

Community Baptist Church Celebrates Rev. Dr. Nigel O. Cole as New Pastor



Rev. Dr. Nigel O. Cole, left

Community Baptist Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Dr. Nigel O. Cole as its new pastor. Rev. Dr. Cole succeeds the late Rev. Clarence E. Bolling, whose legacy of faith and service has left an indelible mark on our congregation and community.

Rev. Dr. Cole brings 43 years of experience and a deep commitment to spiritual leadership. With a distinguished career in ministry, he has served various congregations within the tristate area with dedication, compassion, and a vision for growth and community engagement. In addition, Rev. Dr. Cole has over 31 years' experience as an educator. Collectively, his academic achievements and pasto

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Maria Regina Students Serve Others on All Saints Day



Olivia Maskara of the Bronx and Alexa Candelaria of Yonkers cut the fabric to craft the pouches that will house feminine hygiene products to support the young women in Tanzania.

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The Night America Became Great Again!



OP-ED By Frank Spotorno

On Tuesday Nov. 5th Vice President Kamala Harris and 500 of her loyalist supporters gathered in Washington DC with hundreds of cases of champagne, a Two Million Dollar fireworks display and a custom-built glass roof to be shattered, all to celebrate Harris' victory over Trump as the first Female President of the United States.

Mexico rejoiced because they could keep sending criminals to America. With their terrorists, Hizballah, Hamas, and ISIS were pleased to be able to continue infiltrating America. China would not have been crying. Russia

would not have been whining, North Korea would not have been recalling their forces, Iran would not have been surrendering its weapons to Israel. Trump is back!

Newsweek had already published and shipped the next issue with the cover "Madam President" and a detailed analysis of precisely how the Harris political machine had captured the Electoral College with a whopping 324 votes. They had her acceptance speech in an article gracefully calling for all Americans to join with her...

Among the 500+ giddy followers were those who had already received confirmation of their future assignments and high paid government jobs in the White House, FBI, Department of Labor, Ambassadorships and the list goes on. All were assured of at least four and probably eight years of lucrative

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As Trump Retakes the Presidency, The Blue Wall in Yonkers Holds Sayegh, Stewart-Cousins, Mayer and Cacace All Big Winners



Assemblyman Nader Sayegh celebrates his election night win

By Dan Murphy

As former President Donald Trump scored a decisive victory over Vice-President Kamala Harris on Election Night 2024, and won the popular vote across the country, voters in Yonkers reelected democrats Nader Sayegh to the Assembly and Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Shelley Mayer to the State Senate, and also

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Hey Yonkers-Meet Your New Congressman George Latimer



By Dan Murphy

Most of the people of Yonkers know that George Latimer is the Westchester County Executive. But after Nov. 5, Latimer will now serve the people of Yonkers in another capacity next year in the House of Representatives.

Voters in the 16th Congressional district of NY elected Latimer, who defeated republican Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser in a landslide by a 70%-30% margin.

Latimer's win added to his unbroken record of electoral victories, including defeating Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a nasty Democratic primary in June.

Latimer's record of electoral success in Westchester is unmatched (he has yet to be defeated in his races for

Former President Bill Clinton at a fund raiser for Congressman-elect George Latimer

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City Council Considers Mask Ban



The Yonkers City Council is reviewing a proposed law which would amend the City Code to restrict "WEARING A MASK, HOOD, OR OTHER DEVICE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY"

The Council has not yet voted on this item. It is currently in the Legislation & Codes Committee Chaired by Majority Whip John Rubbo.

The proposed law reads, "No person or persons shall within the City of Yonkers, while wearing any mask, hood or device whereby any portion of the face is so hidden, concealed, or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer, enter upon, or be, or appear upon or within the public property of the City.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons:

(1) Wearing a traditional holiday costume on the occasion of the holiday;

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Aerosmith Founding Member to Host Disabled American Vets Benefit Show Nov. 10 -Pete’s Saloon



Joey Kramer, Tom Hamilton, Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, Raymond Tabano



Ray Tabano with disabled vets, left

Ray Tabano, a founding member of Aerosmith and a Yonkers resident is hosting a fundraiser for Disabled American Veterans Chapter #23. Ray and his childhood friend Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler grew up in northeast Yonkers and attended Roosevelt HS. Later both moved to Boston and formed Aerosmith with Ray as the bands’s original rhythm guitarist. Ray Tabano has been featured internationally in numerous books, documentary films, tv and radio shows.

This benefit will be held on Sunday Nov. 10th, 2024 – 1PM at Pete’s Saloon, 8 West Main St., Elmsford NY. Admission is \$ 20. Guitarist, singer & songwriter Ray Tabano and his Third Step Band, will perform originals and covers of top British hits songs of the 60’s. The show also features a sparkling multi-media presentation of the period along with beginnings of Aerosmith who were influenced by the music of that time.

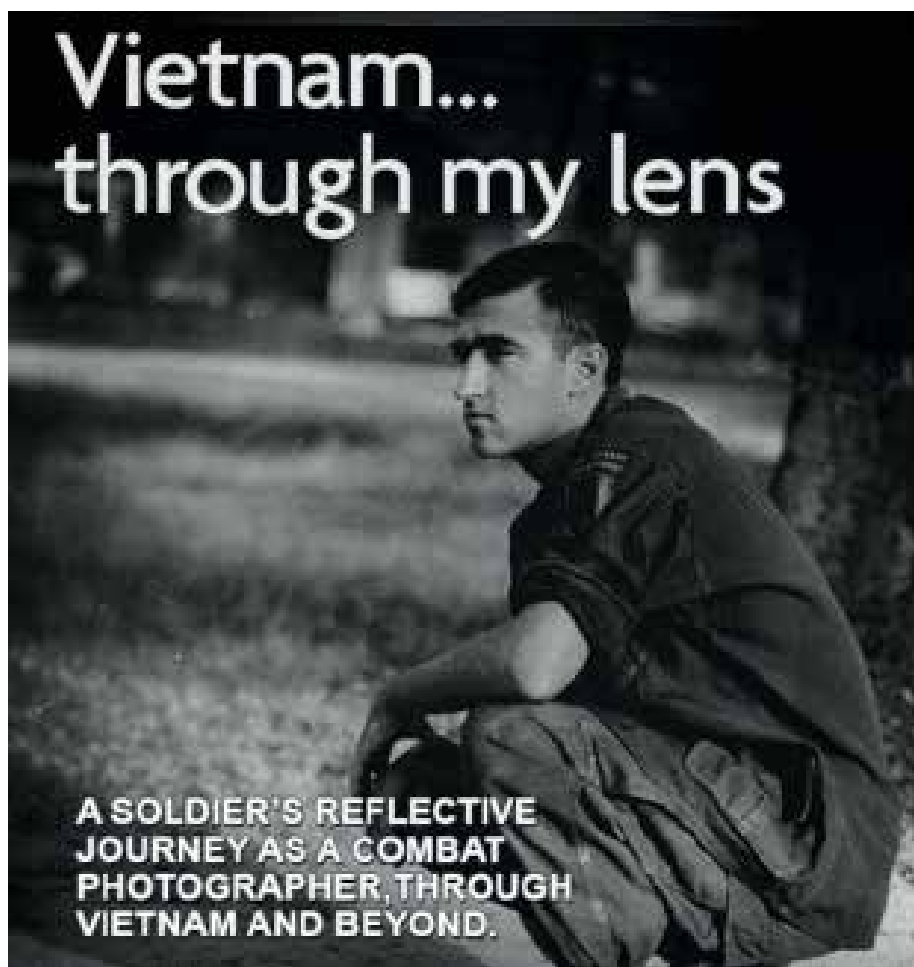
Tabano’s special guest on Sunday night will be Pat “Elvis “ Perone who will be performing his amazing Elvis Tribute Show. Tabano noted, “ Keep an eye out for some “special guests” that will be dropping by in support of our DAV Vets. This rockin fun filled charitable event will help us help our Veterans. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffles each night.

