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Westchester Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce Announced by County Exec. Latimer & county Legislator Williams



County Executive George Latimer, 2nd left, with County Legislator Shanae Williams, center, Legislators James Nolan, left, and Terry Clement

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Westchester County Legislator Shanae Williams are joining together to announce the Westchester County Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce (WCGVPT). The taskforce, which will fall under the Office of the County Executive, will be aimed at unifying efforts across Westchester County to combat gun violence.

Latimer said: "Gun violence is not a major problem in Westchester County, but one death or injury due to gun violence is one too many and we are focused on getting to the root of the problem. The WCGVPT will serve as a critical platform to address the root causes of gun violence while advocating for effective prevention strategies."

Williams said: "Yonkers is a relatively safe city for its size, but gun violence is still an issue. A few years ago, there was a shooting in front of my building at Getty Square. This incident made me consider ways to address the problem holistically in my community. I am thrilled to partner with County Executive George Latimer and his team in this effort and look forward to working with

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Meet the Most Interesting Candidate in Westchester:

Former Yonkers Teacher, State Senate

Candidate Tricia Lindsay



Tricia Lindsay

By Dan Murphy

One of the most interesting political candidates for office in Westchester in 2024 is Harrison based attorney Tricia Lindsay. Lindsay is running for State Senate in the 37th District as a Republican.

But the fact that Lindsay is a black woman running on the republican line is not what piques our interest. Lindsay is an outspoken advocate against some of what she calls "the invasion into every area of our lives through the assault on our Constitution, with the erosion of parental rights, an invasion into every area of our lives and the untethered assault on our constitution. With that I have come to realize that I cannot afford to wait any longer for change, and I cannot sit idly by while our communities are overlooked, our children's futures are jeopardized, and our shared potential is left untapped."

Lindsay opposed the COVID lockdown during the pandemic. "The lockdowns, go home stay away from family members. It was a clear assault on

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Yonkers IG Report on Nepperhan Community Center Finds "Pervasive Mismanagement" Misuse of Obama Foundation Grants



Former NCC Executive Director Dr. Jim Bostic presided over financial mismanagement and record keeping, according to the Yonkers IG report

"Being in default with the City of Yonkers, having their not-for-profit status revoked, and the numerous additional issues facing the NCC, the City of Yonkers has no choice but to cut ties with the NCC as the Obama Foundation did,"

-Yonkers Inspector General Liam McLaughlin

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Inspector General Liam McLaughlin issued a report on March 22 on the misuse of funds at the Nepperhan Community Center, NCC, under its former Executive Director Jim Bostic. The IG's report concerns grant monies that NCC received from the Barack Obama Foundation in connection with the My Brother's Keeper Alliance, but also grant funds from the City of Yonkers and Westchester County.

IG McLaughlin writes, "In September 2022, the City of Yonkers received a copy of a letter from the Barak Obama Foundation (the "Foundation") to the Nepperhan Community Center (the "NCC"), (See letter attached hereto as Exhibit A). The letter was forwarded to the Department of the Inspector General ("Inspector General"). The subject of the letter was the administration of grant funding pursuant to the 2018 Grant Agreement between the Foundation and

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YPD Highlight :Police Officer Nicole Molinaro



The Yonkers Police Department recently highlighted the work of Police Officer Nicole Molinaro, who plays an incredibly important role in the YPD.

-Tell us a little about yourself:

I grew up in Mount Vernon, NY, before moving to Yonkers, NY. I attended the College of Mount Saint Vincent and Manhattan College. I played basket-

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Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Learn About the Great Hunger at the Will Library Sunday March 24



**Sunday,
March 24**
2 pm,
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This program is about the Great Hunger Memorial at Macy Park in Ardsley.

This monument commemorates the suffering of millions of Irish peasants who died from the potato famine or were forced to leave their country.

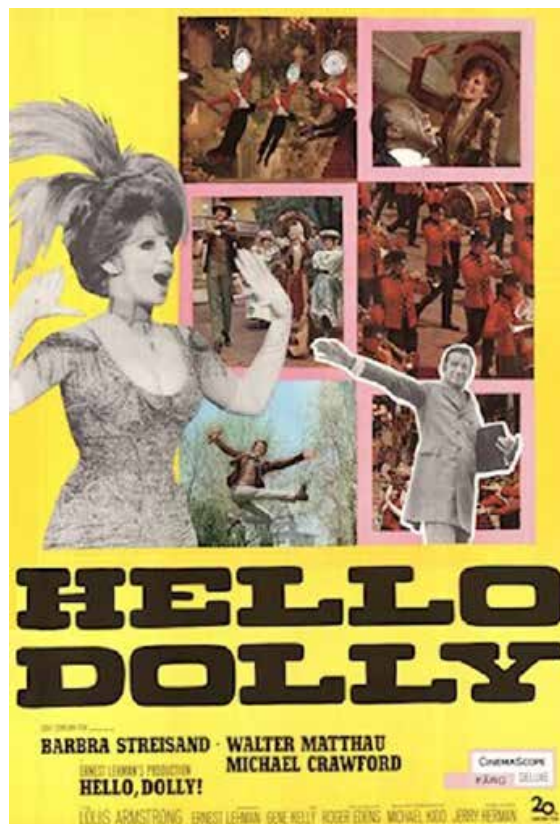


The Great Hunger, also known as the Irish Potato Famine, began in Ireland in 1845 and ended in 1852. The cause of the famine was a mold called *phytophthora infestans*, which destroyed nearly three-quarters of the potato crop in Ireland. The Irish relied on potatoes for food, so the impact was devastating. Food that could have been consumed in its place; such as livestock, peas, and beans, were continually exported by Great Britain, which colonized Ireland during this time period. As a result, approximately one million Irish died from starvation and other related causes. More than a million people fled the country as refugees.

On Sunday, March 24, there will be a presentation about the Great Hunger Memorial at the Will Library. There will be a discussion about Irish history and the reason the monument was created. The lecture will be given by James J. Houlihan.

Michael Walsh is an Adult Services Librarian at the Will Library. He is currently reading *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

Philipse Manor Hall's-Historian & A Movie to Discuss "Hello Dolly" April 5



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to show "Hello, Dolly!" (1969, 148 mins) on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY.

Yonkers "half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder is looking for a wife. Famous matchmaker Dolly Levi is just the person to find him one. In "Hello, Dolly!" (rated G), hijinks ensue as everyone from the office clerk on up searches for love in Gilded Age New York! This big Hollywood musical features some on-location shooting in Westchester County.

Part of the "Historian & A Movie" series, City of Yonkers Historian Mary Hoar joins Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site museum interpreter David Lucas analyze the historical accuracy of the film, as well as point out familiar on-location shots, and reveal movie trivia.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Registration is recommended, but not required. Show starts promptly at 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. Popcorn and punch provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. To register and for directions and parking information, visit: <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/historian-a-movie-hello-dolly>

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Project at Airport Threatens Yonkers Water

Op-Ed By George Klein

Westchester Airport is polluted with carcinogenic PFAS chemicals. These substances have ruined water supplies in many places in the US, including nearby Newburgh, NY. In 2016, Newburgh was forced to shift away from its own polluted reservoir to the NYC system.

The water utility serving Mamaroneck and Harrison wants to build a drinking water treatment plant at the airport, which is owned by Westchester County.

Many groups such as Sierra Club, Purchase Environmental Protective Association, the Quaker Friends Meeting, and citizens nearby strongly object to the construction, because it may spread PFAS from the airport to the Kensico Reservoir.

The planned site for the construction is within the Kensico Reservoir watershed. Every body of water has a surrounding "watershed", where liquids falling there eventually end up in the body of water.

What Are PFAS chemicals?

PFAS chemicals, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a large class of synthetic chemicals. PFAS are highly carcinogenic substances whose presence is legally tolerated in tiny amounts, measured in parts per billion. Constructing the plant in the Kensico watershed could dislodge PFAS underneath the site and send appreciable amounts of PFAS into the groundwater channels leading into the Kensico Reservoir. This reservoir is a repository of drinking water consumed by most of Westchester's population, including Yonkers and Mt Vernon, plus millions more people in New York City, in all about 9 million people.

Prudence, reason and common sense would dictate that we not gamble the drinking water of 9 million people.

Westchester Board of Legislators Faces a Decision

For this project to proceed at its current location, the water utility, the Westchester Joint Water Works, is trying to acquire the site in a land swap. Acreage currently owned by WJWW would be traded for acreage at the airport, owned by the county. Any property transactions involving county property must be approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

What You Can Do Now

Contact your legislator and express your opinion of this plan. In Yonkers, this could be Shanae Williams, Jose Alvarado, David Tubiolo, or James Nolan. In Mt Vernon, it's Tyrae Woodson-Samuels.

George Klein lives in Ossining and is Vice Chairman of the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group, which includes Westchester (SierraLowerHudson.org).

Editor's Note: Yonkers water is at risk because Yonkers gets its drinking water from the Kensico Reservoir, as does Mt Vernon.

