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## Yonkers Great Explorer, Chev Dixon, Kayaks, Bikes and Hikes 685 Miles to Mount Marcy to Encourage People to get Outdoors!

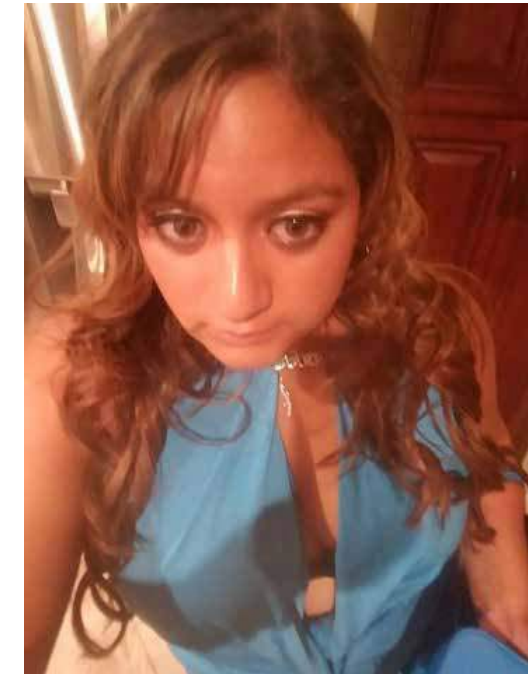


Chev Dixon on the river in his Kayak for the Hudson Valley Challenge-2

**By Dan Murphy**  
Last year, we introduced you to Yonkers resident and Explorer Chev Dixon. Chev is a kayaker, biker, runner, and outdoor enthusiast. In 2022, Chev took a 335-mile journey of hiking, biking, running, and kayaking, from New York City to Albany and back. He called it the Hudson Valley Challenge. Now, one year later Chev has completed the 2023 Hudson Valley Challenge, but this time it was 685 miles, of Kayaking, Biking and Hiking, from New York City all the way the Adirondack mountains to Mount Marcy, the highest peak in New York-and back to Yonkers and NYC by kayaking. "We started on Juneteenth and finished on July 4. We had hikers, who had never explored NYC or Yonkers, join me for the hike up Mount Marcy. Last year it was over 300 miles, this year it was 685 miles. We kicked off with a 14 mile run at Pier 26 in Manhattan, and the kids that I have been training with in Yonkers showed up at the Yonkers Pier and joined me for the trip back," said Dixon who has introduced many Yonkers teenagers to the beauty of the Hudson River through the Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club's Hudson Riders Program. The YPRC helps provide recreational access to and environmental awareness of the Hudson River for underserved communities through free kayak paddles, tours and training.

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## Former Yonkers Teacher Arrested, Charged with Enticing Her 16 Year Old Student into Sex



Facebook photo of Sandy Caraza-Pinez

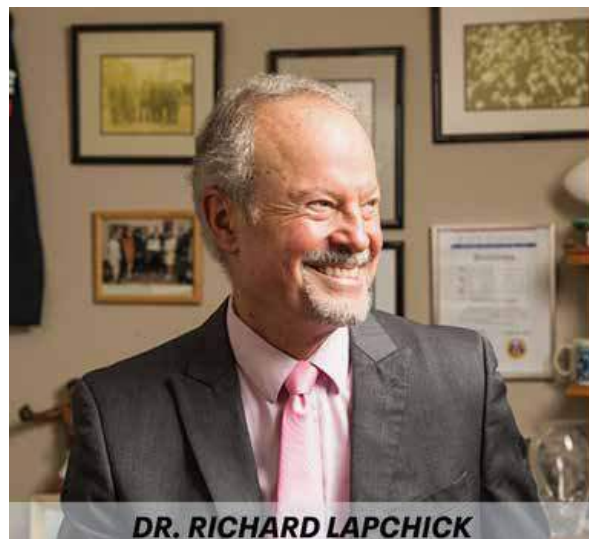
On July 12, SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced the unsealing of a two-count Indictment charging SANDY CARAZAS-PINEZ with enticing a minor victim to engage in illegal sexual activity and production of child pornography. As alleged in the Indictment, CARAZAS-PINEZ, a former high school teacher at the Biondi School in Yonkers, enticed one of her 16-year old students to engage in sexual activity with her and further induced the same student to participate in live-streamed sexually explicit conduct while on video calls with CARAZAS-PINEZ. CARAZAS-PINEZ was arrested on July 13 and no longer works for the Yonkers Public Schools.

US Attorney Damian Williams said, "As alleged, Sandy Carazas-Pinez exploited the trust placed in her as a teacher to sexually abuse a teenage student in her care. Today's indictment makes clear that my office will continue to tirelessly pursue sexual predators of all forms and hold them accountable to the fullest extent under the law."

FBI Acting Assistant Director in Charge Christie M. Curtis said: "As alleged, Ms. Carazas-Pinez, a former high school teacher, enticed one of her students to engage in sexual activity and live-stream sexually explicit conduct."

According to the allegations in the Indictment unsealed today in Manhattan federal court. CARAZAS-PINEZ was a high school teacher at a school for kindergarten through 12th grade students located in Yonkers, New York ("School-1"). From in or about November 2022 through in or about February 2023, CARAZAS-PINEZ abused her position as a teacher at School-1 by inducing and attempting to induce a student ("Minor Victim-1") at School-1 into a sexual relationship with CARAZAS-PINEZ. Minor Victim-1 was 16 years old at the time of the abuse. She singled out Minor Victim-1 for personal attention at School-1. In addition, CARAZAS-PINEZ induced Minor Victim-1 to engage in sexual activity with her by leading Minor Victim-1 to believe that they were in a romantic relationship. *-continued on pg 4-*

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**SPORTS HUMANITARIAN AWARDS**

**STUART SCOTT ENSPIRE AWARD HONOREE**

DR. RICHARD LAPCHICK

## Jamaal Bowman vs. "The Police": Calls Shooting of Jarrell Garris 'Police Brutality' Police Unions Respond, Expose Garris' Criminal History



Rep. Jamaal Bowman, left; APA President Keith Olson, right

By Dan Murphy

The New Rochelle Police shooting death of Jarrell Garris on July 11, continues to spark a discussion about what happened that day. The incident began on July 3 with NR police receiving "a call from a local store regarding a possible theft. The caller gave a description. The responding officers observed the man, in close proximity of the store, walking on Lincoln Avenue near North Avenue. While being placed under arrest, the man physically resisted. He was shot when he grabbed an officer's gun, in an attempt to remove it from the holster. He was taken to a local hospital, and died 8 days later.

Garris continues to walk until he is encircled by the officers. At this point, a struggle ensues, and eventually Garris reaches for an officers gun and the call goes out that Garris has the gun, and he is shot. Earlier in the incident Det. Conn is heard asking for someone to "Taze" Garris, or use a Taser gun to subdue him, but Garris was not tazed before getting shot.

