a community can have. Community newspapers are just that, news about the community!

If no one read the newspaper it wouldn't be published. If it's a community newspaper at least the political folks give it a gander. If they didn't that would be dumb. No one in politics read the newspaper? I don't know the paper but if it runs grocery ads no one wants to know the sale price for corn flakes? Or apple-sauce. Or cheese blintzes?

Long Island politicians are supposed to be the smartest in the country. Did Republican, Independent, Conservative or whatever lines this Santos character was on check his background to at least see if he voted before? He was registered but in another district. The Peter King's of the world run political machines in Long Island and there are many sophisticated Democrats who slickly run the Long Island Political parties. No slick Long Islander read the Leader and checked George Santos out before he was nominated by the political parties and nominating petitions went out. He's wanted in another country. No one from that country was aware Santos was running for office?

Friends this stuff doesn't go on in Arkansas yet along big bad New York State. You mean to tell me no one vetted this guy including the thousands of people who live in his district. And he was in a close race. Is someone hiding something. This is a fairytale. Fantasyland.

I don't know how this could have occurred unless a lot of people were paid off big time. Where do we go from here. There are enough investigations at all levels of government that hopefully this man will be in handcuffs or out of his Congressional seat in short order. Moral of the story? Review a resume and do a background check on the person you want to elect to office or hire in your business. A McDonald's clerk gets a better screening for a job than this guy running for Congressman did!

Demar Hamlin

Other than to pray for his recovery, my only thought on what occurred to Demar Hamlin on the football field in Cincinnati is that we as a society have to make up our minds if we want individuals on the professional, college or high school level to be subject to injury playing football or not. There's no way at any level of the sport to play without the potential for injury, and there is no equipment currently on the market that can prevent the injuries that come with playing this most dangerous sport. While we are at it let's examine the safety and health

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Sen. Mayer “Disappointed” That Gov. Hochul Vetoed 4 of Her Bills

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer issued the following statement after Governor Kathy Hochul vetoed four of her sponsored bills.

“On the eve of Christmas Eve, I’m extremely disappointed that Governor Hochul chose to veto four of my legislative bills-proposals that addressed specific problems my constituents have faced. With my colleagues, I worked hard on these bills for months, always with an open door to those who raised concerns about them. Frequently, I modified the bills to reflect their concerns.

“Ultimately, these four bills made it through the Committee process in both the Senate and Assembly, passed on the floor, in some cases unanimously, and then were summarily vetoed on the last possible day.”

“One bill for example, S.6828-would have required the Department of Labor to notify applicants for Unemployment Insurance whether their claim was approved or denied in 30 days-like most other government benefits. During COVID, hundreds of constituents came to my office for help, and knowing the poor experiences my constituents were having, I was determined to find a better way for them to find out information about their claims on a timely basis.”

“This bill was a common sense solution to a problem, one that is premised on the belief that the agencies of New York State work for you, the people, not the other way around. Without this legislation, claimants will continue to be left in indefinite limbo, unsure of their status, and unable to appeal DOL’s decision. The bill passed the Senate unanimously.”

“Another of my bills, S.9432, would simply require the MTA to develop a vegetation management policy, to protect green space, and require notice to neighbors and elected leaders when land modifications are made. As a good neighbor, the MTA should voluntarily support this effort, but we needed a law to get it done. Sadly, my legislator to require this was vetoed as well.”

“I believe the agencies of state government are here to serve the taxpayers and the residents. If I find they are not serving New Yorkers, it is my job as a State Senator to make them do so.”

“I’m disappointed in these vetoes, but I’m not going to stop doing what I was elected to do-to fight for my constituents and all New Yorkers,” said Senator Mayer.

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Dr. Rudnicki combines the experience of more than 40 years in medicine with his embracing of the latest technologies. But, in the end, the decision is entirely up to the patient. “Now, more people are asking for robotics based on our discussions and their need for surgery. For those who are concerned about robotics, I give them the pros and cons. I respect the patient’s autonomy, but robotic surgery creates better outcomes. I reinforce that I control every move of the robot. And the results, of less pain, less loss of blood, less risk of infection, and getting back to normal life in days instead of weeks, and nine out of 10 of my patients want that outcome.”

Dr. Rudnicki also praised the St. John’s Hospital team that works with him in robotic gynecological surgery. “We are completely committed to safety and quality. Our Robotic Steering Committee creates teams where everyone knows exactly what they are supposed to do. We also have a superb anesthesia team. There are no weak links.”

Dr. Rudnicki is a highly skilled gynecological surgeon with over 25 years of performing thousands of minimally invasive procedures and 12 years of experience performing hundreds of minor surgeries using da Vinci robotic surgery.

