

Yonkers Police Department Deploys Citywide Drone as a First Responder Program



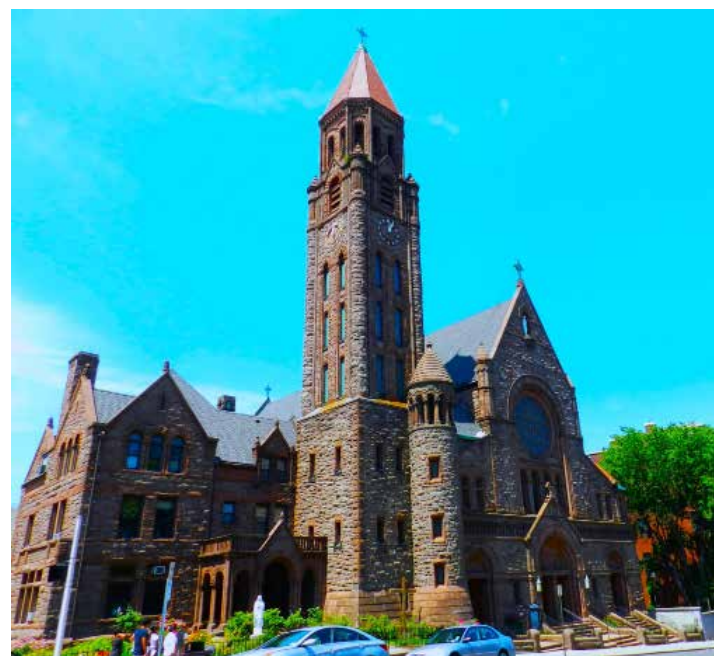
In collaboration with Motorola Solutions, dock-based drones operated from the AWARE Crime Control Center to provide aerial intelligence anywhere in the city within three minutes. The Yonkers Police Department announced the launch of the City's permanent Drone as First Responder (DFR) program, representing a significant investment in advanced public safety technology in collaboration with Motorola Solutions.

DFR operations provide a vital layer of real-time intelligence, accelerating response to emergency calls and giving officers a real-time aerial perspective of incidents as they unfold.

The Yonkers Police Department first explored this technology during the summer of 2024 through a 60-day pilot program, the first of its kind in the region, to

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St. Mary's Needs Another Easter Miracle Because Last Year's Fizzled Out



Archdiocese Prevails in Landmarking Challenge Against Church and City

By Dan Murphy

In a decision dated March 6, Westchester County Court Judge Melissa Loehr issued an order approving a settlement between the Archdiocese of New York, the City of Yonkers, the Yonkers City Council,

and the Yonkers Landmarks Board, which removes the Landmark status of the interiors of St. Mary's Church on South Broadway.

The decision is bad news for those of us who wanted The Friends of St. Mary's to have the opportunity to raise the funds needed to repair the church, which the Archdiocese has wanted to close for at least 4 years.

Under the order-settlement-judgement, only the 4 Exterior Walls of St. Mary's

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WFP & Hispanic Dems of Westchester Endorse Garcia for Assembly & Oquendo-Thomas for BOL



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YMA Lady Eagles Win Class B Title, Make Yonkers History! Onto the Final Four!



By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the Yonkers Montessori Academy Girls Basketball Team for winning the Class B Regional final on March 15. Traveling to Long Island, the Lady Eagles defeated Cold Spring Harbor, 56-44, defeating the defending state champions.

Emilee Doherty scored 18 points and Anisa Mustafaj had 17 points. YMA now advances to the Final Four upstate, the first time ANY Yonkers team has made it to the Final Four. The game will be held in Troy, NY at Hudson Valley Community College, on March 20, at 3:15 PM.

The Lady Eagles are also the first Yonkers girls basketball team to win the Sectional Championship twice, with back to back titles.

Congratulations to YMA Coach Elie Moise for having his team prepared and on a mission to move further along in the playoffs than last year.

The win against Cold Spring Harbor was HUGE!.

"Going into Long Island and beating the Defending Champs in their own backyard was crazy. Very physical game! Point Guard Liliana Toro sat most of the first half with 3 fouls. With her out, YMA struggled with Cold Springs' ball pressure and gutted it out to keep it close, finishing the half down 22-18," said Chris Toro.

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Have You Met The Buttonman of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade?



By Dan Murphy

As the 69th Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue kicks off this Saturday, one of my favorite things to do is to say hello to "The Button man" Dennis Dunn. Dunn has become one of the "Rock Stars" of the Yonkers parade, with hundreds wanting to get a photograph with him or just say Happy St. Patrick's Day.

But there was a time when the traditionalists in the parade committee didn't really approve of The Button man. That changed once the parade moved from South Broadway to McLean Avenue, and Dennis can be found every parade day holding court outside Rory Dolan's, which is a landmark for the parade and to get a bite or a drink...if you can get in.

Dunn has appeared on the Today Show and on many of the NBCTV NY's coverage of the NYC Parade. And although there are other parades that The Button man can be found at, it is the mighty NYC parade, and the Yonkers Parade on McLean that he is most known for; Dunn can be found outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral every St. Patrick's Day.

How did this all come to be?

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Westchester’s Big Three Mayors Detail Economic Growth and Housing Strategies



From left, Moderator Kevin Plunkett of Simone Development Companies; BOMA Westchester President Robert McNamara of GHP Office Realty; White Plains Mayor Justin Brasch; New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) recently hosted the mayors of Westchester County’s three largest cities — Yonkers, New Rochelle, and White Plains—for a comprehensive economic update. Mayors Mike Spano, Yadira Ramos-Herbert, and Justin Brasch shared a unified vision of aggressive revitalization, highlighting over 23,000 combined new housing units and a commitment to urban safety and sustainability.

Yonkers: A Model for Urban Success

Mayor Mike Spano detailed the ongoing transformation of Yonkers, backed by \$5 billion in revitalization projects. With a 90% high school graduation rate and a ranking as the 39th happiest city in America, Yonkers has authorized 12,000 new housing units, 22% of which are designated as affordable. Spano also highlighted the city’s burgeoning film industry and the strategic “Medical Mile” partnership between St. John’s and Montefiore.

New Rochelle: Infrastructure and Innovation

Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert emphasized New Rochelle’s proactive approach to density, with 11,000 housing units authorized and a focus on reaching 20% affordability. Key initiatives include the \$2.25 million tenant improvement program and “The Link” project—a transformational waterfront and stormwater mitigation effort slated to break ground in Q4.

White Plains: Sustainable Commercial Leadership

Mayor Justin Brash noted that White Plains continues to command a 39% share of the county’s commercial leasing. Brash advocated for adaptive reuse of aging structures into affordable condos and emphasized a “pro-business, pro-safety” environment. He specifically called for state support to increase affordable housing requirements in major projects, such as the Galleria redevelopment, from 12% to 25%.