The Disabled American Veterans is an organization created in 1920 by World War I veterans for disabled military veterans of the United States Armed Forces that helps them and their families through various means. It was issued a federal charter by Congress in 1932. It currently has over 1 million members.

Visit www.dav.org to learn more.

American Legion Post 8, New Rochelle and Post 50 Pelham, Sponsor Free Showing of Indi Film Vietnam...Through My Lens

at Pelham Picture House on Veterans Day Nov. 11-4pm



Vietnam...through my lens is Stu Richel’s thought-provoking, solo performance that explores his journey as a combat journalist and photographer to, through and beyond his military service in Vietnam. One soldier’s intimately personal and unique tale about friendships, trust, tenacity... and an experience that has colored his life. No blood and guts. No politics. Drama, poignancy, and a healthy dose of humor. The film reflects Stu’s pride in having served, and his enormous respect for all those who put themselves in harm’s way, every day, so the rest of us can flourish.

Richel has an extensive stage and screen resume, including TV appearances on “30 Rock”, “One Life to Live”, “What Would You Do?”, “Law & Order” and “Billions”. He has appeared in Off Broadway stage productions and regional theaters around the country.

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“I was thoroughly impressed with the production” – Loretta Swit (Hot Lips, MAS*H), Actor, Artist “Richel has written and performs an absolutely engaging, realistic yet primarily light-hearted, view of his participation in a war that tore not only Viet Nam, but this country, to shreds... (he) tells a great tale, no matter what your age.” – Karen D’Onofrio, Critic

“You hit it out of the park.” Tom Lynott, retired NYPD Detective. “A mixture of chuckles and tears.” Jim Miller, attorney. “Fascinating, touching, inspiring, glued to my seat, first rate.” Phyllis Erickson, corporate exec.

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Yonkers HS football 2024 -A Success!



Team photo Yonkers Brave HS Football -2024 Season

By Phil Foley

Congrats are in order to our two brand new coaches who took over a very run-down football program and turned it into a total success. Thanks to Force Coach Joe Venice and Brave Coach Doug Hogue! When teams came to play the Yonkers Force or the Yonkers Brave whether at home or on the road they knew that they were in a battle from these proud Yonkers kids!

For those of you who do not know, it is a real tough thing to play high school football in Yonkers. Each afternoon the players from all the different high schools must get on a school bus to make their way to the field where they practice each week. They then endure two hours of practice and get back on a bus back to their high school. From there it is back home. Many nights after 8 pm. Then they eat dinner and do their homework. Why do they do this? Because they love football and they like being part of a team. It is a great building block for life.

This year the kids were lucky to have two great coaches. Joe Venice of the Yonkers Force and Doug Hogue of the Yonkers Brave. A great job gentlemen.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Yonkers Force traveled to Ramapo and lost their Bowl game with Ramapo HS. The score was 26-18. QB Nazir Fields was 13 for 22 passing for 236 yards. He also rushed for an additional 122 yards. Nazi ran for a TD and threw 2 TD passes. One to Josh Testamark and one to Jacob Henry Bryant Easley led the team defensively with 6 tackles and 3 assisted tackles.

In closing Coach Venice said "We were very proud of the team. We wrapped up the season versus East Ramapo after playing them two weeks ago. The team faced a lot of adversity this season but kept fighting and didn't quit. We saw a tremendous growth by the team and thank them for a great year. The team had 22 Seniors and we want to thank them"! The Force ended up the regular season 4-4.

Last Friday night Pelham High School hosted our Yonkers Brave football team at Pelham Field. The Brave played a real hard fought game but lost 21-8.

The star of the Brave Keba Cisse scored a TD and a 2 point conversion.

Coach Hogue told the Yonkers Rising after the game, "I want this team to understand that they won this season. To break a 4 year losing streak through hard work and dedication they have set a new standard in the program. The seniors had truly set the foundation and we can build our future on that. To me we have hit our goals this season and will building on that moving forward. I'm proud of this team".

The Yonkers Rising will be awarding a Player of the Year award for both the Brave and the Force teams in the near future!

The People Have Spoken Why Did Kamala Harris Lose

By Eric Wolf Schoen



When former New York City Mayor Ed Koch lost the nomination for Governor to Mario Cuomo in 1982, he made a very good speech to his supporters and the the people of New York. He said the people have spoken

And so we the People of America elected a new President Tuesday night. No, maybe he is an old President brought back for his constitutionally permitted second term. Bottom line is that Donald Trump will occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Ave come January for 4. Years.

Some expected Trump would Get reelected, and many did not. After His comments blaming Jewish people of which religion group is in Trumps family of bring the reason he would lose the Presidency, he finally settled down and shut his mouth and his stupid comments were taken with a grain of salt.

Then last weekend Trump hired a comedienne for one of his 'shows', the comedian made inappropriate comments regarding Puerto Rico and many people got upset. by them. People thought he would loose the Puerto Rican vote, he lost some but still did not have a major crisp on his bands.

If these two episodes didn't kill the cat, they certainly put fuel on the fire. But as the famous Howard Stern always says, 'Blame the Jews!'

I can think of a least 10 reasons why Kamala lost. Number one is Blame Joe Biden and The Biden family. They knew Joe was having health issues and waited for the last minute to pullout. So Kamala.had no time to get to know the depths of the American people and the problems on their mind and get her opinions thought out to the American people.

What Right did Kamala have to claim she was heir apparent to the throne.? People did not know her and there were many more qualified candidates for the job.And Yes I will include Bernie Sanders in that group even though he has embarrassed himself a great deal lately.

Kamala's handlers kept her sequestered and away from the press. Bottom line is she was incapable of answering many important questions.