10 Items Self Checkout & A PUZZLEMENT!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

The retail theft retaliation (RTR) has begun. And, We, the Customers are affected. Last week I told you how I was hoping that stores would not eliminate their self checkout lines. It gives the customer the ability to make sure they are being charged the right prices, that all coupons are coming off, all discounts are coming off and to pack their bags the way they want to.

It's Sunday night, and I am doing my shopping at Target at Cross County. I bring my 12 items to the self checkout aisle, I am the only one there and all of a sudden the cashier in charge of monitoring the Self Checkout line and the Security Guard also known as Officer Target approach my cart. The duo say in unison, 'Sorry sir but maximum number of items in self checkout is 10.' I am the wrong person to say that too! They point to new signs just put up with the new max 10 items policy.

I took two items from my cart and said to the dynamic duo, 'Don't Waste my time. I won't buy the 2 items. I don't suffer. Your store sales will suffer. It means less money in the kitty for raises for you.'

Seconds later the dynamic duo apologized to me and told me that I could go through self checkout with my 12 items. I told them they need to communicate to management how ridiculous the 10 item policy is, even more so when the line is empty.

News reports say the restriction is caused by product theft taking place all over America. And you and I know that restricting the number of items allowed in self checkout won't stop thieves from getting what they want. Good to see Officer Target off his phone and doing something other than staring and flirting with pretty girls. And the self checkout cashier aggressively patrolling the self checkout aisle, even though I was the only one online.

My time is valuable. Since I am not stealing why penalize me and the other honest shoppers from purchasing items at the quantity we need.

Moral of the story. If you go to Target and they start counting your items in the self checkout line do as I did and hand the items above 10 to the cashier and/person of highest rank in the self service line. Be aggressive and very soon stores like Target will realize how ridiculous their theft prevention policies have become. And the cashier and Officer Targets and store security team will do their job to fight retail theft.

A Puzzlement!

Monday night I went to the NAACP meeting held at the Nepperhan Community Center on Warburton Avenue. There were 2 main issues under discussion. The January 4 Roosevelt High School vs. Leffell School controversy and the status of the Nepperhan Community Center.

I was basically there as not only a member but as columnist concerned with the report issued by the President of the NAACP branch that was labeled an investigation but where the President of the Branch only interviewed the Roosevelt students and did not interview the students from the Leffell School. I stated the report was unfair, not an investigation and not in keeping with the long standing policies and procedures established by the NAACP for doing such reports. You can't call an investigation a report where only one side was interviewed.

The President said that as there was an Op Ed piece written by a Leffell student he didn't feel it was necessary to interview the Leffell students and only had to interview the Roosevelt students. I again disagreed. I was a member of the NAACP Yonkers Branch when Brother Herman Keith and Brother Winston Ross were President. They would never issue a one sided report as the current President has issued. I don't think the current President was around in those days, the days when the education and housing segregation issues were the topic of every day in Yonkers.

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Yonkers Police Department Makes Arrest in Fatal Van Cortlandt Park Ave. Auto Accident

The Yonkers Police Department has arrested the suspect responsible for a motor vehicle collision that resulted in the death of a Yonkers man that occurred earlier this week.

At just after 4:00 pm on Monday, March 25, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of a motor vehicle accident in which a pedestrian had been struck in the area of 632 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue. After arriving on the scene, first responders found a 21-year-old male who had been severely injured in the incident, and medical attention was quickly provided to him. This male was transported to an area hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as Jadon Bennett of Yonkers, NY.

Detectives from our Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the scene to investigate. This investigation yielded that Bennett was involved in a verbal altercation with a male sitting in a white Mercedes-Benz sedan in the area of 632 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue. Investigators believe this dispute stemmed from a previous interaction between the two males over an online marketplace transaction. The investigation yielded that as the altercation escalated, the male driver accelerated his vehicle at Bennett, subsequently causing his death, before fleeing the scene. It has also been determined that Bennett was in possession of a firearm during this altercation. Evidence revealed that no gunshots were fired at any time during this incident; however, the firearm fell to the ground after Bennett was struck, which also caused live ammunition to fall to the ground with it. All evidence was collected by investigators at the scene.

With the assistance of Officers and Crime Analysts in the Yonkers Police AWARE Crime Control Center, the vehicle and driver were located at an East Meadow, New York, residence on March 26, 2024. This 17-year-old suspect was taken into custody without incident. Due to laws restricting the identification of this suspect as a minor, no further information will be released regarding this suspect. He was charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death, a Felony in the State of New York.

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said, "Once again, Yonkers Police Detectives, in conjunction with our AWARE Crime Control Center staff, were able to locate and apprehend a suspect who is responsible for a deadly incident in our city. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of the deceased. I urge our youth to find positive ways to handle their disputes so that we, as a community, do not suffer a loss of life."

The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and additional information may be released as it becomes available.

Remembering Robert Gottschall



Robert Gottschall

Robert Gottschall passed on February 5th, 2024, at the age of eighty-four.

He is predeceased by his wife Marie of 50 years and survived by his daughter Robin Talbert (Tim Talbert), two grandsons, James Talbert (Brittney), Jake Talbert (Deanna) and by two great granddaughters, Blaire, and Elle. He is also survived by his siblings Francis (Jean), William (Kathleen), Eileen (Patrick) and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was born and raised in the Bronx by his parents Francis and Gertrude and four siblings Francis Jr, Catherine, William, and Eileen.

He attended Immaculate Conception Grammar School, Cardinal Hayes High School, American Institution of Banking and Pace University.

Bob joined Chase Manhattan Bank in 1958 in the management training program. He worked in various branches in Manhattan, before being assigned as Assistant Manager and later as Manager of Chase Bank in Hartsdale, Westchester County, NY. He was promoted to Second Vice President, Sales Manager of the North Bronx Zoning district in 1978 and in 1981 he was promoted to Zone Manager of North Westchester and the Mid-Hudson Region.

In 1983, he was promoted to Vice President and manager of the Chase Bank's largest branch located in Rockefeller Center, Manhattan. In 1987 he was assigned as the Business Development officer in midtown Manhattan and in 1990 he assumed responsibility for interacting with Westchester municipalities in sourcing new business from these entities.

After working for thirty-eight years at Chase, Bob retired in 1996.

Following his retirement Bob accepted a position with Yonkers Chamber of Commerce as Economic Development Liaison with the City of Yonkers.

In this role Bob collaborated very closely with the Mayor of the City of Yonkers and his staff in bringing new developments to Yonkers, including the \$850 million Forest City project on Ridge Hill. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, the nValley Development Corporation, and Ridge Hill Development Corporation.

Over a ten-year period, Bob and a small group of Chase retirees organized 8 Chase reunions for Chase retirees in upper Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, and the Mid-Hudson region.

Bob left the Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and worked with two colleagues in spearheading the formation of The Westchester Bank. The bank opened in 2008 and in ten years grew its presence to nine locations in Westchester County. Bob served on the bank's Board of Directors for six years and decided at that time, to take his retirement seriously.

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Westchester's First Black Owned Country Club Remembered

Plaque Dedicated at Hudson Hills Golf Course



Westchester County Executive George Latimer hosted a special ceremony dedicating a memorial plaque commemorating the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club, the first black owned and operated golf and country club in Westchester County, on Wednesday, March 20, at the Hudson Hills Golf Course in Ossining.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Westchester County has always been home to countless ambitious and intrepid people. The creation of the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club in the 1930s is just one example of the fortitude of our black residents. These gentlemen persevered with their venture despite constantly facing a multitude of obstacles from those who clearly wanted it to fail. I have boundless admiration for these ground-breaking entrepreneurs. It is my privilege to memorialize this extraordinary feat and moment in our history."

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "The gentlemen who founded the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club exhibited amazing vision, ambition and optimism. Their mission was to lift the club members' aspirations, expand their athletic endeavors and create social solidarity. Although the Club's life was woefully short, I am proud to honor their incredible efforts and celebrate their place in history."

Ossining Village Historian Joyce Sharrock-Cole said, "County Executive Latimer's commemoration honoring the legacy of the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club is another tremendous step in documenting in perpetuity the contributions of black people in our County and acknowledging their perseverance to accomplish their mission despite the insurmountable obstacles they faced to do so during the Great Depression."

The Rising Sun Golf & Country Club was established in 1936 as the premier black owned and operated golf and country club in the Tri-State Area. The 18-hole golf course had all the amenities of its white counterparts of its time. The club was on the property of the former Sunset Hills Golf Course opened in 1926 by George W. Hampton of Florida.

As the country went deeper into the Great Depression, Hampton's club suffered greatly, and he sold it to Rising Sun Golf Holding Group. This group was comprised of prominent black men of Westchester County. Despite extreme and constant racism and discriminatory acts, the group successfully ran the club for a season.

In 1938, after bankruptcy proceedings pushed the Rising Sun Golf and Country Club out, a new black investment group attempted to restart the club as the Beaumont Golf and Country Club. However, in early 1939, the Rising Sun Golf and Country Club was lost to bankruptcy and a new group of white investors took over the property. The property struggled under several different owners until it closed in 1982. In 2004, IBM sold the property to Westches

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The National Sugar Refining Company on the Yonkers Waterfront in the early 1920's. The plant is still open in Yonkers run by Domino's Sugar

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

Monday, April 1st:

April 1, 1917: Members of more than ten organizations and societies gathered at the Warburton Theater and passed resolutions asking Congress to declare war on Germany.