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman released a statement that includes calling the shooting death of Garris "police brutality."

"I am sending my deepest condolences to the friends and family of Jarrell Garris. He should be alive today and back home in North Carolina with his son. Instead, even though the police knew he experienced schizophrenia, he was shot and killed after police accused him of stealing food from a nearby grocery store. Police brutality has been sickening our country and taking the lives of our loved ones for decades. We must protect the Black bodies that are the most vulnerable and root out the police brutality that has spread to every corner of our country. Let's begin the process of curing America of its anti-Black racism that is so intricately and intentionally woven into the fabric of every American system and institution. It's time to enact and pass federal, state and local legislation that holds law enforcement accountable and takes a public health approach to public safety. Police cannot be the only officials involved when it comes to public safety - we need social workers, community members, doctors, and more to ensure safety for everyone. We cannot lose any more precious lives to senseless police killings."

Bowman's comments elicited a response from The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA). "On July 3, 2023, a team of New Rochelle police officers once again experienced how there is no such thing as a "routine" arrest, and how the unpredictable actions of one person can instantly elevate a simple arrest to a life and death situation.

"Members of the New Rochelle Police Department received a complaint that an individual now known to be Jarrell Garris had committed a larceny at a local market. Three uniformed members of the New Rochelle Police Department, including Detective Steven Conn, observed Garris and attempted to take him into custody using a minimal amount of force. During this lawful arrest, Garris fought with the officers and resisted arrest. As the officers tried to gain control of Garris, they fell to the ground. Unexpectedly and unpredictably, Garris placed both hands on the grip of an officer's firearm and repeatedly pulled at it in an effort to remove it from its holster. Body worn camera confirms conclusively that Garris intentionally grabbed the officer's gun with both hands and attempted to pull it from its holster. Faced with a split-second life and death decision, and aware that Garris could have full control of the officer's handgun in a heartbeat, Detective Conn justifiably fired one round at Garris, stopping the threat and saving the lives of the officers present.

"Officers immediately used lifesaving techniques in an attempt to save Garris' life and he was quickly transported to Westchester Medical Center. Tragically, hav-

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## Meet Revolutionary War People at Philipse Manor Hall

### Loyalist or Patriot?



**Saturday, July 29, 2023 | 11 am and 2 pm**  
in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, Yonkers

Tickets: \$16 per person, \$10 for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall



#### Whose side are you on?

Westchester County had some of the fiercest fighting between neighbors and families during the American Revolution. Meet seven historical people and learn how and why they decided to stay loyal to the British Crown, or revolt as Patriots. Tickets at the QR code or philipsemanorhall.com

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## New York State Senate Arts Initiative Helps Fund More Than \$550K in Grants



This year, ArtsWestchester was able to award a record-breaking \$550K in Arts Alive grants to 164 artists and groups throughout Westchester & Rockland. Last Friday, ArtsWestchester was joined by 150+ artists and arts organizations to thank the state officials who helped make this program happen. This vital arts funding was made possible by the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins through a New York State Senate Arts Initiative. Pictured in the photo (L-R): Former ArtsWestchester Board President Mike Minihan, Yonkers-based Artist Evan Bishop, a representative of Hindu Temple of Tri-State (White Plains), Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Artist Dave Steck, Executive Director of Yonkers-based YoFiFest, Inc and ArtsWestchester board member. Photo credit: Leslye Smith

Funding went to YoFiFest and Evan Bishop, and other Yonkers based organizations. "It's important to note that across the nation, 72% of Americans believe 'the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity' and 73% agree that art 'helps me understand other cultures better,'" said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

### *Loyalist or Patriot? continued from pg 1-*

Whose side are you on? During the American Revolution, the Philipse family were staunch Loyalists. The Hudson Valley was the site of fierce fighting between the Patriots and the British during the Revolutionary War, and Westchester County in particular was a contested "neutral zone." How did people decide where their loyalties lay? Step into the era of the American Revolution with "Loyalist or Patriot?" a one-of-a-kind colonial-style "talk show" on Saturday, July 29th, 2023, at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave. in Yonkers, NY. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, this unique living history presentation introduces seven historical characters on both sides of the Revolutionary War conflict in a "talk show" style setting. Meet Mary Philipse Morris, portrayed by Sarah Wassberg Johnson; Pekatawas MakataWai'U or "Black Corn," portrayed by Drew Shuptar-Rayvis; Major John Andre, portrayed by Jim Keyes; Liss, portrayed by Carla Lynne Hall; Lucy Flucker Knox, portrayed by Tiffanie Downs; Captain Gershom Mott, portrayed by Chad Johnson; and David Williams, portrayed by Matt Thorenz, as they tell us who they are and explain why they chose to remain loyal to the Crown or revolt as Patriots. Our program "talk show" host and facilitator between the present and past is Benjamin Thayer, portrayed by Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site Manager Michael Lord. These characters will be available for Q&A after each presentation. The program lasts approximately 90 minutes and will take place twice in Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site's air-conditioned Gothic Chamber, once at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16. Tickets are available online at [www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org](http://www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org).

## Dr. Richard "Richie" Lapchick Honored by ESPN With an Espy

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Lapchick, or as he is better known in Yonkers, as Richie, for his recent honor of being named the recipient of the Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award from ESPN. Lapchick received the award at the ESPY's July 12.

Here is a brief bio of Lapchick, followed by the ESPN statement.

Richie Lapchick is a Yonkers native, raised in Park Hill. He attended School 13, Hawthorne Junior High, Manhattan Prep, St. John's U. He did his graduate studies at the University of Denver. He is known to be a passionate human rights activist working for racial equality and against trafficking, an internationally recognized expert on sports issues, a scholar and an author. Lapchick was the Endowed Chair and Director of the De Los Sport Business Management Program at the College of Business Administration, University of Central Florida. He is President/CEO of the National Consortium for Academics and Sport (NCAS), a school outreach program which focuses on teaching youth how to improve race relations, and develop conflict resolution skills. In the 1970s, he began fighting apartheid, and led the fight against South Africa's participating in international sports, especially the Davis Cup. A prolific writer and reformer, he has won many awards for his activism and being the "conscience of basketball." I believe he retired.

His father was basketball great Joe Lapchick: Mr. Lapchick played with the Original Celtics in the 1920s and 1930s, and was considered the best center of his era. After ending his playing career in 1936, Lapchick became head coach at St. John's University, a position he held until 1947 when he took over the New York Knicks in the newly formed Basketball Association of America. Lapchick coached the Knicks until 1957, leading them to three consecutive NBA Finals appearances (1951-53). He returned to St. John's, coaching there until he retired.