Kamala was given the task of fixing the borders that are allowing was too many people to enter the United States. Granted Trump in his earlier term planned on fixing the borders and nothing the Trump administration tried worked. But it took Kamala a while to get to the borders.

Kamala did very good when she debated Donald one on one. She should have pressed for more and if she had to sit oppsite an empty chair so be it.

Kamala had a Democratic Party in disarray after the Biden affair. She had to little time to pull everyone together.

What did Kamala do with all the money she raised. I'm not saying anything criminal occurred, but the people who handled her air buys didn't get the bang for the buck she needed.

Kamala played the innocent, naive role way too many times. Even though he is a convicted felon and a pervert, people feel they can go to bed easily knowing if he had to push the button in the middle of the night they trust he would make the right decision.

Don't think for one minute that Donald will be going to jail. If you think he will be, I have a bridge in Brooklyn to sell you. That's the problem with politics in America today. . A Democrat is the same thing as a Republican. Both parties

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South American Burglary Gang Suspects Arrested in Mount Pleasant-Westchester



Jhonn Pulido Betancur is charged with burglary in the second degree. Photo courtesy of the Mount Pleasant Police Department

The Mount Pleasant Police arrested two men suspected of being part of a South American burglary ring targeting Indian and Chinese American households in New York and multiple other states.

Police arrested Johan Matallana-Gomez, 29, and Jhonn Pulido Betancur, 46, while perpetrating the burglary of a residence on Swanson Drive. One of the suspects is in the country illegally.

At approximately 8:08 p.m. on Friday, November 1, a resident called the police and reported hearing breaking glass coming from her neighbor's house. Mount Pleasant Police responded within minutes. Officer Lester soon discovered a broken rear window, and other officers swiftly set up a perimeter around the home.

At 8:15 p.m., Matallana-Gomez fled through a rear sliding door, and in a desperate escape maneuver, he vaulted a fence to a lower terraced yard, where he fractured his right ankle upon landing. Officers immediately apprehended him. Moments later, Pulido Betancur tried to escape by jumping from a second-floor deck, only to be swiftly tackled by Sergeant Mann, Officer Perucci, and Officer Fimmano.

Police Chief Paul Oliva noted that an accomplice likely fled the scene in a vehicle as police arrived, and the investigation remains ongoing.

"It was a fantastic job by patrol, and I am super proud of their quick response and professionalism," said Chief Oliva. "Unfortunately, we are not immune from the problems caused by an open border policy, but we will continue to do our job to protect the community."

Police discovered a Wi-Fi jammer brought by the duo and left in the residence when they fled. The jammer is used to disable security cameras and Wi-Fi connections. The investigation suggests these suspects may be connected to a broader criminal organization targeting families of Indian and Chinese descent. The victims fall into this category and the jammer is a tool that has been used by this particular burglary ring.

Police arraigned one suspect at police headquarters, and the other at Westchester Medical Center prior to undergoing surgery for his injuries. Both men have been charged with burglary in the second degree, a Class C felony. Matallana-Gomez remains in custody at the Westchester Medical Center and Betancur is currently remanded to the Westchester County Jail. Both men could be eligible for release this week due to the current bail legislation.

"On behalf of our entire community, I commend our Mount Pleasant Police Department for their swift and effective response to last night's burglary. Thanks to their professionalism and quick action, two dangerous individuals were taken off our streets, and our residents can feel safer knowing that our officers are vigilant and prepared," said Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi.

Derickson Lawrence Sentenced to 7 Years for Wire Fraud, But Continues to Declare His Innocence



Derickson Lawrence

Fintech CEO Takes Case to 4th Circuit Court of Appeals After Sowing the Record with New Evidence

Derickson Lawrence takes his case to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to appeal his conviction and sentence of 7 years and 3 months after being found guilty of 10 counts of wire fraud and 1 count of mail fraud in March of 2024.

At the time of conviction, the government had announced that Lawrence faced a maximum of twenty years for each count. On June 21, 2024, he fired his attorneys to self-represent.

Originally scheduled for sentencing on July 19, 2024, as pro se, Lawrence moved the Court through interlocutory proceedings and a couple of sentencing dates [During the post-conviction phase] until October 25, 2024. During that time he sowed the trial record with new evidence, and/or evidence not presented during trial.

MarketView Resources, Lawrence's former company provided vendor payments, ACH services, and enhanced card services to the unbanked from 2001-2019. "There's a lot of ink spilled to air the unproven details of the case (United States of America 'Eastern District of Virginia' v. Derickson Lawrence) in the press. But why (with their unlimited resources) engage in an insidious smear campaign against one man, already sentenced? The answer: To prejudice public sentiment and besmirch the thirty-year history of dedicated public service in the community. Perhaps this speaks to the strength of the case going forward," Lawrence speculated. "So we look forward to the appellate process and instead of reciprocating, we will rely on 'smooth stones' of the facts and evidence introduced in the first trial phase to guide the appellate review process," Lawrence said.

Lawrence, a humble servant of his community, who is not an attorney, will none the less lead his case through appellate review. Ultimately, this is about fundamental fairness (due process) which requires a meaningful opportunity to present a complete defense, not half a defense, and constitutionally guaranteed access to evidence."

Lawrence is a former congressional candidate for the NY 16th Congressional District, former Chair of Westchester County Crimestoppers, and former Chair of City of Mt. Vernon Charter Revision Commission.

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-Thomas Jefferson

On This Day in Yonkers History...



An early postcard of Wallace Lodge and the Park Hill Lake. The Park Hill Country Club was sold to the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions to be used as a rest home when the club closed. The Wallace Lodge later sold it back to the community, and now is the location of the Park Hill Racquet Club.

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, Chair of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, November 11th:

November 11, 1954: Elsie Nielsen, President of National Gold Star Mothers and Alice Kinsella, President of Yonkers Gold Star Mothers, dedicated plaques in memory of Yonkers servicemen who died during World War II and the Korean War. The plaques listed names of 525 Yonkers servicemembers who died during WWII, and the names of 36 Yonkers residents who lost their lives during the Korean police action.

More than 100 Gold Star Mothers attended this first Veterans Day commemoration.

November 14, 1926: Yonkers suit against the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions went to the Court of Appeals, Yonkers claimed it was owed back taxes for Wallace Lodge in Park Hill as it operated for profit, not for religious purposes.

Tuesday, November 12th

November 12, 1912: Gertrude Nelson Andrews conducted a class in public speaking and suffrage argument for the Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association. The class was taken by men and women who supported the right of women to vote!