April 1, 1943: Twenty-two-year-old Staff Sergeant Albert DePew, US Army Air Forces, was a power-operated gun turret specialist, aircraft armorer and crew chief of a bombardment ground detachment. While at Greenville Army Air Base, he found proof of Yonkers' active part in our country's war effort, a plaque on a new North American B-25 medium bomber. The plaque was inscribed with dozens of names whose War Bond purchases paid for the plane, including five Yonkers residents: Harry Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. M. Walsh, Sidonie Howard and Mary LaBelle. He thanked them for their contributions, adding he hoped to find more Yonkers names, "carried with the ships into combat."

Tuesday, April 2nd

April 2, 1941: Colonel Campanole, Officer in Charge of the Otis Elevator Company Guard Detail, announced all employees must show formal identification before they would be admitted to the plant.

April 2, 1945: Otis President LeRoy Petersen released the company's annual report; it revealed Otis helped design "new, revolutionary airplanes" for a large "aircraft manufacturing company," and hired hundreds of engineers to do so. Otis produced "aircraft engine crankcases, landing gear and tail wheel assemblies" for both "transport and cargo planes," "gun turrets for navy planes," "recoil gun mechanisms," and numerous other items. Petersen noted 1944 was the company's most financially successful year, with an average 41% weekly pay increase for the ten thousand employees in its US operations.

Wednesday, April 3rd

April 3, 1945: The Yonkers Historical Society placed a bronze plaque by the historic Odell Tree on Odell Avenue. Believed to be between 800 and 1000 years old, the Odell Oak was believed to be the "oldest living thing in Yonkers."

April 3, 1952: The US Department of the Interior's Bonneville Power Administration awarded a contract to Habirshaw Cable & Wire Corporation to manufacture a pipe-type 230,000-volt power cable to be installed beneath the Puget Sound near Seattle!

Thursday, April 4th

April 4, 1941: Two Yonkers companies received large contracts from Navy Supplies in Washington. Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation received a large order for electric cable and National Sugar Refining Corporation received a contract for more than \$150,000 of granulated sugar.

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EATZTOUR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/23/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail copy to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C., LLC filed with SSNY on 08/29/23. Office: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: 200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of MYLILWRKSHOP.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State on 3/6/2024. Office located in Yonkers, NY. Hector Jimenez has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 237 Roberts avenue, Yonkers NY 10703, principal business location of the LLC, purpose: any lawful business activity.

Notice of formation of Mixed by Maya, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2024. 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, 45 Inverness Rd New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of Northern Lights Massage Therapy PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 409 North Broadway Apt 38 Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Bosco Home Improvements LLC, . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/2024. 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 716 Loomis Ave Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of BioStratis, LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/18/2024. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1170 Old White Plains Rd, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

ketball from as early as I could join a team until I reached college. I enjoy a very active lifestyle that includes kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, camping, and indoor rock climbing.

-What made you want to become a Police Officer? Why Yonkers?

It's as simple as, I wanted to help people. As Police Officers, we are given the opportunity to help solve people's problems each and every day. It's a good feeling when you can help someone in that way. And Yonkers, because, there's nowhere like Yonkers PD!

-Where have you worked in the YPD, and what is your current assignment?

I worked as a patrol officer in the Second Precinct for the majority of my time here. Currently, I am the Coordinator of the YPD Members Assistance Program and Peer Team Lead. I also serve as the Vice President of the Yonkers Women in Law Enforcement. What I love most about my current role is being able to help our Officers achieve overall wellness and promote mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health so that they can live a healthy life—both on and off the job.

-Do you have any advice for young women in Yonkers?

Surround yourself with those who inspire you to be a better version of yourself each and every day. As women, it's easy to compare ourselves to others. Choose friends who support you, challenge you, motivate you, and congratulate you. We're much stronger together.

Notice of Formation of Yugen Creationz LLC. Arts. Of. Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/28/024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Commerce Dr, 102. New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of A Soft Delicate Flower LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/3/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1840 Crompond Road Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Pachamama Vibes, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 762 Hoover Avenue, Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

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April 4, 1945: Former Corporation Counsel Arthur Hume filed a \$50,000 slander lawsuit against Ninth Ward Alderman William Slater in the NY Supreme Court. Hume's complaint stated Slater maligned him speaking at the transit public hearing in the Council chambers ten days earlier. Slater's comment? "I consider this nothing more than another political move." At the hearing, Slater said the Suburban Bus company paid Hume \$18,000. He also said Hume was named receiver of Suburban.

Friday, April 5th

April 5, 1905: Mary Marshall Butler, founder of the Woman's Institute, spoke on "Needs and Conditions of the Colored People in Yonkers" at the Institute's Philanthropic Department meeting. Reverend John Smyer, pastor of the African M. E. Zion Church, spoke on the expectations of African Americans. Reverend Booker, Pastor of the Messiah Baptist Church, addressed the need for good homes and difficulties finding employment, pointing out people who could have benefited the Yonkers community left because of lack of work. Dr. John Morgan spoke about tenement conditions in the city, stating Yonkers had the worst he ever had seen; he believed the unsanitary conditions were responsible for the spread of TB.

April 5, 1934: One hundred sixty-nine cheering and singing men, eighteen to twenty-five years old, left Yonkers for the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Iona Island near West Point. The men agreed to work in forestry or as ranger for six months, earning \$30 monthly, with most of their salaries assigned to their families; they kept \$5 monthly to cover any expenses they had. Hordes of relatives saw them off; some some men were away from home for the first time!

This was the first time Yonkers CCC members were assigned in New York State; because of the camp's closeness to Yonkers, families were allowed to make Sunday visits.

Saturday, April 6th

April 6, 1917: After numerous attacks on American ships, Congress declared war against Germany. Our reserve forces immediately were activated; the Yonkers Divisions of the NYS Naval Militia mobilized before nightfall. They met in the Elks' Club and marched to the train station. The men received weeks of intensive training on the USS Granite State, then transferred to US war vessels for service.

April 6, 1927: Wearing white sailor hats, members of the Yonkers Naval Militia Veterans' Association gathered in the Elks' Club, the very site where they mobilized ten years earlier to serve in the World War. A banquet was held to honor their service, service that "reflected great credit on the manhood of Yonkers," according to the Yonkers Herald. More than 300 attended the dinner; besides the association members, local officials and members of Yonkers fraternal organizations and veterans' posts attended.

Sunday, April 7th

April 7, 1936: Thirteen Roosevelt High School students, eleven boys and two girls, organized the Tuckahoe Post, Veterans of Future Wars, and its auxiliary, under post commander Robert Wronker. The group received its charter from Veterans of Future Wars National Headquarters at Princeton. Wronker was editor of The Crimson Echo, the school publication.

April 7, 1942: Recruiting for Yonkers Army enlistment was put in the hands of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)! Lillian Reed assumed charge of recruiting for Westchester and Putnam Counties at the Yonkers Post Office Building, and accepted enlistment applications for both WAAC and the Army daily; Reed transferred from the Grand Central Palace recruiting office.

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

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 64370/2023
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552
Section: 165.32, Block: 2050, Lot: 2

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.

PAULINE SMART, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$682,500.00 and interest, recorded on November 05, 2010, in Control Number 502993237, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 1st, 2024

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

The Success of The Chosen Shows Americans are Interested in the Story of Jesus



By Dan Murphy

What is the reason for the success of the series “The Chosen,” the groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus Christ seen through the eyes of those who knew him? Set against the backdrop of Roman oppression in first-century Israel, The Chosen series has been viewed more than 770 times in 175 countries.

Despite the fact that fewer Americans are going to church, the popularity of The Chosen tells us that Americans still have a deep interest in God, and they want to know more about Jesus’ revolutionary life and teachings.

The Chosen has completed four seasons. The first two seasons were aired during COVID online and on Cable TV. for free, and the third season is also available on many TV platforms for free.

The series is funded by viewers who have the ability to “pay it forward,” and an initial crowdfunding effort.

Recently, The Chosen has become available in movie theaters, and the fourth season has only been released in theaters.

The creator of The Chosen, Dallas Jenkins, never dreamed of the global phenomenon his series has become. What does he think is the reason for the demand?

I think that we are removing the veil and the walls that we’ve sometimes put up between us and the authentic Jesus. Even though we have lots of stuff in the show that isn’t directly from scripture, I do believe we’re accurately capturing

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Westchester County Youth Board Recognize Four “Sheros” at 2024 Award Ceremony



County Executive George Latimer, Youth Bureau Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, and Westchester 2024 Sheros Anahaita N. Kotval, Judy Troilo, Lori Stephens, Jacquelyn Harris Young:

In honor of Women’s History Month, the Westchester County Youth Bureau and Youth Board celebrated four extraordinary “Sheros.” These remarkable women, through their unwavering vision and tireless dedication to Westchester County have enhanced the lives of countless youth and families in our community.

The 2024 award recipients are:

- Anahaita N. Kotval: As the Chief Executive Officer of Lifting Up Westchester, Anahaita has been a beacon of hope, compassion, and empowerment for those in need.