While with the Knicks, Mr. Lapchick signed Nathaniel "Sweetwater" Clifton, one of major league's first African-American players, taking great criticism and threats. In fact Richard remembers his father being hung in effigy near his home.

Joe Lapchick died in 1970, and is buried in Oakland Cemetery.

**From ESPN:** Richard Lapchick, a champion for human rights, pioneer for racial equality and eminent scholar at the University of Central Florida, will be honored by ESPN with one of its signature ESPY Awards.

Lapchick will receive the Stuart Scott ENSPIRE Award named in honor of the late ESPN commentator Stuart Scott. The award celebrates "individuals that have taken risks and used an innovative approach to helping the disadvantaged through the power of sports." His award will be featured in the ESPYS Preview Show on Tuesday, July 11, and Lapchick also will attend the main ESPY Awards show Wednesday, July 12, in Los Angeles.

The honor is part of the ninth annual Sports Humanitarian Awards, which celebrates the impact of athletes, teams and sports industry professionals who are using sports to make a difference in their communities and throughout the world.

The award is just one of a long string of honors for Lapchick, who 22 years ago founded the DeVos Sport Business Management Program and The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at UCF. He stepped down as leader of the DeVos program two years ago and continues to lead TIDES.

In 1976, Lapchick created the American Coordinating Committee for Equality in Sport in alliance with the anti-Apartheid movement. In 1985, he founded The Institute for Sport and Social Justice to use the power and appeal of sport to positively impact society. In 2022, The Institute facilitated nearly 200 training sessions for more than 5,000 students-athletes, coaches and administrators.

Under Lapchick's leadership, TIDES publishes the Racial and Gender Report Card, an annual analysis of racial and gender hiring practices for all major sports leagues and the sports media.

SportBusiness International has named UCF's DeVos Sport Business Management Program as one of the top 10 graduate level degree sport business programs in the world. In 2021, Lapchick was named the Muhammad Ali Humanitarian of the Year by the Muhammad Ali Center; he and Ali were close friends for nearly four decades before Ali died in 2016.

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Office for the Aging services are supported by the City of Yonkers and by state and federal grants through New York State Office for the Aging and Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.  
The Senior Farmers Market Program is funded through the Food and Nutrition Service division of the United States Department of Agriculture and Markets in cooperation with the NY State Office for the Aging, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

Mayor Mike Spano today announced the Yonkers Office for the Aging will distribute farmers market coupons to qualified Yonkers seniors. The coupons will be available at the Office for the Aging Monday, August 7 and Tuesday, August 8 from 9AM to 3PM located at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Ave.

The coupons are available to qualified applicants 60 years or older who have a monthly income of \$2,248 per month or less for a one person household; \$3,041 per month or less for a two person household and \$3,833 per month or less for a three person household. Each older adult in a household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age and income requirements.

Yonkers seniors must bring photo ID for proof of address and age. Coupons may be used in many Farmer's Markets in Westchester County including our Yonkers market at St. John's Church in Yonkers. This market is opened on Thursdays from 7AM to 3PM (July 6-October 26).

"We encourage our seniors to make use of this money-saving service that will entice our residents to get out and shop, contribute to our local farms, while enjoying the benefits of fresh, home-grown produce and products," said Mayor Mike Spano.

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**Westchester County Roll Out Plans to Combat Lithium Ion Battery Fires in Westchester County**

In response to growing concerns over the potential hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the County's Department of Emergency Services, Department of Environmental Facilities and Department of Consumer Protection have taken proactive measures to ensure the safety of residents.

Westchester County has already experienced lithium-ion battery fires with e-bikes, e-scooters, hover boards, laptops, a lawnmower and a drone. In New York City, there have been several fires which have resulted in fatalities.

Latimer said: "Lithium-ion battery fires can be exceptionally difficult to control. These fires can result in a chemical reaction known as 'thermal runaway' which occurs when heat builds up faster than it can be dissipated. This causes a very rapidly expanding fire, as well as the release of toxic gases, and a possible explosion. In Westchester, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our residents and those who protect from these deadly fires."

Lithium-ion batteries, commonly found in electronic devices and vehicles, pose significant risks if mishandled or improperly disposed of. Even when lithium-ion battery fires appear to be out, the batteries can reignite days later due to the energy that remains trapped inside the damaged battery cells. Recognizing the urgency to address these dangers, Latimer has initiated a comprehensive approach to tackle this issue head-on.

Department of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear said: "Lithium-Ion Batteries are now prevalent in devices we use every day. They are a powerful source of energy, but can also cause great harm if used improperly. Therefore, Westchester County has created a safety program to make sure our residents can benefit from the use of such devices, while knowing how to protect themselves and their families from dangerous fires and toxic gases. This safety program combines legislation, disposal options, education, and firefighter training."

Westchester's new comprehensive Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Program includes proposed legislation requiring point of sale warnings and safety information, requirements that devices meet UL safety standards, and prohibition on the sale of re-assembled or damaged batteries.

**The Game is Over**



By Eric W. Schoen

Hopefully by the time you read this column Christopher Johnson will no longer be a WESTCHESTER County Legislator. He did so much damage to HIS family, constituents and the residents of Westchester that he deserves punishment.

It's rare that you will see me write about the same topic 3 weeks in a row, but all of the disgusting things that went on here deserve it. Many of you wrote to me sharing your disgust. In the guise of helping his family he helped himself, all the while trying to make people believe he was helping his constituents.

Let's be clear here. Johnson does not live in the district he represents. He told this to Journal News reporters David Wilson and Diana Dombrowski. According to the County Charter, 'A county legislator who ceases to be a resident of such district from which he is elected shall forfeit his office and the same shall be deemed vacant.' Johnson did this, and as such his seat is vacant. There's no need for the County Legislature to vote to remove him. No need for pricey investigators. You move you loose.

The big question here. Since Johnson did not live in the district he was elected to represent, should he be required to pay back his salary to the county? He just can't get away with what he did with no punishment.

But the County Legislature or at least some of its members operate on the old boy or girl network. It's you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. At the Board meeting last week they all knew the County Charter but tried to slow the process for removal of Johnson down. Where they thought this mess would be going is anybody's guess.

Someone said Chris was currently looking for an apartment in the district he was elected to represent. Sorry, Chris it's too late for that to change the equation given that you moved out of the district. THE SEAT IS VACANT.

Chris is a nice guy, but after this episode all I can call him is a crook. He took advantage of a system that if other people did the same he would be this first to criticize. He bought an affordable housing unit as an investment and illegally rented it to his brother in law and his wife. These apartments are for people who truly need them and can't afford the housing unsubsidized. Some family will suffer because of Johnson's actions. The Yonkers Inspector General took 2 days to discover this.