A Call for State and Federal Partnership

While celebrating record growth, all three mayors stressed that addressing municipal pension liabilities and rising healthcare costs requires innovative fiscal tools, such as pension-splitting. The leaders concluded with a collective call for increased state and federal intervention to ensure Westchester remains affordable for the workforce driving its economic engine.

The annual event, which was held on March 12 at 360 Hamilton Avenue in White Plains, was moderated by Kevin Plunkett, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Simone Development Companies.

BOMA Westchester is the county’s leading professional organization dedicated to meeting the needs of building owners, property managers and allied professionals and tradespeople.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Brigadier General and Yonkers native Francis Brady.

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society and Yonkers Red Cross. Recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, March 23rd

March 23, 1930: Fairlawn, summer home of the late Alfred and Rosalie Nathan at 1181 North Broadway, was auctioned. The seven acre property, valued at \$125,000, was sold for \$138,000 to Frederick Marx.

March 23, 1942: After Sheldon Pollock, Yonkers Defense Transportation Chair, pleaded for Eleventh Ward emergency drivers, he learned Crestwood Red Cross had organized 507 drivers with vehicles.

Pollock stated emergency vehicles and drivers were under the Yonkers Defense Council’s Transportation Committee and needed training by their committee before they could be dispatched.

Pollock was “glad to learn” about vehicles available in Crestwood and invited their drivers to take his Defense Driver training.

March 23, 1943: Yonkers was shaken by air raid sirens at 4:55 in the morning, followed by a two minute blast signifying theoretical planes were overhead at 5:10 am.

The all clear was given over the radio at 5:29 am. Were we in danger? No! The surprise trial blackout was for the Bronx!

Tuesday, March 24th

March 24, 1942: Vice Mayor James Sullivan distracted former Alderman William Slater and Mayor Benjamin Barnes from escalating a loud argument into physical violence! The two got into a shouting match at a Public Hearing; it got more “animated,” and Barnes yelled he would throw Slater out. Just as Barnes was telling Slater to try, Vice Mayor Sullivan jumped in, with a loud speech, distracting the two from fistcuffs!

The hearing was for Westchester Surface Ways request to use the Broad Street viaduct to Bronx River Road and Midland Avenue to turn their buses; although it was a Mount Vernon line, the Mount Vernon side was not wide enough for buses to turn. Sullivan gave a long explanation of what was needed, closing the argument. The council unanimously approved the resolution asking Mt. Vernon to consider the Company’s application.

After the meeting, the two warriors were seen chatting amicably.

Wednesday, March 25th

March 23, 1943: Mayor Benjamin Barnes honored three Yonkers servicemen on Heroes’ Day; this ceremony was held at the Eastern entrance to City Hall. More than 1500 people attended. Special scrolls were presented to wounded Sergeant William Caldwell of the Army Air Corps, holder of several decorations; Midshipman William Zinchak; and Private Austin Millen. The scrolls were inscribed, “We are resolved that the City of Yonkers in recognition of the outstanding bravery you have shown in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, do take the means of setting down for posterity our sincere commendation for your meritorious deeds in World War No. 2.” Each scroll was signed by Mayor Barnes and had the city seal.

Private Millen, wounded in Tunisia, was in a New York Army base hospital

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Girls Are Being Educated But Are They Happier?



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Across the United States, girls are succeeding in school at levels never seen before. They earn higher grades, graduate at higher rates, and now receive the majority of college degrees in America. In the world of academia, from elementary school to university lecture halls, girls and women are taking the lead. But behind the success, there's a serious question: are girls actually happier today, or just more pressured than ever before?

For centuries, women were told to stay home. Then they were told that education was the key to opportunity. Work hard, go to college, build a career, and life would improve. In many ways, that promise has come true. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women now earn more bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees than men. Black women, in particular, are enrolling in HBCUs, community colleges, and Ivy League institutions in large numbers.

Yet at the same time, studies show that teenage girls report higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression than previous generations. Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that girls are more likely than boys to report feeling sad, hopeless, or overwhelmed. Guidance counselors across the country say the pressure on young women today is intense. They are expected to succeed in school, look perfect online, stay out of trouble, plan their future early, and still enjoy their youth — all at the same time.

Social media has added a new layer of pressure that previous generations never faced. Girls today grow up in a world where every picture, every outfit, and every moment is open for critique. Platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat have created a culture where comparison never stops, and bullying can happen at any time. Many girls feel that they have to be smart, successful, attractive, confident, and popular all at once. That kind of pressure can follow them from middle school all the way into adulthood.

There is also a growing expectation that young women must do everything, especially in 2026. Women are encouraged to pursue careers, earn degrees, become leaders, and still balance relationships, family, and personal happiness. While these opportunities are a sign of progress, they can also create stress that earlier generations did not experience in the same way.

Of course, none of this means that girls today would want fewer opportunities. Education, independence, and freedom are important achievements. But success does not always mean life feels easier. In fact, for many young women, success now comes with more responsibility, more competition, and more pressure than ever before.

A century ago, girlhood was often limited by expectation. Stay in the house. Learn to cook. Be a good wife. Today, it is shaped by possibility — but also by pressure. As girls continue to lead in the classroom, the country may need to ask not only how successful they are, but how the hell they feel.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

State Police Make Two More Drunk Driving Arrests with Kids in the Car



Mahopac Man had three kids in the car: Peekskill Man Driving at 344AM

Mahopac man charged with Leandra's Law on the Taconic State Parkway

On March 15, 2026, at approximately 9:59 p.m., New York State Police at Stormville (SP Stormville) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on the Taconic State Parkway in the town of Yorktown for violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. During the stop, the operator, identified as Anthony T. Mercado, 34, of Mahopac, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized field sobriety tests were administered, which Mercado failed. Further investigation revealed that three children, ages 3, 7 and 9, were in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Mercado was taken into custody and transported to SP Stormville for processing, where he submitted to a chemical breath test that yielded a blood alcohol content of 0.12%. The children were safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Mercado was charged with:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony
- Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor
- Vehicle and Traffic Law violations

Mercado was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Town of Yorktown Court on April 15, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Peekskill man charged with Leandra's Law following traffic stop