- Judy Troilo: Serving as the Chief Executive Officer of The LOFT, Judy’s leadership has transformed lives and created safe spaces for our youth.

- Lori Stephens: The Founder and Executive Director of G.O.O.D. for Girls, Lori’s commitment to empowering young women is truly inspiring.

- Jacquelyn Harris Young: As the Program Director of G.O.O.D. for Girls, Jacquelyn’s dedication has shaped futures and fostered resilience.

County Executive George Latimer said: “Westchester is the home of many remarkable people, and particularly the women selected due to their positive contributions and commitment to serving children, youth, and families. These Sheros exemplify the spirit of service and compassion which resonates in their immediate communities and far beyond our county borders.”

Youth Bureau Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden said: “In their tireless pursuit of positive change, these ‘Sheros’ have demonstrated what it means to lead with purpose and heart. Having worked closely with Anahaita, Judy, Lori, and Jacquelyn, and witnessing their impact, I am inspired.”

Anahaita Kovtal said: “I am so proud to accept this award on behalf of my Lifting Up Westchester colleagues who – with our students – work tirelessly to make sure that housing instability doesn’t hijack our students’ academic and career opportunities.”

Lori Stephens said: “It is with a humble heart that I receive this Shero’s Award from the Westchester County Youth Board; however, I share this honor with all the women (the real unsung sheros), who volunteered their time and shared their expertise to help GfG fulfill its vision of mentoring young girls into confident young women!”

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River Arts Presents We the Spirits: With Photographer Jason Gardner



A native to Hastings-on-Hudson, Gardner's latest project devoted a 15-year journey through 15 countries to document the festival of Carnival. Date – Sunday, April 14 Venue – Ted & Nune Studio; 45 Main St., Hastings-on-Hudson, Time – 5:00PM – 6:30PM Tickets – \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; tickets can be purchased at <https://riverarts.org/event/we-the-spirits/>

Jack Cornish, Horace Greeley High School, A Con Edison's Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Jack Cornish

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Jack Cornish, a senior at Horace Greeley High School, for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week.

Jack is a swimmer on the Greeley Swim Team and competed in the NYS and Federation Championships on 3/1 & 3/2, In the 200 Freestyle, Jack finished 12th overall and in the 500 Freestyle, he was crowned the NYS and Federation Champion with a time of 4:30.93 in All-American Consideration Time. Jack has been an integral part of Greeley's 3 year dominant run winning sectionals and states. His 500 freestyle time broke a record that has stood since 1989.

Jack is a member of the Badger Swim Club out of Larchmont, NY where he trains year round. He is a member of the Boys Scouts of America and currently has attained the rank of Life Scout.

"Jack Cornish is an amazing and talented young man and swimmer. He has grown into a caring and committed person in which he displays his skills both on the deck and within the pool. Jack is a distance swimmer. He trains 20,000 yards a day 7 days a week, participates in dryland and weight lifting activities to develop flexibility and strength. After a morning practice in Larchmont, Jack switches gears and heads to Greeley to achieve academic excellence in the classroom.

"Jack is looking to study Molecular and Cellular Biology at Johns Hopkins University in the fall of 2024. His desire to become a trauma surgeon continues to provide the drive needed to keep him focused on his future. He made a plan, he executed his plan and forever will be a champion," said xxx

"Jack's disciplined approach and academic talent allow him to juggle a heavy academic workload along with his intensive swimming schedule - quite impressive! He has successfully taken on some of the most rigorous courses offered at Greeley. His teachers note that he is a real pillar in the classroom, willing to participate and take risks and shining in small group settings. He is thoughtful, listens attentively and often deepens the learning of the class as a whole. He is a motivated student and collaborative teammate who is well-liked," said

Jack will have a 4.0 GPA upon graduation.

Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Mayer, and ArtsWestchester Host Women's History Month Celebration



(L to R) Rachel M. Simon, Flor Bromley, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Shelley B. Mayer, ShanelleTheArtist, Estelle Messina Bikibili, Janet Langsam, Jessy Mendez

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Shelley B. Mayer, and ArtsWestchester hosted a Celebration of Women's Art and Cultural Expressions on March 23, in honor of Women's History Month.

Community members from throughout Westchester came to watch performances by four remarkable female artists and to listen to a panel discussion on women's art, inspiration, and challenges.

Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Mayer, and ArtsWestchester welcomed four artists: Estelle Messina Bikibili (Stella the Artiste), a Motown/Soul singer and pianist; Flor Bromley, a Latin singer/songwriter; Rachel M. Simon, a poet; and Shanelle Watts (ShanelleTheArtist), a spoken word artist.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "It was wonderful to host a Celebration of Women's Art and Cultural Expressions in honor of Women's History Month. In celebrating Women's History Month, we honor the resilience, creativity, and indomitable spirit of women throughout history. In Westchester and throughout New York State, we have a rich tapestry of artistic expression surrounding us, and events like these serve as reminders of the impact that art has on our lives. I extend my thanks to our four phenomenal artists for their captivating performances, and to my co-hosts, Senator Shelley Mayer and ArtsWestchester."

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I was happy to host this special celebration of art and culture in honor of Women's History Month. In Westchester, we are so fortunate to have beautiful forms of art all around us, much of it thanks to ArtsWestchester. It is important that we uplift female voices in our community and share experiences with one another through art. I thank Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and ArtsWestchester for co-hosting this event and I thank the four incredible performers for sharing their work with the community."

Janet Langsam, Chief Executive Officer of ArtsWestchester, said, "I was honored to co-host this event to elevate women artist's creative work with Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Shelley Mayer. It is important to ArtsWestchester to make safe spaces for artist's voices to be shared and to be heard. Art is honest and true because artists, so often, get to the heart of the matter through their expressions. Whether through music, poetry, dance or painting, art connects us and brings people together."

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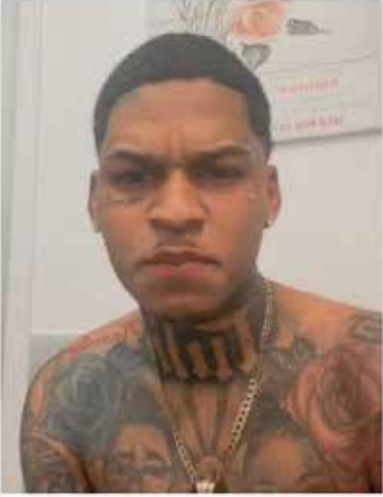
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FBI Offers \$15,000 Reward for Shooter at Large in Mt. Vernon Double Homicide

By Dan Murphy



Marco Tulio Fernandez-Rodriguez.

An attempted robbery of an illegal Marijuana warehouse in Mount Vernon that ended up with two men dead, five arrested and one man still at large, has resulted in the FBI offering a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of Marco Tulio Fernandez-Rodriguez, wanted in connection with a robbery and homicide in Mount Vernon. Anyone with information can contact us at 1-800-CALL-FBI.

The crime occurred on March 19, at 137 South Fifth Avenue, shortly after midnight, and resulted in the death of one of the shooters, and one employee of the warehouse. Arrested were Lario Contreras, Jerpi Diaz-Feliz, Jhoan Diaz-Feliz, Victor Jimenez and Joseph Perez. The defendants are charged with murder in connection with an attempted gunpoint robbery of a Mount Vernon warehouse that sells various unlicensed marijuana and nicotine products, and were before U.S. Magistrate Judge Victoria Reznik.

U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS SAID: "AS ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT, THESE FIVE DEFENDANTS CARRIED OUT A VIOLENT ARMED ROBBERY THAT LEFT TWO DEAD IN MOUNT VERNON. THE DEDICATION, BRAVERY, AND EXPERTISE OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS LED TO THE SWIFT ARREST OF THIS DANGEROUS CREW. THIS WAS AN OUTSTANDING COORDINATED EFFORT TO UPHOLD THE LAW AND KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE. THIS OFFICE IS DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT THESE DEFENDANTS NOW FACE JUSTICE."

ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINT, SEVERAL MEN ATTEMPTED TO ROB AT GUNPOINT A WAREHOUSE IN MOUNT VERNON THAT SELLS VARIOUS UNLICENSED MARIJUANA AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS. AS EMPLOYEES OF THE WAREHOUSE WERE ASSISTING CUSTOMERS, APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS, APPROACHED THE EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS WITH WEAPONS AND FORCED THEM BACK INTO THE WAREHOUSE AT GUNPOINT.

THE ILLEGAL WAREHOUSE IS LOCATED NEXT TO SENIOR HOMES AND THREE BLOCKS FROM THE MT. VERNON POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND CITY HALL. REPORTS ALSO HAVE THE PROPERTY BEHIND IN PROPERTY TAXES OWED FOR TWO YEARS.

The shootout occurred inside the warehouse, where both men were found. One man died later at Mount Vernon Hospital.

FBI Assistant director in Charge James Smith said: "These five subjects allegedly orchestrated an attempted armed robbery of a warehouse that sells to smoke shops, which quickly turned deadly as a shootout ensued, culminating in the death of both an employee and one robbery crew affiliate. The defendants' alleged brazen actions demonstrated extreme disregard for public safety and posed a significant threat to the community. The FBI will not cease its relentless pursuit of those who choose violence, especially using firearms, to further their criminal behavior. We urge the public to contact us at 1-800-Call-FBI or at tips.fbi.gov with any additional information related to this case."

