

## DA Charges YMHS Teacher with Endangering the Welfare of His Student



*Charged with Harassing, Sexting Student-Who Else Was A Victim of His Creepy Behavior?*

*Matthew Hausman, left, is accused of calling the victim, one of his female students, a 'bitch' and trying to put a dog collar around her neck*

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a physical education teacher at Yonkers Middle High School was arrested for allegedly harassing one of his female students over a period of several months, both over text message and in person.

Matthew Hausman, 59, of Somers, was charged with

Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor, and two counts of Second-Degree Harassment, a violation. He was arraigned on the charges Wednesday in Yonkers City Court, where he pleaded not guilty.

Judge Verris Shako released the defendant with non-monetary conditions, as neither of the charges is bail-eligible. Judge Shako further provided a temporary order of protection for the victim. The case was adjourned to Friday, July 18.

DA Cacace said: "The exploitation and abuse of children, whether as alleged here or anywhere else, will never be tolerated by my administration. The welfare

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## Yonkers Student Creates Call for Free Bee Line Bus Service



I don't pay for the bus, and if you're reading this, you probably don't either. My name is Jordan Mendez. I'm a 16-year-old activist from Yonkers, New York. I care about my peers.

With the addition of Chapter 643 to the existing laws of Westchester County, civil penalties will be imposed on individuals evading bus fares. The county will accomplish this feat by placing police on our buses to distribute fifty or one-hundred-dollar fines to fare evaders. Now, there are plenty of reasons not to support this legislation. To start, our goal should be to make public transportation preferable, so that we as a county reduce our carbon footprint. This legislation disincentivizes residents'

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## Scammers Conned a Yonkers Resident Our of \$70,000 -BEWARE!



The YPD has had an increase in reports from residents who have received calls from people claiming to be from the "Yonkers Police Internet Crime Unit." During these calls, the caller either attempts to obtain financial information or persuade residents to open bank accounts in a new country, claiming they are a victim of a crime and their old accounts are compromised.

While the "Internet Crime Unit" sounds cool, that unit does not exist in the Yonkers Police Department.

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## County Executive Jenkins: Sculti Got the Facts Wrong on Immigrant Protection Act and ICE

*By Dan Murphy*



Last week, we reported on a press conference held by Christine Sculti, the republican candidate for Westchester County Executive in the upcoming election this November. At that press conference, Sculti claimed that Westchester had become a "magnet for violent, criminal illegal aliens," as a result of the Westchester Immigrant Protection Act, IPA, passed in 2018.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins told Rising Media Group that Sculti, "has her facts wrong on the IPA," and referred us to a recent meeting of the Board of Legis-

lators where Westchester County Corrections Commissioner Joseph Spano appeared before the Westchester Board of Legislators Public Safety Committee.

At that meeting, Legislator Ben Boykin asked Spano, "I was Chairman of the

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## City & St. John's Hospital Agree to Land Swap to Restore A Piece of Untermyer Gardens



On July 22, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City of Yonkers, St. John's Riverside Hospital and the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy have signed an agreement to make a land swap of land owned by the City and the hospital. A portion of the parking lot at the hospital will be relocated, which will enable the Conservancy to restore the last major element of the historic Untermyer Gardens, called the Color Gardens.

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## Ten Years Later, Ice Bucket Challenge Continues; Correction Officers Rally for Member with ALS



*members of the Westchester COBA, have rallied to their retired member Shawn Scott and raise funds through the ICE Bucket Challenge as he fights ALS.*

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## New York City Council Rejects Bronx Casino Zoning; Spotlight Turns to Yonkers' Empire City Bid



Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat, right with Dr. Patrick Neshiwat

By Dan Murphy

In a decisive move earlier this week, the New York City Council voted down zoning changes critical to the proposed Bally's casino project at Ferry Point in the Bronx, effectively stalling the controversial bid unless Mayor Eric Adams exercises a rare veto. The decision, led by Council Member Kristy Marmorato, whose district encompasses the proposed site, underscored significant community resistance and raises new questions about where the Bronx's economic future lies in the state's fiercely competitive commercial casino race.

Despite lobbying muscle and high-profile backers, Bally's failed to generate meaningful local support. In fact, Bronx Community Board 10, which represents residents closest to the Ferry Point golf course site, repeatedly voted against the proposal. Local demonstrations, public testimony, and organized opposition suggest that far from welcoming the project, nearby communities view it as an imposition, one that doesn't reflect their vision for economic development.

Council Member Marmorato was blunt in her opposition, stating, "This is not housing, a hospital or community improvements. It's a casino."

Meanwhile, just over the Bronx border, less than two miles from the proposed Bally's site sits Empire City Casino, which has quietly become a cornerstone of regional employment and economic impact, particularly for Bronx residents. With a Bronx population roughly seven times that of Yonkers, it's no surprise that Empire City has long drawn a portion of its workforce from the borough. As Empire City seeks one of the state's three commercial casino licenses, it projects creating 2,000 permanent jobs, many of which may be filled by Bronxites.

The economic link between the Bronx and Empire City runs deep. Bronx-based businesses are known to benefit from the tens of millions of dollars the casino spends annually with local vendors and service contracts. Empire City's philanthropic arm has consistently stretched beyond Yonkers and supported Bronx nonprofits and community programs, with that support growing noticeably in recent years since MGM Resorts acquired the operation.

Well before Bally's entered the picture, Bronx leaders were already aligning themselves with Empire City's vision. A third-party alliance formed to support the Yonkers-based bid was co-chaired by Bronx Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Sorin and then BOEDC President Marlene Cintron, citing the existing economic benefits to the Bronx as a rationale for further investment.

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, who issued a statement condemning the Council's vote against Bally's, has also publicly supported Empire City's bid, along with a number of Bronx elected officials who recognize the strong economic and workforce pipeline that already exists.

As the state's Gaming Facility Location Board moves closer to selecting license recipients, scoring criteria will emphasize community support, project readiness, and the ability to return the current gaming and entertainment dollars currently flowing from New Yorkers, and its more than 60 million tourists to casinos in neighboring states of Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Given the clear opposition Bally's has faced, its uncertain land use standing and the competitive landscape, many observers suggest it faces an uphill battle, especially when compared to Empire City's shovel-ready plans and existing infrastructure.

The New York City mayor's potential veto might momentarily resuscitate the Bronx bid, but critics argue it would do little to change the facts on the ground: strong community resistance, limited public benefit, and a more viable alternative next door.

In the high-stakes game for downstate casino licenses, it appears the Bronx may not need to gamble on Bally's at all. With Empire City already delivering tangible benefits, and poised to do even more with a full license, many in the Bronx may find that the safest bet is the one they've already made.

## Bad News: A Public Pension of \$503,000 Paid for by Taxpayers is Outrageous 7 Yonkers Cops/Firefighters Receiving \$200k+

By Dan Murphy

Meet Kara Bennorth-Hubertus, left, a retired employee of Westchester Health Care Corp., who, according to the Empire Center(empirecenter.org), is the highest pensioner from Westchester County.

According to new data posted on SeeThroughNY.net, the Empire Center's government transparency website, Bennorth-Hubertus, is receiving a pension of \$ 503,128.

Thanks to the good work of EmpireCenter.org, for highlighting the fact that 97 new retirees to the NYS Local Retirement System are eligible for pensions of \$200,000 or more. And Out of those 97 retirees, 11 are from Westchester.

"The 480,393 pensioners of the state's retirement system were



eligible to receive \$15.6 billion in pensions during the fiscal year 2025, up twenty-five percent since 2020 (\$12.6 billion). Of these pensioners, 11,384 were eligible to receive more than \$100,000 – a ten percent increase from the previous year.

"Like the previous year, the largest eligible pension went to Kara Bennorth, a former communications executive at the Westchester Health Care Corporation, who was eligible to collect \$503,128 – more than half of which came from an excess benefit plan. Bennorth is the first person to be eligible for a pension above \$500,000 since the Empire Center started collecting the data in 2008.

"Of the 12,928 newly retired full-career members—defined as those with at least 20 years of service—1,272 were police officers and firefighters in New York's Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS), who were eligible for an average pension of \$98,011. In contrast, the rest of the 11,875 new retirees from the state's Employees Retirement System (ERS) averaged less than half the PFRS amount, at \$46,796. More than fifty percent of the new retirees eligible to receive six-figure pensions were from PFRS, although they represent less than ten percent of the most recent cohort of NYSLRS pensioners. The full data set can be found on SeeThroughNY.net, and the new data includes names and allowable pension amounts for 480,393 retirees from state agencies, public authorities and local governments as well as non-teaching school district positions. The amounts, which are exempt from state income tax, show what retirees were eligible to collect during the plan's 2025 fiscal year, which ended March 31," writes EmpireCenter.org.