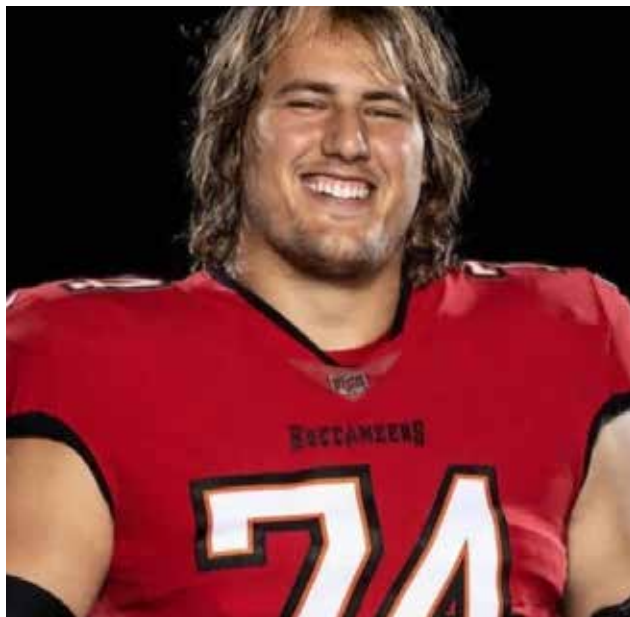
On March 8, 2026, at approximately 3:44 a.m., New York State Police from the Cortlandt Barracks (SP Cortlandt) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on N. James Street in the City of Peekskill for a violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. During the stop, the operator, identified as Jorge Quizhpi, 47, of Peekskill, New York, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered, which Quizhpi subsequently failed. Further investigation revealed that a child, age 4, was in the vehicle at the time of the stop. Quizhpi was taken into custody and transported to SP Cortlandt for processing, where he refused to submit to a chemical breath test. The child was safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Quizhpi was charged with the following:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony
- Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor

Quizhpi was arraigned in Westchester County Centralized Arraignment Court and released on his own recognizance. He is scheduled to appear before the City of Peekskill Court on March 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Anti-Semitic Hate in Hastings Against A Super Bowl Champ and Native Son



By Dan Murphy

Ali Marpet may be the most successful football player ever to come out of Westchester. Marpet played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and, in 2021, won the Super Bowl with QB Tom Brady.

Marpet grew up in Hastings and attended Hastings High School. In 2023, the Village of Hastings renamed a street, Ali Marpet Way, in his honor. Ali still comes back to Hastings and continues his community service 5 years after his retirement from the NFL.

So it was disturbing to read reports from the Village and the Hastings Police Department that “On the morning of March 9, 2026, authorities were alerted to the presence of stickers containing hate speech placed in high-visibility areas, including a stop sign and the Ali Marpet Way sign located between the Farragut Middle School playground and Reynolds Field.



“The stickers were described by village officials as an “affront to Israel and Jewish people.” Beyond the school-adjacent areas, similar hateful materials were discovered on several Village pay stations, suggesting a coordinated effort to spread bias across the community. While the stickers were found near school grounds, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District and the Village Police Department noted that there was no immediate evidence connecting the vandalism to the student body.

“An investigation was conducted, and the individual responsible for placing the stickers on the street signs was identified. Following consultation with the District Attorney’s Office and a thorough review of the circumstances, it was determined that the facts of the case did not meet the legal threshold necessary to pursue criminal charges. No further information is available.”

Marpet is Jewish and has been an active Birthright Israel alum. His background made the March 2026 incident involving antisemitic stickers on his namesake sign particularly painful for the local community and his family.

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City Council Meeting March 10-Decisions

STATED COUNCIL MEETING DECISIONS

1. SPECIAL ORDINANCE – AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC) RESILIENT WATERSHED GRANT (RWG) PROGRAM TOWARDS TROUBLESOME BROOK RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$6,666,667 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR. 2025/2026. (FISCAL IMPACT – 10% CITY MATCH.) (MINORITY LEADER BREEN.) THE CITY IS ACCEPTING A \$6.67 MILLION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC) THROUGH ITS RESILIENT WATERSHEDS GRANT PROGRAM. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE TROUBLESOME BROOK TO HELP REDUCE FLOODING AND MAKE THE AREA MORE RESILIENT TO STORMS AND EXTREME WEATHER. HELD IN COMMITTEE.

2. RESOLUTION – DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENTION TO SEEK LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEQRA REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TROUBLESOME BROOK. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (MINORITY LEADER BREEN.) THE CITY COUNCIL WISHES TO OVERSEE AND COORDINATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS IN IMPROVING THE RESILIENCY TO THE TROUBLESOME BROOK BY REPLACING CULVERTS AT SCARSDALE ROAD AND MANHATTAN AVENUE TO IMPROVE STORMWATER FLOWS, REDUCE BACKWATER CAUSING EROSION, AND LOCALIZED FLOODING. ADOPTED 6-0

3. RESOLUTION – APPROVING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR THE USE OF THE FIRING RANGE FACILITY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) THIS AGREEMENT AUTHORIZES THE CITY TO SEND PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES TO THE COUNTY FIRING RANGE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES FOR A FLAT FEE. THIS INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS EXECUTION AND CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL JULY 31, 2030. ADOPTED 6-0

4. RESOLUTION – APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS BOARD OF EDUCATION/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL 456, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS. (NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) THIS IS THE SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN EFFECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS BOARD OF EDUCATION/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL 456, INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027. ADOPTED 6-0

5. RESOLUTION – REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE CREATE A “TRUE80” RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY STANDARD. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CONTINUE TO FACE PENSION REDUCTIONS WHEN RETIRING BEFORE FIXED STATUTORY AGE THRESHOLDS, REGARDLESS OF DECADES OF CREDITED PUBLIC SERVICE. THIS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHES A “TRUE 80” RETIREMENT OPTION WHICH WOULD BE THE SUM OF A MEMBER’S AGE AND CREDITED SERVICE TO EQUAL EIGHTY (80). THIS WOULD PROMOTE WORKFORCE STABILITY, IMPROVE MORALE AND RETENTION, AND ASSIST PUBLIC EMPLOYERS IN EFFECTIVE SUCCESSION PLANNING. ADOPTED 6-0

6. RESOLUTION – REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE PASS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE RECURRING AID TO OFFSET COSTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) A REQUEST FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS YONKERS CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES WHILE MAINTAINING FISCAL STABILITY AND PROTECTING LOCAL TAXPAYERS FROM THE UNSUSTAINABLE COST BURDENS OF THE NEW YORK STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. ADOPTED 6-0

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Bedford Hills Women's Prison, continued from pg 2-

Pamela Smart, incarcerated with Morgado, said she watched in disbelief as staff attempted to resuscitate her longtime friend. "I watched the whole heart-breaking thing, but there was nothing they could do. ... I will never forget how blue her feet were," Smart told New York Focus over the prison messaging service.

Morgado, who was serving a sentence of 20 years-to-life for killing her young child, is the third person to die at the state's only maximum security women's prison in the past four weeks. Their deaths come at a time of mounting frustrations within the facility.

Tracy Morales, another woman who died there this month, also died by suicide, according to advocates and people currently or formerly incarcerated at Bedford Hills. An online obituary attributes the death of the third, Shamdai Arjun, to cancer.