According to court documents, it appears that the robbers were hoping to find several million in cash and kilos of cocaine. The warehouse was used for selling large amounts of marijuana and cigarettes.

CONTRERAS, 23; JERPI DIAZ-FELIZ, 25; JHOAN DIAZ-FELIZ, 23; JIMENEZ, 35; and PEREZ, 26, are each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act Robbery, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, one count of conspiracy to engage in drug trafficking, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, one count of possessing and discharging a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking activity, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and murder through the use of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, which carries a maximum sentence of the death penalty or life imprisonment.

Mr. Williams praised the work of the FBI's Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force and the Mount Vernon Police Department. Mr. Williams also thanked the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Westchester County Police Department, the New York City Police Department, and the Westchester Real Time Crime Center for their invaluable assistance.

The public needs to be on the lookout for Marco Tulio Fernandez-Rodriguez. If you have any information about this case, please contact the FBI at 1-800-Call-FBI or tips.fbi.gov.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANIEL C. PETRE, PROPOSED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE AND INDIVIDUALLY; Any unknown heirs to the Estate of HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; ALLAN B. PETRE, JR.; ROBERT E. PETRE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.)

Defendants.

Filed: September 28, 2023

Index No.: 67861/2023

SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 4 Whittier Hills Drive a/k/a 4 Whittier Hills Road North Salem, (Town of North Salem) NY 10560

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of March 9, 2016, executed by Heather Petre to Bank of America, NA to secure the sum of \$140,000.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County on March 22, 2016 in Control Number: 560823249. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial.

The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 40 Block: 1356 Lot: 54 DATED: September 26, 2023 Rochester, New York NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the on the Northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive in the Town of North Salem, County of Westchester and State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive, said point being where the easterly line of the land of Michael Zilinsky and Minnie Zilinsky intersects said northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive; running thence along the land of Zilinsky and along lands now or formerly of Joseph A. Moran the following courses and distances: North 30 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds East 169.49 feet; running thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds East 81.13 feet; thence South 85 degrees 19 minutes 20 seconds East 90.97 feet; thence South 84 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds East 38.16 feet to land now or formerly of Charles and Caroline Edmiston; running thence along land of Edmiston South 19 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds West 223.21 feet to the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive; running thence along the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive the following course and distances: North 70 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds West 92.33 feet; thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 1,925 feet and a central angle of 4 degrees 14 minutes 19 seconds a distance of 142.41 feet to a point or place of beginning. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

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Bowman Criticizes Latimer for Campaigning His Butt Off



Note to Bowman: Don't Knock Latimer's Campaign Skills, They are Second to None

By Dan Murphy

George Latimer recently tweeted a photo of himself which read "Saturday morning bagel store campaigning has begun. Today: Lenny's Bagels, Rye Brook at 8:15am. Many many more ahead."

Latimer is running against Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a democratic primary for Congress in June.

Bowman foolishly took the opportunity to question why Latimer was campaigning all alone. At the same time Latimer was campaigning, Bowman was later caught in a since deleted post in San Francisco fund raising.

"Bowman is stooping to a new low here, making condescending comments about George actually grassroots campaigning in the district, while he is 3,000 miles away collecting checks from millionaires. We're happy to keep building a grassroots campaign we can be proud of while he's away."

A Latimer supporter wrote to us asking why Bowman wasn't at the recent Sound Shore Saint Patrick's Day parade. "On Jamaal Bowman's X page, he brags about attending a meeting with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, but there was ANOTHER gathering, right in his district, that he didn't attend:

The St Patrick's Day Parade Sunday in Mamaroneck. George Latimer was there, why wasn't Mamaroneck's Congressman? Yes, Bowman might say that most of the parade attendees were not his kind of people, but he should at least recognize that they are...his CONSTITUENTS!"

While the optics of Latimer greeting voters and Bowman on the West Coast is bad enough, it points to the reality of running against Latimer. In every successful campaign, he has won every election with his name on the ballot, Latimer will not be outworked.

And Latimer will work every day until the primary. Does that personal touch work? You bet it does. Latimer uses these events as an opportunity to ask for your vote, and show the humility to do so. And voters will either appreciate the gesture, and ask a question, or they will politely move on. But

they might remember on primary day that George Latimer asked for your vote on an early morning.

And in a race that is expected to be close, every vote counts. So a note to Congressman Bowman -Latimer has already bought another pair of shoes to campaign in. Spend your weekends in the district!

The War in Gaza and Bowman's criticisms of Israel continue to dominate the Latimer-Bowman race. The Democratic majority for Israel issued a statement stating, "It's profoundly disturbing and morally reprehensible that in the aftermath of Hamas' savage invasion of Israeli communities and massacre of 1,200 people, the congressman chose to deny the rape and sexual violence perpetrated against Israeli women by Hamas terrorists."

"Part of a concerted effort to diminish the suffering endured by the victims of the barbaric assault on Israeli civilians — the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust — this denialism not only underscores Congressman Bowman's enmity towards Israel but confirms a pattern of alarming decisions and poor judgment. From promulgating 9/11 conspiracy theories, to celebrating a convicted cop killer on his school's 'Wall of Honor,' to this rape denial, his choices continue to raise serious doubts about his judgment."

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the character and intentions of Jesus in the gospels. And I do think that does contribute to people who don't believe, being able to appreciate the show. We like to say that we're taking Jesus down from statues and stained-glass windows," said Jenkins.

The Chosen website, (thechosen.tv,) explains, "As we've said from our very first episode, The Chosen is based on the true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialog have been added.

"However, all the bible and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the Scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the scripture and the Gospels."

The success or failure of any movie or TV series lies with the main character, and in The Chosen, Jonathan Roumie's, portrayal of Jesus is according to comments, a human and relatable Jesus, thought provoking, inspiring, enlightened, and for many of us who love the series and his performance, leaves us wanting more.

Some fans of The Chosen believe that Roumie was Chosen, to play Jesus by a higher power. More comments include, "At the heart of this docuseries is Jonathan Roumie, an humble, tenderhearted man who is deeply committed to taking good care of the greatest story ever told. His story of surrender to Jesus paved the way for his glory. One can clearly see why God chose him to play His Son."

And "Roumie really does a great job of demonstrating just how much Jesus loves us. His portrayal definitely deepened my love for Christ as well as my desire to be more like him."

And "Jesus is portrayed not only in a calm and authoritative way but also in a very reverent way. He even has an amazing sense of humour ! He is quite relatable and conveys a sense of caring and calmness even in the midst of difficulties.

Roumie said about his role, "You cannot strip away his Jewishness. It is imperative that all of what he did fulfilled the prophecies of Jewish culture of his time. So, I think to pretend it's not there does him and the story a disservice."

One reason many viewers, and binge watchers of The Chosen love the show is that "it brings Jesus to life. It's real!"

"Sometimes the language of the past makes it hard for you to connect and really understand the context of what happened. But when I see The Chosen, I see how Jesus was, and lived his life. Jesus and The disciples were only human and he went through life and felt everything. It physically hurts me to know what is ahead in the future of The Chosen, but that is important, because we should all feel that. The Chosen Is About Hope and Inspiration. It fleshes out a lot -all of this happened so long ago," said my wife Val Murphy, who is a binge watcher of The Chosen, again and again.

We have also gone to the theaters to watch Season Four, which has not yet been released online yet. It's a good reason to go to and support your local theater. We go to the Regal in the Cortland Town Center. The theater was set to close at the end of last year but has stayed open.

Another friend of our family and fan of the Chosen explained, "For me the best part is that I can play it at my house. My family is not as devoted to Christ as I am. So when I get to see the scenes from The Chosen and hear verses straight from The Bible on TV it feels like Jesus is in my home.

"I also like how it gives the people in The Bible personality and makes them relatable. I feel like I know who Peter and the other disciples are on a deeper level than just names on a page. The Chosen has inspired me to read more of the New Testament and learn as much as I can," said Gab.

Those of us who enjoy The Chosen would recommend that you give it a chance, and watch an episode online for free. See if you enjoy it and watch more if you do.

If it isn't your cup of tea then think of it this way; for the millions who are enjoying it, there are far worse things that we can be watching on TV or online.

And what better a time to watch The Chosen then this Easter and Passover Holiday Season.

The Chosen Season 4 will extend its run in theaters for three days before Easter at a discounted price. Episodes 1 to 3 will premiere on March 28, episodes 4 to 6 will come out on March 29, and Episodes 7-8 on March 30.

Visit thechosen.tv, and watch on www.youtube.com/@TheChosenSeries.

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Concordia Conservatory Presents *A Night in Budapest*

Concordia Conservatory proudly marks the culmination of the 20th anniversary season of its esteemed Hoch Chamber Music Concert Series with an unforgettable evening, *A Night in Budapest*.

This event not only signifies a milestone for the Conservatory but also heralds a momentous occasion as the final concert of the 2023-24 season will debut for the first time at the Conservatory's Stamford location, St. John's Lutheran Church, on Friday, April 5 at 8:00 pm (884 Newfield Avenue.)