In his other capacity, you will find Dr. Rudnicki as an OBGYN delivering babies at St. John’s Riverside Hospital. “I’m addicted to bringing life into this world—it is an incredible experience, and the staff at St. John’s Riverside Hospital helps make the mother more secure. His approach to personalized care combined with St. John’s Five Star Maternity is the perfect choice for mom and baby.

“I love my job, helping women and bringing babies into the world. Nobody is treated like a stranger here at St. John’s Riverside Hospital, and they are greeted like family members. My philosophy is I want my patients to go home and say they had great care. Everyone at St. John’s shares that philosophy, from the nurses to the CEO.

Patient testimonials for Dr. Rudnicki all point to his compassion for his patients and the highest level of personal care during non-rushed appointments.

“Seen right away, great bedside manner and friendly staff. He got me in right away for diagnostics, and his other office was equally amazing. Thank you!” said Christine.

Dr. Rudnicki has cared for generations of mothers and their daughters. And it is that type of seasoned professional that you can trust. He also brings a passion for the latest technology to your healthcare needs. Together, Dr. Rudnicki and St. John’s Riverside Hospital give their patients comfort, knowing that you made the right choice.

Call 914.964.3300 for an appointment. Dr. Rudnicki is pleased to announce he is accepting new patients.

Dr. Rudnicki is an active member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, and the Westchester/Putnam County OB/GYN Society. He is the recipient of the Physician of the Year Award and multiple awards in Westchester and Putnam Counties.

Celebrating the Life of Gail Bartley Baxter



Gail Bartley Baxter, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, friend, community activist and lifelong advocate, left this life on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. She was born in New York, NY on June 3, 1945.

Gail graduated from Evander Childs Educational Campus, a High School in the Bronx in 1963 and studied at Bowling Green State University, in Ohio, graduating in the class of 1967.

Gail married Richard Baxter and they had two children: Patrick and Matthew. Gail, Patrick, and Matthew moved to Yonkers, New York around 1976.

In 1988, Gail brought her grandson, Jordan Bazemore, home from the hospital. They have always enjoyed a mother/son relationship. Jordan was a tremendous support to Gail during these past few challenging years. He graduated from Saunders HS and has been employed by the YPS for 15 years.

Shortly after moving to Yonkers, Gail went to work for the Bank of Tokyo Trust Company and later worked for Nynex Telephone Company. Gail also worked as a Parent Coordinator with the Yonkers Public Schools before retiring.

Gail Baxter was a Civil and Social Rights Advocate for 5 decades. She was well known for her passion, courage, and activism. Her legal knowledge and years of experience with navigating school systems helped countless families receive the services they needed. Gail will be most remembered as a crusader for helping the underdog, being the voice of the under-served.

Gail has been officially recognized by the NY State Senate for her service in the NAACP, the Yonkers City Council as a YPS Parent Coordinator, the Westchester County Board of Legislators for Yonkers Council PTSA’s, among many other awards and proclamations.

Gail served as President of the Exceptional Child PTA (SEPTA), Chairperson of Mayor Spano’s African American Advisory Board, a member of the City Council President’s African American Advisory Board, the Aquehung Democratic Women’s Club and Gail was a long standing and active member of the Yonkers Branch of NAACP, becoming the Yonkers Branch President from 2008-2010.

Gail was a member of numerous boards, commissions and community-based organizations in Yonkers and Westchester County. Gail’s volunteer commitments are too numerous to list them all. She was a mentor with the Yonkers Partner in Education Program (YPIE) and at Palisades Prep HS, among other educational organizations.

Gail leaves behind two sons: Patrick and Matthew Baxter (Amanda); three grandchildren: Lincoln Baxter, Niko Baxter, and Jordan Bazemore; one brother Dana Moore Sr. (Venice), a sister-in-law Helen Hoffman (Carl); nephew Dana Michael Moore and many more friends and family. She sorrowfully leaves her companion “Buddy” who she treasured.

One of Gail’s favorite quotes was, “We live in a world where ‘Let the Other Guy do it’ is the prevailing mantra. Now is the time to design a revolution where no one is left behind!” and “We should never fall back on another guy in getting the work done. It’s about the man in the mirror.”

Services were officiated by Rev Steve Lopez on December 28, at Calvary Center Church, Yonkers.

To honor Gail’s advocacy, we are in the process of creating a Memorial Scholarship for a HS Senior with Special Needs VIA Yonkers Council of PTA’s, therefore in lieu of flowers please donate to YCPTA. Mail any donation to: YCPTA at 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701 NOTATE: Gail Baxter Fund

Special Thanks to Kisha D. Skipper for helping compose the obituary as a tribute to Gail, one whom she admired.

YMA Girls Hoops Go Back to Back, continued from pg 1-

In that game Emilee Doherty led all scorers with 13 points, while Sinead McGourty and Arsela Mustafaj both had 10 points.

