

Retired Yonkers Fire Department Captain Arrested for Possession of Child Sex Material



SHRUB OAK MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION AND PROMOTION OF CHILD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL

The defendant is a retired captain with the Yonkers Fire Department Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that Scott Denet, 57, of Shrub Oak, was charged with two felonies in relation to his alleged possession and promotion of child sexual abuse material.

Denet was arraigned Tuesday on a felony complaint charging him with Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class D felony, and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony. The defendant was released on his own recognizance pending further proceedings.

He is due back in court on June 30.

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Latimer Cancel's Appearance- Forum with Lawler After Pressure From Progressives



By Dan Murphy

Westchester's two congressmen, Rep. George Latimer NY-16 and Rep. Mike Lawler NY-17, are set to appear at an event organized by Shames JCC on the Hudson, a non-sectarian community center, that enriches the greater community through social, recreational, educational, social action, supportive service, wellness, and cultural programs and resources guided by Jewish values.

On Sunday, June 7. Titled "Navigating Global Challenges Across the Aisle,"

The overview reads: Come hear Congressman George Latimer and Mike Lawler share their views on foreign policy challenges.

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Congress faces unprecedented challenges-from navigating complex alliances to responding to emergency threats. Political leaders are negotiating US involvement in global affairs from diverse perspectives. Come hear an in-depth conversation with Rep. Latimer and Rep. Lawler as they share their perspectives on the state of U S foreign policy, how Congress is addressing the international landscape, and their views

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City of Yonkers Memorial Day Ceremony



Veterans and Girl Scouts join elected officials for Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Plaza May 25

Pride Month Celebrations Are Continuing To Divide America



Dennis Richmond Jr, center, with Fatha Freddie Elixir, from Pride in Manhattan in 2025

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Yonkers celebrates Pride Month every June. In fact, most of America celebrates Pride Month. When the Month is celebrated, you'll see parades, concerts, and community events recognizing LGBTQ+ folk,

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Labor Avalanche: NY State Unions Line up for Frank Jereis for Yonkers Assembly



A powerful coalition of labor unions from across New York State is rallying behind Assembly candidate Frank Jereis, delivering a wave of endorsements heading into the June Democratic primary.

The growing labor alliance includes the New York State AFL-CIO, CSEA New York, Public Employees Federation, 32BJ SEIU, 1199SEIU and Teamsters Local 456.

Public safety unions have also lined up be

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Healthfirst and Westchester Soccer Club Honor John Thompson, Yonkers PAL, for Healthcare Night

DiChiaro School Students Take Part in My Brother's Keeper & My Sister's Keeper Event



Judeson Saintil, Healthfirst Community Engagement Manager, presented Healthfirst's Community Award to John Thompson, Family Engagement Night Coordinator for the Yonkers Police Athletic League, in recognition of his longstanding commitment to advancing health and wellness across Yonkers.

The Westchester Soccer Club (WSC) faced off against the New York Cosmos on Friday, May 15th – all while promoting the importance of community health and physical fitness. The second annual WSC Healthcare Night was co-sponsored by Healthfirst, a leading not-for-profit health insurer serving 2 million members in New York City, on Long Island, and in Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, and Orange counties, and Northwell Health.

Why it matters: Events like WSC Healthcare Night help promote active living and healthier lifestyles at every stage of life.

The event on Friday, May 15th at Mount Vernon Memorial Field featured: Medicare Savings Program (MSP) eligibility screenings led by Healthfirst Healthfirst "Kids Zone" with a soccer dart game and obstacle course
Halftime activities including health trivia and giveaways

Healthfirst Community Award presentation honoring a local leader for outstanding impact

As part of the evening, Healthfirst presented a Community Award to John Thompson, Yonkers Police Athletic League (PAL) Family Engagement Night Coordinator, in recognition of his longstanding commitment to advancing health and wellness across Yonkers.