And to officially close this exceptional season, the concert will be performed at The Reformed Church of Bronxville on Saturday, April 6, at 7:00 pm (180 Pondfield Road.)

Artistic Director and violist, Lawrence Dutton is joined by Elizabeth Lim-Dutton and Conservatory faculty, Emanouil Manolov on violins, Junah Chung, on viola, and Estelle Choi & Zhihao Wu on cello.

The evening's program promises an exquisite blend of classical masterpieces, with the first act paying homage to Budapest's esteemed composers, Bela Bartok and Erno Dohnanyi. The second act crescendos into a grand finale with Brahms' String Sextet No. 2 in G Major, captivating audiences with its timeless beauty and emotional depth. Throughout the performance, the audience will be transported to the banks of the Danube River, immersing themselves in the enchanting melodies that echo through Budapest's historic streets.

For two decades, Concordia Conservatory's Hoch Chamber Music Concert Series has remained steadfast in its mission to enrich communities across Westchester and now Fairfield county with exceptional musical experiences. Through its unwavering dedication, the Conservatory continues to share the transformative power of music with audiences of all ages, fostering a deeper appreciation for the arts and inspiring future generations of musicians.

Tickets for *A Night in Budapest* are \$46 adult and \$23 for senior and children and can be purchased at www.concordiaconservatory.org or by calling 914-395-4507.

PURCHASE COLLEGE OPERA PRESENTS HAMLET

BY AMBROISE THOMAS

This spring season, the multi-award winning Purchase Opera will present a reimagined version of Ambroise Thomas' *Hamlet*, in French with English surtitles. With the glorious music of French Grand Opera, this is Shakespeare's tragic story of a family's descent into betrayal, revenge, chaos, and ultimately death.

The production is directed by Jacque Trussel and conducted by Hugh Murphy.

Performances are Thursday, April 11 at 7:00pm, Friday, April 12 at 7:00pm, Saturday, April 13 at 7:00pm, and Sunday, April 14 at 1:00pm in the Recital Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors, students, and faculty. Tickets are available online through the Performing Arts Center box office at: <https://www.artscenter.org/events/purchase-opera-hamlet/>.

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To his credit the President did say how close the Black and Jewish communities have worked together over the years. I informed him and those present how my parents were present in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Temple Emanu-El in Yonkers, my Temple. Security was tight, I was 5 years old and my parents did not take me as I was too young to understand the issues. Temple Emanu-El always had a strong relationship with the Black churches of Yonkers and the Black community

The President of the NAACP complained that Mayor Spano had promised to gather clergy and lay leaders together to discuss what took place at the Basketball game and other issues important to the Black and Jewish community, and that meeting to date had not taken place.

I was surprised that close to 3 months later Mayor Spano had not called together community leaders. I asked the Mayor's Communications Office if this was true and why no meeting had been called. As I always do when I get a statement from the Spano administration, I am going to quote here the response I received which was to be credited to 'City of Yonkers Spokesperson':

'The City's Human Rights Commission has been working on this for the past 6 weeks and will produce a response in about a week, in time to respond to the U.S. Department of Education inquiry into the event. We are expecting recommendations on the scope of the incident and connecting the students together with a facilitator.'

Next week will be 3 months since the incident occurred. I was shocked and could not believe that the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the man in charge of Pupil Personnel Services as his day job had not connected the students with a facilitator yet. I checked with a former individual who worked in Pupil Support Services and requested to remain anonymous. The person was shocked too. We both doubted that was the case.

I also checked with a former Chairman of the Yonkers Human Rights Commission, Robert Stauf. I asked if 3 months was a little long for the Human Rights Commission to issue a report. He said a report like this would typically take one month.

I requested clarification from the City spokesperson. I received the following:

The City of Yonkers' Human Rights Commission review will allow us to understand the scope of the incident. The head of the Leffell School and Interim Supt. Dr. Luis Rodriguez has been in contact regularly to identify the right facilitator. A private session with the students will occur first, it was felt that this session (with the students) should precede any community discussion.

I agree with the NAACP President. The meeting of community leaders should have been called right away. In the best interests of the students the facilitator should and probably has met with the students already. And if a report on an incident like this takes the Human Rights Commission over 3 months to perform after City Officials including the Mayor have issued statements, the time period for this report is too long and does not benefit any of the parties involved.

The request from an outside individual for an investigation of this incident is looking to see if these types of investigations are being handled in accordance U.S. Department of Education regulations.

The goal of everyone involved in this situation should be to help the students, heal any divisions and bring the community together.

There was passionate discussion at the meeting of the future of the Nepperhan Community Center. The inspector general for the City of Yonkers issued a report on financial irregularities and issues serious enough to have the Obama Foundation withdraw support. City of Yonkers dollars are precious and should not be given to any organization that does not have systems in place to properly manage the funds.

A Statement from Mayor Mike Spano:

"The Nepperhan Community Center is and will remain a viable asset to our City. My commitment is to keep it operating for the tradition it provides and for the benefit of the people in our community."

An eloquent individual with a rich public service background was introduced at the NAACP meeting. I hope that she is considered as a permanent administrator for the Nepperhan Community Center as she appears to have the love and support of those at the meeting and the young people who grew up at the center and want it to be available to serve the next generation.

On all these issues that came up at the NAACP meeting, all we can do is pray that they are resolved to benefit the community and the fine residents of the City of Yonkers.

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

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Weekend Events in Westchester Parks

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Maple Munchies, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Syrup isn't just for pancakes! Learn about all the ways to use maple syrup in the kitchen while cooking up a maple-themed culinary treat. Get details and register at <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/03/09/1710010800/maple-munchies/463308>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Cold Stratification: Getting Seeds Ready for Spring, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Join us for a discussion on the importance of native plants and the cold stratification process that seeds must undergo in order to sprout in spring. Learn how to cold stratify native plant seeds to grown in your own yard.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Winter Weeding and Wildflower Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

See Trailside's beautiful native wildflower garden and lend a hand in pulling some of the early weeds. Then, stick around to get a tour of the early flower blooms and learn about their amazing life histories, such as why many early wildflowers are dark red and have an unpleasant aroma. Hint: Pollinators aren't always bees!

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Early Spring Scavenger Hunt, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. We'll search for natural signs and items that have been placed in "treasure boxes." It's a fun way for kids to find clues and ideas that will help educate them about their natural surroundings.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-585. Spotted Lantern Fly Egg Hunt, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join us this Easter weekend for a different sort of egg hunt! Even though spotted lantern flies feel like a thing of the summer, the cold season is the perfect time of year to prevent their spread. Let's get out hunting for these invasive eggs and scrape them off of our trees. For all ages.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Vernal Pool Expedition, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Want to learn more about native amphibians and their life cycles? Look no further than a vernal pool! Come learn about and explore a vernal pool, one of the smallest and the most interesting ecosystems. For ages 8 and up.

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stakeholders to identify solutions that will eliminate gun violence."

County Legislator James Nolan said: "As someone who lost their brother to illegal gun violence, I know what its impact on a family and a community looks like. I appreciate how proactive the County Executive is being by creating this task force. In 2021, the United States experienced record gun violence. It is high time for all of us to come together and find a solution to this issue. I look forward to doing anything I can to help make the task force successful."

The WCGVPT will work with organizations that are currently making strides in rooting out gun violence and foster collaboration across these agencies leveraging each other's resources. The task force aims to identify and implement best practices to prevent and ultimately eliminate gun violence from Westchester County.

Latimer said: "The safety and well-being of every resident in Westchester is our top priority. Through the establishment of the Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce, we are taking proactive steps to address this critical issue head-on. By bringing together diverse voices and expertise, we will develop comprehensive strategies to create safer communities for all."

The goals of the WCGVPT:

- Change the social conditions and address the influences that lead young people to resort to gun violence.
- Foster collaboration across all agencies and levels of government, including county, town, village, city and law enforcement agencies.
- Facilitate collaboration between nonprofit and for-profit businesses already engaged in this work.
- Engage the community in meaningful dialogue, including victims and perpetrators of gun violence.
- Develop prevention and intervention strategies tailored to eliminate gun violence.
- Advocate for the necessary resources to support these efforts.

The task force will consist of volunteers representing various backgrounds. For more information on the Westchester County Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce, please contact Deputy Director of Operations Emily Saltzman ESaltzman@WestchesterCountyNY.gov or (914) 995-2912.

Black Owned CC, continued from pg 3-

Westchester County Executive George Latimer hosted a special ceremony dedicating a memorial plaque commemorating the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club, the first black owned and operated golf and country club in Westchester County, on Wednesday, March 20, at the Hudson Hills Golf Course in Ossining.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Westchester County has always been home to countless ambitious and intrepid people. The creation of the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club in the 1930s is just one example of the fortitude of our black residents. These gentlemen persevered with their venture despite constantly facing a multitude of obstacles from those who clearly wanted it to fail. I have boundless admiration for these ground-breaking entrepreneurs. It is my privilege to memorialize this extraordinary feat and moment in our history."