During the tournament, YMA outscored their opponents 202-76. This domination wouldn’t have been possible with our MaryKay leading her team and facilitation the offense, while Rayne Darcy, Sinead McGourty and Britteny DaCosta drew the assignments of defending the other teams best players, while Ana dominated on the glass.

It must be noted that, throughout the tournament, our starters sat majority of the time after halftime supporting their teammates. The starters throughout the tournament were as follows. At the Point Guard spot is veteran Junior MaryKay Scott, the two and three guards were Junior Rayne Darcy, and Senior Sinead McGourty, our forward was Junior Britteny DaCosta, and Center is Senior Ana Ndoci.

YMA Coach Elie Moise said, “I’m very proud of our girls. We have a rotation of about 9 girls this year, and it’s showing. They work so hard, all nine girls played AAU in the spring, traveled everywhere from Spookynook to Atlantic City, and even Florida to play travel basketball. They work all year round to become better players. What makes it even better is majority of our lineup picked up a bunch of college offers to go play basketball at the next level! That’s the goal in our city. At YMA we try and out a good product out there then we send you off to college to play basketball! Three years ago when we lost in the chip, it hurt, and these girls all played in that and remembered how they felt and they used it as motivation.”

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Held online, this virtual program explores what happened to the Loyalists in the Hudson during and after the American Revolution.

Kieran O'Keefe is a professor of history at Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas. He grew up in the Hudson Valley and earned his Ph.D. in History from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C in 2021. He is currently working on his book manuscript, tentatively titled Suffering for the Crown: The Hudson Valley Loyalists, Violence, and Forced Migration in Revolutionary North America.

Broadcast via WebEx, "Loyalists in the Hudson Valley" begins at 7:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The program is free and open to the public. Registration is available at

www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.

Yonkers Police Quickly Arrest Christmas Armed Robber



Bah Humbug to David Melendez

Everybody deserves to be safe when they go home at night, especially right after Christmas, but unfortunately there are criminals like David Melendez, 44-years-old and homeless, who prey on our neighbors.

But fortunately, our #YonkersPD Police Officers and Detectives are committed to locking up violent actors like David, who was charged with two counts of Robbery 1 in relation to this incident on New Main Street and another on Elliott Avenue; identified and apprehended in less than three days!

See the video, link below, from the apartment lobby, where Melendez points a gun at the victim.

<https://twitter.com/YonkersPD/status/1608550456829280258>

Westchester Speaks Out on George Santos: Latimer calls on him to resign; Spotorno Asks Where Was the Vetting by GOP?

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, a democrat, said that disgraced Congressman George Santos "must resign, enough."

"When prominent Democrats ran afoul of scandal – Comptroller, Governor, Speaker, Attorney General, Lt. Governor – other Democrats came out publicly and called for resignation. Within one's party, this is not easy... but everyone who defends the indefensible now owns the offense as well.

"I am encouraged that some Nassau Republicans are speaking out against George Santos – and not at all surprised that Marjorie Taylor Greene spoke in his defense.

"Santos has lied not about one or two things in his resume, but literally everything: his jobs, his schooling, his ethnicity, his parents. He won under false pretenses and the people that wanted a conservative voice in Congress and so chose him, will get another chance in a special election to pick someone they agree with in ideology but is not a flat-out liar.

"Those of us in political life are constantly bombarded by opponents with accusations that corrode public faith... "all is fair" in trying to gain power. When a George Devolder-Santos comes along, he gives every critic the platform to say "they're all alike – all liars". Santos must resign. Enough," writes Latimer.

Westchester Congressman elect Mike Lawler, a republican, issued a statement on Twitter that reads, "George Santos owes the people of his district the complete and total truth about his personal and professional background, and a sincere apology for his behavior. Attempts to blame others or minimize his actions are only making things worse and a complete distraction from the task at hand."

"With multiple federal, state, and local investigations seemingly underway, Mr. Santos should cooperate fully if he is to regain the trust of his constituents and colleagues," stated Lawler.

Yonkers resident and former Congressional candidate Frank Spotorno asked **WAS THERE A DOUBLE STANDARD IN VETTING SANTOS, OR NO STANDARD?** in his Op-Ed, which reads

The news about Congressman elect George Santos keeps getting worse, and the hits just keep on coming. A recent comment from Dave Wasserman, the guru for covering congressional races for the Cook Political Report, who reminded readers that in September he wrote, that "Top House Republicans were well aware of Santos's dishonesty before the election/NYT article, w/ several expressing late concern/incapacity that he might win," and "republican strategists bitterly regard this race as a recruitment failure. 'Nobody wants to touch him with a 10-foot pole,'" said one Washington DC GOP aide.

In 2016, I ran for Congress as the republican candidate against Joe Crowley in a NYC district that is now held by AOC. I ran a business for 20 years and campaigned in some of the same neighborhoods in Queens that Santos was elected to represent.