"At Healthfirst, being part of the community means being present during the moments that bring people together, which is why we are pleased to continue our relationship with Westchester Soccer Club. At Healthcare Night, we're sharing information on health resources and promoting wellness at all ages, and helping community members access the quality, affordable care they need to stay healthy," said Miguel Centeno, Vice President, Community Engagement, Healthfirst

"We are excited by our continuing collaboration with Healthfirst – together, showcasing the importance of healthier, more active lifestyles. Healthfirst's dedication to the health of communities across Westchester aligns with the Westchester Soccer Club's vision for building local pride, sportsmanship and well-being. We're grateful for Healthfirst's support of the Westchester Soccer Club's second annual Healthcare Night and throughout the season," said Mitch Baruchowitz, Principal Owner, Westchester Soccer Club

"The Police Athletic League of Yonkers, Healthfirst and the Westchester Soccer Club, share a dedication to stronger and healthier communities in southern Westchester. As we work to engage more youth in sports programs to build leadership, teamwork, and discipline, we're thankful for our strong ties to Healthfirst and their recognition of the contributions of the Yonkers Police Athletic League," said Marisol Mancebo, Executive Director, Yonkers Police Athletic League.



59 students at the Patricia A. DiChiaro School took part in an empowering My Brother's Keeper (MBK) and My Sister's Keeper (MSK) celebration.

Throughout the year, students engaged in activities focused on leadership, confidence, communication, and personal growth. At the celebration, they received certificates and letters of recommendation and reflected on their goals, dreams, and progress since the start of the school year.

We are proud of these inspiring students and grateful to their families and staff for celebrating alongside them. □ The event was attended by Superintendent Soler, Effie Phillips from Mayor Mike Spano's Office, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Jacob Weitzman from the Office of New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, MBK Executive Director Dr. Marvin Robinson III, and Associate Superintendents Lissette Colon-Collins, Dr. Eileen E. Rivera, and Dr. Stephanie McCaskill.

Thank you to Principal Schrade, MSK Liaison Maritza Fasack, and MBK Liaison Zachary Tazi for organizing this meaningful event.

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3 From Yonkers Charged In Fraudulent Licence Plate Scheme



United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York Jay Clayton, and Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), James C. Barnacle, Jr., announced the arrests of eleven defendants in connection with a multimillion-dollar scheme to evade tolls and parking and traffic tickets using fraudulently obtained temporary license plates. The defendants are charged in a five-count indictment with offenses including wire fraud and access device fraud. All eleven defendants were arrested between May 19, 2026 and May 20, 2026.

“For over five years, the defendants allegedly conspired to use fraudulently obtained temporary license plates, or ‘temp tags,’ to avoid fees, tolls, and parking traffic tickets,” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “Their schemes deprived New York State and New York City of millions of dollars in revenue. Hard-working, honest New Yorkers were footing their bills. This Office and our law enforcement partners are committed to protecting New Yorkers from fraud, waste, and abuse. The defendants allegedly spent years scheming to avoid tolls and tickets. Their bill has now come due.”

“These individuals allegedly turned temporary tags into tools for evading accountability, allowing drivers to dodge tolls, and lawful traffic penalties,” said FBI Assistant Director in Charge James C. Barnacle. “Investigations found approximately a total of \$15 million in unpaid parking violations, tolls, and vehicle registrations. Not only were millions of dollars in unpaid violations uncovered, but investigators also found that certain temporary registrations and license plates were linked to multiple criminal offenses. The FBI will not tolerate bad actors violating government rules.”

As alleged in the Indictments filed on May 13, 2026, in White Plains federal court: [Licensed auto dealerships may issue temporary motor vehicle registrations (“temp tags” or “paper tags”) in connection with bona fide sales or leases of vehicles. In recent years, individuals have abused this system by setting up sham auto dealerships to generate fraudulent temp tags—unconnected to bona fide sales or leases of cars—that are then sold in, among other places, the Southern District of New York.

From at least in or about June 2017 through at least in or about March 2024, defendants participated in a scheme to defraud New York State and New York City of revenue from vehicle registration fees, tolls, parking enforcement, and traffic enforcement, through the use of fraudulent temp tags. **As part of the scheme, the defendants created a series of companies for which they obtained used motor vehicle dealer licenses in the States of New Jersey and Georgia (the “Dealerships”).** The defendants and their co-conspirators used those Dealerships to generate a total of more than **100,000 temp tags**, a significant portion of which were registered to addresses in the Southern District of New York, and which they sold in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere at prices ranging from approximately \$50 to \$250 per tag, producing millions of dollars in profits. In selling temp tags, certain defendants represented at times, in sum and substance, that, by using a temp tag generated by a Dealership, customers would avoid having to pay tolls and/or tickets. Since at least in or around 2017, temp tags issued by the Dealerships have incurred at least approximately \$11,800,000 in unpaid parking and traffic tickets in New York City and at least approximately \$3,100,000 in unpaid E-ZPass tolls in New York. **The three defendants from Yonkers are SAMMY RODRIGUEZ FRANCISCO, age 25, CLARISA RODRIGUEZ FRANCISCO, age 27, and JEFREY RAPHEL HERRERA ESPINAL, age 26, of Yonkers**