November 12, 1934: Objections from local veterans caused German and Austrian veterans to be excluded from the 1934 Yonkers' Armistice Day parade; Peter Dauenheimer, Chairman of the Central Committee of German American Organizations, protested withdrawal of the invitation the night before the parade. The Central Veterans' Committee restricted parade participation to American veterans and members of the Allied Forces. Those voting to prevent Germans from marching thought it would be painful for our Gold Star mothers to see former German soldiers in the parade.

Dauenheimer reminded the committee President Roosevelt wanted veteran activities to perpetuate peace through "...mutual understanding and friendly relations with all other people."

Wednesday, November 13th:

November 13, 1892: NY Archbishop Michael Corrigan dedicated the new St. Mary's Church.

November 13, 1922: British novelist and critic Hugh Walpole spoke to a large audience in Philipsburgh Hall on "Books and Friendship." The lecture was arranged by the Lecture League of Yonkers; Walpole, considered by many to be the foremost English novelist, spoke with an unusual breadth of knowledge coupled with a keen sense of humor.

Thursday, November 14th:

November 14, 1942: City Manager William Walsh, announced his strong approval of Westchester County Executive Herbert Gerlach's order banning gambling in the County Center. When appointed City Manager, Walsh led an aggressive war against the Yonkers bingo syndicate to wipe out gambling in Yonkers.

November 14, 1942: Reverend Lynde May, Protestant Chaplain of the Yonkers Fire Department and Rector of St. Andrew's Memorial Episcopal Church, was sworn into the US Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Junior Grade.

May was the second Protestant minister to enter WWII military service; the first, Reverend Roland Traver, was Pastor of Warburton Avenue Baptist

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The Importance of Mental Health and Wellness for Law Enforcement

OP-ED by Keith Olson

Once again, tragedy has struck our Westchester community. In the early morning hours of October 16th, we were shocked to learn that retired NYPD Detective Sean O'Neill shot and killed his wife Arlene Connolly O'Neill, a fifth-grade school teacher, at their home in Yonkers. The retired police officer then turned the gun on himself in yet another murder-suicide involving a law enforcement officer, this time leaving three young sons behind. This horrific tragedy comes less than ten months after a Bronxville, NY police sergeant killed his wife and two young sons before taking his own life[1].

These two recent tragedies, both signs of the growing mental health crisis in law enforcement, beg a number of questions. The most basic, yet significant of these questions being "is the law enforcement community receiving the support they need to adequately address the mental health and wellness of their members?" As the current President of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester (APA), representing roughly 4,000 law enforcement officers in Westchester County and as a recently retired 34-year veteran of the Yonkers Police Department, I am sad to say that the answer to that question is a resounding "No."

Having been at the forefront of this discussion for more than a decade as the former President of the Yonkers PBA and the President of the APA I will say that law enforcement has made some strides in recognizing the importance of promoting both mental and physical health and wellness with their members. Some agencies have robust peer support systems and are actively trying to find ways to improve. Acknowledging that protecting the mental health and well-being of police officers is essential in keeping our communities safe, Congress passed the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) in 2018[2]. However, despite this progress, we have barely scratched the surface of truly tackling this important issue.

A recent study showed that a staggering 90% of police officers surveyed showed a reluctance to seek mental health help[3]. One of the prevailing reasons driving this reluctance is that far too often, officers feel that their career will suffer if they seek help, many fearing that they may even lose their job as a result. From my decades of experience in representing police officers, I can tell you unequivocally that this fear is legitimate. Far too many times I have seen situations throughout the county where officers sought the help they needed to address mental health issues, only to then feel abandoned by their own police departments and municipalities after admitting they needed help. We must do better with this. If we want our officers to come forward and seek the help they need, they must feel secure in knowing that their career will not be in jeopardy if they do so. In the law enforcement community, avoiding perceived career suicide can often lead to actual suicide.

Another situation we must begin to address is with the mental health of retired members of law enforcement. After experiencing decades of incredible trauma and stress on the job, frequently witnessing things no human being should ever have to witness, police officers retire and are often left to deal with the effects of this trauma on their own. Considering the extraordinarily high rate of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression experienced by police officers[4], it is a recipe for disaster to abandon our officers after they retire. We must build a system that provides our retirees the help they need to maintain their health and wellness. We must also build a network where peer support members can stay in contact with the retirees in order to check on them regularly and to keep them informed of available programs and services.

The discussion of improving the mental health and wellness of police officers should also include implementing thoughtful policies on how police respond to and follow up on traumatic incidents, building effective peer support systems with well trained volunteers, ensuring that the necessary psychological treatment is available to officers when they request it and much more.

In June of 2020, then New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed Executive Order 203 requiring each local government in NY State to adopt a policing reform plan that would maintain public safety while building trust and mutual respect between police and the communities they serve. We were told to "reimagine policing." Having personally served on the Yonkers Police Reform Committee I can tell you that our committee recognized the crucial connection between officer mental health and wellness and fair and effective policing. In every reform plan that I've read related to this executive order, and I've read many, maintaining the mental and physical health and wellness of police officers was listed as a priority. It is past time that our elected officials and high-ranking police leaders make this a top priority as well.

As we saw most recently on this heartbreaking early morning in Yonkers, the results of not getting our active or retired law enforcement officers the mental health help they need can be catastrophic. We have to do more. And when it comes to funding crucial wellness initiatives for police officers who risk their lives for our communities, the words "we cannot afford it" should not be uttered. The hard truth is that we cannot afford not to.

Keith Olson is the President of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester, and Founder & CEO of KO Solutions & Strategies LLC. He served as President of the Yonkers PBA.

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Vincent E. Spano, City Clerk, City of Yonkers, New York

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 52-2024

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THE YONKERS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT JOINT SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION ACT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance the cost of the preparation of design plans and specifications for capital projects to be undertaken pursuant to the Yonkers City School District Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Act.

The maximum amount of obligations to be issued is \$3,000,000.

The period of probable usefulness associated with the project is five (5) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

DATED: October 30, 2024

Yonkers, New York

CORPORATION NOTICE

CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:25 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following resolution, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY'S PLANNING BOARD TO NAME A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION STREET AT BLOCK: 4391, LOT: 435, ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 612 EAST GRASSY SPRAIN ROAD ("TOLL BROTHERS SUBDIVISION"), "VICTOR LANE," IN HONOR OF VICTOR OGLE, A YONKERS CITIZEN AND DECORATED WORLD WAR I VETERAN

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk, November 6, 2024

Notice of formation of Hampton Estate Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2024. 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, 35 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

5797 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, Owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0_3rOyDixjXc_ttIYGnZq?usp=share_link

5810 – Use & Area Variance – David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117)

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5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7,8, 9,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rmdP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing

5854 – Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of P and B Yonkers LLC, owner, on Premises known as 37-43 Post Street, Block: 158, Lots: 66 & 68, Zone: M (B31035) *Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CD_9e4Guj-ufCACfnF18U_5fJkkwC9wT?usp=sharing