The other 10 Westchester retirees with a pension of more than \$200,000 per year are:

- Patricia Ariel, Westchester Health Care Corp \$233,057
- David Billig, Westchester Health Care Corp. \$ 227,045
- Edward Stolzenberg, Westchester Health Care Corp. \$ 225,941
- John Folkerts, City of Yonkers, \$213,595
- Charles Mulcahey, City of Yonkers, \$ 210,168
- Brian Menton, City of Yonkers, \$209,377
- Frank Cariello, City of Yonkers, \$209, 274
- Kallid Nassar, City of Yonkers, \$206, 838
- Ed Leahy, City of Yonkers, \$201,314
- Thomas Wood, Town of Cortlandt, \$200,046
- Ronald Romano, City of Yonkers, \$200,005.

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## Why Westchester's Office Market Feels Tighter Than You Think

*Op-Ed By Howard E. Greenberg President, Howard Properties, Ltd.*

Every week, I hear the same thing from prospective office tenants: "Vacancy rates are high. We'll get a steal." Many assume landlords are desperate, and that rents must be at historic lows. But here's the reality: despite widespread reports of empty office space, Westchester's office market is much tighter than people realize.

As someone who's worked in commercial real estate in this region for nearly 40 years, representing tenants and buyers, I see this firsthand every day. I speak regularly with landlords, brokers, and other professionals. The narrative you're reading in national headlines doesn't reflect what's happening here in Westchester.

Let's look at the facts.

Westchester's total office inventory has shrunk by approximately 25% since I started in the industry, dropping from around 32 million square feet to roughly 25 million. That number is still declining as obsolete properties are demolished, converted to residential or medical uses, or repurposed in other ways.

With almost no new office construction on the horizon, a result of high financing costs and weak speculative demand, our existing stock is aging fast. Most of the county's office buildings were constructed during the boom between the mid-1970s and mid-1980s. That means they're now over 40 years old and, in many cases, functionally outdated.

While demand for space is down, it's not as simple as "high vacancy = cheap rents."

Landlords today face soaring expenses. The cost to build or renovate office space has doubled in the past five years. Let's say a tenant wants to lease Class B space for \$27 per square foot. If the landlord needs to spend \$80 per square foot to build out that space, which is standard in today's market, that's already the equivalent of three years' gross rent.

But it doesn't stop there. Landlords also absorb operating costs, roughly \$15 per square foot, which covers heat, air conditioning, maintenance, snow removal, insurance, and taxes. That leaves a net income of just \$12 per square foot. Out of that, they must pay mortgage debt, finance tenant improvements, pay legal and brokerage fees, and still try to generate value for their building.

The result? Landlords can't afford to do deals shorter than seven years unless no renovations are required. And even then, many simply don't have the capital to fund buildouts. Some can only offer cosmetic refreshes, such as paint and carpet, which today costs over \$10 per square foot.

Demand isn't dead, it's just different. Most of Westchester's active demand comes from small and mid-sized businesses seeking spaces under 10,000 square feet. But much of our remaining vacant inventory is in large blocks, often 50,000 square feet or more. These deep floorplates, designed for corporate tenants of the past, are tough to divide and reconfigure for smaller users.

At the same time, the shift to hybrid work means office space must now offer more than just desks and walls—it needs to attract employees back in. Tenants are demanding bright, modern, amenity-rich environments that align with today's flexible workstyles. And many older buildings simply don't meet the mark.

Because so few landlords have the financial capacity to do deals, the number of available, transactable office spaces is far lower than it appears. On paper, vacancy may seem high, but functional, well-located, move-in-ready options are increasingly scarce.

Buildings are being repurposed or removed from the market entirely. And those that remain face rising costs, tighter financing, and increased tenant expectations.

So don't let headlines mislead you. Westchester's office market isn't oversupplied, it's just evolving. And tenants looking for great space at rock-bottom prices may be surprised to find the pickings are slimmer than they thought.

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## Hot Topics!



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

Middle of summer? Can you believe August 1 is next week! Though many folks are on holiday, plenty of people are in town absorbing what is going on. Perfect time to give you my take on what's happening on hot topics next door and in our part of the world.

The report on financier and child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein should have been released by now. What was Donald Trump's involvement with Epstein. Were Hillary and Bill Clinton in his circle of friends? the American people need to know if all is Kosher in Epstein land!

Sad to see the Late Show, a franchise popularized by David Letterman leave the air next May. Was it political pressure from Donald Trump and Company or a true economic decision? This is the beginning of a shakeup of late night television, though Colbert is so good I am sure he will land on his feet.

Andrew Cuomo is a bright politician but he is not the only person who can lead New York City. His deal making to get the Mayoral nomination is classic Cuomo. It's time for a change as the population of New York City changes, but don't count out Curtis Sliwa. He's a guy who knows and can solve the problems of our neighbor to the south!

One person unhappy with the sad goings on at Playland is the wife of former County Executive and now Congressman George Latimer. I was at a press opening at Playland several years ago and learned how fond Robin Latimer, wife of the Congressman is of the Dragon Coaster. She was first on line, happy as a kid with a new pair of shoes. Sad that our leaders could not find someone to take over this gem!

We just ended school several weeks ago in most of Westchester and back to school sales are going strong. And before you know it it will begin to look a lot like Christmas and Chanukah!

Tasted the most delicious high protein, low sugar ice cream this week. Very impressed with Protein Pints. On the other hand have you tried to find salt free potato chips or pretzels. Non existent even at Whole Foods!

We say goodbye to Heavy Metal king Ozzy Osbourne he of Black Sabbath fame. Malcolm Jamal Warner holds a special place in hearts of those of a certain age who adored him in the Cosby Show. Terrible how he died so young.

Just a reminder at this time of year when we are all in the water to be careful when you're swimming and don't swim in water that is above your ability!

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## A New Nepperhan Avenue



*New paving along Nepperhan Avenue*

*By Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

For years, residents across Yonkers have raised concerns about potholes, uneven pavement, and deteriorating road conditions. Streets in Yonkers have long been points of frustration for drivers and pedestrians alike. The city, like much of New York State, continues to wrestle with the wear and tear that seasonal weather and aging infrastructure bring.

But in the midst of ongoing complaints, one stretch of road in Yonkers is standing out — for all the right reasons.

Nepperhan Avenue, particularly the section near 1222 Nepperhan, has recently undergone a noticeable transformation. The road has been resurfaced with fresh asphalt, providing a smooth, blacktop finish that’s hard to miss. There’s an evenness of the road that marks a stark contrast to many other city streets that remain riddled with cracks and holes.

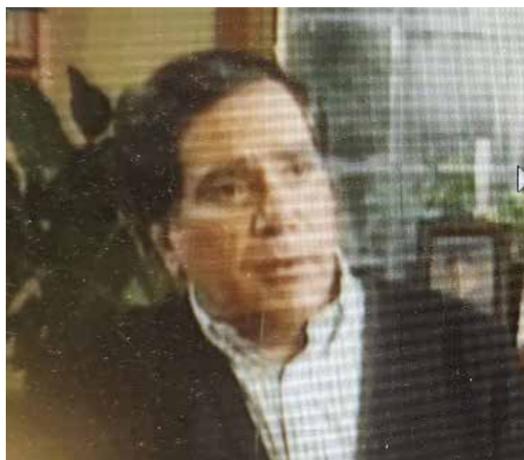
The improvements to Nepperhan Avenue come at a time when attention on the area is increasing. The neighborhood is preparing to welcome a new Chipotle location, signaling growth and new investment. The upgraded road is likely to support increased traffic and footfall in the coming months, as development continues.

While the facelift on Nepperhan is a welcome sight, it underscores a larger issue. Road maintenance and infrastructure improvement remain a pressing concern for many Yonkers residents. Complaints about hazardous streets remain unresolved, with locals pushing for more consistent and widespread repairs throughout the city.

Still, the renewed Nepperhan Avenue offers a glimpse of what Yonkers streets could look like with focused effort and investment. It may not solve the city’s infrastructure problems overnight, but for now, it’s a small stretch of hope — smooth, black, and freshly paved.

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## Former Yonkers Councilman Nick Longo Dies at Age of 82



*Nick Longo*

Nicholas V. Longo, beloved husband of Paula Longo, passed on July 15, 2025 at the age of 82. For over sixty years, after being set up on a blind date, Nick and Paula shared more than the greatest love the world has known.

The son of Italian-American immigrants, the late Cosmo and Antoinette Longo, he was born in the Bronx where he attended Mount St. Michael and Fordham University. An eloquent communicator from a young age, he excelled at debate and theater. Throughout his life, he loved telling stories about Sunday dinners with his cousins, playing stickball, spending summers working at Freedom Land, and driving his Chevy Impala (his first of many convertibles).

He moved to Yonkers in the late 1960s. His passion for making a difference inspired him to spend the next decades as a skilled politician and dedicated public servant. He served on the Yonkers City Council for 16 years, including as Vice Mayor and Majority Leader where he was recognized for his work ethic and courageous leadership. He was also an Administrator for the County of Westchester for over 30 years, a small business owner, and the Teamsters Public Sector Representative. He was a founding member of the local Sons of Italy, served on boards promoting economic development, and spent much of his free time playing racquetball and watching his Amazin Mets.

He brought his charisma, playfulness, and generosity to all aspects of his life. He was never short of light hearted teasing or a witty retort. He retired to his home away from home in Westerly, RI where he enjoyed pickleball, walks on the beach, hosting family and friends, and spoiling his beloved dog, Bella.