The affordable unit is in Johnson's legislative district. After he moved out of the affordable unit he moved into a house not in his legislative District. The scheme was he had to be in the affordable unit between 3 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. because the primary was coming up and he didn't want anyone to question his residency.

His brother-in-law said it would be disruptive but agreed to do it, supposedly not knowing what this scheme was all about. Wouldn't this scheme make you suspicious? But as the Primary came closer the demands to Johnson to occupy the unit increased. Johnson's wife said he would sleep on the kitchen floor and leave in the early morning so he would barely be noticed. Johnson has 2 sons who frequently get up at night so his brother in law said no.

To subject two children to sleeping on a kitchen floor, well if this is the case I just can't believe parents would do this without being reported to Child Protective Services. As an aside, this whole scenario is starting to look like a picture more disturbing than Congressman George Santos? The scheme included Chris picking up mail from the condo every day.

Molina didn't know the unit was affordable housing and could not be rented. He claimed to not know Johnson's house was in the new district nor Johnson had to live in the district he represented. Given all he was aware of at this point I'm afraid I can't believe him.

Johnson set a condition on the affordable rental. If anyone asked for Johnson Molina and his girlfriend had to say he wasn't home. Leads me to believe Molina was somehow part of this game.

Johnson lost the Democratic primary to City Councilwoman Shanee Williams. Yonkers Director of Communications said the city attorney sent a letter to Johnson demanding he sell the unit at an affordable price.

Johnson defended his decision on Facebook live: 'If I have done anything wrong it's working for you (his constituents). Fighting for affordable housing, loving my family. And guess what. If that's wrong I am going to keep doing it. If you want to talk about my family you stop now.'

Molina claimed he didn't need help. After Johnson signed the agreement for the affordable housing he signed an agreement with Molina matching the \$1500 rent August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. The short 1 year lease for a family member aware of what's going on here seems fairly short. If I was the family member I would have questioned it.

It's sad when politicians use government programs to benefit themselves and their families. It's sad when politicians lie about where they live. It's sad when politicians drag other family members into these crazy situations. And it's sad when we, the taxpayers have to put up with this nonsense.

I hope Shanee Williams gets appointed to the county seat immediately. That Christopher Johnson receives some sort of punishment for his misdeeds. And after this and the employee prowling the internet for underage children which was not reported to the County Board, the WESTCHESTER County Board gets its act together so there is no more illegality in this body where many served over the years with integrity.

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## State Senator Mayer on Recent US Supreme Court Decisions:



State Senator Shelley Mayer

On July 3, State Senator Shelley Mayer commented on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions on affirmative action on service to LGBTQ+ persons

“Last week’s Supreme Court decisions reflect the impact of a Trump-appointed Supreme Court majority that was determined to rule on cases in a manner that expressed their personal views on public policy, acting as a “super legislature,” rather than their role as the judges of the highest court in the land. Their decisions and their clear desire to reverse years of precedent that had moved America forward will continue to undermine the faith of Americans in this great institution. I was particularly dismayed that in some of these cases, the Court actually decided in matters where there was no plaintiff that was actually harmed. Courts are supposed to rule on cases, not accept manufactured scenarios to make a point. Sadly, just one year after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, eliminating a right that was long deemed constitutionally-protected, this Supreme Court majority continues to upend decades of precedents designed to protect Americans, expand opportunities, and ensure our institutions reflect the beautiful diversity of our nation.

“The decision to strike down affirmative action undermines efforts to expand opportunities and diversify universities and companies across the nation. Clinging to colorblindness is disingenuous in a nation where African American, Hispanic, and Native communities have been historically and persistently disadvantaged. Our nation is not colorblind - and we all know it. Every institution - university, business, and doctor’s office - is strengthened and more effective when it includes diverse perspectives to advance our society through ideas and experiences. This is a terrible blow to this important effort.

“Then, on Friday, the Supreme Court ruled that, under the pretext of free speech, businesses can refuse services to LGBTQ+ individuals, even though the website designer complaining was never even asked to provide a website for an LGBTQ+ couple. This decision is painful to the LGBTQ+ community, and raises serious concerns about what other market activities and public accommodations - including those governed by New York’s Human Rights Law - will be denied on the basis of the First Amendment.

“Finally, the Supreme Court’s decision to strike down President Biden’s student debt relief plan allowed the Attorney Generals’ of conservative-leaning states - who could show no harm - to advance their agenda to reject the Biden plan and impose thousands of dollars of debt onto those burdened with student loans. This decision undermines opportunities for those most burdened with debt, but I am confident the President has identified an effective - if more lengthy - path forward to provide much needed relief to those who incur college loan debt, including those who did not complete their degrees and their families.

“These recent Supreme Court decisions will have a real and searing personal and economic impact on millions of Americans and send a devastating message about the progress that we have made. But as with every setback, the fight is not over. In New York State, we will continue to do everything we can to protect and expand opportunities for all New Yorkers. It is what all New Yorkers deserve, and it is the right path to a more resilient economy and a stronger, more just society.”

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CARAZAS-PINEZ used her personal cellphone to call, text, and video call Minor Victim-1 to arrange sexual encounters and to repeatedly induce Minor Victim-1 to engage in live-streamed sexually explicit conduct while on video calls with CARAZAS-PINEZ. In text messages with Minor Victim-1, CARAZAS-PINEZ referred to her sexual encounters with Minor Victim-1 and the live depictions of sexually explicit conduct she induced Minor Victim-1 to create as “gifts.”

CARAZAS-PINEZ also used her personal cellphone to send Minor Victim-1 sexually suggestive photographs of herself along with sexually explicit text messages. After sending the photographs and messages, CARAZAS-PINEZ instructed Minor Victim-1 to delete them and inquired repeatedly as to whether Minor Victim-1 had done so.

The indictment also alleges that Carazas-Pinez engaged in sexual activity with the minor student at the Biondi school.

To facilitate their sexual encounters outside the premises of School-1, CARAZAS-PINEZ directed Minor Victim-1 in text messages to obtain day passes from School-1 to be permitted to leave campus. CARAZAS-PINEZ then met Minor Victim-1 at a location near School-1’s campus and drove Minor Victim-1 to another location. On multiple occasions, while parked in CARAZAS-PINEZ’s car at various locations, including in or around the Bronx, Yonkers, and Staten Island, New York, CARAZAS-PINEZ engaged in sexual intercourse and other sexual acts, and attempted to do so, with Minor Victim-1.

It was the unidentified minor student who broke of the relationship with Carazas-Pinez, but not after she threatened him to punish him at school if he didn’t continue their sexual activity.

Eventually, the two were seen together outside of the school, and others had witnessed the inappropriate behavior inside the school. Carazas-Pinez was terminated in March.

CARAZAS-PINEZ, 34, of Bethel, Connecticut, is charged with one count of enticing a minor victim to engage in illegal sexual activity, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison, and one count of production of child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

Any individuals who believe they have information that may be relevant to this investigation should contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or tips.fbi.gov.