Both the NY GOP and NY Conservative parties vetted my candidacy, as they should every congressional candidate. Because I was a proud Italian American

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On This Day in Yonkers History ...



First African-American Modern Dancer Hemsley Winfield

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

Monday, January 9th

January 9, 1934: As part of his efforts to comply with Mayor Loehr's orders to drastically reduce city spending, DPW Commissioner Edward Murray announced \$75,000 would be cut from Yonkers street lighting budget. His plan was to reduce lighting in the "heart of Yonkers," and stagger illumination in the outlying sections. Each light in our business sections had two lamps; only one would be lit. E. P. Prezzano, Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company VP, announced his company would be happy to work with Yonkers during the economy move. Murray's total departmental reduction was \$169,697; much of the cost reduction was to come from the elimination of jobs, both labor and higher salaried positions. All savings was earmarked to pay off Yonkers existing debt.

January 9, 1945: People in Yonkers thought they might be seeing a mirage... not once, but twice! Several people called YPD to report they had seen a dog floating down the river on an ice floe! A few hours later, YPD began fielding calls a deer had been spotted floating down the river. In both cases, the Coast Guard in Yonkers made heroic rescues. They picked up the first, indeed a dog, in one of their boats. The same afternoon, they attempted to get the deer on board, but failed. They then used their cutter to push the ice the deer was stranded on towards the shore. As soon as the deer spotted shore, it jumped off the floe, swam to land and galloped away.

Tuesday, January 10th

January 10, 1933: After multiple reports of ghosts prowling around St. John's Cemetery and vandalism of cemetery vaults, Patrolman Albert Will nabbed a New Main Street man in the Odell-Brevoort family mausoleum at the stroke of midnight! While walking through the cemetery, Will saw the heavy door of the vault swing open; the officer entered the vault with his gun drawn and found twenty-two year old Joseph Porter hiding in the corner, surrounded by the 22 family members buried there. Porter refused to reveal why he was there, but insisted he had not disturbed or stolen anything. Judge Boots remanded him without bail for investigation of the malicious mischief charge.

Wednesday, January 11th

January 11, 1945: Lieutenant Edward O'Connor went on trial before Deputy Public Safety Commissioner Frank Duffy. O'Connor, the first of five police officers accused of dereliction, was accused of four violations of police rules. Charges were filed in November by former City Manager William Walsh in connection with an incident centering on alleged major gambling operations. O'Connor, on desk duty at the First Precinct, was charged with failing to record phone calls, failing to record he alleged orders to officers, and reporting to Walsh "contrary to the facts." Prosecuting attorney was Corporation Counsel Broderick; Defense attorney for all officers was former Corporation Counsel Paul Bleakley.

Bleakley attempted to have a joint hearing for all five defendants, but was turned down by the Trial Commissioner. Two witnesses were called, Fred Stoekel and YPD Captain John McCormack, Traffic Division Commander. Stoekel, Manager of the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company, testified on lighting services for the Sure-Way Developing Shop at 289 Nepperhan Avenue near Copcutt Lane. McCormack spoke about heavily curtained windows and a lack of laboratory and dark room equipment; the building should have had both according to its leasing agreement.

Thursday, January 12th

January 12, 1945: "Famous Handwriting Expert" Elbridge Stein testified at Lieutenant Edward O'Connor's trial; after his "scientific examination" of the police records for the Copcutt Lane gambling incident, he stated erasures had been made in the O'Connor report and new notes made. Former City Manager William Walsh stated he went to Police Headquarters after the incident and demanded to see the records. Chief Kruppenbacher showed him records; Walsh then seized possession and kept them until the trial. "Most significant" was testimony of lineman John Scanlon who attested he saw Patrolman Connolly in Copcutt Lane the morning of the incident. Defense Attorney Bleakley jumped to his feet and thundered, accusing Scanlon of lying; Bleakley stated Scanlon told him in pretrial questioning he was unsure he had seen a patrolman the morning in question.

Friday, January 13th

January 13, 1938: The extreme level of "Dutch Schultz" Flegenheimer's machinations to hide ownership of a Yonkers brewery were revealed in a lawsuit brought by his widow Frances. She believed Schultz' former associates had conspired to give Democratic leader Thomas Brogan ownership of the Yonkers operation, so she filed suit to recover stock in the two dummy companies Schultz set up to hide his ownership. Besides Brogan, among the eleven she named in the suit was her late husband's bodyguard, his lawyer, "lieutenant," and a night club owner. Schultz was believed to be the kingpin of New York bootleggers at the height of Prohibition.