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "The gentlemen who founded the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club exhibited amazing vision, ambition and optimism. Their mission was to lift the club members' aspirations, expand their athletic endeavors and create social solidarity. Although the Club's life was woefully short, I am proud to honor their incredible efforts and celebrate their place in history."

Ossining Village Historian Joyce Sharrock-Cole said, "County Executive Latimer's commemoration honoring the legacy of the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club is another tremendous step in documenting in perpetuity the contributions of black people in our County and acknowledging their perseverance to accomplish their mission despite the insurmountable obstacles they faced to do so during the Great Depression."

The Rising Sun Golf & Country Club was established in 1936 as the premier black owned and operated golf and country club in the Tri-State Area. The 18-hole golf course had all the amenities of its white counterparts of its time. The club was on the property of the former Sunset Hills Golf Course opened in 1926 by George W. Hampton of Florida.

As the country went deeper into the Great Depression, Hampton's club suffered greatly, and he sold it to Rising Sun Golf Holding Group. This group was comprised of prominent black men of Westchester County. Despite extreme and constant racism and discriminatory acts, the group successfully ran the club for a season.

In 1938, after bankruptcy proceedings pushed the Rising Sun Golf and Country Club out, a new black investment group attempted to restart the club as the Beaumont Golf and Country Club. However, in early 1939, the Rising Sun Golf and Country Club was lost to bankruptcy and a new group of white investors took over the property. The property struggled under several different owners until it closed in 1982. In 2004, IBM sold the property to Westchester County. Today, the Hudson Hills Golf Course occupies the land.

Significant persons associated with the Rising Sun Golf & CC are:

Jimmy DeVoe, Golf Pro at the club. One of three recognized black pros of this time. An unheralded pioneer in the growth of the game of golf, James R. "Jimmie" DeVoe was among the generations of African Americans who were denied equal opportunity in all aspects of social life, not to mention civil rights. His career exemplified the fundamentals of growing the game of golf. DeVoe was the first African American to gain PGA of America membership after the rescinding of the "Caucasian clause" in 1962. He was 74, which according to PGA membership records, made him the oldest to be elected to the Association.

Paul H. Bray Past president of the New Rochelle NAACP, instrumental in starting the Country Club. Founding member of the Westchester County Negro Republican League

James Egert Allen: First president of the Rising Sun Golf and Country Club. An African American educator and writer, James Egert Allen was the first president of the New York chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and an active member of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association. He was the author of *The Negro in New York* (1964), *Black History: Past and Present* (1971) and *The Legend of Arthur A. Schomburg* (1975). Allen died in 1980. This collection consists of correspondence and writings ranging from 1938-1975,

John W. Tate, Well known and respected activist in Westchester County. Founder of the Chauffeurs and Domestics LLC in Westchester.

The club and its founders faced extreme racism to their opening.

November 22, 1936: Neighboring estate owners organize protest meetings against the sale to the "Negro Group."

November 23, 1936: Continued protest by residents of the Town of New Castle.

HBMS Master Class Series Continues with Pianist John McCarthy



"We are honored to welcome John McCarthy, left, to HBMS for this special piano master class," said HBMS Executive Director Gabriella Sanna. "His talent and experience will serve as an inspiration for our students as they continue to strive for excellence in their musical pursuits."

The 2024 Hoff-Barthelsson Master Class Series continues with celebrated pianist John McCarthy on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 1:00 – 3:15 pm. This series of classes features coaching sessions from globally acclaimed musicians and educators.

The class will be held at the School, located at 25 School Lane, Scarsdale, and is open to the public to observe free of charge. However, reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.hbms.org, e-mailing hb@hbms.org, or calling 914-723-1169.

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Experience Patterns In Nature at Lasdon Park

A unique and incredible exhibit that demonstrates the strong, fascinating connection between science and nature is at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial through June 16.

Patterns in Nature help visitors learn with hands-on activities, videos, multi-colored imagery and more. Hundreds of beautiful specimen plants, flowers and shrubs demonstrate each topic in six rooms.

This vibrant journey features touch screens with interactive puzzle games that entertain children (suggested age 7+), while helping them understand pattern concepts. Lift boxes and an infinity "fun" room allow visitors to see how patterns relate to their everyday lives.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Lasdon is the perfect venue for Patterns in Nature. The park's 234 acres are dedicated to natural beauty and encourage visitors to explore Mother Nature in all of her glory, especially this time of year. This exhibit demonstrates the fascinating convergence of plant life and science."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said, "This inimitable exhibit is ideal for kids and adults. No matter what their ages, visitors will get a greater understanding of our natural surroundings and how they're connected to the world of science."

Tickets will be sold online only with scheduled viewing times; no tickets will be sold on-site. Tickets are available through May 19. Admission prices: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (62 and up), \$7 ages 2 through 12, and free for children under 24 months.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum is a Westchester County Park on Route 35 in Somers. The GPS address is 2610 Amawalk Road, Katonah, NY 10536.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit LasdonPark.org or call (914) 864-7268.

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our constitution, and our freedoms to assemble to work. It just didn't make sense to me. I said early we need to question this and if we comply they are going to create a vaccine to force on everyone. I was told I was crazy I was told I was a conspiracy theorist; I wear that label proudly. We have all been censored."

Lindsay, who taught in the Yonkers public schools, has also spoken out on what she calls "the challenges we face with the targeting of our children, the attack on the family and the erosion of parental rights."

"Do you still think it's a conspiracy theory that there is an active agenda to put the children against their parents, obliterate parental rights, destroy the familial structure, and in turn destroy the children, and set up a totalitarian system of government? Parental rights are under attack in NY."

Lindsay recently spoke at a protest outside the US Supreme Court in Washington during the courts hearing oral arguments concerning the governments actions taken in the months before the 2020 Presidential election with social media companies. The lawsuit alleges that the government censored Americans by getting Social Media companies to take down or reduce the visibility of certain posts.

"Our government has gone rogue and forgotten who has empowered them-it's we the people. The court will either join the government in violating the rights of its citizens, or they will hold our elected officials accountable for their failures. Our government has forgotten what it was empowered to do."

Ms. Lindsay's bio explains how she is "educating the masses on the Constitution and citing constitutional law to defend multiple persons whose rights had been violated by the government and corporate overreach."

Don't fall for the bait and switch.... They (Biden, Hochul, and Adams) created all the issues that NYC is dealing with in terms of crime and the migrant issue, and it is being done on purpose, to confuse NYC residents, pit migrants against citizens, increase crime, and create chaos, so they can suspend our rights and rule by Marshal law. WE THE PEOPLE of NY MUST DEMAND that they close the border, find the missing children, house homeless American families, and employ Americans. we must put America first! Period! We can't help anyone when we need help ourselves."

Lindsay also made national news when the Washington Post included her name under consideration by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to be his vice-presidential running mate. Lindsay shares RFK Jr.'s opposition to vaccine mandates and the violations of free speech.

While we agree with Lindsay's views on the violation of Free Speech in the Media today, she is in a difficult election. Her opponent is State Senator Shelley Mayer, one of the most respected elected officials in Westchester.

Westchester republicans also nominated Dr. Miriam Levitt Flisser, the former Mayor of Scarsdale, to run for Congress in the 16th District. Flisser will challenge either Congressman Jamaal Bowman or County Executive George Latimer in November.

Flisser ran for the same post in 2022, getting xx of the vote. Flisser, a pediatrician, also serves as a pediatric consultant in several school districts in the Bronx and Westchester County. Her campaign has not become active yet, with no information on social media and the link to her website disabled.



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NCC in connection with the My Brother's Keeper Alliance Community Challenge ("MBKA"). According to the letter, the Foundation conducted an investigation to determine whether the NCC honored its obligations under the Grant Agreement. Specifically, the Foundation was concerned that NCC did not pay a number of employees employed pursuant to the Grant Agreement, including the Community Coordinator.

According to the September 2022 letter, the Foundation concluded that the NCC had violated the terms of the Grant Agreement, in that the Community Coordinator had not received all funds owed to him pursuant to the Grant Agreement. Additionally, other employees were unable to deposit paychecks due to insufficient funds. As a result, The Foundation cut ties with the NCC and rendered them ineligible for any future funding. A request from a majority of the Yonkers City Council, prompted the Inspector General to conduct an investigation of the MBKA grant administration and the findings of the Foundation.

Additionally, there was a concern that NCC was the recipient of matching grant funds from the City of Yonkers and the NCC currently rents City owned property.

At the time of the grant award, the NCC was a domestic not-for-profit corporation. However, our investigation revealed that in January 2024 the U.S. Internal Revenue Service revoked NCC's tax exempt status for failure to file their 990 Tax Returns for Organizations Exempt from Income Tax for the last three years, 2020, 2021, and 2022. NCC is currently in the process of applying for tax exempt status for a new entity, the Nepperhan Cultural Center.

From the beginning of our investigation, this office was met with a startling lack of cooperation, from the Obama Foundation and the NCC. This office repeatedly tried to contact the Foundation by regular mail, telephone, email, and certified US Mail. The Foundation never responded to any of our requests for information. In October 2022, this office contacted the NCC board of directors seeking, among other things, information on the administration of all grants pertaining to MBKA. Our letter was forwarded to the NCC's Executive Director who provided minimal cooperation and categorically refused to assist with most aspects of our investigation. This office then contacted former Executive Director Dr. Jim Bostic who cooperated fully.