## DiNapoli: Tax Cap Set at 2% in 2024

### NYS Pension Fund Lost 4% in 2023, Local Governments will have to Foot the Bill

“In 2011, after years of trying to rein in out-of-control property taxes — Govs. George Pataki, Eliot Spitzer and David A. Paterson all tried — we passed the first local property tax cap. The 2 percent property tax cap changed long-term trends and saved New Yorkers billions.”

-Former Gov. Andrew Cuomo

Property tax levy growth will be capped at 2% for 2024 for local governments that operate on a calendar-based fiscal year, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. This figure affects tax cap calculations for all counties, towns and fire districts, as well as 44 cities and 13 villages.

“Allowable tax levy growth will be limited to 2% for a third consecutive year,” DiNapoli said. “Although the rate of inflation has begun to decrease, it still poses a challenge for local governments and their budgets. As local governments spend down their one-time federal pandemic assistance, officials will need to carefully develop and balance their budgets for the coming year.”

In accordance with state law, DiNapoli’s office calculated the 2024 inflation factor at 6.26% for those local governments with a calendar fiscal year, well above the 2% allowable levy increase, and indicative of the higher costs facing these localities.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions including a provision that allows municipalities to override the tax cap.

On July 6, DiNapoli announced that the New York State Common Retirement Fund’s (Fund) investment return was -4.14% for the state fiscal year that ended March 31, 2023. The Fund closed the year valued at \$248.5 billion.

“Recent months have been trying for investors, but thanks to the state pension fund’s diverse investments, members, retirees and beneficiaries can rest assured their pensions are secure,” DiNapoli said. “There is no doubt that challenges lie ahead, with concerns over a recession and potential interest rate increases, but the state pension fund is well positioned to weather these storms.”

The Fund’s long-term expected rate of return is 5.9%. The last time the NYS Pension Fund lost money was in 2020, 2.6%. Other times over the past twenty years that the fund has lost money was in 2009-26%, and 2003-10%.

Local governments and school districts will now have to make up the difference in the costs to fund the pensions of civil servants, teachers and fire and police officers.

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HEAT Baseball Camp for children ages 8 through 15, located at V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley

Hilltop Hanover Farm Children’s Summer Programming for children ages five and older, with a selection of camps that focus on farming, gardening and more.

Nature Camps for children in Pre-K through grade nine, located at five of our Nature Centers: Cranberry Lake Preserve in White Plains, Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary in Rye, Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers, Marshlands Conservancy in Rye and Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River

Slam Dunk Basketball Camp for children entering grades three through 9, located at the Westchester County Center in White Plains

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “With weeks of summer still ahead of us, children have time to hone in on their skills or find new ones they never knew they had. The Westchester County Parks Department’s array of summer camps provides children with a great opportunity to do so.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Kathy O’Connor said, “There’s no better place than our parks for summer camp! Between the beauty of our parks and our staff, children of all ages are sure to learn and have fun this summer.”

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# On This Day in Yonkers History...

# DA Rocah Indicts Three from Westchester in Stolen Deed-Loan Fraud Real Estate Scam

Properties in New Rochelle and Yonkers

On July 3, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that six individuals and a corporation were indicted for defrauding distressed homeowners by stealing the property deeds to Westchester homes and fraudulently obtaining \$2 million in loans. The defendants—including licensed realtors and an attorney—were also charged with evading a combined total of nearly \$200,000 in state taxes.

DA Rocah said: “Deed theft schemes exploit the most vulnerable and can have lasting housing and financial impacts to families. My office will seek to hold the defendants accountable for allegedly stealing titles to victims’ homes while pretending to help them.”

As alleged in the indictments, the defendants targeted three residential properties facing bankruptcy or foreclosure—two in New Rochelle and one in Yonkers valued in total at nearly \$2.5 million. Owners for two of the properties believed they were receiving mortgage assistance when they signed over to the defendants the deeds to their homes at a closing. The third property, which was in bankruptcy proceedings, was acquired in a short sale and two of the defendants allegedly moved in and occupied that home as their primary residence. The defendants were charged with forging financial statements and filing false tax documents to obtain \$1.5 million in short-term “fix and flip” loans for the properties before defaulting on those mortgages, and also securing a \$500,000 COVID relief small business loan. The homeowners who were expecting a refinanced mortgage faced eviction or were pushed out of their home.

The District Attorney identified the defendants as: licensed real estate broker Marcia Campbell, 61, of New Rochelle, and her husband, a licensed real estate salesperson, Fred Campbell, 64, of New Rochelle; licensed attorney Anthony Chilliest, 53, of New York City; Gerald Smith, 48, of Elmsford; Wayne Green, 48, of Lynbrook, N.Y.; Frank Palmer, 66, of the Bronx; and Campal Corp.

Marcia and Fred Campbell, Chilliest, Smith and Green were arrested and arraigned on June 21 and Palmer was arrested and arraigned on June 29. Bail was set for all but Green.

A Westchester County Grand Jury charged the defendants across multiple indictments. Marcia Campbell, 61, of New Rochelle, a licensed real estate broker, was charged with Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, Grand Larceny in the First Degree, four counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, four counts of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, two counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, three counts of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Third Degree, two counts of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree, two counts of Repeated Failure to File a Corporate Tax Return, all felonies, and two counts of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fifth Degree, a misdemeanor.

Campbell identified financially distressed properties, promised mortgage assistance to homeowners in order to induce them to sign the deeds to their properties over to Campal Corp., a corporation she owned that served to obfuscate her identity in transactions. She also committed tax fraud, with the intent to evade taxes due for two other corporations under her name—Extreme Realty Associates and Extreme Taxes Inc.-between 2019 and 2022.

Fred Campbell, 64, of New Rochelle, a licensed real estate salesperson and husband of Marcia Campbell, was charged with Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, Grand Larceny in the First Degree, Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, and two counts of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree.

He acted as a straw purchaser and loan guarantor for the acquisition of residential properties, used 99 Patmore Ave Inc. and Gencamp LLC, two corporate entities under his name, to facilitate fraudulent transactions using doctored statements to prove liquidity with lenders, and committed tax fraud, according to the indictment.

Gerald Smith, 48, of Elmsford, was charged with Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, Grand Larceny in the First Degree, three counts of Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, three counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, Criminal Tax Fraud in the Third Degree, Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fourth Degree, and Criminal Tax Fraud in the Fifth Degree. Smith functioned as a loan broker, communicating with lenders to further the acquisition of loan proceeds; made false entries in loan applications and filed false and forged documents provided by his co-defendants to ensure the loans were procured; coordinated loan procurement efforts with Marcia Campbell and Anthony Chilliest, and committed tax fraud.