They are each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years’ imprisonment, two counts of wire fraud, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years’ imprisonment, one count of conspiracy to commit access device fraud, and one count of access device fraud.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



General Charles Lee used a Yonkers home for his HQ’s during the Revolutionary war

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 City of Yonkers recipient, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, President Emeritus Yonkers Red Cross, 2004 Key to History recipient, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, June 1st

June 1, 1872: New York State Governor Hoffman signed the charter establishing Yonkers as a city.

June 1, 1942: Michael Bochnewick, the Greek

June 1, 1942: Greek Catholic Deacon Michael Bochnewick, arrived with 900+ exchange passengers aboard the Swedish American liner Drottningholm. Eight others were from Yonkers.

Bochnewick had been overseas for five years, studying at Propaganda Fide University to be a Greek Catholic priest.

Arriving with two other Propaganda Fide students, the three men spent their first night back in the US at the Bochnewick home on Clinton Street.

A member of St. Michael’s Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, he later completed his studies at Catholic University.

Tuesday, June 2nd

June 2, 1942: Matthew Kelley, Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority (MHA) nProjects Manager, announced New York State officials signed contracts with our MHA to build a \$1.4 million Negro housing project on Cottage Place, planned to house 250 families. This would be the first construction under NY’s post-war public works program. State Housing Commissioner Edward Weinfeld stated doing the preliminary work now would allow construction to begin almost “at the moment peace comes.”

Wednesday, June 3rd

June 3, 1916: Thomas Brogan, manager of the Chippewa baseball team, announced proceeds of the next game his club played would be given to injured YMCA player Jack Tobin.

Thursday, June 4th

June 4, 1789: John Guarenau of “the Yonkers” petitioned George Washington because he was in “an indigent situation” caused by the “late War, having lost all save some ‘cloathing’ and two beds.” His property and buildings had been destroyed by the enemy during the Revolution.

His house served as General Charles Lee’s headquarters October 1776; during “this time his honor General Lee, with every necessary he required to the amount of one hundred and seventy six pounds nineteen shillings, the ‘chiefest’ part of which your Petitioner stands responsible.”

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Yonkers Resident Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary of Hearts to Homes, Nonprofit She Founded



left, Mary McCombe

By Dan Murphy

Hearts to Homes, an innovative charity supporting young people aging out of foster care across New York City, Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties, announced that it has achieved the joint milestone of more than 1,000 young people helped and its first decade of service. Hearts to Homes provides young adults (typically 18-21) moving out of foster care into their first independent homes with new furnishings, apparel, gift cards, and other key home goods. These vital offerings help to make their transition into independent living easier and more stable, with a stronger foundation for success. Since its origins in 2016, Hearts to Homes has contributed nearly \$2 million in furnishings to its more than 1,000 alums – empowering them to make home a place they can truly call their own.

Hearts to Homes was founded in 2016 by Yonkers resident Mary Theresa McCombe, who recognized that young people transitioning from foster care to independent living often lacked basic needs, including bedding, kitchenware, and bathroom supplies. Hearts to Homes first provides young people with wish lists, enabling them to select from options their choices of furnishings and other home goods, which the organization then supplies. Hearts to Homes also supports young people aging out of foster care caring for children of their own, with key furnishings and supplies for young children.

“Young people aging out of foster care often have the deck stacked against them, with unforeseen financial expenses as they begin to build their new lives,” said Mary Theresa McCombe, co-founder and outgoing Executive Director of Hearts to Homes. “Home goods like beds, chairs, tables, and cooking supplies aren’t optional; they’re absolutely fundamental to well-being. Hearts to Homes is so proud to have supported more than 1,000 people to date, and we are so excited for the organization’s future and continued growth.