Our review revealed pervasive mismanagement by the NCC. Among the multitude of issues, the NCC failed to maintain accounting and other records, failed to segregate grant funds to properly account for said funds and failed to maintain proper payroll balances to pay employees. NCC management does not maintain policies and procedures consistent with an organization that has received upwards of \$3.8 Million Dollars annually of grant funds and other revenues. The NCC has failed to pay rent to the City of Yonkers for use of its City owned facility and currently owes the City in excess of Two Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$204,000) in back rent and utilities. Lastly, as previously mentioned, the NCC has had its §501(c)(3) tax exempt status revoked for failure to file tax returns.

The NCC needs top to bottom reorganization with a professional Board of Directors, staff and management in order to continue its good work in the community. NCC needs to adopt an effective system of internal controls to ensure the reliability and integrity of financial reporting and regulatory compliance. All of that will take time. Creating a new entity does not solve NCC's problems, but rather compounds them, as the new entity will be in default and have no rights under the lease with the City of Yonkers. Being in default with the City of Yonkers, having their not-for-profit status revoked and the numerous additional issues facing the NCC, the City of Yonkers has no choice but to cut ties with the NCC as the Obama Foundation did.

INVESTIGATION

In 2018, the Barack Obama Foundation entered into a Grant Agreement with the NCC in connection with the My Brother's Keeper Alliance Community Challenge. According to Dr. Bostic, the Grant Agreement was executed during his tenure as Executive Director. Dr. Bostic stated that the program was to last for two years. The Foundation was to award NCC \$250,000 per year. The program was contingent upon the NCC receiving a matching grant from the City of Yonkers for \$200,000 per year, and a matching grant from Westchester County for \$50,000 per year. Subsequently, the grant from the Foundation was increased by \$100,000 to pay for a community coordinator. Additionally, the NCC received a payment of \$50,000 from the Foundation as a COVID award. The final sum of awards was to be \$1.15 million.

By letter dated September 13, 2022, the Obama Foundation notified Dr. Bostic, then Executive Director of the NCC, that it had engaged counsel to investigate whether NCC had honored its obligations under the 2018 Grant Agreement. According to the letter, the Foundation's counsel determined that the NCC had not met its obligations within the terms of the grant, which included the agreement to pay its Community Coordinator a specified salary and other NCC employees with funds drawn from the Foundation grant and the COY and Westchester County matching grants. As a result, the Foundation terminated its affiliation with the NCC and determined as follows:

- NCC will not be eligible for future funding in any form from the Foundation or MBKA;
- The Foundation and MBKA will not promote NCC on social media or any website;
- NCC shall remove all mention of its prior relationship with the Foundation or MBKA from its social media and website within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter;
- NCC shall not be eligible to serve as a My Brother's Keeper Backbone entity for MBK Yonkers.
- Officers and employees of NCC may continue to participate in the My Brother's Keeper Network's programmatic offerings (virtual, in-person events, MBKU trainings, etc.)

A copy of the September 13th letter was also provided to the Yonkers Law Department and forwarded to the Yonkers Inspector General ("IG"). This office began a preliminary review and was shortly thereafter contacted by a Majority of the City Council who requested an investigation.

In response to the September 13th letter, this office took the initial step of trying to contact the Foundation by telephone, regular mail, email and certified US Mail to discuss its investigation and findings. The Foundation did not respond to any of our inquiries.

Thereafter, this office contacted the NCC board of directors seeking information on the NCC's administration of the 2018 Foundation grant. Our request for information was forwarded to the current Executive Director of the NCC, however, the current Executive Director provided minimal feedback and was almost entirely uncooperative with our investigation. Our request for information was directed to Dr. Jim Bostic, the former Executive Director, who was cooperative and responsive. The IG sought, among other things,

- A copy of the Grant Agreement between the Foundation and NCC;
- Payroll records for those who were paid from the foundation grant and/or the City and County matching grant funds;
- All bank statements for any and all accounts wherein the Foundation and/or the City matching grant funds were deposited .
- A list of all independent contractors who were paid by NCC from 2018 to present;
- any payments of expenses which were paid directly by or reimbursed using the Foundation and /or City matching grant funds;

The NCC provided little if any of the information sought. Among other things, they did not provide this office with any financial statements, or statements of internal controls. They did not provide a copy of the Grant Agreement between them and the Foundation. They did however, allow Dr. Bostic into the building to locate bank and other payroll documents for our review.

Over the course of the following months, Dr. Bostic and Sterling National Bank provided this office with bank records and other documents. From these bank records, this office was able to identify \$900,569 in deposits from the Foundation, the City of Yonkers and Westchester County. It is believed that the deposits listed below pertain to the MBKA. However, Westchester County could not confirm that the February 2020 amounts listed were in relation to the MBKA program.

Checks deposited into NCC:

12/17/2018 \$250,000 from The Obama Foundation
 7/18/2019 \$50,000 from The Obama Foundation
 2/4/2020 \$23,341 from Westchester County
 2/6/2020 \$23,000 from Westchester County
 3/23/2020 \$4,228 from Westchester County
 2/20/2020 \$250,000 from The Obama Foundation
 6/8/2020 \$200,000 from the City of Yonkers
 6/26/2020 \$50,000 from The Obama Foundation
 12/4/2020 \$50,000 from The Obama Foundation

The MBKA grant funds were comingled in an account with other funds without the use of internal recordkeeping to identify the source and use of the funds. Although it is believed that each of the above referenced grants is a part of the MBKA total grant funds, we do not know this with absolute certainty. Similarly, because fund accounting was not adhered to there is no way of truly knowing how the funds were used. We know that MBKA funds were designated for a specific purpose, (e.g. payment of the community coordinator), however, without the Grant Agreement and the use of fund accounting, it is impossible for this office to know the full extent of NCC's lack of compliance with the program.

After multiple meetings, Dr. Bostic did confirm that the Community Coordinator associated with the MBKA program had not received his complete salary pursuant to the terms of his employment. Moreover, other NCC employees were unable to deposit checks due to insufficient funds in NCC's operating accounts. Dr. Bostic identified six NCC employees who claimed that they did not receive full pay. This office spoke to four of the six employees, of which three stated they did not receive their complete salaries. However, this office was unable to confirm their assertions due to a lack of payroll documentation.

RENT ARREARS

The NCC is responsible to pay rent, TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) a month, to the City of Yonkers for use of its headquarters at 342 Warburton Avenue. In addition to the rent, NCC is responsible to pay utilities. The New York Power Authority and Con Edison invoice the City of Yonkers for NCC's utilities. The Yonkers Department of Finance and Management Services ("Yonkers Finance") then invoices the NCC for reimbursement. However, Yonkers Finance records indicate that from January 1, 2020 to February 15, 2024, the NCC is in arrears to the City of Yonkers for a total of \$204,558.83.

CONCLUSION

The NCC has served a vital role for the people of Southwest Yonkers since it was founded in 1942. However, the ongoing mismanagement of the organization is not something that can be overlooked. This investigation has determined that NCC has no system of internal controls, comingles grant funds, has failed to file tax returns for the last 3 years, had its not-for profit status with the federal government revoked, owes the City of Yonkers over \$200,000 in back rent, is attempting to create a new corporate entity in an apparent effort to avoid tax filing requirements in prior years, has defaulted in its lease agreement with the City of Yonkers, has failed to pay employees and has had the Obama Foundation cut all ties with NCC. Any one of these issues would threaten the viability of the NCC, however cumulatively these issues appear to be insurmountable with the current Board and management composition of NCC.

Transparency and reliability of financial information is paramount for any entity seeking government funds for its survival. Taxpayer dollars cannot and should not be given to organizations that do not have well defined internal controls in order to ensure the reliability of their accounting systems, compliance systems and the source and use of funds. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the Federal Agency in charge of awarding and distributing Community Development Block Grants ("CDBG"), strictly prohibits the comingling of funds by grantees and subrecipients such as NCC. As such, for this reason, the loss of its not-for-profit status and a multitude of other reasons, NCC is no longer eligible to receive CDBG Grant funding.

Unfortunately, the City of Yonkers administration must follow the lead of the Obama Foundation and cut ties with NCC until they can prove that they have remedied all of the above and have a professional staff and Board of Directors who are well versed in not-for-profit business operations. Well intentioned volunteers are the backbone of any not-for-profit organizations, however, when you are responsible for running an organization funded by millions of dollars of taxpayer funds the rules must be followed," End of Report.

Many questions remain. Look for more in the weeks ahead.

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Mayor Recognizes Rania Khan, YPIE Regeneron Science Research Semifinalist in SOTC



Mayor Mike Spano, in his recent State of the City address, recognized YPIE Scholar Rania Khan. Rania, pictured left middle, is the 1st YPIE Regeneron Science Research Scholar selected as a Regeneron STS Semifinalist and the 2nd ever from #Yonkers. The Mayor also recognized Ebenezer Wontumi for his academic successes. Learn more at YPIE.org.



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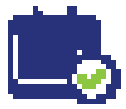
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