The case is before Judge George Fufidio in Westchester County Court, Anyone who may be a victim of deed theft or fraud can file a complaint with the DA’s Office at (914)995-TIPS (8477).



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 Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, July 24th

July 24, 1917: Former Yonkers resident William McFarlane was credited with an invention; he used it to successfully send a phone message from a moving train to a railway station in New Brunswick, Canada.

July 24, 1921: Motion picture star Hope Hampton purchased a home at 85 Rockland Avenue. Hampton’s “meteoric rise” to stardom was the talk of Hollywood and film fans.

July 24, 1937: Seabiscuit ran in the Yonkers Handicap, breaking his fourth track record at Empire City; this was his last race in Yonkers.

Tuesday, July 25th

July 25, 1927: The average prices of vehicles sold at the city public auction held by City Clerk John Kettell were \$10 per truck and \$6.33 for flivvers (cheap cars).

July 25, 1946: Wayne Huson, Chair of the Mayor’s Emergency Housing Committee, offered to provide window boxes for every home in the veterans’ emergency housing project on McLean Avenue! Huson owned a lumber business and was buying special wood for the boxes. He planned to have “civic-minded” neighbors in Lawrence Park construct the boxes under his watchful eyes! This project combined two of Huson’s hobbies, growing flowers and making things!

Wednesday, July 26th

July 26, 1904: Construction was completed on the granite wall on the south side of Washington Park along Nepperhan Avenue. It was built in a similar manner to the east side wall and extended from the west side of the carriage house of the Hudson Hose Company to the entrance of the old Nesbit House, about 240 feet long.

July 26, 1933: Wilfred Georgia of the NY Emergency Relief Administration told Yonkers Welfare Commissioner Nicholas Ebbitt that our subsistence gardens were among the “finest in the state.”

Thursday, July 27th

July 27, 1925: Flags of Yonkers were flown at half-staff because of the death of William Jennings Bryan, a frequent visitor to both Yonkers and Samuel Untermeyer. Bryan ran for president three times and served as Secretary of State under President Wilson for two years. He passed away in his sleep five days after Bryan won the Scopes trial.

July 27, 1945: Retrieved from the oblivion of a New York City jeweler, a gold medal presented to Captain Joel Cook 100 years earlier by the people of Yonkers made its way back to our fair city!

The medal, given to the Keskeskick Chapter DAR for safekeeping, went on display at Philipse Manor Hall. Presented to Cook July 4th 1845, it was engraved “in honor of his patriotic services in defense of Liberty at the Battles of Lexington, Danbury, White Plains, Trenton, Stony Point, Springfield and Tippecanoe.” sAt the time of the presentation, Captain Cook was living at the Yonkers landing. Unfortunately, no one knows where this Yonkers’ treasure is.

Friday, July 28th

July 28, 1852: The Henry Clay steamboat caught fire racing another boat while passing the Town of Yonkers; although almost 500 passengers were on board, only two lifeboats were on the Clay. Almost fifty passengers perished.

Neptune, a dog who lived in Ludlow, saw the disaster. He swam into the Hudson, grabbed a young girl by her dress, and carrying her to safety on the Yonkers shore.

July 28, 1934: Two former Yonkers residents were caught in Austrian uprisings. Margaret Thompson Schulze Biddle, daughter of the late William Boyce Thompson was married to diplomat Anthony Drexel Biddle; the couple had rented a castle near Vienna for the summer. The second, Princess Chlodwig Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurat, was the former Mrs. Gifford Cochran. Her late husband had been one of the owners of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet factory. She was living with the prince at his family estate in the Tyrol. Families of the two women had not heard from them since the revolt had started. Since the government-controlled communication lines, sending messages out of the country was difficult if not impossible.

Saturday, July 29th

July 29, 1905: The Yonkers League of the Colored Cooperators of America, conceived and created by Yonkers’ entrepreneur Francis Moultrie, formally opened five new buildings at Riverdale Avenue and Culver Street. Welcoming speeches were made by Mayor John Andrus, Reverend Henry Booker, Reverend

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Chev uses his Hudson Valley Challenge to challenge young people in Yonkers and NYC to and show them that there is an alternative to the streets, and the violence and gangs that they may encounter. He also wants to show everyone in Yonkers and beyond how to challenge yourself by exercising and eating healthy.

“I want to encourage people to get out of their comfort zone and try something different, explore the great outdoors and all that New York State, and the Hudson River, has to offer. Getting healthier is the message, and I want to motivate our youth to channel their energy by getting outside and exercising. This trip and the hike was a challenge for me, and I don’t think that anyone has biked, hiked and ran from Manhattan to Mount Marcy and kayaked back to NYC before.”

A group, some from NYC and Yonkers joined Chev as he climbed Mount Marcy, the highest mountain in the Adirondacks and in New York State. It is 10 miles to go one way to the summit. “We had different people from Yonkers come up to join me on this hike, which I told them would be the hardest walk in their lives, but you will get something special out of it. It rained and some people lost their shoes, but when you reach the peak, it prepares you for whatever other challenges you may have in your life. It was beautiful to see people do it.”

Runners joined Chev on his journey, as did members of the Yonkers Bike Club. Dixon also met a group of kids in Albany, who he hopes “were inspired by what I was doing.”

The message of Chev’s journey this year is the same as last year. “I want to show black and brown people that they can be adventurers and explorers, and to show them the great outdoors that is right outside of Yonkers. I have been able to bring some of our youth out on the river with the Hudson River Riders. Now I want to take it to the next level with a journey next year with a group of underserved— young adults from Yonkers.”

Chev has filmed much of his journey and plans to turn it into a movie and share it in the Yonkers Public Schools, and with others beyond Yonkers. “I believe in the power of storytelling. It was a great time and I’m pleased about the turnout and engagement.

“There were so many good moments, which shows how important it is to take time to spend outdoors with nature. We have the power to take back our minds and bodies, to be better and stronger. Yes, there are challenges in some parts of Yonkers with food insecurity and eating healthy, but I want kids to take matters in their own hands and complain less. Focus on a mission and get it done. Be healthier and think about what you eat.

“I planned this trip for 9 months and trained for 5 months. I was emotionally ready for the trip but I had moments where I wondered if I could do it. That time I got lost in the Hudson gorge, but I knew that I had to trust myself, my skills and get through this.” A 14-mile run and 420 miles of biking were part of Chev’s Hudson Valley Challenge.

Now that Chev has completed the Hudson Valley Challenge on two occasions, he wants to bring between 10-20 kids from Yonkers on this journey next year. “I saw so many things that I want to share with kids in Yonkers, some who never got out of the city, and bring them into this environment where they can learn and challenge themselves. I hope to raise the funds to bring 20 kids next year, have them hike and bike and kayak over a few days.