Nick deeply loved his three children, Anna Marie Longo (Angus Cleland) of St. Helena, CA, Alison Longo (David Bilotto) of Westerly, RI, and Nicholas V. Longo, Jr. (Aleida Benitez) of Providence, RI. His greatest joy was being Pop Pop and he was immensely proud of his five grandchildren: David Nicholas, Luciano Paul, Maya Paula, Connor Cosmo and Noah Nicholas.

A celebration of his life will be held at Gaffney-Dolan Funeral Home, 59 Spruce St., Westerly with visiting hours on Sunday, July 20th from 1pm 4 pm. Family and friends are also invited to attend a Mass of the Christian Burial at 10 am on Monday, July 21st at Immaculate Conception Church, 111 High St., Westerly, where he was a devoted parishioner.

Mayor Mike Spano said, “Yonkers has lost a true public servant in Nick Longo. Nick served our city with distinction, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the people of Yonkers, especially during a time of turmoil for our City. As Vice Mayor and Majority Leader of the City Council, he led with courage and with a tireless work ethic that earned him the respect of colleagues and constituents alike. On behalf of the City of Yonkers, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife Paula and the rest of his family.”

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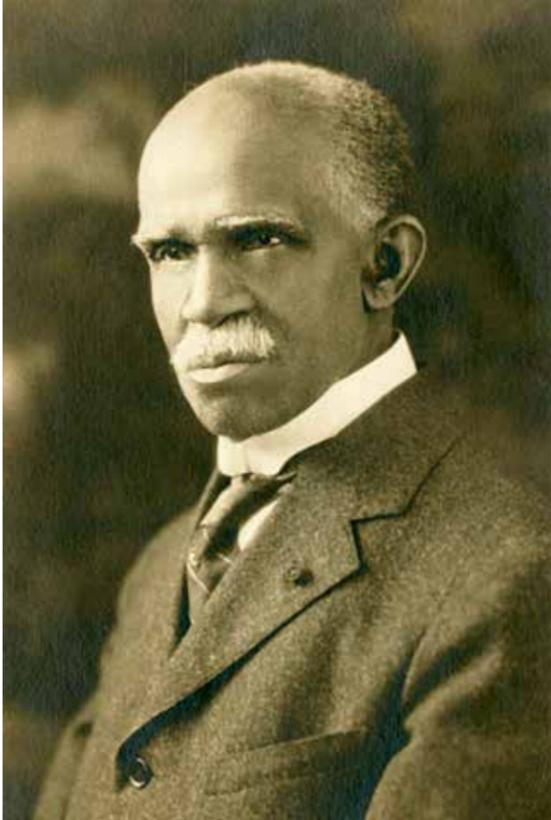
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## Yonkers to Honor John Edward Bruce with Permanent Headstone After 100 Years



John Edward Bruce

RISEUP (Research Initiatives for the Strategic Empowerment of the Urban Populace) is proud to announce a special ceremony honoring the legacy of John Edward Bruce, a pioneering Black journalist, activist, and intellectual, who was buried in an unmarked grave at Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers for over 100 years.

On Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., RISEUP will host a Headstone Revealing Ceremony at Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers to mark the placement of a permanent headstone for Bruce. This event follows last year's temporary marker placement ceremony, where Mayor Mike Spano issued an official proclamation recognizing August 11th as John Edward Bruce Day in the City of Yonkers.

Thanks to the dedication of community partners and generous donors, RISEUP successfully raised the \$5,000 necessary for the headstone, which has now been completed by Minozzi and Sons, and on August 1st, we will be setting the headstone at Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers New York. A special thank you goes out to our major supporters: the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA-ACL), New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, the Beczak Environmental Education Center, the NAACP Yonkers Branch, Symra Brandon, CEO & President of Municipal Housing Authority City of Yonkers Wilson Kimball, and the City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, along with many residents and organizations that contributed.

In addition to the headstone fundraiser, RISEUP's president, Dr. Robert Baskerville has hosted multiple presentations on JEB's contributions and was recently awarded a \$25,000 Digital Justice Seed Grant from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) to begin production on History With Grit, a pilot documentary focusing on Bruce's life in Yonkers. [https://www.acls.org/recent-fellows/?program\\_id=40091&\\_project\\_year=2025](https://www.acls.org/recent-fellows/?program_id=40091&_project_year=2025)

The public is invited to attend this important celebration of Black history in Yonkers.

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



left: Margaret Thompson Schulze enjoying the sandy beach at The Breakers, Palm Beach, in 1927. Her family estate was on North Broadway by Odell Avenue.

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

Monday, July 28th

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.

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.

Tuesday, July 29th

July 29, 1947: The Common Council directed City Manager Montgomery, Comptroller Kennedy, Tax Commissioner Lennox and Corporation Counsel Galloway to press for the reopening of the Empire Track. The State Racing Commission had advised the Council it felt the Yonkers track was outmoded and a "public disaster" might result. Mayor Frank stated he did not understand the commission's statement about the possibility of a public disaster as more than 50,000 people had attended a Wilkie rally at the track. Councilmember Whalen recalled the largest racing event the Empire City Racing Association had an attendance of more than 34,000 people and stated that figure "...knocked down the argument it is inadequate. They're giving us the runaround."

Wednesday, July 30th

July 30, 1943: Employees at the Cameo Curtain plant at 45 John Street, with 90% of its work being war production, posted large signs in their workrooms. What did the signs read? "We will be closed the day of Hitler's funeral."

July 30, 1943: City Manager Walsh asked the Yonkers City Council offer the former Grassy Sprain Golf Club to New York State for the \$2,000,000 post war training institute planned by the Board of Regents. The planned school could open with 2,000 students, with the capability of expanding to thousands more if needed. Walsh said Yonkers was an ideal site, as the largest industrial city in Westchester, had nearness to New York City, and the promise of being a great and growing industrial center.

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As outlined in the felony complaint, the defendant is accused of using these funds to pay for his own and/or others' credit card bills; to make payments for a BMW vehicle; to purchase a subscription to "Booty By Jacks," which, according to its website, describes itself as "the world's best glute building program;" to pay for a trip to Aruba; to pay for an Airbnb; to pay for meals at various restaurants; and to pay for GEICO insurance, among other transactions.

DA Cacace commends the City of Rye Police Department for its investigatory work on this case.

Notice of formation of Great Livinggs , LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the NY department of state on 03/25/2025 Office Location: Bronx. UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE , SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 228 PARK AVE S #948027 NEW YORK, NY 10003. Purpose : Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Offlo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/2025. Office location: 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, 1112 Wilmot Rd, STE 91H, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of LCS Advisers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 260 Garth Road, Apt. 2d4, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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4. Bid No. RFB-7498 – Opening Date: 8/15/2025: Hiring of Unarmed Security Services at Riverfront and Will Libraries (KAS).

Notice of Formation of FUSE WORKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/2025. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 54 Brosnan Pl, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of 155 ROUTE 202 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 401 Broadway, Suit 1111, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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# What Happened to Lizzie Weinstein?



**By Dan Murphy**

The death of Elizabeth Harding Weinstein, a mother of three who raised her family in Briarcliff Manor, on July 6, has rekindled her case and travels through the courts of Westchester County.

Lizzie, as she was known by many, was found dead in her hotel room in Danbury, CT. Police arrived and found no foul play. An autopsy will take several weeks to determine the cause of her death. The case of Lizzie Weinstein is a sad tale of how a broken marriage can end up ugly and, in the courts, with little or no thought of how it affects the children involved.

One of the best accounts of Lizzie Weinstein's journey that we read is from Frank Parlato, who granted us permission to reprint his story, ([frankreport.com/2025/07/16/elizabeth-harding-weinstein-at-center-of-contentious-divorce-and-mental-health-dispute-dies-at-53/](http://frankreport.com/2025/07/16/elizabeth-harding-weinstein-at-center-of-contentious-divorce-and-mental-health-dispute-dies-at-53/))

Elizabeth Harding Weinstein, at Center of Contentious Divorce and Mental Health Dispute, Dies at 53

**By Frank Parlato**

Someone sent this: "Lizzie Harding Weinstein was just found dead in a hotel room. Now there's an investigation. It's suspicious. The courts took her kids, her freedom, her driving license. All her money. She was wealthy and they put her under guardianship...."

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Harding Weinstein, a former nurse, mother of three, and

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## Letter: Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill One of the Most Harmful in History

*Dear Editor at Rising Media Group,*

I'm deeply disappointed in every legislator who voted for one of the most harmful bills in history, Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill."

Many people in our state and nationwide likely don't understand what this legislation means for our families and communities. Here's a breakdown of how some parts of this bill will directly affect us:

Phase out tax credits for wind and solar power, which will drive up our energy costs and reduce sustainability.

Withdraw aid for agencies like FEMA that monitor extreme weather, leaving communities vulnerable to climate disaster.

Throws millions of children, seniors, and families off Medicaid and food assistance. And all of this damage is funded by huge, unwarranted, undeserved, and unnecessary tax cuts for large corporations and the wealthiest 1% and 0.1% of individuals.