Led and operated in its first ten years by McCombe with the assistance of volunteers, Hearts to Homes welcomed Anthony Sabia this January as the organization’s new Executive Director. Sabia brings broad experience in New York social services, including leadership and programmatic roles at The Bridge Fund of New York, Covenant House New York, and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

“I am honored to have joined Hearts to Homes in the organization’s tenth-anniversary year,” said Anthony Sabia, Executive Director of Hearts to Homes. “Throughout my career, I have seen just how many obstacles there are for young adults aging out of foster care and bravely starting their new lives. The resources Hearts to Homes provides to lift up these young people are so critical to their thriving and happiness. As we celebrate more than 1,000 young people helped, we also look to expand on the supports Hearts to Homes can offer in the coming years.”

According to one Hearts to Homes alum, “What makes Hearts to Homes special is how personal and thoughtful their support is. They don’t just provide furniture or items—they listen to your situation, understand what you actually need, and help make your space feel like home. Their approach isn’t one-size-fits-all, and you can feel that they genuinely care about your comfort and well-being, not just checking a box.”

Another young person shared, “Hearts to Homes gives young people who are already struggling with embarking into ‘adulthood’ the breathing room to establish what they want their home to look or feel like without all the stress of affordability.”

Hearts to Homes works with partner agencies across New York for referrals to young people in need of the organization’s assistance. Hearts to Homes gratefully acknowledges the many volunteers, partners, and donors that make its work possible. The organization acknowledged Mary Theresa and John McCombe for their decade of service at its 10th-anniversary Open Hearts dinner in Manhattan on April 30.

Visit heartstohomes.org for more information.

Gianna’s House Opens New Yonkers Office, Expanding Pro-Life Pregnancy Services



By: Steven Schwankert

Named for St. Gianna Beretta Molla, the organization now serves expectant mothers in need with two locations and a mobile unit

Father Richard Gill (left), CEO of Gianna’s House and pastor of the parish of St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart in Brewster, and Nicole Moore, center director of Gianna’s House Yonkers, pose at the new Tilma Care office in Yonkers at its opening on May 13, 2026. Photo by Steven Schwankert/The Good Newsroom.

Almost three years to the day after it opened its first facility in the Archdiocese of New York, pro-life pregnancy counseling organization Gianna’s House welcomed more than 75 guests to its new Yonkers office on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Following the opening of its initial location in Brewster in 2023, and the launch of its mobile unit in late 2024, the organization, named for St. Gianna Beretta Molla, saw Yonkers as its next site due to the number of calls that staffers received from the area.

“We were getting a large number of inquiries from Yonkers and nearby,” said Father Richard Gill, CEO of Gianna’s House and pastor of the parish of St. Lawrence O’Toole and Sacred Heart in Brewster. “About a year ago, we started looking for a suitable site in the area,” he told The Good Newsroom.

The new office of Tilma Care, Gianna’s House’s clinical arm, is located in a medical office complex. Like its Brewster sister site, the Yonkers office will offer limited ultrasound imaging, pregnancy testing, spiritual help, and counseling, along with “loving care and support,” Father Gill said.

Nurse practitioner Dana Inzeo, who walked visitors through the ultrasound process, explained that, unlike some facilities, Tilma Care allows expectant mothers to hear their baby’s heartbeat and see the ultrasound images. “The most powerful moment is when you really see the Holy Spirit at work,” she said.

“There is no other pregnancy center in the Yonkers area like this one,” said Nicole Moore, the center director of Gianna’s House Yonkers.

Attendees of the opening included representatives of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the Sisters of Life, and local pastors and priests from nearby parishes.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla died days after giving birth in 1962 at age 39, rather than allow doctors to terminate her pregnancy to save her own life.

The Yonkers office joins Brewster, which also has a baby boutique in addition to ultrasound and counseling facilities, and the mobile ultrasound van, which was blessed by Cardinal Timothy Dolan following the annual Right-to-Life Mass on January 26, 2025.

Gianna’s House, together with Colorado-based pro-life organization Save The Storks, raised more than \$280,000 to make the purchase and outfit the vehicle, in order to serve women in need of its services in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties, and even parts of the Bronx.

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NY State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie announced on May 28, that the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-27 Enacted Budget includes \$135 million in vital aid for distressed cities across New York State that are struggling with budget deficits.

“So many of our cities are struggling with budget deficits as they work to meet vast and diverse needs of their communities,” Speaker Heastie said. “The Assembly Majority is committed to being true partners in governments and making sure they don’t have to go it alone. This investment will help our cities, our communities and our people.”