Saturday, January 14th

January 14, 1944: Speaking at the Yonkers Rotary Club, Sidney Karlton, Medical Director of the Pyridium Corporation in Nepera Park, informed members the Yonkers plant was one of the few companies in the US producing the wonder drug Penicillin! This miracle drug, however, was reserved for war use as it was difficult to produce. He also spoke about sulfadiazine, developed "right here in Yonkers at the Nepera Park plant. Sulfadiazine, used to combat strep-throat, pneumonia and gonorrhea, had faced opposition from doctors just ten years earlier. War casualties had sharply dropped as each soldier had packets containing sulfa tablets and powder. Pyridium moved to Yonkers in 1927, just two years after the company was started.

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Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that a meeting of the City Council to be held on January 17, 2023 Time 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Yonkers, New York, the City Council will proceed to give a Public Hearing on the application of Lemor Development Group LLC and Empire Development Capital Holding, LLC in relation to a change of Zone District Classification from its present "M" Zone District (apartment houses, medium-density) to the "A" Zone District (apartment houses, high-density) for the following described City of Yonkers owned parcels of land , to wit:

Lots 29-41, 43 and 44 in Block 2172 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, bearing street addresses of 273-297 Glenwood Avenue, 146 Lake Avenue, and 164 Lake Avenue.

These lots are situated along the northwestern side of Father Finian Sullivan Drive and the southeastern side of Somerville Place, with a public walkway extension on Lake Avenue bounding the northeast of the Property.

The Applicants are proposing to construct Glenwood Hill Manor. A 177-unit residential building, to include a variety of unit mixes. The Applicants respectfully submit that remapping to the A zoning district would allow for a more beneficial use of the Property.

Dated: January 6, 2023

Lemor Development Group LLC
Empire Development Capital Holding, LLC
Applicants by
Attorney for Applicants
Cuddy & Feder LLP
445 Hamilton Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 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) (Adjourned to May 2023 ZBA meeting)

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521)

5799 – Area Variance – Jacob Amir, Esq., on behalf of Dagro Associates II, LLC., owner, on premises known as 165 aka 167 North Broadway, Block: 2094, Lot: 25, Zone: BA (B23338)

5800 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Assoc., P.C., on behalf of Sherwood Holding Company, owner, on premises known as 1186 Yonkers Avenue Rear aka 2 Sherwood Terrace, Block: 6315, Lot: 14, Zone: BA (B29260)

5802 – Area Variance – Diana B. Kolev, Esq., on behalf of Macquesten Development LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 632 aka 636 South Broadway, Block: 29, Lot: 1, Zone: SBS (B31218)

#5804 – Area Variance - Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, LLP, on behalf of City of Yonkers, owner & Verus Development LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 345 McLean Avenue, Block: 59, Lot: 75, Zone: A (B27461)

#5805 – Use Variance - Daniel Patrick, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of Sgarson LLC, owner, on premises known as 673 aka 675 McLean Avenue, Block: 6215, Lot: 1.49, Zone: B (B31393)

#5806 – Area Variance – Andrew Maniglia & Jim Surdoval, on behalf of 70 Pier LLC, owner, on premises known as 70 (66) Pier Street, Block: 146, Lot: 1.4 & 5, Zone: L-MX (B24085)

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Notice of formation of JCJ Electrical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 01/06/2022. 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, 15 Dexter Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Sunday, January 15th

January 15, 1934: Death claimed Yonkers resident, dance pioneer and founder of the Negro Art Theater Hemsley Winfield who died of pneumonia at New York Hospital at the age of 26. Winfield danced his way to fame as the original witch doctor in Eugene O'Neill's "Emperor Jones," mounted by the Metropolitan Opera Company, the first African-American performing in a credited part at the Met. Winfield's brought his own corps of dancers from the Negro Art Theater Dance Group to perform in the production. The Yonkers native lived with his family on Wolf Street, and graduated from School Thirteen where he was president of his class.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

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records of other sports in terms of injuries obtained by players. I'm not saying end sports in our country, I am just saying we have to come up with ways to make the sports our teams play from high school to college safer.

Masking Up?

It seems like the number of people with COVID is rising again. I guess part of it is that with winter upon us more people are spending more time inside where it can spread rather quickly. As I learned last weekend never having to deal with the issue on a personal level, you are not going to get the medication on the market unless you have serious symptoms. Your doctor has to authorize your receipt of the medication. And make sure you read the instructions thoroughly on the initial home test you are given. The medication doesn't rid your body of Covid, it just helps the symptoms you have go away quicker and milder. Any questions call your doctors office, the local hospital or pharmacy as this can be easily triaged without an initial hospital visit which costs you money for no reason.

The doctor told me to mask up again when indoors, particularly in a crowded space. Are you masking up? Don't forget to wash those hands!