Republicans cheered about taking away healthcare, gutting clean energy programs, selling public lands, and giving massive tax breaks to billionaires. Policies reflect values, and I am horrified by the values represented in this bill and by every legislator who voted for it. We won't forget this.

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## DiNapoli:

### Tax Cap in New York Remains at 2% for 2026

The 2026 property tax levy growth will be capped at 2% 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 fifth consecutive year," DiNapoli said. "The challenge for local governments will be maintaining essential local services within this cap, while still dealing with higher prices for commodities and services and the potential impact of policy choices at the federal level."

In accordance with state law, DiNapoli's office calculated the 2026 inflation factor at 2.64% for those local governments with a calendar fiscal year, above the 2% allowable levy increase.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments (excluding New York City) and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions. The law also includes a provision that allows municipalities to override the cap.

Editor's Note: The NYS property tax cap was passed under former Governor Andrew Cuomo. In our view, it was his greatest achievement.

### SUNY Westchester Community College Launches Business Management Weekend Series in Peekskill

SUNY Westchester Community College is launching a Business Management Weekend Series designed to help busy non-traditional learners achieve academic and career advancement.

This innovative weekend format, offered through SUNY WCC's Peekskill Center, allows students to earn up to 12 college credits while balancing work, family, and other commitments. Courses are offered in a hybrid asynchronous format, which means that students can do the work flexibly on the weekend with reduced seat time. This allows them to do half their in-course requirements online.

The series includes six courses held on Saturdays and Sundays, aligning with the first semester of SUNY WCC's program in Business Management and earning credits towards an Associate of Science degree.

"This series is ideal for people who have difficulty finding time to pursue their own educational advancement due to too many demands on their time," said Dr. Sherry Mayo, Director of the SUNY WCC

Peekskill Center. "This series is perfect for those looking to start their pursuit of a college degree or wish to accelerate their progress."

The courses offered are: Writing & Research, Business Organization & Management, Computer

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## Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Serves the Community with A Grand Birthday Party



daughters Chaya Mushka left, and Zeesy, right, celebrate this father's 42nd birthday. Photo (c) Robert Kalfus



Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz explaining the significance of his 42nd birthday and this week's Torah portions. Photo (c) Robert Kalfus

## County Legislator Tubiolo Presents \$30,000 Check to Aisling Center in Yonkers



County Legislator David Tubiolo recently present a \$30,000 check to the Aisling Irish Cultural & Community Center. The funding will support the Center's community programs, including arts, music, language, dance, and its homebound meal delivery service for seniors. Located on McLean Avenue (The Emerald Mile) in Yonkers, the Aisling Center serves as a hub for preserving and promoting Irish culture while providing a gathering space for the community. Beyond its cultural mission, the Center offers resources for mental health, employment, and housing assistance.

By Robert Kalfus

Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz celebrates his 42nd birthday this past Sunday, July 20, and for the past decade, has invited the community to enjoy a lavish free BBQ at the synagogue at which Yonkers residents, synagogue members, elected officials and those running for office attended, meeting and greeting, and pressing the flesh.

Rabbi Hurwitz literally served the community, celebrating his 42nd Birthday with a Grand BBQ celebration, delivering an extensive menu of kosher hot dogs with buns, hamburgers, grilled chicken, French fries, relish, potato chips, potato salad, homemade cole slaw, watermelon, cotton candy, bottles of cold water, and birthday cake for dessert, to the more than 100 people who joined his birthday celebration for three hours.

Rabbi Hurwitz and synagogue members sweated over a hot grill cooking the fresh and tasty meals on a day which thankfully was not one of the hottest days of this summer, enlisting the assistance of his wife, Rebbetzin Chanie, and four of their five daughters, all who helped prepare and serve. Rabbi Mendy's father, Rabbi Israel Hurwitz, joined his sons, his nieces and grandchildren.

Rabbi Hurwitz explained how his 42nd birthday relates to this week's upcoming double Torah parshaot Motot-Masei, meaning "Tribes" and "Journeys".

"The Torah recounts how the Jewish people wandered and encamped in the

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*Lizzie Weinstein, continued from pg 1-*

ex-wife of a prominent New York attorney, died at 53 in Danbury, CT, in a hotel room. Her death ends a five-year battle with her husband.

They were raising three teenage children, ages 17, nearly 16, and 13, in Westchester County. She was a former nurse, and at the time the fight began, a stay-at-home mother.

Her husband, Brian Stryker Weinstein, was a senior litigation partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell. His clients included Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, BT Group, and E\*Trade. He sat on the board of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University.

On May 20, 2020, Lizzie said she made a “discovery.”

She told him to leave the house. He did.

She texted him after he drove away.

“We have all acknowledged that you have been indoctrinated into the practice of pedophilia.”

He was a lawyer. He replied, “I want the indoctrination of pedophilia to stop.”

Was this an admission? Or a clumsy, placating reply to a woman coming undone?

In context, it’s clear: he was not agreeing with her. He was trying to de-escalate.

At the time of the split, the couple’s three children were teenagers—old enough to have memories, perceptions, and opinions. There is no record that any of the children ever affirmed their mother’s story.

Brian was out of the house. The children were with her.

He did what he knew: he used the courts.

He filed an emergency custody petition, 150 pages long, claiming Lizzie was suffering from untreated mental disorder and submitted evidence of disturbing instability.

On June 5, 2020—Judge Arlene Katz issued an ex parte Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Harding. The order barred her from contacting her husband, her three children, or living at the family residence.

Police removed her from the home. Weinstein moved back in with full physical custody of his children and exclusive control of the home.

The TRO was issued without Harding’s presence or input.

The following day, June 6, Harding filed for divorce. She alleged the children had been subjected to sexual abuse and the reason why they did not remember being abused by her husband was repressed memory.

On December 4, 2020, Judge Nancy Quinn-Koba signed a second ex parte temporary restraining order against Elizabeth Harding, prohibiting contact with her children and access to the family home.

While shut out at court, Lizzie told her story online. She posted frequently on Facebook, accusing Weinstein of abuse, and coordinated legal and psychiatric sabotage. She claimed the reason the teenage children did not support her pedophilia accusations is that her husband had brainwashed them.

Her public accusations had the potential to destroy her husband’s career, which would also financially impact her children. Lizzie did not work. Her posts named her husband, his parents, and a broad group of alleged enablers of molestation, gaslighting, and mind control.

The FOIL Incident and Arrest

On January 4, 2021, Elizabeth Harding entered the Clerk’s Office in Briarcliff Manor to submit a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request and deliver a written complaint concerning Village Justice Howard T. Code, alleging denial of due process in prior proceedings.

Staff refused to accept her documents because Harding was not wearing a face mask, in violation of the Village’s COVID-19 protocols. Harding declined to wear a mask, citing a medical exemption. Village Manager Philip Zegarelli and Clerk Donna Zirman summoned the Briarcliff Manor Police Department.

Elizabeth Harding Weinstein arrested in Westchester NY

Responding officers directed Harding to leave the premises. Harding recorded the encounter and stated her intention to post the footage online. Chief Buetti permitted her to submit the paperwork. However, he then allegedly shut the door on her, knocked her phone from her hand, physically restrained her against the wall, and placed her under arrest.

She was initially charged with disorderly conduct. The charges were later amended to obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest. Following the arrest, Harding was held in custody for several hours, during which she alleges she was shackled, subjected to a strip search, denied access to legal counsel, placed in solitary confinement, and held under suicide watch.

On January 5, 2021, during a virtual arraignment, Village Justice Howard T. Code ordered a psychiatric evaluation. Harding refused to participate.

On January 8, a court-appointed psychologist, Dr. Jerome Norton, attempted to conduct the evaluation. Harding again declined to consent to the assessment.

Civil Lawsuit, Involuntary Hospitalization, and TROs

February 17, 2021

Elizabeth Harding filed a civil lawsuit in New York State Supreme Court naming multiple defendants, including her husband Brian Weinstein, municipal officials from the Village of Briarcliff Manor, local police officers, prosecutors, and members of the judiciary. The complaint alleged that Weinstein exploited his professional and judicial connections in Westchester County to discredit her, suppress her legal actions, and conceal alleged domestic violence and abuses of process.

March 9, 2021

Harding was involuntarily admitted to St. Vincent’s Hospital in Westchester County for psychiatric evaluation and treatment. She declined medication and requested a judicial hearing pursuant to New York Mental Hygiene Law §9.31. The hearing was postponed for approximately two weeks. Subsequently, Judge Anne E. Minihan ordered that Harding comply with a prescribed psychiatric medication regimen as a condition of release.

March 17, 2021

While Harding remained hospitalized, her state court civil action was dismissed on the grounds that it was “frivolous.” The court further initiated a mental health inquiry and raised the possibility of appointing a guardian ad litem to represent her legal interests in future proceedings.

April 2, 2021

Harding was released from involuntary hospitalization at St. Vincent’s.