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, Owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: G (B32874) * Adjourned

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5858 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini Associates, P.C., Esq., on behalf of 1098 Yonkers Avenue Corp. LLC, owner, on premises known as 1098 Yonkers Ave, Block: 6301, Lots: 15& 18, Zone: BA (B0024594) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YY3Lq7CPKYQ017996QBBynveYcCwza0C?usp=sharing>

5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMeLZGYwbaUBYOPlzH?usp=sharing

#5863 – Area Variance- Nicolas Zapata, RA on behalf of Carmen Tejada owners of Premises know as 43 Moultrie Avenue, Block 3130, Lot:11, Zone T (B0033416) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xjs3vQ4v_KnrFVa5ciJ3GsJUmkIGH3h9?usp=sharing

#5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvmzVMblrm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

#5865 – Area Variance – Janet J. Giris, Esq., on behalf of NY Riverview Properties LLC, Owner, On premises known as 105-111 Vineyard Avenue, Block:2170 Lot: 72.77 & 71 Zone: M(B0034840) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1buGzAfKc2sGOWCz4kaXko13yEFQXzkbW?usp=sharing>

#5867 – Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 221-223 Buena Vista Ave, Block: 172, Lot: 92 & 94.98 (B0035075) Zone: UR-LD, Two Twenty One Vista Group LLC owner, on premises know as 221 Buena Vista Ave <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F1m-R-0c-gBFiMzvD3FNmtZIP7EDj1mO?usp=sharing>

#5868 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of 221 Lake Ave, Block: 2179, Lot:02 Zone: A&I District; 22 Lake Partners LLC owner, on premises know as 222 Lake Ave * Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mf7O9_0k71Ctg3VjstKmCYFc2p9cjld?usp=sharing

NEW HEARINGS

#5852 - Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 94 St. Andrews Place, Block: 133, Lot: 3 (B0033786) Zone: A, Pleasure Home Improvement LLC owner, on premises know as 94 St. Andrews Place. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-WAnk-6N6D-BLNUSRFplEp6VBcZd6V80?usp=sharing>

#5869 – Area Variance - T&N Home Solutions LLC Regina Parker on behalf of 152 Hawthorne Ave, Block:175, Lots 16.17 (B0034021) Zone :A, on the premises know as 152 Hawthorne Avenue owner Nicholas Satchel https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HcshqQg13HNBB2_hVJlckAr1cmXM0o4H?usp=sharing

#5870 – Area Variance – Cristian Hernandez on behalf of 105 Ridgewood Avenue, Block: 6335, Lot:20 (B0034666) Zone:S-50 ; Khaled Awwad owner, on premises know as 105 Ridgewood Avenue. https://drive.google.com/drive/folder/s/1HsjnBOsXe6vhUxrKFTHGptkneGt_d7A?usp=sharing

#5871 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of AMS Estates LLC, Block:3078, Lot:1 (B0034832) Zone S-50, on premises know as 154 Hillside Ave aka 350 Roberts Ave <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lxvsM9I8jg0tVwjDpyv2BdcA0Yqhltoy?usp=sharing>

#5872 – Area Variance – Ellen Theg, on behalf of Groundwork Hudson Valley Inc., owner, on premises known as 8 Orchard Street, Block:2075, Lot:13 (B0035484) Zone :MG https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HXO5IJTIPIqXlxAlQZcau2pHTBCNc_SO?usp=sharing

#5873- Area Variance- Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use - Nick Faustini, Architect, on behalf of 148-158 Ludlow St. Corp. ,owner, On premises known as 148 Ludlow Street,Block:165,Lot:12,(B202101347)Zone:I https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o98Rq5rr-geGQr2l-16SP7g3GbfqYZK_?usp=sharing

Maria Regina Students Give Back on All Saints Day Lawler and Latimer Elected to Congress

“Being able to get together with other girls from the Maria Regina High School community and create new memories with each other while doing works of service was truly a blessing,” reported senior Morgan Avelli of the Bronx. She was among all of the 486 students of the renowned all-girls Catholic high school who recently participated in an unprecedented program of fulfilling the meaning of service of helping those in need—in their local communities as well as overseas—with a wide range of hands-on activities during All Saints Day—Day of Prayer and Service

This year’s campaign built on Maria Regina’s inaugural All Saints Day- Day of Prayer and Service four years ago, a post-Covid pandemic initiative that was designed to re-engage students in service work with opportunities that had been interrupted during the crisis.

But, “this year’s expanded program of service opportunities was nothing short of breathtaking in its range and scope,” declared Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of ’99) Principal, adding: “Our students were inspired to think outside the box and build upon long standing traditions, further enhancing their

impressive contributions to a variety of meaningful causes.”

Among the highlights of the special day were five service trips that students took to help support essential community causes in the region. They included:

- HOPE (an acronym for ‘Help Our People Eat) Food Kitchen in New Rochelle, one of the largest in Westchester that serves more than 100 nutritious meals a night. The students assembled care packages, learned about local food insecurity, and the importance of community outreach in supporting nonprofits like HOPE.

- The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester that addresses the clothing needs for children and teens in Westchester. A contingent of Maria Regina students lent a helping hand in sorting and preparing the donated clothing for distribution to families in need.

- GiGi’s Playhouse Westchester in Ardsley whose mission is to change the “way the world views Down syndrome and to send a message of acceptance and hope.” In that regard, students met with the directors of the nonprofit to create a video to raise awareness and understanding of the genetic disorder that causes developmental and intellectual delays.

- Hillside Food Outreach in Mt. Kisco which provides nutritious food for homebound individuals in the community who are chronically ill and disabled. A group of freshmen helped brighten the day for 750 homebound individuals served by Hillside Food Pantry by creating colorful artwork for the placemats they use when they eat their meals.

- Topfield Equestrian Center in Cold Spring which provides therapeutic interactions with horses for children, teens and adults experiencing physical, psychological and behavioral challenges. Morgan Avelli, who was among the seniors who assisted with the stables and learned all about the benefits of equine therapy, noted: “I was so grateful that we were allowed to meet some of the horses after we finished helping around the ranch. Service is so valuable because it brings people together and makes connections.”

Reflecting the need to help make a difference in the lives of other individuals across the globe, following the celebration of Mass on All Saints Day, students listened to an inspiring presentation by Alumna Moira G. Madonia (Class of ’72) of Mahwah, N.J., founder of Edpowerment, an organization that provides transformative educational support and programs dedicated to helping individuals in Tanzania, particularly the struggles that teenage girls face every day. Following the address, juniors proceeded to the dining hall to work with members of Casa de la Solidaridad where they crafted fabric pouches for feminine hygiene products to support the young women in Tanzania.