The spending plan includes an additional \$135 million in funding above the executive’s budget proposal to help municipalities across the state balance their budgets and erase structural deficits across the SFY 2026-27 and 2027-28 budgets, including:

\$40 million for Yonkers;

- \$25 million for Buffalo;
- \$20 million for Albany;
- \$20 million for Rochester;
- \$20 million for Syracuse; and
- \$10 million for Mount Vernon.



Yonkers is also set to receive an additional \$12 Million in Bullet Aid from the state. But both items, \$40m + \$12M=\$52 Million, were already included in Mayor Mike Spano’s proposed budget, so they do not reflect a decrease in the proposed 5.25% property tax increase.

There is still a \$20 Million shortfall-deficit in the Yonkers Public Schools budget. Due to declining enrollment in YPS, it is likely that the School Board and Superintendent will be asked to close that gap without additional funding.

An upcoming budget hearing at Saunders High School on May 28 should include residents and homeowner opposed to the tax increase.

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**Albanian Heritage Day June 7 Kicks off Westchester
Heritage Festivals this summer**

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Albanian music and dances from all regions.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Immersing yourself in Westchester’s rich cultural diversity fosters broader perspectives and a deeper appreciation for the many traditions, lifestyles and viewpoints that shape our County. Cultural festivals serve as powerful bridges between communities, cultivating empathy, understanding and mutual respect. They remind us that while our customs may differ, the values of family, heritage and shared human experience connect us all.”

*The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. Coolers aren’t allowed. Admission and parking are free.**

The Heritage Festivals are from noon to 6 p.m.; the 2026 schedule is as follows:

- Irish, Saturday, June 27, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale*
- *Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under*
- African-American, Sunday, June 28, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Hispanic, Sunday, July 12, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Italian, Sunday, July 26, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Heritage of India, Sunday, Aug. 2, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 16, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 23, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla*
- Arab-American, Sunday, Sept. 13, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale*

Please be advised that on June 7, the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Left to right: Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy; Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins; Charlie Italiano, Deputy Executive Director WDOM; Maria Samuels, Executive Director, WDOM; Joe Simone, President, Simone Development Companies; Yonkers City Councilman John Rubbo; Yonkers City Councilman Tim Hodges.

Westchester Disabled On the Move Inc. (WDOM) and Simone Development Companies today held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate WDOM's new headquarters at One Executive Boulevard in North Yonkers, NY.

The move to the newly renovated four-story medical office building is part of WDOM's efforts to provide a new, more modern space for its employees and a more accessible location for its clients.

WDOM helps people with disabilities, the elderly, and low-income families live independent lives by providing them with access to healthcare, housing, and other assistance through social programs.

The ceremony was attended by a distinguished group of local and county leaders, including Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Yonkers City Councilmen John Rubbo and Tim Hodges; Westchester County Legislator Nancy Barr, Shari Rosen Ascher, Director of Policy & Programs for Small Business and Chambers of Commerce for Westchester County and Jeff Zitofsky, Program Administrator for the Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities.

The ceremony was followed by a tour of their offices in Suite 205.

"We are delighted to welcome Westchester Disabled On the Move to their new home at One Executive Boulevard," said Joe Simone, President of Simone Development Companies. "This property was specifically repurposed into a state-of-the-art medical building to suit the high-standard needs of organizations like Westchester Disabled On the Move, who require accessibility and convenience for the people they serve."

Maria Samuels, Executive Director of Westchester Disabled On the Move, said, "This move has been a long time in coming and we so excited to finally be in a brand-new space with so many possibilities. The convenient location and accessibility for our clients made this the perfect choice. This next chapter in our continued growth marks our commitment to providing leading services and advocacy for all of Westchester's disability community. We are delighted to remain in Yonkers."

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Today's ribbon cutting ceremony marks far more than the opening of a new office — it represents continued progress toward a more accessible, inclusive Westchester County for residents of all abilities. For more than 40 years, Westchester Disabled On the Move has been a trusted advocate for individuals with disabilities, seniors and low-income families, helping connect residents to the services and support they need to live independently and with dignity. This beautiful new headquarters reflects that mission perfectly. By creating stronger connections between healthcare providers, advocacy organizations and community services, we are helping ensure every resident has the opportunity to fully participate in an active life in Westchester."