April 16, 2021

Judge Nancy Quinn-Koba issued an ex parte Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Harding. Within minutes, Harding was stopped by Briarcliff Manor police and taken into custody. Officers claimed she had violated a prior TRO between April 5 and April 7, despite Harding’s contention that no such order had been entered or served during that period.

She was charged with misdemeanor violations, allegedly for posting a photograph of her minor children online. Later that day, Village Justice Halper issued a new ex parte TRO prohibiting Harding from coming within 1,500 feet of her home or her children.

Lizzie Is Relentless

June 1, 2021

Harding doubled down. She continued to publish allegations against her husband on Facebook, alleging he had committed acts of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and coercive control. She accused him of alienating their children through psychological manipulation and drugging.

She claimed to have suffered false arrests, poisoning, and the deletion of her social media accounts. Harding alleged that courts at the state, appellate, and federal levels refused to hear her claims. She concluded by stating, “I WILL NOT STOP SPEAKING THE TRUTH.”

June 11, 2021

Harding posted again on Facebook, stating she had been barred from attending her son Max’s graduation. She reiterated her accusations against Weinstein and stated, “SHAME FALLS SQUARELY ON PEDOPHILE BRIAN STRYKER WEINSTEIN.”

June 12, 2021

Harding posted a photograph of Weinstein alongside his parents, Richard and Alice Weinstein, and accused the family of condoning and enabling child sexual abuse. She alleged that family members dismissed reports of abuse as “unfortunate” and stated her children were afraid of their grandfather. She referred to Weinstein as “100x worse than the slimiest parasite” and claimed he engaged in a campaign of psychological indoctrination targeting their son Max.

Guardian Hearings

June 24 and June 30, 2021

Following Harding’s public social media posts, Weinstein petitioned the Westchester County Supreme Court for the appointment of a guardian. According to reports, Weinstein submitted affidavits alleging that Harding suffered from schizophrenia and narcissistic and bipolar personality disorders. These allegations referenced her public accusations of pedophilia, all without evidence and cited online behavior he characterized as erratic, defamatory and harmful to the children. All three children rejected their mother’s claims about their father.

Judge Janet C. Malone conducted two ex parte hearings to evaluate Harding’s competency, pursuant to Article 81 of the New York Mental Hygiene Law.

August 2, 2021

Judge Malone issued an order adjudicating Elizabeth Harding mentally incapacitated under MHL §81.02. She appointed attorney Kenneth L. Bunting as Guardian of the Property, with legal authority over Harding’s civil litigation, financial affairs, and access to the courts.

Immediately following his appointment, Bunting moved to terminate Harding’s pending lawsuits. He informed relevant courts that no future filings were authorized unless issued directly from his office.

Harding later alleged that Bunting exceeded his mandate by liquidating or freezing personal assets, closing financial accounts, withholding spousal support, and discontinuing critical services, such as automobile insurance. She contends these actions deprived her of resources necessary for food, shelter, and legal representation.

August 11, 2021

Harding posted on Twitter: “I will never stop fighting for my children... These pedophiles desecrate our societies—NOT ON MY WATCH.” At the time of the post, she had not seen her children for approximately 19 months.

With the guardianship order in effect, the court dismissed Harding’s pending divorce case for failure to prosecute. Weinstein refiled for divorce in his own name and was granted dissolution of the marriage by default, and consequently kept the entirety of the marital assets, as well as full legal and physical custody of the children.

The guardian prevented Harding from contesting or participating in her own divorce.

The Battle Is Over

Nothing changed during the last four years of her life.

In her videos, she’s the last honest woman in a world of liars. To the court, she was a mother declared unfit.

The kids, now all over the age of 18, remain close to their father. The funeral was Monday. Her ex-husband and three children attended.

This is a cautionary tale for the age of accusation.

She had lost her children. Her legal standing. Her money, her freedom. And in the end, her life.

She also nearly cost her family everything. Their reputation. Their father. Their peace.

The obituary reads:

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Harding Weinstein, a registered nurse, mother of three, and former Westchester resident, studied early childhood education at Boston University before earning her nursing degree from Columbia University. She is survived by her three children, Max, Ella, and Jack; her parents; and extended family.

She was 53.

What it did not say was that she was homeless for five years, starting about two weeks after she began accusing her lawyer husband of pedophilia.

Harding lost custody of her children, access to her home, control over her finances, and ultimately her legal standing—without ever having a full evidentiary hearing on the truth of her claims.

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*Lizzie Weinstein, continued from pg 10-*

However, Harding's allegations were unsupported by their three teenagers, third-party witnesses, forensic evidence, or law enforcement corroboration.

The legal system never said Harding was lying. It ruled that she was not credible enough to be heard.

Her husband used TROs, psychiatric evaluations, and guardianship law to sideline an inconvenient, volatile and possibly delusional voice.

She never provided forensic evidence, eyewitness corroboration, or proof of a criminal inquiry in all her videos and posts.

Had Harding's allegations been believed and acted upon, Weinstein would have faced professional ruin, disbarment, and criminal charges.

The damage would not stop with him. The children would become known as the offspring of a molester. Their schooling, relationships, and mental health could suffer. If the allegations were untrue, or driven by illness, the harm would be irreversible.

#### Mental Illness Cannot Be Ignored

Harding's conduct was not helpful to her credibility. She live-streamed videos, made accusations on social media, and described coordinated conspiracies. She refused psychiatric evaluation, refused medication when committed, and rejected the authority of multiple courts. Over time, while some of the public may have believed her, judges reached a shared conclusion: she was mentally unstable.

#### Elizabeth Harding Weinstein

Whether or not that diagnosis was correct, her behavior gave the court justification to take precautionary steps. From their perspective, this was not silencing. It was containment.

"What if she was right?" is a question weighed against "What if she was severely ill?"

And when one party appears unstable—especially if they are publicly attacking judges, guardians, and therapists—the courts will protect the calmer, more institutionally compliant party.

If Elizabeth Harding was wrong, her accusations were reckless, damaging, and cruel. If she was mentally ill, she was treated as a legal liability rather than a health emergency. And if she was right—if there was any truth to what she alleged—then the law turned its back on a woman who tried to speak out.

Still, Harding accused Weinstein of serious crimes but offered no evidence. Where were the children's statements? The school reports? The disclosures? She posted online, named therapists as "handlers," and accused his entire family of "grooming." She tried to crash graduation ceremonies, filmed her own arrest, defied court orders, and posted daily videos on Facebook.

So her husband, a lawyer, retaliated with filings. He asked judges to protect his children, to secure their futures, to limit what Elizabeth kept igniting.

The law was used not just to silence her—but to survive her.

She gambled the family's future on a theory she couldn't prove. He gambled too. Because if she wasn't stopped, her narrative could destroy his children, his career, and everything he had built.

If she wasn't mentally ill, she was reckless. And while her case shows the built-in injustices in family court, it also illustrates the harm that can be done by false allegations and how the court for all its imperfections may have delivered justice.

Where this case is distinguished from many other cases where the court is used as a weapon by the wealthier parent is that the pivotal, deciding factor was the children. If they said it had happened, it would not have ended this way.

But they said it did not happen and, in the end, in this case – and in perhaps most cases – we ought to believe the children – then and now as young adults. They knew their mother was delusional and wished, as they had said, she could have been treated. She wasn't. It can't be helped now.

May Lizzie Harding rest in peace," end of story, by Frank Parlato. After watching several YouTube videos and speaking with some of the people who interviewed Lizzie, we found Parlato's story to be inclusive and sympathetic to Lizzie.

This story was published on Parlato's website, <https://frankreport.com/?s=Elizabeth+Harding+Weinstein>, two weeks ago.

In 2022, Parlato wrote three other stories about Lizzie's case. One of those stories tells a different story about Parlato's interaction with Lizzie. We will publish that story next week.

#### SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-15, Plaintiff -against- HANNA P. WAGNER; ERIC WAGNER AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID WAGNER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated April 15, 2025 and entered on April 16, 2025, and an Amended Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 21, 2025 and entered on May 22, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on August 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Eastchester, County of Westchester and State of New York, known and designated as SBL# 66-1-260 Said premises known as 70 HOWARD AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY 10709

Approximate amount of lien \$986,012.00 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 64049/2021.

ANTHONY S. COLAVITA, ESQ., Referee

Pincus Law Group, PLLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

## ***Westchester COBA Community Cares Revives the Ice Bucket Challenge to Support Brother Shawn Scott and Raise ALS Awareness***

The Westchester COBA (Corrections Officers' Benevolent Association) Community Cares Committee, in partnership with Quinn for the Win, is proud to bring back the Ice Bucket Challenge—this time in support of our brother, Shawn Scott, who is bravely battling ALS.

To show Shawn—and all those affected by this devastating disease—that they are not alone, we are launching a campaign to raise both awareness and funds. When you take on the Ice Bucket Challenge, please share it on your social media, tag Shawn, WCOBA, and Quinn for the Win in your video, and if you can, make a donation to our secure Help A Hero fundraiser.

All proceeds will be presented to the Scott family in August at the Quinn for the Win Foundation annual Ice Bucket Challenge event at Yonkers Raceway.