In addition to Madonia, Maria Regina students also heard inspiring addresses by guest speakers Brian Harrington, Senior Vice President of Advancement, Elizabeth Seton Children’s Center, Yonkers; Kiera O’Connor (Class of ’15) and Trena Yonkers Talz (P’28), both of the Bronx. Continuing a 29-year tradition of “500 feeding 500”, students also launched their annual Thanksgiving Drive, collecting turkeys and non-perishable food items for St. Peter’s St. Denis Parish in Yonkers.

The sophomore class helped Marilin Samuelian (Class of ’25) of Bronxville work towards her distinguished Girl Scout Gold Award by delivering 1,000 handmade holiday cards to the children at Elizabeth Seton Children’s Center, Yonkers, another Maria Regina tradition. The freshmen also participated by creating the cards to help spread holiday cheer to the young patients/residents.

Since the start of the new 2024-25 academic school year in September, the entire student body has been inspired to think of new ways to fulfill the Catholic meaning of service by Patrice McDermott, the new Associate Director of Catholic Mission and Outreach and Maryellen Laino, the newly promoted Director of Campus Ministry.

McDermott, who previously helped orphaned children in Honduras and also saw the effects of poverty on the young elsewhere, tells Maria Regina students: “We have so much that is sometimes taken for granted. In Peru, I saw kids who looked in garbage cans for their next meal. Find a cause that is close at home to support and bring your best self to it whether it’s a nursing home, hospital or food pantry.”

McDermott added: “Our hope with this effort is that a seed will be planted with the students, that they will go home and talk about it with their family and friends which will hopefully help their good deeds to thrive and spread.

Principal Carozza-McCaffrey summed up the significance of the high bar of giving back that the students raised for themselves and the Maria Regina family: “Keeping with our school’s mission to live a life of charity, truth and service to others, this day was just one example of how our students are changemakers and committed to bringing God’s love to those in need and transforming lives through their actions.”

Congressman Mike Lawler and Congressman-elect George Latimer will serve the people of Westchester County in Washington, D.C., for the next two years after both won the election on Nov. 5.

Lawler defeated former Congressman Mondaire Jones, 51%-44% (with 2% for Anthony Frascione and 3% not voting for Congress) in the 17-Congressional district of N.Y. In contrast, Latimer defeated Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser, 66%-26%, with (7.5% not voting for Congress) in the 16th Congressional District.

Latimer’s supporters were calling his victory a landslide. They said it added to his unbroken record of electoral victories, including defeating Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a nasty Democratic primary in June.

Latimer’s record of electoral success in Westchester is unmatched (he has yet to be defeated in his races for County Legislator, Assemblyman, State Senator, County Executive, and now Congress).

“Congratulations goes out to Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who will become New York’s 16th Congressional District’s next representative after defeating candidate Miriam Flisser last night, winning the seat after ousting a top progressive incumbent in the primary earlier this year. Mr. Latimer has always been good to veterans, veteran issues, and especially the Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW. Good luck, sir, and we know that you will represent us well down in Washington.”

Some Republicans questioned the decision to nominate Levitt-Flisser to run against him. “I want to congratulate Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety on getting Republicans to run for state senate, assembly, and Congress. My only question is, why did he endorse Miriam Leavit-Flisser for Congress for the second time? Two years ago, she lost to Jamaal Bowman by 30 points; this year, she lost to Latimer by 35. She raised no money in either race and attracted no support or enthusiasm. I understand how reluctant some Republicans might be to run against Latimer in this district, but I think we could have done better,” said one Yonkers Republican.

Latimer’s victory is a testament to his grassroots campaign, his clear commitment to Democratic priorities, and his proven track record of delivering accurate progressive results. Driven by his commitment to leading on issues like women’s right to choose, voting rights, the economy, affordable housing, and sustainable infrastructure, Latimer hopes to bring new energy and his real-world experience to Washington, fighting for all of NY-16.

During his remarks on election night in White Plains, Latimer expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to his supporters. “The people of Westchester and the Bronx have spoken, and I am honored to be your Congressman-elect. Thank you so much to those who volunteered, knocked on doors, phone banked, and joined me on a train. I look forward to fighting relentlessly for every resident of this district.

“Tonight marks a turning point in American history. Extreme views on both sides are all anyone hears, and people are upset enough to want to do away with democracy. My mission in Washington will be to move past the extreme rhetoric and work to produce real results,” said NY-16 Congressman-elect George Latimer.

“Thank you to my family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and campaign for your hard work. I am honored and humbled to be your congressman-elect, and I look forward to fighting relentlessly for every district resident.”

Congressman Mike Lawler thanked his supporters on election night in Rockland County. “What an absolute ass-kicking,” said Lawler, highlighting his obsession with everything Michael Jackson. Folks, tonight the Hudson Valley told Mondaire Jones to beat it!” Jones defeated Lawler in Westchester, 55%-43%, but Lawler won decisively in Rockland and Putnam counties. The \$42 million in campaign spending on both sides of this contest makes it the most expensive in Westchester.

A third-party candidate, Anthony Frascione, got 2% or 5,200 votes. Frascione ran on the Working Families Party line after defeating Jones in the WFP Primary in June. The WFP leadership called Frascione a spoiler candidate funded by Lawler and told its voters to vote for Jones on the democratic line. Jones’s campaign faltered after he endorsed Latimer over Bowman for Congress in NY-16. That move angered progressive Democrats, and media reports have questioned Jones’s campaign tactics. The other question answered by Lawler’s victory was who was more unpopular in NY-17, AOC, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, or President Donald Trump? Lawler’s campaign and supporters blasted a T.V. spot heard thousands of times by those of us in the district, with AOC shrieking, “The pride of New York right now, Mondaire Jones.”

Jones’ campaign and supporters blasted a T.V. spot where President Trump said good things about Lawler. Jones’s campaign and supporters also relentlessly tied Lawler to the fight to “outlaw abortion” in hundreds of mailings all of us in the district received. Lawler’s supporters countered with T.V. ads using Jones’ own words to “defund the police.” When Jones tried to explain those comments, saying he said them when he was young, Lawler’s supporters hit the air with another ad that pointed out that Jones was in Congress 4 years ago when he said them.

Jones was elected to Congress in 2020, taking Nita Lowey’s Westchester congressional seat. He defeated Maureen McCardle-Schulman, 60%-35%. President Joe Biden won the district that year by 10 points. Four years later, Jones could not repeat his winning ways. Part of the reason is that. Trump got 44% of the vote in New York, up from 38% four years ago. Another statewide race where Republicans did better but did not win was for the U.S. Senate. Democrat Senator Kirsten Gillibrand got 58.4%. Six years ago, she got 67%.