"It's an anomaly, and a concerning anomaly, to see three deaths" in early 2026, said Sumeet Sharma, director of the Correctional Association of New York, a nonprofit tasked with overseeing prison conditions. Between 2020 and 2025, there were seven deaths in total at Bedford Hills.

The deaths will be reviewed by the State Commission of Correction, said Thomas Mailey, director of public information for the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Any death that appears to be from something other than natural causes "is thoroughly investigated by New York State Police and DOCCS' Office of Special Investigations," he said.

The increase in deaths mirrors a broader trend in the state's prisons in 2026, according to Sharma. Last year, there were 130 deaths total in the state's prisons. As of today, there have been 31 reported deaths in New York prisons since the year started. If the deaths continue at that pace, there would be roughly 180 deaths by the end of the year, more than any year since at least 2020, according to data analyzed by the Correctional Association of New York.

Suicides in particular have been on the rise: 2024 saw more than double the usual number of suicides across New York's state prisons, the Correctional Association found. Sharma partially attributes the rise in deaths to ongoing staffing issues throughout the DOCCS system. Staffing shortages existed even before a corrections officers strike last year, from which the system is still recovering, and have resulted in more limited access to medical care and programming.

Morales was housed in a therapeutic behavioral unit at Bedford Hills. Morgado was housed in an "honor" unit called Fiske cottage accessible only to incarcerated people who have maintained good disciplinary records.

Living in Fiske cottage comes with privileges not afforded to the general population, like access to a large kitchen and a private yard. Kelly Harnett, who served seven years at Bedford Hills and described herself as a close friend of Morgado's, recalled how the unit changed her friend's life after she moved there from the general population. "Mannie wanted peace and quiet, and that's what she got," said Harnett.

Outside the honor unit, the prison's atmosphere has dramatically changed in recent months, according to currently and formerly incarcerated people, advocates, and prison watchdogs.

In the fall, Bedford Hills appointed Michel Blot, a longtime DOCCS employee, as the prison's deputy superintendent of security. Blot has faced allegations of abuse at other prisons in the state. Blot could not immediately be reached for comment. In response to questions about Blot's track record, Mailey said the prison agency "does not tolerate violence or abuse of any kind in our correctional facilities" and that the department "will hold accountable any individuals found to have committed abuse or violence inside its facilities and will refer cases for prosecution as appropriate."

After Blot's arrival, women who previously had some freedom of movement outside of their cells reported being confined for extended periods of time, according to Sharma, whose colleagues conducted a monitoring visit on behalf of the Correctional Association roughly three weeks ago. Women are now required to sign up for any out-of-cell activity, including a shower. To supplement showers, Sharma and Smart said, incarcerated people were given buckets and told to wash themselves using the sinks in their cells.

Mailey disputed the notion that prisoners were worse off. "The allegations regarding recent operational changes at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility are inaccurate and misleading," he said in an email. "Beginning November 10, 2025, additional structure was implemented in five units that previously had minimal control, contributing to frequent fights and safety concerns. Incarcerated individuals now sign up for showers, kitchen access, phones, and laundry using scheduled time slots to ensure fair access. Shower access has not been eliminated or limited."

Women in Fiske were insulated from some of the new restrictions, according to Smart. But Morgado recently received a disciplinary ticket that put her at risk of being sent back to the more restrictive general population after years in the honors cottage. Smart and Harnett said she was very upset.

Vanessa Santiago, a community leader and canvasser with the Release Aging People in Prison campaign, served 22 years at Bedford Hills and said she was also a friend of Morgado's. During Santiago's time in prison, she said she tried to take her life more than once.

"It's very hard to keep your sanity when every little thing is scrutinized, and it feels like you're being punished for every little thing," Santiago told New York Focus. "If she did commit suicide, I understand why."

Smart remembers her friend as a talented artist, whose work still decorates the walls of the honor cottage. "She exuded light and joy in every space she entered," said Smart. "I cannot believe she is gone."

Next week: Senator Harckham and Assemblyman Burdick call for an investigation, and online petitions to help the inmates.

Westchester Public Golf Courses to Open March 25



Golfers, dust off those clubs and get ready to tee off! Westchester County's six public golf courses — Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Maple Moor in White Plains, Saxon Woods in Scarsdale, Hudson Hills in Ossining and Mohansic in Yorktown Heights — are scheduled to open for the 2026 season on Wednesday, March 25, weather and conditions permitting.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Spring in Westchester means it's time to return to the fairways. Our six outstanding public courses provide exceptional playing conditions, scenic beauty and welcoming environments for golfers of every ability. Whether you're chasing a personal best, enjoying a relaxing round with friends or introducing someone new to the game, our courses deliver a first-class experience right here at home."

Tee time reservations may be made online (non-Park Pass holder) or by phoning the individual courses. Walk-up reservations will be accepted. All courses feature onsite restaurants, halfway houses and full-service pro shops. Driving ranges are available at Dunwoodie, Mohansic, Saxon Woods and Sprain Lake. Any available E-Z Reserve spots will be sold at the courses. E-Z Reserve allows golfers with a Westchester County Park Pass to secure a regular Saturday or Sunday tee time for a period of 30 weeks. For more information and reservation, visit: <https://golf.westchestercountyny.gov/greens-and-rental-fees/>

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That number was before another partial government shutdown froze funding for the Department of Homeland Security, due to a lack of funding. And these TSOs, who don't get paid much, haven't been paid for more than one month, resulting in thousands of TSOs calling in sick or quitting their jobs.

For now, air travelers across the country are facing extra-long lines to check their bags and board. But some are speculating that if the shutdown continues, it could lead to flight cancellations or airport closures.

Acting Deputy TSA Administrator Adam Stahl recently stated that the agency is in a "serious situation." Stahl warned that if sick call rates continue to climb, the agency may have to "quite literally shut down airports," specifically citing smaller regional airports as the most vulnerable. Is HPN one of those smaller regional airports? Much depends on how many TSA staff assigned to HPN don't show up, and if the check-point can be fully manned.

On March 16 Westchester County Airport (HPN) experienced significant travel disruptions due to severe weather impacting the region. Approximately 34 percent of flights have been cancelled, and delays are averaging 60 minutes or greater.

Which brings us to the partial government shutdown. Who is to blame? Here are Westchester's two Congressmen in their own words.

Congressman George Latimer: "The republican majority presented a budget bill for the department of homeland security that is not at all different from the ones they presented us over the past two months. That is the basis for a current shutdown in that department only. The bill itself does not address concerns that many of us have having watched the incidents on the streets of Minneapolis and other places.

That the actions of ICE have become unrestricted, that they do not follow normal police protocol that we are accustomed to seeing in our county, village or city police -where officers are unmasked, where officers have badges and body cams so that they can function in a certain way interacting with citizens

ICE alone has been empowered by this president to act outside of those parameters. We want to see a change. When we see the death of Renee Good or Alex Pretti on the streets of Minneapolis, we know something is wrong. And we hear numerous stories of American citizens that are being detained and being accused of being domestic terrorists because they are protesting or filming actions that ICE agents are taking.