Located in the heart of the North Yonkers "Medical Mile," One Executive Boulevard is a newly renovated 133,768-square-foot, 4-story state-of-the-art medical building that was repurposed from a traditional office building. The property features dual entrances with seamless drop-offs, abundant parking on all sides, updated common areas, and the option for custom build-out opportunities or move-in ready medical suites.

identity, and history. Supporters view the month as an important celebration of visibility, equality, and freedom. Many critics, however, argue that some Pride events have become too explicit or inappropriate for public spaces — especially when kids are there.

For many LGBTQ+ Americans, Pride Month remains deeply meaningful. Supporters say the celebrations honor decades of activism and struggle, particularly following the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City. The Riot was started by Marsha P. Johnson, a Black trans woman. At a time when many LGBTQ+ individuals faced discrimination, police harassment, family rejection, or job loss, Pride events became public demonstrations demanding equal rights and dignity.

Today, supporters argue that Pride celebrations still matter because many LGBTQ+ folks continue to experience bullying, harassment, homelessness, mental health struggles, and violence. They believe Pride creates a sense of belonging and allows young people to see others openly living as themselves without fear.

Many also say Pride Month helps educate the public about LGBTQ+ history and encourages acceptance in workplaces, schools, and communities. Businesses, schools, and local governments often participate in Pride events to show support for diversity and inclusion.

At the same time, many critics argue that some modern Pride parades have shifted far away from their original civil rights focus. People look at public behavior at certain events that they believe is too sexualized if kids are present. Videos shared online from some parades have shown revealing outfits, public twerking, and of course, wild dancing. And it wouldn't be Pride without strangers kissing. This shouldn't be happening in front of kids.

Some critics say they would have fewer concerns if Pride events focused more heavily on history, equality, and community service rather than adult-themed entertainment. Others argue that public nudity or sexually suggestive performances should not take place at events advertised as, "family-friendly."

Religious objections also remain a major factor in the debate. Huge actually. Certain faith groups believe Pride celebrations conflict with their religious teachings and values. Even though many folks battle with religious views and sexuality. Some Americans who support LGBTQ+ rights still express discomfort with over the top explicit behavior being displayed in public settings. Even if they are very religious.

Supporters of Pride often respond to criticism by saying controversial videos online do not represent every parade or event. Many Pride celebrations include cultural performances, health resources, nonprofit organizations, and educational programs. They argue that critics sometimes focus only on the most extreme clips circulating online.

As Pride Month continues to evolve, so do the folks curating it. For some Americans, Pride symbolizes freedom, visibility, and progress. For others, concerns about public decency, politics, and children being exposed to things that they shouldn't continue fueling criticism. The conversation reflects one thing. America.

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June 4, 1942: Shortly after their son James Anderson was given up for lost after his submarine was torpedoed and sank in the Pacific, the Andersons received the official military death notice. A few weeks later his parents were overjoyed to receive an airmail letter... in his handwriting... saying he was fine and in a United Nations foreign port! Why the mix up? James wasn't on the sub when it was hit!

Friday, June 5th

June 5, 1946: New York Central Railroad released a tourist booklet describing the historic significance of Philipse Manor Hall.

Besides the history of the Hall, the brochure described the box hedge "descended" from original hedge planted by Frederick Philipse. Boyce Thompson Institute staff had propagated many cuttings from the original shrubbery and used them to replant the hedge.

The booklet also featured trees planted by Yonkers' Keskeskick Chapter DAR. Not only did the Chapter plant cedars from Washington's birthplace in Wakefield, Virginia on the grounds, they planted a very special elm tree. The elm was grown from a cutting of the very tree Washington stood under while assuming command of the Continental Army.

Saturday, June 6th:

June 6, 1927: A Yonkers landmark, one of Westchester's oldest "hostelries," closed its doors for the last time. Francfort's Inn at New Main Street and South Broadway would be replaced by a gas station.

June 6, 1944: D-Day began, it was the Allies' biggest WWII offensive.

Eleven thousand planes in rolling waves supported the invasion of Normandy's beaches during early morning hours.

Yonkers united for Allied victory. Our houses of worship kept their doors open all day for private prayers and group devotions.

Downtown, St. John's and St. Mary's Churches' noon services filled Getty Square with worshippers praying for the safety and success of our Allied troops. Courts adjourned, closing with a prayer; the Common Council held afternoon "D Day" prayers at the War Memorial on South Broadway. President Roosevelt wrote a special prayer for America and Freedom; released to the press, it was recited in homes, churches and at public gatherings.