Please join your Westchester County Corrections Officers in standing with Shawn and all who suffer from ALS. Let's rally together, have some fun, and make a difference—one bucket at a time.

"...When you fight, we fight," Shawn Scott

Visit their fund raising page at

[https://helpahero.com/campaign/als-awareness-with-brother-shawn-scott?fbclid=IwY2xjawLvA8pleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHsdgIMJk36c0s3zDzb9wqbh3QzwxmFXfBbOK1C0sYmDWz77nD7MR5GSN2LC\\_aem\\_Z1pugrMD-62nw6oZOQcofhg](https://helpahero.com/campaign/als-awareness-with-brother-shawn-scott?fbclid=IwY2xjawLvA8pleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHsdgIMJk36c0s3zDzb9wqbh3QzwxmFXfBbOK1C0sYmDWz77nD7MR5GSN2LC_aem_Z1pugrMD-62nw6oZOQcofhg)

And the memory of Pat Quinn lives on, through the ICE Bucket Challenge now in its 10th year.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers Native Pat Quinn announced the date of the 2024 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge set for Saturday, August 3. The annual event will once again take place trackside at the historic Yonkers Raceway located at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts in Westchester, New York.

Festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the ice bucket dump scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Participants should pre-register online at [YonkersNY.gov/IBC](https://YonkersNY.gov/IBC).

## ***Land Swap, continued from pg 1-***

The Color Gardens were a series of axially aligned terraces connected by stairs, each planted with flowers of a single color: pink, blue, red, white and yellow. Adjacent to the Vista, two of them are owned by the City and are clearly visible. The other gardens are currently owned by the hospital and are either used for parking or overgrown. The land swap will enable the parcels to be joined together once again as dedicated parkland, which must be approved by New York State.

Mayor Spano stated, "This public-private partnership is a powerful example of how collaboration can honor our past while investing in our future. By realigning land use through this thoughtful swap, we're setting the stage for the full restoration of the magnificent Color Gardens and enhance the beauty and accessibility of it for generations to come. Thank you to the leadership at St. John's Riverside Hospital, Yonkers Parks Department and Untermyer Gardens Conservancy for the shared vision and commitment to our City. Together, we are continuing to position Yonkers and the Gardens as a premier destination."

"St. John's is committed to the great partnership between these two historic Yonkers institutions, and the land swap is a natural extension of this partnership. This is a prime example of neighbors being good neighbors. Additionally, the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy has created a relaxing and healing environment which benefit both our patients and staff," said Ron Corti, President and CEO of St. John's Riverside Hospital.

Stephen F. Byrns, president of the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, said "Negotiations for this land swap have been going on for twelve years. The land swap is a major achievement which will add another compelling feature to one of America's greatest and favorite public gardens."

It is hoped that the necessary approvals for relocating the parking lot will take place in the next year, with the relocation of the parking lot taking place in late 2026. When this work is complete, the Conservancy will undertake the restoration of five Color Gardens, which will feature fountains and statuary.

With over 300,000 annual visitors, Untermyer Gardens is one of the top tourist attractions in Westchester County. Once a private garden and owned since 1946 by the City of Yonkers, it was called "America's most spectacular garden" by the national press in the 1920's, and is considered the crown jewel of Yonkers.

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Thursday, July 31st

July 31, 1943: The appearance of movie actress Carole Landis in front of a large crowd in Getty Square, resulted in Yonkers "Shangri-La" bond drive sales to increase by \$32,000. Frank Alfidi of Yonkers, who had the pleasure of meeting Landis in North Africa while he was serving in the Navy, received special permission from his commanding officer to attend the ceremony in the Square; the two had a wonderful reunion!

July 31, 1945: Workers in the downtown offices and defense plants were surprised to learn they could not have a lunchtime libation; it was Primary Day. On the steamy days of summer, it was customary to accompany lunch with a tall frosty beer or cool cocktail! Some stayed at their midday haunt and just had lunch. A steady stream of men and women hailed a cab or jumped on a trolley to head across our southern border into the Bronx for the liquid refreshment of their choice. New York City, a first class city, did not open their polls until 3 pm!

Friday, August 1st

August 1, 1889: The annual Hudson River excursion of New York newsboys ended in a stone-throwing battle with Yonkers citizens and authorities.

Every summer, the young fellows had a day out on the water, sailing on the barge John Neilson towed by the tugboat Edmund J. Levy. Captain Sweatman had orders not to land, as in previous years the boys had wrecked parks and set a barn on fire. The boys were not told and soon became "mischievous" because they wanted more action than admiring the Palisades. The bigger boys were setting the pace, throwing belongings of smaller boys into the water. They threw an estimated 75 boat benches overboard, several water barrels, hatchets and flagpoles. The Captain, realizing the group was uncontrollable, decided to put into Yonkers to telegraph the police. When they arrived at the public dock about 2 pm, 800 boys jumped ashore. The boys began firing stones at the Yonkers people, injuring one of the officers on the face. When the officer was injured, the vessels pulled away from the dock. The boys on shore began throwing rocks at those still on the barge; the boys still on the Neilson returned fire until they were out of range. Only one of the boys was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. When they reached the NY dock, the group left, growling at the Yonkers police.

Saturday, August 2nd

August 2, 1939: Gambling took place under the stars at Pelton Field... with police protection! An estimated 400 people took part in a bingo fundraiser run by the Eighth Ward Republican Club; they later use the proceeds to buy Christmas baskets. At the time, Yonkers rented Pelton during the day to use as a playground, the only playground in Yonkers without swings, seesaws, or a sandbox.

August 2, 1941: St. John's Church, Getty Square, announced they were launching a project to restore St. John's Cemetery; the cemetery had been the resting place for Yonkers residents beginning in 1783, and had many Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots buried there.

Sunday, August 3rd

August 3, 1639: Three Weckquaskeck chiefs who owned Keskeskich-- Fecquemeck, Rechgawae, and Packanniens-- sold the tract of land called "Nep-perhaem," site of present-day Yonkers, to the West India Company.

August 3, 1954: Horn and Hardart opened its first waitress-service restaurant in Westchester in the new Cross County Shopping Center! The company's first step of its plan to expand into New York suburbs, it had table seating for 300, and room at the counter for 60 people.

Questions or comments on this column? 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.yonkershistorical-society.org](http://www.yonkershistorical-society.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).



Hongdong Liu, left, and Pinting Lu, above, were arrested by Yonkers Police for scamming a Yonkers resident for \$70k

Beward of Scammers, continued from pg 1-

If you get any unsolicited or suspicious calls from someone trying to convince you to open a bank account over the phone— don't fall for it! Report it to us via our non-emergency number at 914-377-7900!

These scammers have been "spoofing" the caller ID of their calls to make it look like the number appearing on your phone is an official number. When in doubt, you can always call our non-emergency number at 914-377-7900 to verify if a call you received truly came from the Yonkers Police Department. Regardless, understand that we would never ask for your financial information over the phone.

For example- take a look at one of our recent arrests of Mr. Hongdong Liu (30 of Queens) and his partner in crime, Ms. Pinting Lu (28 of Queens).

These two were involved in an operation scamming one of our residents out of almost \$70,000! Their scam involved phone calls to a resident pretending to be a Yonkers Police Lieutenant and demanding money to fix their home computer, claiming it was being used for child pornography. Our Detective Division worked tirelessly to identify both Hondgong and Pinting, and they were brought to justice with some help from our Warrant Squad!

Remember, we will NEVER demand financial information or money transfers. If someone is on the phone pretending to be YPD and asking for something like this, HANG UP!

We're always here to help! When in doubt, call us!

Jenkins Sculti's Wrong continued from pg 1-

Board in 2018 when we passed the Immigrant Protection Act. How is that working?" Spano said, "It's working fine. In fact, over the last two weeks ICE has logged 2 judicial warrants and it worked just fine." The fact that Westchester Corrections has only 2 requests for an ICE detention request after a warrant belies Sculti's claim that Westchester is a magnet for illegal criminals.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed the Immigrant Protection Act into law on March 20, 2018. The measure, which passed the Board of Legislators by a vote of 11-3 on March 12, prevents Westchester County from using any of its resources to assist in federal investigations based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity or national origin. In general, the Immigrant Protection Act outlines what information county law enforcement will require from those with whom they interact and how this information is shared with all levels of law enforcement.

County Executive Ken Jenkins commented on Sculti's claims to Rising Media. "In criminal cases, law-enforcement always speaks to each other. And the Immigrant Protection Act explicitly allows for those communications to happen in criminal matters. No law enforcement is calling DOC about a criminal investigation. The state has a list of all incarcerated individuals that law enforcement has access to."

Jenkins recently appeared on CBS NY news with Marcia Kramer. Kramer asked Jenkins about the fact that the Trump administration had labeled Westchester County a "Sanctuary County."

"It's not accurate," said Jenkins. "We have an Immigrant Protection Act that was formulated in 2018 and has been through 2 Trump administrations. It is clear and it states in its definition that it doesn't make us a sanctuary county. It doesn't deal with any civil immigration matters, but law enforcement works with law enforcement all the time on criminal matters and that is not prohibited in our Immigrant Protection Act."