“I want to show them that they have limitless power, and with some dedication, can learn about themselves and others. I want youth to have this experience, to connect with other people upstate, and see how beautiful NY State is, and how resilient our minds and bodies are.

“But for everyone in Yonkers and beyond, my message is to challenge yourself, get outside and try new activities. Run a half-marathon, participate in the Tour De Yonkers, train and eat healthy! Don’t be afraid to challenge yourself!

“We always see on TV or read about professional athletes or explorers who travel the world and tell stories. But I have a different story to tell, about how someone from New York’s third largest city can bike, hike, run and kayak his way to Mount Marcy and the length of the Hudson River from its source to sea and inspire others to get out and get healthy.”

Chev needs sponsors to take his ideas to the next level. He is already planning his next trip and wants to take 20 kids from Yonkers in 2024. Business sponsors are needed, and we believe that the Yonkers community will rally together for this. YonkersTimes.com and Yonkers Rising will join in this effort. Perhaps a golf outing at St. Andrews in Yonkers-Hastings as we write about the American home of golf, to help Yonkers Great Naturalist!

Thanks Chev, you have done it again. You have made me and others step away from our computers and our Netflix and get outside and enjoy the great outdoors!

Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. 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, 20 South Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Lime-killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN A FORECLOSURE ACTION Index No.: 60397/18-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK-COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER-T11 FUNDING Plaintiff(s), against THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK AND ALL PERSONS THAT MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO IN THE COMPLAINT BY, THROUGH OR UNDER ANY OF THE FOREGOING (THE AFORESAID UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES BEING ALL SUCH HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY NAMED AS A DEFENDANT HEREIN- THE IDENTITY AND ADDRESSES OF ALL THE FOREGOING NOT BEING KNOWN TO PLAINTIFF), RINICO SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, WELLINGTON SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, RONALD SAWYER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ANNA BELLE WARWICK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CITY OF YONKERS, “JOHN DOES”, AND “JANE DOES” said names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the fee owners, occupants, tenants, persons or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises if the aforesaid individual defendants if living, or if said individual defendants are dead, their respective heirs –at-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or, against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the verified complaint, Defendant(s)-To the above named Defendants:You are hereby summoned to appear and Answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or, within 30 thirty days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. WESTCHESTER COUNTY is designated as the place of trial, the basis of venue is the location of the premises that is subject of the tax lien. 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 TAX LIEN HOLDER 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 PLAINTIFF/TAX LIEN HOLDER WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Charles D. Wood J.S.C., dated June 2, 2021. Nature and Object of Action-The object of the above action is to foreclose City of Yonkers Tax Lien covering the premises located

at Section 5 Block 5030 Lot(s) 88-89 and also known as 2 Ashford Place, Yonkers, New York 10701.

Dated: April 29, 2020

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SUPPELEMTANL SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2013-TT2, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, -against- LISA HERMAN, ESQ AS GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR THE RESPECTIVE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH BIBI N HYDAR A/K/A BIBI HYDAR A/K/A BIBI AFFOOZ HYDAR A/K/A BIBI A HYDAR WHO MAY BE DECEASED BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, RYAN HYDAR AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF BIBI A. N. HYDAR A/K/A BIBI HYDAR A/K/A BIBI AFF OOOZ HYDAR A/K/A BIBI A. HYDAR, ZILFA SANTANA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF BIBI A. N. HYDAR A/K/A BIBI HYDAR A/K/A BIBI AFFOOZ HYDAR A/K/A BIBI A. HYDAR, PRIDE ACQUISITIONS LLC, “JOHN DOE #1” THROUGH “JOHN DOE #12,” THE LAST TWELVE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS AND UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, THE PERSONS OR PARTIES INTENDED BEING THE TENANTS, OCCUPANTS, PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS, IF ANY, HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES, DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, Defendants. Index No. 59948/2022. Mortgaged Premises: 54 Groshon Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 DSBL#: 1 -186-101. To The Above Named Defendant(s): 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. If you fail to appear or to answer within the aforementioned time frame, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. 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, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2013-TT2, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, New York 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “POLICE” BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI ENTITLED “PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT”

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Subsection A(2) of Section 75-23 of Article VI thereof entitled “Public nuisance abatement,” to update the Penal Code designation for Offenses Involving Cannabis. The penalty for violation of this ordinance is as follows:

“§ 75-28. Enforcement of order

A. No sooner than five business days after the issuance of the order pursuant to §§ 75-25 and 75-28, and upon the directive of the Commissioner, officers of the Yonkers Police Department are authorized to act upon and enforce such order

B. Where the Commissioner closes a premises pursuant to this article, such closing shall be for such period as the Commissioner may direct, but in no event shall the closing be for a period of greater than one year from the issuance of the order.

C. Upon receiving a copy of the order issued by the Commissioner, pursuant to §§ 75-25 and 75-28, the Corporation Counsel shall maintain a special proceeding to affix a civil penalty in the amount of up to \$5,000, and to collect any costs and expenses incurred by the City of Yonkers, in commencing the proceeding, closing the premises and in relocating any occupants on the premises. The Corporation Counsel shall file a notice of pendency of the proceeding in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

D. The judgment in such proceeding, in favor of the City of Yonkers, shall establish the penalty sued for with costs and disbursements as a lien upon the premises, subject only to taxes, assessments, water rates, mortgages and mechanic’s liens as they exist thereon.”

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: July 18, 2023  
Vincent Spano, City Clerk

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

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

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

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

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

1. Bid 6929B – Opening date: 08/04/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Toyota vehicle repair parts and repair services as needed (FB).
2. Bid 6979A – Opening date: 08/04/2023: Furnish and deliver two Dodge Ram 4500 regular cab 4x4 trucks and two Dodge Ram 3500 regular cab 4x4 trucks, or Yonkers approved equals, per Yonkers specifications, model year 2023 or newer (MM).
3. Bid 7009A – Opening date 08/04/2023: Purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe SSV’s, or Yonkers approved equal (MM).
4. Bid 7017 – Opening date 08/04/2023: One-time purchase of two Sabroe, or Yonkers approved equal, single stage compressors for the Murray skating rink (KAS).
5. Bid 7019 – Opening date: 08/04/2023: One-time purchase of 560 50-pound bags of white granular thermoplastic pavement marking per NYS/AASHTO specifications (VB).
6. Bid 7012 – Opening date: 08/11/2023: Twenty-four month contract to furnish and deliver various Yonkers Police Department uniforms, equipment, and supplies for new recruits (KS).
7. Bid 7018 – Opening date 08/18/2023: Ravine Park and Playground Improvements – Ravine Avenue and Union Place (MM).
8. Bid 7016 – Opening date 08/11/2023: Twelve-month contract for maintenance & repair services for emergency and exit lights in 51 buildings throughout the Yonkers School District. (KS).
9. Bid 7011 – Opening date 08/18/2023: Twelve-month contract for cleaning, maintenance & repair services for various monuments in Yonkers parks. (MM).
10. Bid 7020 – Opening date 08/04/2023: Twelve-month contract to purchase approximately 1,500 cases of Cascades Pro Select, or Yonkers approved equal, singlefold paper towels as needed for all City departments (VB).