The president delivered it on a national broadcast at ten pm that night, sharing his words with the country.

June 6, 1949: Thanks to the employees of the Yonkers Post Office, a letter addressed to the "Meow-Meow Bookshop, Yonkers NY, found its way to the right place, the Alicat Bookshop on South Broadway!

Sunday, June 7th

June 7, 1944: The fifty-seven members of Club Maccabee at the Jewish Community Center (JCC), all required to write at least one letter each week to a Center member fighting under the US banner, were thrilled! Every member of the Club received a letter from the Army!

Inside each envelope was a "Thank You" note from Captain Arthur Ettinger of Madison Barracks; he personally thanked every member for a gift he received from the Club's recent fundraiser, the dance supporting "Gifts for Yanks!"

Club Advisor Abe Cohen wrote regularly to more than 30 JCC men in the service. All letters the teens received back from the boys in the service were kept in a special War Letter file in the Maccabee clubroom.

June 7, 1945: General Joseph W. Stilwell, graduate of School Six and Yonkers High School, shared this story in a letter home. This incident happened while he was serving in China.

The General often visited the front without wearing his official insignia. As he was crossing a stream, he heard a young private on the other side comment to a colleague, "Just look at that poor old man. Some draft boards will do anything!"

Any questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com.

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, the Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road or their upcoming events, please visit their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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

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

Hudson River Museum Thanks Docent Volunteers



L-R-Carolyne Berkeley, Annette Candido, Kate Waters, Mimi Pressman

The HRM held its annual Docent Volunteer Breakfast on May 18, recognizing our volunteers for sharing their enthusiasm and expertise with the HRM, and for dedicating their time and effort to guiding the public on tours of our exhibitions. Each docent received a certificate of appreciation highlighting the number of hours they contributed this year, a total of 1,800 hours volunteering at the HRM! This year's winner was Annette Candido with 142 hours, followed by Carolyne Berkeley with 94 hours, Mimi Pressman with 82 hours, and Kate Waters with 81 hours. No matter the number of hours, we are grateful to each and every docent for their dedication to the HRM. Interested in becoming a Museum docent? Learn more at hrm.org/docent-program.

Frank Jereis, continued from pg 1-

hind the campaign, including the Yonkers PBA, Yonkers CLSA, Westchester County PBA, Westchester COBA and the Westchester County Superior Correction Officers Association.

Additional endorsements came from Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628, Yonkers UFOA and AFSCME Local 1897.

Frank Jereis has consistently centered his platform on affordability, public safety, wages and protections for working families, themes that appear to be resonating strongly with union members and labor organizations across New York as well as Democrats across the 90th District.

The breadth of support has created significant momentum for the Jereis campaign, with political observers viewing the endorsements as one of the largest and most unified demonstrations of organized labor support in the race.

The coalition spans healthcare workers, police officers, correction officers, firefighters, sanitation and municipal workers, building service employees and state workers, reflecting broad support among unions representing working-class communities throughout the region.

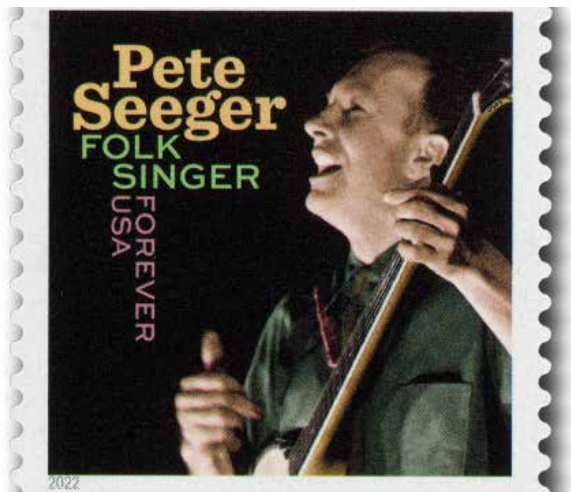
As the June primary approaches, organized labor is expected to play a major role in voter outreach, grassroots organizing and turnout operations. Political analysts say the unprecedented level of labor support for an open Assembly seat could provide a substantial advantage in a competitive Democratic primary where field operations and union-backed mobilization efforts are expected to be decisive.