Jenkins added that the IPA provides that local law enforcement "doesn't do the federal governments job. If someone comes in with a judicial warrant, we honor that warrant and follow the law. That is why the Trump administration removed Westchester from their database," which claimed Westchester was a Sanctuary County.

"In any criminal matter, we will follow up with our law enforcement to make sure that people are held accountable for any crimes they may have committed," said Jenkins.

Karin Anderson Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice, said, "The Westchester County Immigrant Protection Act (IPA) has been critically important in building trust between local residents and county law enforcement by outlining what information county law enforcement will require from those they interact with and how this information is shared with federal law enforcement."

"Trust between local police and the people they protect and serve is critical for the integrity of our criminal justice system. Police depend on the cooperation of all residents, including immigrants, in solving crimes and maintaining public order. If immigrants are afraid that police are doing the work of federal immigration authorities, many victims or witnesses of crimes simply will not come forward."

"The Immigrant Protection Act is clear in stating that it does not shield anyone involved in criminal conduct. The IPA has been an important step in ensuring public safety for all Westchester residents."

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

Sweet Farm-to-Table, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Craving something sweet? Adults and kids 8 and older can join us to harvest and make dessert fresh from the farm. \$20 class fee. Also: Aug. 30; Sept. 27. Get details and pre-register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweet-farm-to-table-tickets-1374766406329?aff=oddtcreator>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

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

Art Exhibit: Color Touches the Soul, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is a lyrical invitation into the emotional world of Westchester resident Gabriel Ceslov. It suggests beauty, vulnerability and the moving resonance of abstraction. Final day of this exhibit is Sunday, July 27. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event/2025/07/26/1753549200/july-art-show/527727>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Family Fun Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join us for a day with music, games and more for the entire family. Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply; weather permitting. Rain date: Sunday, July 27. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Savory Farm-to-Table, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Let's review sustainable methods of harvesting and kitchen skills related to the recipe, and then enjoy what we make together. \$20 class fee. Also: Aug. 30; Sept. 27. Get details and pre-register: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/07/26/1753552800/savory-farm-to-table/525865>

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

The Civil War For Children, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Children ages seven and older will experience what it was like to be a Civil War soldier by being inducted into the army, learning a drill, hand-sewing a Civil War haversack to wear and handling several authentic Civil War artifacts. \$10 per child. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/the-civil-war-for-children/>

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-07-26/>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

Screenings Under The Stars, 5 p.m. "Inside Out 2" (2024, rated PG). Go along for the ride as Riley tries to adapt to her teenage years. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 5 p.m.; movies start at sundown. Event is rain or shine. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/movie-under-the-stars>

SUNDAY, JULY 27

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. A 13.1-mile loop from Westchester County Center south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers is closed to cars. Open to non-motorized bicyclists, scooters and in-line skaters, e-bike class 1 only, plus walkers and joggers. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Admission is free. Also: Sept. 7, 14, 21 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Oct. 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

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

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Museum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - noon Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up and more! Through November. Also: Tuesday, July 29.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-07-27/>

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

The Remarkable World of Ravens, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. These corvids have superb survival strategies. Learn about their behavioral, foraging, habitat adaptations, and predator and reproductive strategies.

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## Westchester Rising

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transition from private, carbon-based transportation to public, electric transportation.

If we're trying to support local businesses, this legislation won't accomplish that. The money that's being put into our transportation is money that is not being invested in Westchester's industries. And that's assuming people are still willing to travel to support local industries despite the fare!

People opposed to this legislation have already begun vocalizing their intentions to take their dollars elsewhere if the fare is enforced. But the most important reason to oppose this legislation is who it hurts the most: marginalized youth.

Let's get the obvious out the way. We're in delicate times. Families are food insecure, health care is becoming increasingly unaffordable, public school funds are being cut. Children are suffering. So why are we pouring salt on their wounds?

There is a sizeable population of youth, and more specifically, students, who rely on public transportation to make ends meet. May they be commuting to and from school, picking up siblings, going to the library, or going to their nearest grocery store, the implementation of Ken Jenkins' proposed legislation will only make a better life for Westchester's youth less accessible.

He claims fare evasion poses a serious threat to safety, fiscal integrity, and the long-term success of the Bee-Line system. I'm claiming Chapter 643 endangers the future of marginalized youth, abandons the fiscal responsibilities of our local government, and threatens the continued prosperity of Westchester's industries.

He claims Chapter 643 is about accountability and not criminalization. I'm claiming this legislation will leave struggling youth as wretches with no means to pay the bills.

He claims this legislation provides a fair and proportionate response to a problem that affects all riders. But let's be honest. There's nothing "fair" or "proportionate" about giving a Class A Misdemeanor to some kid coming from a \$20,000 household for trying to get to school.

Amidst this political turmoil, what young people need are security, stability, and opportunity accessibility. If new federal administrations won't provide food security through school meals, then our local government ought to facilitate families in securing themselves.

Charging kids to get to school does not do that. If families are financially unstable, our local government ought to subsidize the youth until they can stabilize themselves. Taking more money from their pockets

does not do that. If there are young people hungry to escape the trenches and do better with their lives, then the government ought to lessen the gap between the youth and their opportunities.

Instead, Ken is trying to make the distance between the youth and a better life as uncommutable as possible.

My point here is simple: If County Executive Kenneth Jenkins seeks to "protect the integrity of the Bee-Line system while being mindful of who's riding, and why they might not be paying," he ought to create a legal avenue for his most vulnerable constituents to utilize this service. If the County has the money to put police on every bus, then they have the money to improve the living conditions of our youth.

If the county has a heart and wants the best for itself, it ought to give everyone 25 years of age or younger free public transportation. And that is what we are calling on our legislators to do.

Mendez and his coalition have a change.org petition at [https://www.change.org/p/free-bee-line-buses-for-westchester-youth?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaeaNdvhXlGfsBJ\\_dAs4Ya587VX5wmXUIZ46VGONZA62PTWt-f5r0a2TKp9CbBQ\\_aem\\_cjsU08vP-Azr\\_D6D-9AA-w](https://www.change.org/p/free-bee-line-buses-for-westchester-youth?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaeaNdvhXlGfsBJ_dAs4Ya587VX5wmXUIZ46VGONZA62PTWt-f5r0a2TKp9CbBQ_aem_cjsU08vP-Azr_D6D-9AA-w)

and an Instagram page at <https://www.instagram.com/freebuses4westchesteryouth/>

County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "We are always proud to see young people who are civically engaged and willing to speak up about policies and laws that impact their communities. We fully support and encourage youth participation in government—it's critical to a healthy democracy.

"That said, we welcome the opportunity to meet with these students to explain the economics of the Bee-Line Bus System and the fiscal realities the County faces. The County is currently projected to have a \$25 million budget shortfall, and our current financial structure does not allow us to offer free bus service.

"Compounding our financial reality are actions by the federal government to cut programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and transportation aid. It would be fiscally irresponsible to allow the County to continue losing approximately \$1 million per month due to fare evasion. However, we have also proposed legislation to decriminalize fare evasion, making it a civil matter rather than a criminal one.

"It is important to remember that the Bee-Line is already a heavily subsidized system, and the \$2.75 fare is a small but essential contribution to keeping it affordable and running for everyone," said Jenkins.

## Coping With Stress Related Disorders



**Dr. Daren Wu Chief  
Medical Officer at  
Open Door Family  
Medical Center,**

While the stress of everyday life – including work, relationships, housing issues, caregiving responsibilities, and financial concerns – can impact your health, it is important to remember that developing strong stress management skills can help you navigate the difficulties and thrive.

According to the American Psychological Association, about three in four adults in the U.S. have experienced health impacts due to stress in the past month. Stress can contribute to a wide range of physical and mental health problems.

"Frequent headaches, body aches (especially back and neck pains), abdominal symptoms (often associated with IBS, or irritable bowel syndrome), heart racing or palpitations, chest tightness, and flare ups of eczema or psoriasis, or changes in appetite are all common symptoms of stress," said Dr. Daren Wu, Chief Medical Officer at Open Door Family Medical Center, providing affordable, quality health care services in Westchester and Putnam counties.

"If you're experiencing these symptoms, it's important to see a health care provider and be open to making beneficial lifestyle changes. This might include getting regular exercise, improving your sleep habits, eating a healthier diet, and building stronger social connections."

Dr. Wu offers answers to these commonly asked questions about stress-related disorders:

1. What specific disorders are you seeing that are stress-related, and are you seeing more of this now than in the past?

Stress contributes to many of the chronic and acute conditions we treat in primary care. At Open Door, we see even higher rates of stress-related health issues because our patients face significant social and economic challenges or what we call "social determinants of health." We see a lot of high blood pressure, diabetes, insomnia, anxiety, depression, migraines, abdominal symptoms, autoimmune disorders (like lupus and psoriasis), and chronic pain—all of these have clear links to chronic stress. The number has gone up significantly in the last few years, with added financial strain, housing insecurity, and caregiving burdens.