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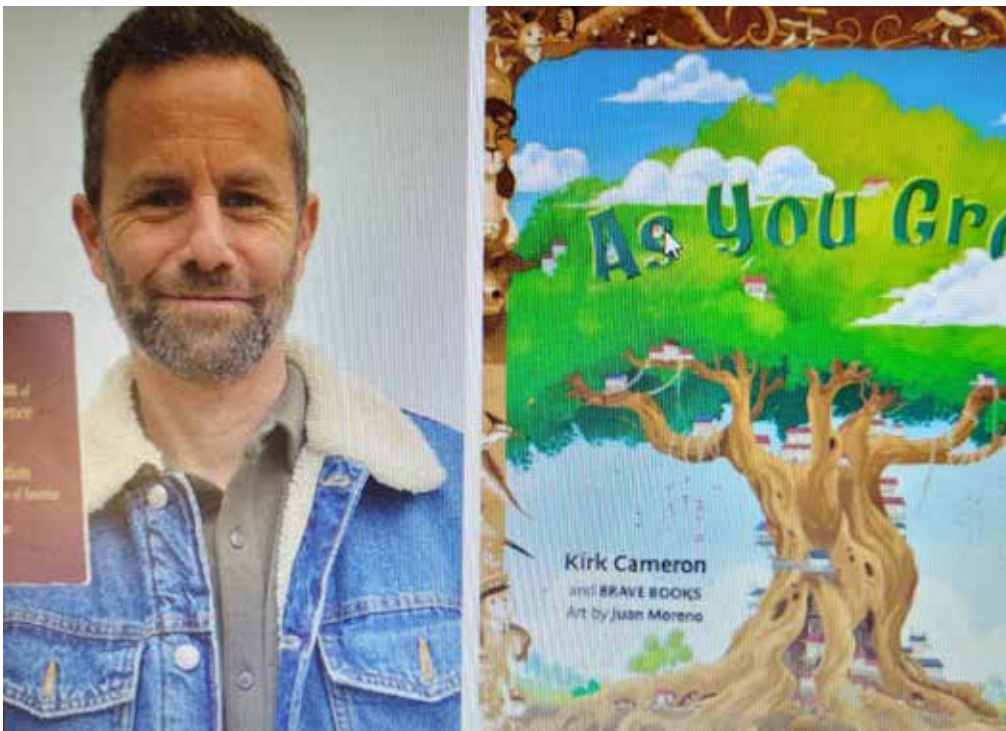
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Notice of formation of 808 Commerce LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC at 808 Commerce Stret, Thornwood, NY 10594. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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Notice of formation of PERIGONMED LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/2022. 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, 73 Market st suit 300 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Families & Children Enjoy Kirk Cameron Read Children's Christian Book at Scarsdale Library



By Dan Murphy

Every Westchester resident should support the First Amendment rights of its citizens to host a Drag Queen Story time, but also the right of a Christian Author to read his children's book, both at a Public Library.

In both cases, only those interested in hearing either story can attend. And if you don't like it, or don't want to participate, you can "turn the channel" and don't show up.

According to Scarsdale Police, 700 families, and some protestors, showed up at the Scarsdale Library on Dec. 30 to hear actor and author Kirk Cameron read from his Christian children's book 'As You Grow'.

The Scott Room at the library holds 170, and Cameron read his book to two groups of families. Everyone who listened to Cameron's reading understood that his book, "teaches kids biblical wisdom, through the seasons of life and how to grow the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control," as Cameron explained.

But the response from most of the media, and several protestors has been against Cameron and those who came out to hear about his book and his message. First, based on the attendance, there was strong interest.

Second, according to the SPD, there was no incidents of criminal behavior, and the event went off without a hitch. Cameron wanted to pay for extra time to read to more families who were lined up inside and outside but wasn't able to make it happen.

Westchester resident Robin Stettinisch covered Cameron's event for our newspaper, and like us, was surprised at the negativity in the coverage by some in the local media, notably, Scarsdale 10583. The title of 10583 coverage of Cameron was "Library Overtaken by 700 Visitors to Kirk Cameron's Story Hour," but most librarians would be overjoyed if 700 people attended one of their programs.

The story continues with "Cameron and his book publisher, Brave Books, exploited free speech laws to hold his event at Scarsdale Library." There is no exploitation in exercising your First Amendment rights as an American. A journalist should respect this right more than others, and Cameron was given the same First Amendment protection to hold his event at the same location as Drag Queen Storytime.

One social media post from the 10583-story included, "As far as 'exploit[ing] free speech laws to hold his event at Scarsdale Library,' these laws exist to protect the speech of those the majority find controversial and even objectionable (yes, even Kirk Cameron's). And it appears they worked as intended here, with 'no incidents reported.'"

10583 continues with "The library was quickly overwhelmed as only 170 people could fit into the Scott Room." The author's use of the term "overwhelmed" indicates a negative connotation that attendees were "invading" the Scarsdale Library. The library, its staff, and the Scarsdale police understood Cameron's event could result in large attendance. They were prepared, and the crowd was peaceful and respectful.