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

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

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7640 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Twenty-Four month contract with 12-month renewal option to Provide Laundry Services to Fire Stations, as needed (KS).
2. Bid No. RFB-7641 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Purchase of 250 North American Rescue Mini First Aid Resupply Kits with combat gauze (VB).
3. Bid No. IFB-7639 – Opening date: 06/26/2026: Supply and Install Level 3 Fast EV Charging Stations at the Service Center (NG).
4. Bid No. RFB-7642 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Provide fresh bread products for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year (NG).
5. Bid No. RFB-7643 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Provide milk and milk products for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year (NG).
6. Bid No. RFB-7644 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Provide various food products for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year (NG).
7. Bid No. RFB-7645 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Provide various paper and cleaning products for the Yonkers Public Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year (NG).
8. Bid No. RFB-7649 – Opening date: 06/19/2026: Purchase quantity 1-3, 2026 Chevy Traverse: RS Trim, Black, AWD (or Yonkers Approved Equal) – 1 to be delivered ASAP (FB).
9. Bid No. RFB-7650 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Purchase of Door and Hardware for the City of Yonkers Water Treatment Plant (WTF) outer station (FB).
10. Bid No. IFB-7651 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Abatement and demolition of structures at 70 Fernbrook Street (VB).
11. Bid No. IFB-7652 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Yonkers Animal Shelter renovations (VB).
12. Bid No. RFB-7653 – Opening date: 06/12/2026: Twelve month contract w/ Twelve month renewal option to provide Unarmed Security Service for Workforce Investment Board Offices (KS).
13. Bid No. IFB-7451A – Opening date: 07/10/2026: RE-BID Crisfield Pump Station Improvements (TC/NG).
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Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.



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DA Cacace said: “Those who possess and share child sexual abuse material are not merely engaging in legally prohibited conduct, they are retraumatizing the victims depicted in those videos who still bear the scars of their abuse. My office works diligently with our partners at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to detect all forms of child sexual abuse on the internet and track down the individuals responsible for creating and promoting such material. If anyone in Westchester County endeavors to access these images, or tries to conceal their attempts to do so, we will find out, and we will hold you to account.”

As alleged in a felony complaint, on or about July 31, 2025, the defendant, a retired captain with the Yonkers Fire Department, promoted an obscene sexual performance by a child by sharing a photograph depicting a nude female child on an application called “Thundr.” On April 24, 2026, the defendant allegedly possessed a video file of a nude female child engaging in sexual activity.

NB: The defendant retired from service in April 2023, and the offense conduct described above is alleged to have been committed after his retirement.

This case was investigated by the Hi-Tech Unit within the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the New York State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

The case is being prosecuted by Cyber Crimes Bureau Chief Michael Delohery.

\$39 Trillion Debt, continued from pg 9-

wages, laid off municipal workers, raised subway fares and directed the city to start charging students to pay tuition at all City University colleges, among other moves. The Federal government is much bigger than New York City was in 1975. Our debt stands at \$39 trillion. When I first wrote a column about this in January, the debt was \$38 trillion. We’ve run through \$1 trillion in new debt in four months.

I recently saw a movie on Netflix, called Send Help. The main character, played by Rachel McAdams said at the end, “No help is coming, so you’d better start saving yourself.”

There is no Superman or giant bank in the sky that will solve our breathtakingly awful debt. We need to do it ourselves. Part of the problem is that our lawmakers are not even talking about this stuff. Somebody with a profile bigger than the Peterson Foundation and the CFRB needs to start a conversation about how we’re going to get out from under this debt boulder under which we’re trapped.

We’ve got to somehow break through all the media clutter and get our representatives to pay attention. We need to start paying for this party.

Michael Gold is a Westchester based reporter whose work has been published in *The New York Daily News*, *The Albany Times-Union*, *The Hartford Courant* and other newspapers. He’s a volunteer trustee with the Putnam County Land Trust.

Notice of formation of Pure Body Lab, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. With an existence date of 03/27/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2040 White Plains Rd #1082, Bronx NY 10462 USA. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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

Notice of formation of 660 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/2026. Office: 4 Amawalk Point Road, Amawalk NY 10501 Westchester County. SSNY designated Brian O’Neill as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4 Amawalk Point Rd, Amawalk NY 10501. Purpose: Real Estate



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