The aggressiveness of the ICE agents have been justified by the administration, by Kristi Noem, and by the President because they are going after the most dangerous people, the vile criminals who are immigrants. There's no opposition in this country to going after vile criminals and grabbing them off the streets and deporting them. But that's not who they are going after. You don't find them when you hang outside of a school. You don't find them in the kitchen of a restaurant.

You're trying to mass deport a large number of people regardless of what their behavior has been like in this country. We have a system that is in dire need of reform. In order for us to support a budget that helps move ICE forward, we want to see that reform. This administration and this majority has been unwilling to negotiate with us in fairness.

Congressman Mike Lawler, who has voted with his republican caucus to fund the entire government, said "This shutdown never should have happened in the first place. From day one, it was clear that Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries were more interested in political games to appease their radical left base than in governing.

"I've said from Day 1 that nobody wins in a government shutdown — least of all the families in New York's 17th District who rely on veterans' care, Social Security, Medicare and other essential services.

I meant it when I fought to avert shutdowns in the past, and I mean it now.

A shutdown throws families into limbo — furloughs, frozen paychecks and bills piling up. Each week the government stays dark costs our economy billions; markets get skittish, and investment stalls from Main Street to Wall Street.

That's not "better" for anyone except the political arsonists cheering from the sidelines. That's why I've consistently pushed for responsible appropriations, fiscal discipline and secure borders — and why I've worked across the aisle when that's what it took to keep the lights on.

I've said it before, and I'll repeat it: Compromise is not a dirty word; it's how you govern," said Lawler.

In an open letter to Congress, 10 CEO's of Major Airlines, wrote

"There are very few issues upon which 9 out of 10 Americans agree. However, in recent polling, 93 percent of your constituents across the country supported paying federal aviation workers during government shutdowns. That comes as no surprise. Americans—who live in your districts and home states—are tired of long lines at airports, travel delays and flight cancellations caused by shutdown after shutdown.

"Yet, once again air travel is the political football amid another government shutdown. This problem is solvable, and there are solutions on the table. Now it's up to you, Congress, to move forward on bipartisan proposals that will get federal aviation workers—including TSA officers, U.S. Customs clearance officers at airports and air traffic controllers—paid during shutdowns.

"First, leaders should immediately come together to reach an agreement to fund the Department of Homeland Security. Then they need to act so this problem never happens again. Specifically, Congress should pass the Aviation Funding Solvency Act and the Aviation Funding Stability Act, which would guarantee air traffic controllers are paid regardless of the government's funding status, as well as the Keep America Flying Act, which would provide the same protections to TSA officers who are tasked every day with keeping Americans secure in the skies.

"With spring break travel in full swing, FIFA World Cup 2026 right around the corner and celebrations for America's 250th birthday throughout the year, the stakes are especially high," end of letter.

As we go to press, The Trump administration has offered a compromise. In a letter to US Senators Collins and Britt, Border Czar Tom Homan writes that the administration will

- expand the use of body cameras and have officers ID clearly displayed
- limit civil enforcement at "sensitive locations"
- increase detention facility oversight.

And House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries started a discharge petition Wednesday to force a vote on funding TSA, Coast Guard, FEMA, CISA, and Secret Service through September, deliberately excluding ICE and CBP over alleged misconduct. I can assure Reps Latimer and Lawler that they do not want to hear from their constituents if there spring break flights are cancelled.

Notice of formation of Kuya Gee in Motion, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/2025. 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, 109 Amherst Dr., Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of MAX-D Home Improvements, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Diana Perez, 107 North Broadway Apt 3B, Tarrytown, New York 10591.Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers , NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity


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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE
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 COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)
 KATHLEEN STEINBERG,)
 Plaintiff,)
 v.)
 JACQUELINE STONE, SHANQUIL)
 KASSIN MCFEV, and JOHN DOE,)
 Defendants.) 2026-DR-07-0015

TO: The Above-Named Defendants McFev and Doe:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, you are required to respond in writing by filing with the Beaufort County Family Court any reasons to contest this adoption. Further, you must inform the Beaufort County Family Court of your current address and any changes to your address during the pendency of this adoption proceeding. FAILURE TO FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO ADOPTION OF THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION AND FOREFEITURE OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MINOR CHILD.

VAUX MARSCHER BERGLIND, P.A.

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December 15, 2025
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TO: The Above-Named Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Verified Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Verified Complaint on the subscriber at: **Physical Address:** 1251 May River Road, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910, or **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 769, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910, within thirty (30) days after service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to appear and defend against the said action, then judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Complaint.

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November 25, 2025
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"I had a Blarney Stone sweater that was given to me by my grandmother the last time she went to Ireland, so I cherished that sweater. In 1981, when I was 18, I started going out to the pubs and would pin buttons on my sweater. It was a good way to meet girls, who would ask about the buttons.

"The collection grew, and as it did, it became harder and harder to find new buttons, so I started going back down to the parades to try to find new ones. When I went down to the parade, I became a media sensation - everybody wanted pictures with me. I just kept doing it, and here we are 40 years later, and I'm still going.

Dunn's tall frame helps him stand out in the crowd of parade goers.

"People will see others coming up to me at the parade in New York City for photos and ask who I am. I'll say -don't you know, I'm the button man.' It's a lot of fun. I've been doing this for a long time."

Dunn was born in the Bronx but moved with his family to Yonkers in 1978. After leaving Yonkers, he moved back to Yonkers for good.

To many Irish Americans, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate their Irish ancestry, and for Dunn, it is no different. "I grew up in an Irish family, so St. Patrick's Day is a holiday for me. It's a celebration of our Irish heritage."

You can also find The Button man making the rounds along McLean Avenue to the many pubs, where he is always welcomed and appreciated after the parade.

"My 15 minutes of fame come this time every year. If you ever told me way back in 1981, I would be one of the most famous spectators of the St Paddy's Day parade, I wouldn't have believed you."

The one thing that is so special about Dennis Dunn is how he has created this unique persona that has become a big part of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day parade. He has brought joy to thousands of parade attendees through the Button man.

And although my drinking days are behind me, I can't think of another person I would enjoy hitting the pubs on McLean after the Yonkers parade.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Dennis, and thanks for all the memories and lives you have touched. The Button man is truly a Grand way of celebration, and it shows that there are different ways to celebrate your Irish heritage. And remember everyone is Irish for that day!

Notice of Formation of Israelov Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/27/2026. Office Location: Westchester. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 51 Nethermont Ave, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Supreme Site Safety, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 318 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Monte Builders Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 23 Bronxville Ln Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of DoubleStripe Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/7/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 23 Mt. Joy Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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Church will remain landmarked, meaning that the only element retaining landmark protection under this proposed judgement is the "exterior facade" of the church.