And perhaps the most disturbing part of the 10583 story was, "Though no one knows where all the people came from, there seemed to be few Scarsdale residents in the crowd." As Stettinisch points out, "OK how did they make that determination? By how the people looked? What cars they drove? Seems awfully judgmental and condescending to me."

Stettinisch's characterization that any Scarsdale resident who opposed Cameron's program because attendees lived outside Scarsdale are judgmental and condescending is putting it lightly. In fact, ANY resident of Westchester County can attend ANY program at ANY Westchester library. If the residents and taxpayers of Scarsdale wish to restrict "outsiders" from attending programs at their library, they should lose the state funding that comes for libraries.

10583 also reported that SPD "said that there were 2 readings in the allotted timeframe and 170 were in each reading. There were no incidents reported. Six Scarsdale officers were supported by six County officers for traffic and crowd control. The event concluded on schedule."

Scarsdale 10583 article states, "only one session (storytime) was planned but the library permitted 2 to accommodate more visitors". Stettinisch clarifies, "that was within the hour that was booked and paid for, so they 'permitted' nothing. And no mention of how Cameron offered to pay to stay extra and was refused, despite the room being available and the library not closing for another 2 hours."

Another odd piece to the 10583 story was "though billed as a story hour for young children, the visitors included grandparents, parents, teens, and toddlers," as if to indicate that for family members to join young children in a book reading was strange.

A post below the story reads, "Also, LOL at 'though billed as a story hour for young children, the visitors included grandparents, parents, teens and toddlers.'" Yes, that's generally how all children's events go, as young kids generally cannot drive themselves to a library."

And from Stettinisch, "So... what's so horrible about a family story time? They didn't seem to mind the toddlers that were there with family at the Drag Queen storytime sponsored by and promoted by the library for children as young as 2."

The 10583 story concludes with a quote from Mark Gompertz, Group Editorial Director at Skyhorse Publishing and a Scarsdale resident. "While I'm not sure how I feel about all the 'outsiders' coming into the community, I applaud the village/ library for allowing it just as I would a story hour about a drag Queen even if all right groups didn't feel it was appropriate. Crazy world."

But isn't diversity and inclusion supposed to be all about "outsiders"?

"I would note that Scarsdale Library hosted a LGBT Drag Queen story hour this past June (2022). But families showing up to hear a story about love, patience, kindness, oh no!" said Stettinisch, who reminds us that the drag queen storytime was arranged for, sponsored and promoted by Scarsdale Library for ages 2 + to "inspire a love of reading while teaching deeper lessons on diversity, self-love, and an appreciation of others," but they refused to sponsor or promote a storytime dealing with values such as love, patience, kindness etc which should not only be "Christian" but "Universal".

Cameron said after the event, "Thank you to my brothers and sisters in the Family of Faith and all who showed up in Indy and Scarsdale, NY to celebrate faith, hope and love and protect the hearts and minds of our children...One of the aspects that has always made this country great is the free expression of ideas essential to an informed citizenry."

In the final analysis, the Scarsdale Library did the right thing by allowing Cameron to read from his book.

Editor's Note: Stettinisch, has her own story to tell about her decades working as a librarian for the Scarsdale Library. More on her story next week.

Help Us ID Mystery Man Stealing Nude Art From SUNY Purchase



By Dan Murphy

Yonkerstimes.com just recently became aware of an older gentleman walking onto the SUNY Purchase campus and stealing art projects of Purchase students. And all of the art this man has stolen are nudes.

Students familiar with the case have been posting about this has now been happening for two semesters and the thief remains at large. The picture above is a good enough rendering for someone in Westchester to come forward and contact the State Police.

The stolen works of art are important to the students, who are graduating after presenting their senior thesis exhibits on campus.

In a statement, the Purchase College Police Chief Dayton Tucker said the investigation is ongoing and "our Investigators are working diligently with local law enforcement in the region to solve and close the case."

One post online from a student reads, "THIS MAN HAS BEEN STEALING ARTWORK FROM SUNY PURCHASE COLLEGE. For the past two semesters he has been stealing figurative drawings and paintings, always nudes. The police's facial recognition software can not identify him. PLEASE help us identify him so we can get our work back. Thank you."

The man allegedly sneaks past security on campus and into the art gallery in the early morning hours. Some have questioned why the art gallery cannot be locked, or at least have a feature where a college ID is required for entry.

Others wonder why this matter has not been made more public. Perhaps it was because officials at SUNY Purchase did not want the negative publicity, or were hoping to make an arrest.

If you recognize this man, or have more information, call SUNY Purchase public safety at 914-251-6868. You call can be kept anonymous. Or email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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erty unparalleled views of the Hudson River, with the metro-north railroad running next door. The property was listed in Feb. 2021 for \$60 million.