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Francis Moultrie, and Reverend J. J. Smyer. Besides being a businessman, Moultrie also was an ordained minister.

July 29, 1923: Filming began at Greystone, Samuel Untermyer’s estate, with their home utilized for the exterior shots of a Parisian home in the Paramount film “Zaza.” Gloria Swanson played the title role.

July 29, 1936: Alderman Bill Slater, known nationally for his crusade against women’s shorts, was running a boat ride for local Democrats. He became quite upset when the orchestra leader announced, “shorts were being shown on the upper deck.” Slater rushed upstairs, only to find movie shorts being shown.

Sunday, July 30

July 30, 1929: More than 1,100 veteran employees of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company received \$1000 checks through generous bequests of Alexander Smith Cochran, late owner of the mill.

July 30, 1943: Hundreds of Carole Landis fans crowded the star at the Shangri-La rally in Getty Square. The actress signed autograph books, pictures, and scraps of papers, just about anything bond and stamp buyers wanted signed. The War Bond and Stamp Committee presented Landis with a beautiful rose corsage, but that did not last long. A young fan shyly asked if she could have a flower from the corsage. Then another... and another, until none were left! A Marine standing at a distance was invited to the platform. When asked if he wanted an autograph, he said yes... but on his shirt! He got it!

Questions or comments? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com).

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

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ing been on life support since the incident, Jarrell Garris died on Monday evening. The APA offers our condolences to the entire Garris family and to the New Rochelle community.

“The APA fully recognizes the importance of full and complete transparency in all police involved shootings. We are pleased that the New Rochelle Police Department quickly released the body worn camera footage of this incident so that the public can have a true understanding of what happened and why and we look forward to a fair and expeditious review of this case by the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Unfortunately, a number of press releases and media reports have been less than transparent and have omitted many important factors that will help the public more clearly understand what led to Jarrell Garris’ death. While body camera footage clearly shows that Garris attempted to rip a handgun from one of the police officer’s holsters, there is much background information that the public should know to have a clearer picture of how and why this happened.

“For the sake of transparency, here are some facts the public should be aware of: Jarrell Garris had a lengthy criminal past and a history of mental health issues, including schizophrenia. At the time of his death, he was on felony probation for Attempted Arson in the Third Degree following his arrest for setting fire to a trash chute in a Municipal Housing Residence in New Rochelle. He was sentenced to probationary supervision for five years on November 9, 2022, with his probation supervision transferred to North Carolina. On the date of his death, he was an absconder from North Carolina, and was not authorized to be in New York; earlier that same day, he had broken into the home of a New Rochelle resident.

“Throughout his life, Jarrell Garris was subject to multiple arrests and convictions, including a 2007 felony conviction that resulted in a probationary term of five years. That plea covered a number of additional crimes, which included resisting arrest and reckless endangerment. His 2022 plea to Attempted Arson covered a number of local charges in Mount Vernon and New Rochelle as well, including a second allegation of Attempted Arson in the Fifth Degree.

“Garris was a known user of dangerous and illegal drugs. In fact, he was admitted to Mount Vernon Hospital on July 1, 2023 – just two days before this shooting – after being observed self-mutilating himself in public. While detained, he acknowledged that he was under the influence of PCP. He was treated and released from Mount Vernon Hospital.

“In summary, Jarrell Garris had a long and troubled history of mental health and legal issues, which by and large, went unaddressed. While the New Rochelle officers attempting to arrest Mr. Garris may not have known his complete criminal and mental health history, they did know that he was properly and legally subject to arrest. They also knew that, at the moment he was shot, Garris was attempting to gain control of one of their firearms. This is the risk police officers take every day: that a seemingly simple arrest can become a life and death struggle without warning.

“Sadly, Congressman Jamal Bowman has ignored all facts and has wrongly accused the officers of police brutality. Bowman dangerously continues to push his false narrative in a cheap attempt to score political points and, as usual, offers no solutions on how to solve the problem of violent mentally ill people roaming our streets. Instead, when tragedy happens, he predictably blames the police and ignores his own responsibilities as an elected official.

“The simple yet tragic fact is that Detective Conn’s actions were made necessary by the actions of Jarrell Garris. Had Detective Conn not taken swift and decisive action, we could very easily be mourning the death of multiple police officers. Noting that nearly 200 police officers have been shot in the line of duty in the U.S. in 2023, with 28 fatally shot while protecting the communities they served, we are thankful that Detective Conn and all of the responding New Rochelle police officers are alive today.

“The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester offers its unequivocal support to the men and women of the New Rochelle Police Department. We remember that our job is never “routine” and we recognize the dangers inherent in policing and the risks faced by our Westchester police community every day. We thank the members of the New Rochelle Police Department – and all of the police departments throughout the County – for keeping our neighborhoods and families safe,” said Det. Keith Olson, President Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester, and Yonkers PBA President.

NY State Attorney General Letitia James announced that her office would conduct an investigation, and that the “Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of Jarrell Garris, who died on July 10, 2023 following an encounter with members of the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD) on July 3, 2023. Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person, by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed.”

The Garris family said that he suffered from mental illness and would never have shot a cop. “You tried to take my son away from me. My one and old son. You’re going to give me my justice,” said Raymond Fowler, Garris’ father.

Garris family attorney William Wagstaff called Olson’s introduction of Garris’ criminal past, “a blatant character assassination.”

The statement from the Garris Family reads, “Another unarmed Black man was killed by police, and yet another defensive, insensitive, and irresponsible response from a police association. How does a detective from a neighboring police department with no role in the investigation purport to know what the unreleased body camera video shows when the family nor the community whose taxes pay for the equipment and salaries of the officers that use it don’t know?

The family applauds Congressman Jamaal Bowman’s consistent courage to speak up for the members of his district and looks askance at the NRPD’s carefully curated release of some videos but not all videos while feigning transparency.

Even more distressing is the blatant character assassination of Jarrel. The exposé of his criminal record and personal history is legally irrelevant to the fundamental question of was the shooting legally justified.

The association has taken an excerpt from page 2 of the police PR playbook, the classic, but he was a criminal routine, which suggests that someone’s past makes their extra-judicial killing acceptable; it does not.

Perhaps the discussion should be about the shooter’s background, his disciplinary record, his history of aggression, racism, or incompetence. Perhaps it’s time to stop blaming the victims and start focusing on the killers’ histories.

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