The archdiocese had challenged the landmark resolution on procedural and First Amendment grounds, arguing that landmarking the interior restricts the practice of religion and that interior parts of the church (the rectory) cannot be landmarked because they are not open to the public.

The order comes one year after parishioners and supporters of St. Mary's got an Easter Miracle in the form of a successful appeal to the Vatican. Here was our reporting in 2025: "St. Mary's Friends has announced that the appeal made to the Vatican for St. Mary's Church to remain as an independent parish has been successful. The Holy See has revoked the decree issued last year by Cardinal Timothy Dolan that eliminated Immaculate Conception Parish in Yonkers.

"The decree, issued by Cardinal Dolan on May 31, 2024, merged Immaculate Conception Parish (known as "St. Mary's") with the parish of St. Peter-St. Denis in an "extinctive union," meaning that following the merger, only one parish containing three churches existed. The revocation of this decree returns matters to their state prior to the merger.

"After Cardinal Dolan's decree was issued, three St. Mary's parishioners filed an appeal with Cardinal Dolan on June 8, 2024, arguing that St. Mary's should remain an independent parish. After Cardinal Dolan rejected this appeal, these parishioners made a higher appeal to the "Dicastery for the Clergy of the Holy See," a Vatican department that hears appeals against the elimination of parishes and the permanent closure of churches. Those who made the appeal recently learned of its success—Cardinal Dolan's decree was revoked.

"This is the first time in the history of the New York State Archdiocese that a decree was revoked by the Vatican. The decision also marks only the ninth time in modern Catholic history when a decree eliminating a parish has been revoked by the Holy See.

"In its decision, the Dicastery for the Clergy found Cardinal Dolan lacked a sufficient canonically "just" cause to warrant the merging of Immaculate Conception Parish with the Parish of St. Peter-St. Denis. While Cardinal Dolan had argued in his decree that the COVID-19 pandemic had reduced attendance at Immaculate Conception Parish, the Dicastery for the Clergy found in the year immediately prior to the parish's closure that there had been a 76% increase in attendance."

This is one of the critical arguments that parishioners and supporters of St. Mary's have in fighting to keep the church open. Neighboring Parishes, including St. Peter-St. Denis does not have the capacity to accommodate St. Mary's parishioners.

Cardinal Dolan's decree also eliminated Spanish-language masses, leaving only one bilingual mass. There was an increase in Spanish-speaking Catholics in the parish, who sought to attend mass. Spanish-speaking parishioners were forced to attend St. Peter's Church, but many were turned away due to overcrowding and limited parking. These factors weighed heavily in the Dicastery's decision to revoke Cardinal Dolan's decree.

St. Mary's Church (Parish of the Immaculate Conception) was founded in Yonkers in 1848 as the city's first Catholic parish. Mass is presently celebrated in St. Mary's Church for English-speaking and Arabic-speaking Catholics.

More good news for St. Mary's came on July 16, 2024, when the City Council of Yonkers unanimously approved landmark status. While it did not restore St. Mary's as a parish, it offered hope for the future, as the building would continue to stand.

In 2025, the Archdiocese of NY sued the City of Yonkers to remove St. Mary's from the Landmark Protection status. The Archdiocese estimated that \$10 Million in repairs were needed to keep St. Mary's safe and operational.

A group, Friends of St. Mary's (<https://stmarysfriends.org/>), is raising funds and awareness to save the historic church. Some former Parishioners have come forward to offer their construction expertise and have proposed breaking the \$10 million price tag into separate parts to save the church.

There are several unanswered questions regarding this settlement:

1-If the Archdiocese decides to sell the building, church, rectory, and school, they will have to keep the exterior portions of the church intact, because they are still landmarked. Will a developer or buyer want to purchase it?

2. Is there a buyer for the church?

3. What were the consequences for the city if they did NOT settle?

4. Was the City under pressure to settle, and by whom?

5. Did the city council get to vote on whether to settle?

Parishioners and Friends of St. Mary's are obviously not happy with the agreement. One wrote to us, "The secrecy accorded to this significant case may be a story unto itself. The suit was filed on November 14, 2025, and neither the Archdiocese nor the City of Yonkers publicized it.

"It would have flown totally below the radar of parishioners if it hadn't been brought to my attention two months later by a Google news alert presenting a link to a legal database.

"The outcome of the agreement is not a 'win-win.'" Landmark protection for the Parish Hall, the Rectory, and the church interior was lost. The only part of the church that is now landmarked is the outer walls, which the Archdiocese alleges are in such poor condition that it has surrounded them with a scaffold at the parish's expense.

"I suspect that there will be no publicity from City Hall because they know they gave too much away. The Archdiocese is not going to celebrate the outcome because merely filing the suit would make them seem like good money-men but not good shepherds.

"Peering into the documents, the parties had been in negotiation for a settlement since 1/9/2026. A proposed settlement was filed on 3/6 by Jacob Zarin, representing the Archdiocese. He signed for the Archdiocese, and David Imamura signed representing Yonkers et al." David Imamura is with the firm Abrams, Fensterman, and is also a County Legislator.

Another Friend of St. Mary's wrote, "I'm shocked that the attorneys representing Yonkers had signed a proposal that removed most of the landmark protections from St. Mary's because Yonkers and its City Council had been staunch and vocal advocates for this beleaguered church."

While Friends of St. Mary's continues to explore its options, there appears to be no other recourse.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Index No.: 51109/2025
 Summons filed on: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia
 Plaintiff, FILED
 - against -
 Erick Figueroa Gonzalez
 Defendant.

Plaintiff designates New York County as the place for trial.
 The basis of venue is: Plaintiff's residence.
 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

TIMOTHY C. IDONI
 COUNTY CLERK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
 Plaintiff resides at:
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia, Plaintiff
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701
 (914) 498-3770

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: Irretrievable Breakdown in Relationship for at Least Six Months - DRL § 170(7)

The relief sought is judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. I am not requesting any ancillary relief.

AND any other relief the court deems fit and proper.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT
 ACTION FOR DIVORCE

TIMOTHY C. IDONI
 COUNTY CLERK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

FIRST: Plaintiff herein, complaining of the Defendant, alleges that the parties are over the age of 18 years and;

SECOND: The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the commencement of this divorce action.

THIRD: The Plaintiff and the Defendant were married on February 1, 2023 in Yonkers, Westchester County, NY.

The marriage was not performed by a clergyman, minister or by a leader of the Society for Ethical Culture.

FOURTH: There are no children of the marriage under the age of 21.

The Plaintiff resides at 60 Clarendon Ave, Apt. 2, Yonkers, NY 10701.