In August of this year, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Board of Education today announced the Board's approval to sign a 20-year lease with iPark Riverdale, LLC., to rent the Frank T. Biondi and the Ames School Buildings at the former Rising Ground property on Hawthorne Street. In partnership with Great Point Studios, owner and operator of the new Lionsgate Studio Yonkers, the 100,000 square foot property will be the future home to Yonkers Public Schools' new media and production magnet school.

"Yonkers is thrilled to partner with Great Point Studios in our effort to invest in and provide more specialized educational opportunities for students and offer them the pathway to a career," said Mayor Mike Spano. "This school, along with the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School in construction now, means Yonkers soon will be home to two more vibrant and diverse learning institutions that will see our young people flourish and prepare them for the next phases of their educational journey."

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can and a proud union member, my vetting may have taken longer because some wanted to make sure that I was who I said I was.

Did anyone in the Queens GOP, or Nassau GOP, or in the NYGOP, investigate George Santos like they looked into my past? Obviously not.

And the leaders in the NYGOP had two years to vet Santos, because he ran in 2020, losing to Tom Suozzi.

I also believe that some other republican should have challenged Santos this year, in anticipation of a Red Wave of republican support in this district, and across Long Island. Santos rode this Red Wave to victory, as another republican could have done, without the embarrassment to the party that we now see. The fact that we elected a fraud, instead of a loyal, honest republican, is another lost opportunity.

Another red flag in Santos' campaign is that he loaned his campaign \$700,000 and spent it like a drunken sailor. I loaned my campaign \$100,000, but I spent it cautiously.

I worked hard earning every dollar, manufacturing, and installing elevator cabs across the city and the suburbs. I wasn't going to spend my hard-earned dollars foolishly, and most candidates who are able to loan their campaigns funds are also cautious. Mr. Santos, according to his financial reports, did spend lavishly, which is an indication to me that he was not spending his own money.

Was Santos a donor to the NY GOP, or Nassau GOP? Did he attend fund raisers and buy tables for party events like I did, and most republican candidates do?

Everyone I speak to say that nobody ever believed his tales, but George Santos didn't get the same amount of scrutiny that other GOP candidates do. Why?

I want Republicans to have control of the House of Representatives this year, and I understand that we have only a 5-seat majority, including Santos. However, if the lies keep coming out, and his FEC reports and disclosure forms have more inaccuracies, Santos may not make it to Congress.

And if he does survive, it is worth the embarrassment?

As a proud American, I am also disturbed by a story in the Daily Beast, which says that Santos took \$56,000 from a Russian businessman named Andrew Intrater, who is connected to a business partner of Putin.

The story goes on to say that after receiving the money, Santos began attacking Ukraine in their war against Russia, calling Ukrainian President Zelensky a "fascist". After Santos was criticized, he lied again, claiming that he was Jewish and Ukrainian.

As I continue to examine Santos FEC reports, I say that George Santos is a distraction from the critical issues that face our country. It's time to remove that distraction, as soon as possible.

Can we win a special election if Santos steps down? I hope so, and I'm ready for the phone call if needed.

And I support Kevin McCarthy as the next Speaker of the House.

Frank Spotorno is the founder of Bring Our Jobs Home, an organization committed to US manufacturing. He was the republican and conservative candidate for Congress in NY-14 in 2016.

Yonkers Track Star Qualifies for Nationals, Aims for State Title



Ben Domingo

By Derrick Touba Jr.

Yonkers hurdler Ben Domingo is headed into the New Year as a New Balance Nationals competitor. On December 29, 2022 the Yonkers Public Schools Track Team competed at the Armory Holiday Classic hosted at the Armory Track in Manhattan.

Senior captain Ben Domingo, who will be running for Manhattan College next year, headed into the season with two goals on his mind; qualify for states and nationals in the 55 meter hurdles. Domingo said “Ever since my freshman year, I always wanted to make it to nationals and race the best of the best”.

In the Preliminary rounds Domingo ran 8.01, a new personal best to qualify for the finals. In the finals Domingo achieved a time of 7.91, another personal best, placing him 4th in the finals to earn himself a medal. Along with this podium finish he qualified for New Balance Nationals that will be taking place at The Track at New Balance in Boston, Massachusetts. “I looked at the time and saw that I made it and was so happy and waved to my boys, relieved to have extended our season together” Domingo explained about the emotions he felt after the feat.

Even though he has achieved great success, Domingo remains ambitious, aiming to not only qualify for states this February, but win the state title. He says “I don’t just want to settle for making it to states, I want to win”. Domingo currently ranks 8th in the state, and hopes to end the season as the number one hurdler in New York.

Hey Yonkers, Get Your Flu Shot!



Last week, Mayor Mike Spano received his flu shot at the Grassy Sprain Pharmacy so he can stay healthy through the New Year!

Here’s more info on how to protect yourself from the flu and where you can get your shot!

<https://health.westchestergov.com/flu-information>

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