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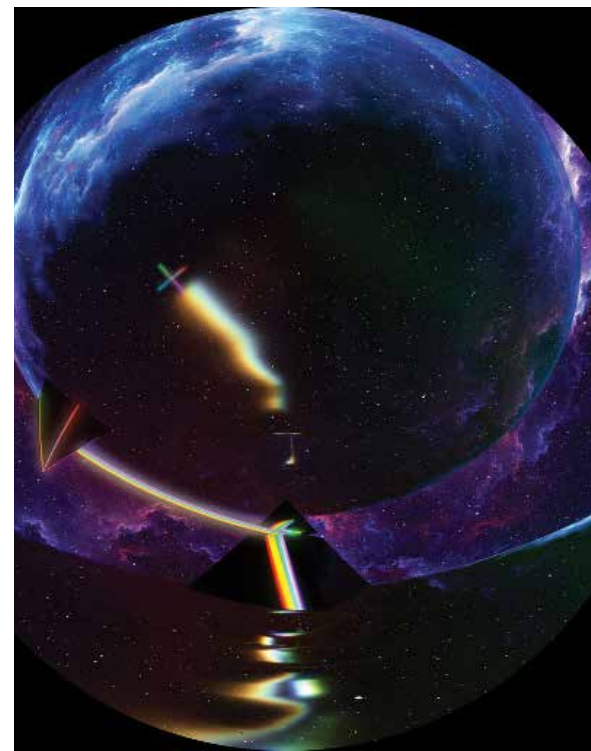
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On Friday, November 15, at 7pm, Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pink Floyd's iconic album The Dark Side of the Moon with an immersive full-dome planetarium show. Production of Pink Floyd's official The Dark Side of the Moon planetarium show has been led by the award-winning UK production studio NSC Creative, working closely with Pink Floyd's long-time creative collaborator Aubrey Powell from Hipgnosis. Tickets: \$20; Members \$15; includes general admission. Recommended for ages 10+; 42-minute show. Advance reservations are encouraged. Visit HRM.org to learn more

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DEC Declares Drought Watch for Westchester & Putnam Counties

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today declared a drought watch for 15 New York counties because of a significant shortage of rainfall and declining levels of streamflow and ground water. Following the declaration, DEC briefed the State Drought Management Task Force and federal partner agencies. New York State is encouraging residents in affected counties, particularly those dependent on private groundwater wells, to conserve water whenever possible during the coming weeks.

DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar said, "Recent unseasonably warm weather and lack of precipitation have led to dry conditions for many counties in New York, resulting in some downstate areas being put under drought watch. Local water restrictions and educating residents about how to help conserve our water resources are crucial steps to help prevent a more severe shortage until conditions improve."

The counties under drought watch are Bronx, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Kings, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. A watch is the first of four levels of State drought advisories, which are watch, warning, emergency, and disaster. No mandatory restrictions are in place under a state Drought Watch.

New York City today also issued a citywide drought watch after a historic lack of precipitation, ordering city agencies to update water conservation plans and prepare to implement them, and urging the public to help conserve water. Conserving water will slow the depletion rate of the stored water in the city's reservoirs and can potentially postpone or eliminate the threat of a serious shortage.

To protect water resources, homeowners in regions under drought watch are encouraged to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and follow these tips:

Water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration;

Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants;

Raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier with stronger roots and needs less water;

Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks; and

Fix leaking pipes, hoses, and faucets.

New York State continues to encourage New Yorkers and visitors to follow the recommendations below to reduce the risk of wildfires. The Catskills, Hudson Valley, and Long Island are currently at high risk for fires. Any outdoor fire can spread quickly, especially if the wind picks up. It is illegal to burn leaves anywhere in New York State. Brush of a certain size may be burned. See the burning regulations for details.

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Due to the dry conditions an open fire ban has been issued for Westchester County Parks effective immediately.

The wooded environment in the parks, including camping sites and remote areas have an increased risk of fire due to the significant shortage of rainfall this season. While this ban is in effect, charcoal and propane fires will only be permitted for cooking in permanently fixed grills in the parks.

Safety tips on the open fire ban and drought watch include:

Where camp fires are permitted, limit their size and never leave one unattended. Make sure it has been fully extinguished before leaving a campsite.

The burning of tree limbs or other organic debris is not permitted while the burn ban is in effect. Safely dispose of any charcoal used in a grill or ashes from wood burned in a fireplace.

Extinguish cigarettes and other lightened materials safely and do not drop them in any wooded or grassy area. If you observe any smoke or small fire in any park or wooded area, please call 911 immediately so it can be quickly contained.

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ral experience make him a fitting successor to continue the ministry and lead the congregation with a new and exciting vision.

In his role, Rev. Dr. Cole aims to build on the strong foundation laid by his predecessor, fostering a spirit of unity, outreach, and spiritual growth within the church and the broader Yonkers community. He is passionate about creating inclusive spaces where all individuals can experience the love and grace of God.

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- (2) Wearing a face covering for a religious purpose;
- (3) Lawfully engaging in trade and employment or in a sporting activity where a mask is worn for the purpose of ensuring the physical safety of the wearer or because of the nature of the occupation, trade, profession, or sporting activity;
- (4) Using a mask in a theatrical production, including use in Mardi gras celebrations and masquerade balls;
- (5) Wearing a face covering to protect the wearer from the elements while participating in a weather affected activity, including a winter sporting event;
- (6) Wearing a gas mask prescribed in emergency management drills and exercises or emergencies;
- (7) Wearing a mask for the purpose of complying with the guidance of any health care agency or health care provider or to otherwise protect against the spread of infectious diseases; or
- (8) Lawfully engaged in First Amendment activities.

The purposed of the proposed law would be to address safety concerns related to the wearing of face covers that cause the face to be so hidden, concealed, or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer, and to address safety concerns related to the wearing of face covers that cause the face to be so hidden, concealed, or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer.

Violators would face fines of \$250.

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work together for the 'public. Good?' or is it really the private good.

But as I Have said before ad nauseum in these papers,, people vote their pocket-books and their wallets. They ask themselves a simple question: are things any better financially for themselves over the last four year than the four years.before?

Bottom line is that everything from a Steak at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse to a 4 pack of premade jello selling for \$5 at a store in Mamaroneck, to a dirty water hot dog "some" by in Manhattan has gone up in price. People can't afford the basics because the cost of milk, bread and other foodstuffs has gone up in price.

If you didn't go out and vote on Election Day, if you don't take part in the political process, you get a Donald Trump as your President.

All we can do is pray that he can bring this country together and that Donald can restore our Great Country so we are the premiere power in The world. Give the man a chance and your prayers. God Bless America!

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Bring Holiday Cheer to Yonkers' Teachers' Aides



The Broadway Community Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families in Yonkers. We provide opportunities for senior citizens and children to continue their personal growth and development.

As founder of Broadway Community Center and a long-time employee at Westchester Hills' School 29 in Yonkers, I've witnessed firsthand the dedication of our Teachers' Aides. They work tirelessly to ensure children receive the education and care they deserve.