The Defendant resides at 60 Clarendon Ave, Apt. 2, Yonkers, NY 10701.

FIFTH: The grounds for divorce is Irretrievable Breakdown in Relationship for at Least Six Months - DRL § 170(7):

That the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

SIXTH: There is no judgment of divorce and no other matrimonial action between the parties pending in this court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows: A judgment dissolving the marriage between the parties
 AND I am not requesting any ancillary relief.

DIY Form

AND any other relief the court deems fit and proper.

Dated: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia
 Anabel Cruz Garcia
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701
 (914) 498-3770

I, Anabel Cruz Garcia, the Plaintiff in the above action for a divorce, affirm this 5th day of December, 2025, under the penalties of perjury, under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment, that I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents are true to my knowledge except as to matters alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true, and I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.

Anabel Cruz Garcia
 Anabel Cruz Garcia

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evaluate the effectiveness of DFR operations in Yonkers' complex urban public safety environment. Following the pilot's success and a comprehensive program assessment, the City, under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano, determined that expanding the initiative into a permanent operational program would further enhance the City's emergency response capabilities and officer safety.

The program deploys two temperature-controlled dock-based "Drone-in-a-Box" systems, manufactured by Nokia and flown by trained pilots using Motorola Solutions' CAPE drone software, on opposite sides of the city. The drones can arrive anywhere in Yonkers in under three minutes to provide a rapid aerial response. They integrate into the City's AWARE Crime Control Center, which unifies multiple sources of incident intelligence - including 911 call audio, radio traffic, and video cameras - to help officers verify information and decisively act.

The drones provide a live aerial view to the smartphones and laptops of responding officers and supervisors on the ground, helping them assess evolving situations, determine appropriate resources, and coordinate a safer, more effective response.

The hexacopter aircraft is designed to operate in harsh Northeast weather conditions and is capable of flying at up to 45 miles per hour. Each drone is equipped with high-resolution, zoom-capable, and thermal-imaging cameras, allowing officers to view incidents in low-light or limited-visibility environments.

For operational safety, the drones can detect air traffic within a three-mile radius and use built-in geofences and safety measures in Motorola Solutions' CAPE drone software to help them avoid collisions. The platform operates over 5G cellular networks, extending connectivity across the city.

"Yonkers continues to lead when it comes to embracing innovative technology that strengthens public safety," said Mayor Mike Spano. "The Drone as a First Responder program builds on the success of our pilot initiative and strengthens our ability to respond quickly, protect our neighborhoods, and support the men and women of the Yonkers Police Department."

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said, "This program represents the next evolution of public safety technology here in Yonkers. We spent countless hours evaluating the results from our 2024 trial and worked to refine a Drone as First Responder model that works for our city and the unique operational challenges that come with it. Ultimately, this technology strengthens our ability to protect the public while providing an added layer of safety for the men and women of this department."

MSSSI VP of Real-Time Intelligence for Motorola Solutions Jim Wolfenbarger said, "In an emergency, every second matters. Motorola Solutions is proud to support the Yonkers Police Department's new Drone as First Responder program, which brings another layer of real-time intelligence into their AWARE Crime Control Center to speed and inform officer decision-making. This technology can help to inform first responders and commanders alike to refine and fine-tune their approach to any high-risk event, thereby reducing risk and strengthening decision-making."

The Yonkers Police Department remains committed to community trust and transparency. Drone flight logs will be publicly available on the Yonkers Police Department website, allowing residents to see how and when the drones are used. The platform will include the flight date and time, flight path, deployment duration, and the general call type or flight purpose. The drone cameras will also face the horizon when not on the scene of a call to protect community privacy.

The DFR program will initially operate on a 40-hour weekly schedule, with deployment days and hours adjusted for major events and operational needs. As the program develops, the department will evaluate opportunities for expansion to further enhance coverage and response capabilities.

The launch of the permanent DFR program underscores Yonkers' continued investment in innovative technologies that support modern policing while maintaining transparency and accountability to the community.

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

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

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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and brought to the ceremony by car. Austin was the first Yonkers Police Department officer injured in action in WWII.

Thursday, March 26th

March 26, 1943: Glenwood Gardens' Bert Lown was credited with the successful US tour by Madam Chiang Kai-shek! Lown, one-time stage partner of Rudy Valee and former Biltmore orchestra leader, represented the Citizen's Committee of New York. He said Madame Chiang was an "exceedingly charming and brilliant woman—probably the most brilliant of our times." Earlier that month, Madame had spoken to 17,000 people at a Committee Rally in Madison Square Garden. She urged we eliminate postwar hatred, asking we seek cooperation between nations.

For another program he organized for the American Red Cross, Jimmie Dorsey and his orchestra performed at the Brooklyn Armed Guard Center. Servicemen attending donated well over \$1000!

His next event? Simultaneous neighborhood parties. Well-known stars would return to their former NYC neighborhoods, entertain the neighbors... then plead for contributions!

Friday, March 27th -March 27, 1957: New York State's Joint Legislative Committee on Commerce and Economic Development complimented Yonkers for our handling of the departure of Smith Carpet Company, labeling it an example of "cooperative activity to bring in new industry."

The committee's report stated, "Jarred by the loss of Alexander Smith... Yonkers has taken stock of itself... now occupying space in the former carpet works are a tea packing company, and manufacturers of furniture, dresses, batteries, greeting cards, duplicating machines, pharmaceuticals, paper boxes, plumbing supplies and briefcases. General Motors converted one building into a parts warehouse."

Saturday, March 28th -March 28, 1920: Mayor William Wallin submitted plans to transfer eight acres of Yonkers property to New York City. The property, east of Old Central Avenue and south of McLean, included McLean Pond; New York wanted to create an entrance to Van Cortland Park and fill in swamp land on the property.

March 28, 1943: Staff Sergeant John Quinlan of Truman Avenue had a narrow escape in the American air assault on Rouen, France. The Yonkers tail gunner in the American Flying Fortress "Hunk-o-Junk" downed a Nazi Fock-Wulf, then had his guns put out of commission by another German plane. When his plane landed, he discovered an unexploded 20-mm canon shell in his compartment, one that could have killed him.

Sunday, March 29th - March 29, 1927: Excavation for the new Sarah Lawrence College began in Lawrence Park West.

March 29, 1943: Randolph Street's Brigadier General Francis Brady, son of the late former Yonkers Police Captain Hugh Brady, left the United States for another overseas assignment after visiting his sister, Mrs. Walter Fitzpatrick of Valentine Lane.