2. From a physical perspective, how does stress cause these health conditions?

Chronic stress activates the body's "fight or flight" response, raising cortisol and adrenaline levels. In today's world, with always-on, always-present stressors, big and small, the body is frequently in this ready-to-fight-or-run mode. Over time, this dysregulates blood pressure, blood sugar, immune response, and gut health, leading to the many real acute and chronic illnesses that we see today.

3. How do you know these disorders are stress-related and not simply physical in nature without a stress component?

Symptoms often worsen during stressful periods. You might notice physical changes when you're stressed—like before public speaking, taking a test, facing a competition, or dealing with difficult news. Common stress responses include chest tightness, a racing heart, digestive upset, sudden bathroom urgency, neck and shoulder tension, or headaches. These symptoms typically fade once the stressful situation passes. Effective treatment often involves not just managing symptoms with medication, but also addressing the underlying stressors and providing additional support.

4. Is it the amount of stress, or is it the way the stress is managed that causes health issues? The chronic stress that leads to health issues develops in two ways: unrelenting pressure builds up over time, and people lack adequate coping resources like time, support, therapy, or rest.

Many people feel they don't have space to decompress or heal, which transforms temporary stress into ongoing health problems. Others simply don't know effective stress management techniques.

This explains why some people remain resilient under extreme pressure while others feel overwhelmed by situations that wouldn't bother most people. The good news is that everyone can improve their stress management skills. Effective techniques include deep breathing, connecting with loved ones, finding purpose and meaning, developing spirituality (which doesn't require organized religion), and spending time in nature. These approaches reduce stress and build long-term resilience.

5. Do you see a direct correlation between certain adverse events in one's life (e.g. divorce, death or sickness of loved one, loss of job) and illness?

Absolutely, and many people recall certain life events or experiences that preceded an illness. Autoimmune conditions, dramatic weight increases (which by itself also drives higher probability of other illnesses), sleeping problems, diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and anxiety are all more common after major stressors.

6. Once a patient has a stress-related disorder is it only the physical problem itself that is treated?

No, effective treatment addresses both physical symptoms and underlying stress. While medications can be very helpful for managing symptoms, comprehensive care includes many non-medication approaches: improving sleep and exercise habits, trying yoga or meditation, strengthening social connections, exploring spirituality, pursuing hobbies, and connecting with behavioral health specialists. Sometimes addressing basic needs like food security or stable housing becomes the first step in the healing process. The goal is treating the whole person, not just isolated symptoms.

7. What can be done proactively to reduce the likelihood of getting a stress-induced illness? Prevention is always more effective than treatment. The same strategies that help manage existing conditions—prioritizing sleep, exercise, social connections, and stress management techniques—work even better when practiced before problems develop. Building these habits now creates resilience that protects against future health issues.

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*Yonkers Teacher Charged, continued from pg 1-*

of our most vulnerable residents, including and especially our children, must always come first.”

Between October 2024 and April 2025, Hausman engaged in a course of conduct directed at a child, his student, by repeatedly interacting with her, both over text message and in person, with romantic and sexual overtures, according to charging documents and a deposition made by the victim.

Among other actions, the defendant is accused in a misdemeanor information of engaging in the following conduct on the following dates:

In February 2025, inside his classroom, of calling the victim a “bitch” while holding a dog collar, opening the collar and insinuating that he wanted to put the collar on her.

In January 2025, of texting the victim, “Hi are you angry with me? I felt blown off at the dance, didn’t hear from you all weekend. Am I being “ghosted”? Do you have a new bf [boyfriend] and therefore [sic] avoiding me, what’s up?”

In February 2025, of kissing the victim for her birthday.

Of texting the victim that another teacher might raise her grades if she “looked cute” for the other teacher.

In December 2024, of asking the victim over text message if he could “send my daughters” and “my wife” to the victim’s father, and in return, that the defendant could “get you,” i.e. the victim, in exchange.

In April 2025, of texting the victim that “[m]aybe I could give you motion sickness.”

Of texting the victim that he had her schedule and “[n]ow I can be a stalker (if I had the time).”

In April 2025, of texting the victim that he saw a male classmate hug her, that it drove him crazy and that said classmate was no longer welcome in his classroom.

In April 2025, of confessing to the victim that he had romantic feelings for her and acknowledging that it was wrong to have these feelings.

DA Cacace urges anyone who may have had an interaction with Matthew Hausman that they would like to report, or anyone who may have more information about the above-referenced incidents, to contact the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office tip line at (914) 995-TIPS (8477).

The case is being investigated by the Yonkers Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Morgan Helfman of the Special Prosecutions Division.

**Editor’s Note:** After putting out a call to get a photo of Hausman so that other victims would be able to identify him, we received our front page photo and some thoughts from a student at Yonkers Middle-High School, where Hausman has worked for the past 16 years.

“I attend the same school this teacher worked at, but I’ve had 0 contact with him. However, I have pictures that have been floating around ever since rumors about him being fired were spread.

“FYI, many news articles say he’s a gym teacher when he teaches IB Sports. It’s a science class but I can see how people misinterpret this.

And “Yes, YMHS is the school he teaches at. I’ve overheard the teachers talking about how they didn’t expect this behavior from him around the time he was fired.

“I can’t really comment on his behavior personally as again I never had him as a teacher or interacted with him, but I was always told how “weird” he was. People told me he’s a very touchy person and has said strange comments to female students. I don’t know the actual nature of these comments if they were sexual, romantic, etc.

“I do wonder why he engaged with these behaviors as I remember finding a yearbook from 2009 that included him in it, indicating that he’s been working at this school for at least 16 years. It makes me wonder if there were more victims that never spoke him against him.

“The picture below is from the 2009 yearbook, says the names of the science teachers that taught at the school during this time, you can see his name

*Happy Birthday, continued from pg 9-*

desert for 42 years, from the time of Exodus leaving Egypt to their encampment on the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan. They had 42 different stopovers; sometimes stopped for a day, sometimes a few days, sometimes a year, sometimes a few years. Sometimes it seems they even went backwards. The number 42 represents the 42 different journeys which people goes through in their own lifetime. This does not mean that you may go physically from Yonkers to The Bronx, or vice versa, it is 42 different stages in our lives, the 42 stopovers in our lives. The Baal Shem Tov, the founder of the Chassidic movement more than 300 years ago, said that these are journeys that every individual goes through in their lives. At each moment in your life, we are meant to be here, and we should not feel that ‘oh, I’m going backwards.’ Every day is an opportunity for meeting a person in the street, a person that you know, or a person that you do not know. You must be able to be aware of and to seize the moment. You can discuss the seven Noachide laws, or possibly help them with putting on tefillin. Supply them and encourage them to light Shabbat candles.”

Noting his latest birthday, Rabbi Hurwitz said “As you age and get older, you need to continue your education and acquire knowledge and wisdom. You also do not lessen your activities, but you instead increase all the good that you can do and accomplish, and you never stop helping others. Chabad of Yonkers has programs for religious instruction, spirituality, outreach, education, and we seek the health and well-being of the entire Yonkers community.”

In addition to Rabbi Hurwitz’ regular free Wednesday night Torah discussion and learning class on ZOOM, please contact the Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center for info on upcoming activities, religious services and dinners, Hebrew school and Bar Mitzvah preparation, Shabbat morning and the upcoming High Holiday services, at (914) 963-8888, or www.JewishYonkers.com.

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MOVIES AT DUSK			
DATE	MOVIE	RATING	LOCATION
July 11	Dirty Dancing	PG-13	Rubio-Ciesinski Park-Edwards Place
July 18	Moana II	PG	Unity Park- Post & Elliot Streets
July 25	Captain America	PG-13	Trenchard Park-Trenchard Street
August 1	A League of Their Own	PG	Schurtze Park-St. Eleanoras Lane
August 8	Inside Out II	PG	Sullivan Oval-Spruce Street
August 15	Dog Man	PG	Wasisko Park-Agar Street
August 22	Beetlejuice	PG	Wakefield Park-Bronx River Road

MUSIC 7:00 - 8:30 PM			
DATE	BAND	MUSIC GENRE	LOCATION
July 3	Uptown Royalty	Pop/Jazz/R&B	IFK Marina-IFK Marina Blvd
July 10	Yacht Lobsters	Classic Rock/Jazz	Waterfront Amphitheatre Water Grant Street
July 17	Fever Records presents Judy Torres & the Cover Girls	Freestyle	E.J. Murrays Skating Center Tuckahoe Road
July 24	McLean Avenue Band	Music & Dance Band	Coyne Park-McLean Avenue
July 31	Steve Maglio	Sinatra Tribute & more	Welty Park-Barton Road
August 7	El Negro Caroy Dominican Swing	Swing/Bachata/Merengue	Cenato Park-Riverdale Avenue
August 14	Soul Machine	Soul/R&B/Dance Band	Grant Park-High Street at Park Avenue
August 21	David Cedeno Orchestra	Latin Salsa/Jazz	Lincoln Park-So. Broadway-McLean Ave
August 28	Men of Soul	Soul/R&B	O’Boyle Park-Hawthorne Avenue
August 29	Chicago Revisited	Tribute Band	Untermyer Park-North Broadway

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