Brady won the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the battle of Macassar Strait; during WWI, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Honor and Crois de Guerre with Palms from France and several British decorations for bravery. He was awarded the Silver Star for extraordinary gallantry. **If you have questions, please email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com. For information on Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.**

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7. RESOLUTION – APPOINTING BISHOP DR. JAMES N. HASSELL AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) THIS IS TO APPOINT BISHOP DR. JAMES N. HASSELL TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2028. BISHOP DR. HASSELL IS A YONKERS RESIDENT AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF KINGDOM NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND IS THE PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF THE KINGDOM CHRISTIAN CULTURAL CENTER. ADOPTED 6-0

8. RESOLUTION- PROCLAIMING MARCH AS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. COLORECTAL CANCER IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED CANCERS AND REMAINS A LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER-RELATED DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS MONTH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE SURVIVORS, HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO THE DISEASE, AND SUPPORT PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS DEDICATED TO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT EFFORTS. ADOPTED 6-0

9. RESOLUTION- PROCLAIMING MARCH 6TH AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS WORK DILIGENTLY EACH DAY TO ENSURE SAFETY, CLEANLINESS, EFFICIENCY, AND VITALITY OF OUR CITY. THE CITY COUNCIL PAUSES TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS, RESILIENCE, AND DEDICATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES WHO CONTINUE TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR RESIDENTS WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND CARE. ADOPTED 6-0

10. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH." AND DECLARING MARCH 8, 2026, AS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. THIS MONTH IS DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY WOMEN TO OUR SOCIETY, WHICH AT TIMES ARE OVERLOOKED AND NOT ACKNOWLEDGED AS THEY SHOULD BE. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS A FOCAL POINT IN THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT. IT BRINGS ATTENTION TO ISSUES SUCH AS GENDER EQUALITY, REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, AND VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST WOMEN. ADOPTED 6-0

11. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8TH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. THE CITY OF YONKERS RECOGNIZES THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND DETERMINATION OF RESIDENTS LIVING WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND HONORS CAREGIVERS, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, AND ADVOCATES WHO SUPPORT THEM. RAISING AWARENESS AND PROMOTING EDUCATION ABOUT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ENCOURAGES UNDERSTANDING, REDUCES STIGMA, AND STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY SUPPORT SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY. ADOPTED 6-0

12. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING, REMEMBERING, REVELING IN, AND RHYTHMICALLY RECOUNTING THE REMARKABLE, RIDICULOUSLY RHYMING, READ-ALoud RENOWNED LITERARY LEGACY OF DR. SEUSS ON HIS SPECTACULAR SEUSSIAN CELEBRATION DAY. MARCH 2, 2026, AS DR. SEUSS DAY IN THE CITY OF YONKERS, CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LITERARY IMAGINATION OF DR. SEUSS. ADOPTED 6-0

13. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF YONKERS DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 "SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH". THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF PUSHING FOR CHANGES THAT HAVE MADE OUR SOCIETY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, INCLUDING A MINIMUM WAGE, IMPROVED WORKPLACE SAFETY, AND SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS THAT HELP IMPROVE POVERTY AND HUNGER. WE TAKE THIS MONTH TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE OUR SOCIAL WORKERS AND ALL THAT THEY DO FOR OUR CITY. ADOPTED 6-0

14. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MARCH 19TH AS CERTIFIED NURSES DAY IN THE CITY OF YONKERS. THE CITY OF YONKERS IS HOME TO DEDICATED NURSING PROFESSIONALS SERVING VARIOUS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE, HIGH-QUALITY CARE TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY. THIS IS A DAY TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATION, HONOR PROFESSIONALISM, AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE OF CERTIFIED NURSES ACROSS THE NATION. ADOPTED 6-0

15. COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS. THE RENEWAL OF TWO APPOINTEES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2028.

16. RESOLUTION – REQUESTING NEW YORK STATE PASS LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO IMPOSE A HIGHER TAX RATE ON PROPERTIES THAT ARE VACANT OR ABANDONED. (NO FISCAL IMPACT.) (ALL COUNCILMEMBERS.) A REQUEST TO THE NYS LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A PROPERTY TAX RATE OF UP TO THREE (3) TIMES THE STANDARD RATE ON LEGALLY DEFINED VACANT OR ABANDONED PROPERTY. THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS 167 PROPERTIES REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDING AS VACANT OR ABANDONED, REPRESENTING A MEASURABLE AND ONGOING BURDEN ON CITY SERVICES AND NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY. ADOPTED 6-0.

In Attendance: City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy, Council President, Majority Leader – John Rubbo, District 4, Majority Whip – Deana Norman, District 1, Minority Leader – Mike Breen, District 5, Councilmember Corazon Pineda-Isaac, District 2, Councilmember Tim Hodges, District 6,

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Because the sign is located near the middle school and represents a beloved local figure, the act was seen as a direct attack on both the town's Jewish residents and its community values. Marpet's parents, Bill Marpet and Joy Rose, publicly expressed their shock and heartbreak over the incident, with his father describing it as a "kick to the heart."

Residents and former residents of Hastings were saddened by the news. Ali wore #74 for the Tampa Bay Bucs when they won the Super Bowl. "Today I'm wearing 74 not just because of the 2021 Super Bowl victory, but because of what it represented. Ali Marpet's openness about being Jewish at the highest level of the NFL inspired me to stand more confidently in my own Jewish faith. I honor both his contribution to this team and the example he set. When someone lives their faith openly in a public arena, it strengthens others to do the same.

And "This is appalling. Growing up in Hastings always felt like a safe place to be Jewish; in fact, it felt like one of the only places where we weren't a minority. To top it all off, I love the Marpet family. So deeply disappointed to see this, especially after receiving an email from my daughter's preschool, which is in a synagogue in Hastings, that a full police department presence will be there today after the synagogue attack in Michigan yesterday. If this kind of hate is happening here in my safe little bubble in the world, it truly is happening everywhere.

Other residents wanted to know who the person was who spread this hate? Apparently, the Hastings PD caught the individual on video.

While the sticker has not been released to the public, we have determined through residents that it read, F*CK ISRAEL-END ZIONIST INVESTMENT IN AMERICA

The sticker also features a cartoon character holding a cup that says "JUGG" and leading a pig with a human face on a leash.

"JUGG" Character: The cartoon character holding a white foam cup (referencing "lean" or "purple drank") is a modification of styles seen in modern hip-hop meme culture. In this context, "Jugg" (slang for a scam or hustle) is being co-opted. This aesthetic—mixing street-wear/rap culture with hate speech—is frequently used by "Groyper"-adjacent groups or younger, online-first white nationalist factions (such as those on Telegram or 4chan).

End Zionist Investment in America": This slogan is a cornerstone of "ZOG" (Zionist Occupied Government) conspiracy theories. It is a common talking point for groups like National Justice Party (NJP) or the New Resurrection Party, as well as various neo-Nazi organizations that believe a secret cabal controls American finances.

While no single group "owns" this specific layout, it bears the hallmarks of Active Clubs or decentralized Alt-Right "sticker crews."



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