These Yonkers Teachers' Aides are doing a fantastic job caring for a large number of autistic and special-needs children. Despite their challenging work, they receive only minimum wage.

This holiday season, we're organizing a special event to bring joy to these deserving Aides In the District. We're hosting a Holiday Party and kindly request your support to put smiles on their faces.

Visit the GoFundMeLink below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/bring-holiday-cheer-to-yonkers-teachers-aides>

Rabies Alert: Rabid Raccoon Found in Tarrytown

The Westchester County Department of Health is notifying residents that a rabid raccoon was found acting aggressively on Thursday, October 31 near John Paulding School, 154 Broadway in Tarrytown. The raccoon, which was also seen near the Warner Library and Patriots Park, has tested positive for rabies.

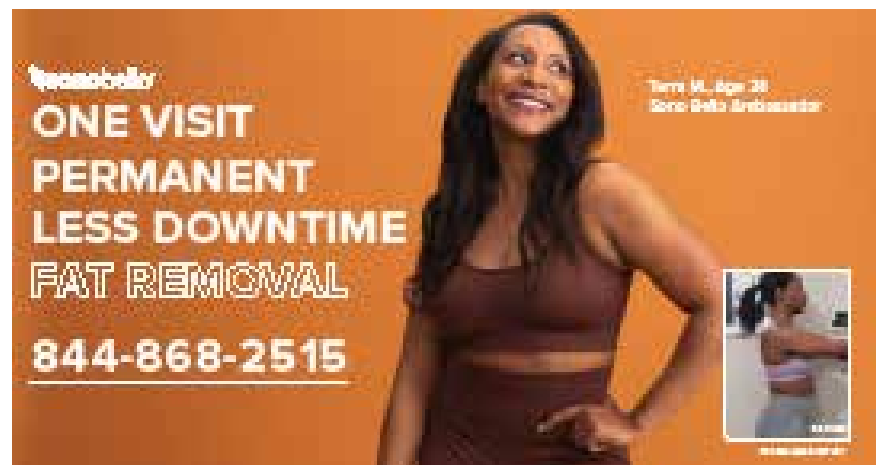
The County Health Department is alerting residents to call as soon as possible if they or a family member have had contact with a raccoon, so they can be evaluated for preventive rabies treatment. Residents can call the Health Department at (914) 813-5000, 24-hours a day.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Rabies is fatal, but it is also 100 percent preventable with post-exposure treatment. To avoid rabies, steer clear of wild animals and strays and teach your children not to approach or handle animals they don't know. Children should tell parents right away if they are bitten or scratched by any animal. It is also important to bat proof your home and keep your pets' rabies vaccinations up to date. Discourage wild animals from visiting your yard by securely covering trash cans, and keeping pet food and water indoors."

Unusual behavior may be the first sign of rabies in an animal. A rabid animal may become either abnormally aggressive or unusually tame. It may lose fear of people and become excited and irritable, or appear particularly passive and lethargic. Staggering and frothing at the mouth are sometimes noted.

Residents should never approach or have contact with a stray or wild animal. Residents who see a stray or wild animal acting strangely should alert local authorities immediately to avoid possible exposure to rabies. Any physical contact with a wild or unfamiliar animal should also be reported to a health care provider. All animal bites or contact with animals suspected of having rabies must be reported to the County Health Department.

Keeping pet rabies vaccinations up to date is also important for protection against rabies. New York State law requires dogs, cats and ferrets to be vaccinated against rabies and receive regular booster shots. For more information, go to www.westchestergov.com/health or call the RABIES INFOLINE at (914) 813-5010.



Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Overpass Renamed for Yonkers Police Detective Frank Gualdino

Hundreds gathered earlier on Tuckahoe Road at the Sprain Brook Parkway overpass as the community celebrated the renaming of the overpass in memory of Yonkers Police Detective Sergeant Frank Gualdino.

On December 1st, 2022, Detective Sergeant Frank Gualdino was killed in the line of duty in a head-on crash when an unlicensed 16-year-old speeding driver lost control of his vehicle and collided with Sergeant Gualdino's police vehicle while he was traveling on Tuckahoe Road. After a lengthy investigation, this driver was charged and arrested exactly one year ago today. This case was adjudicated in Family Court due to the driver's age.

After this tragic loss, plans were set in motion to memorialize the sacrifice of Detective Sergeant Gualdino. A bill to create this roadway dedication was ultimately signed by Governor Kathy Hochul earlier this year. The bill was primarily sponsored in the NYS Assembly by New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, and primarily sponsored in the State Senate by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, co-sponsored by New York State Senator Shelley Mayer. These members worked closely with local officials in Westchester County, including County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator James Nolan, who provided local support to enact this dedication. Resolutions to support this dedication were also made by Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers City Council.

"With this sign, it's an eternal thank you from the people of Yonkers," said Mayor Mike Spano. "We will never stop supporting our local police officers, who, like Det. Sgt. Gualdino put their uniforms on every day and protect and serve our City. This is a moment in our hearts to pause and celebrate his life every time we drive across this bridge."

"Even almost two years since his death, we still feel the void caused by the tragic loss of Detective Sergeant Gualdino," said Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. "When we lose an Officer in the line of duty, we vow to 'never forget.' This is the reason why we do memorials and dedications- we want our community to remember Frank every time they are on this bridge; his legacy, service, and sacrifice to our community will never be forgotten."

The NYS Department of Transportation placed memorial signs on both the northbound and southbound lanes of the Sprain Brook Parkway at the Tuckahoe Road overpass. The City of Yonkers installed memorial signs both eastbound and westbound on Tuckahoe Road at the overpass, which were created and installed by the Department of Public Works.

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elected Susan Cacace Westchester District Attorney.

The most competitive race was for Assembly in the 90th District, where Sayegh faced a spirited challenge from republican John Isaac. But the final tally had Sayegh defeating Isaac-56%-44%.

"I am proud and honored to announce that I have been overwhelming re-elected to New York State Assembly District 90 in a mandate! This election was a victory for all of Yonkers. The voters sent a strong message that they will not be fooled by the typical fear mongering playbook. I was proud of the campaign that I ran focusing on the issues that matter most- safety, quality of life, and funding for our beautiful and diverse communities.

"I would like to thank the labor unions, elected officials, and organizations that supported our campaign and made this victory possible. In addition, I would like to thank every donor and volunteer who played a crucial role in getting the message across to the voters.

"Thank you Yonkers and the voters of the 90th district for your faith in me," said Isaac.

Another important vote for Yonkers residents and all New Yorkers on Nov. 5 was the vote on Proposition One, which has strong support and opposition on both sides of the issue, and which was used by supporters as a way to ensure abortion rights in NY, while opponents said it could mean boys will be able to play in girls high school sports and illegal migrants would be given more rights and benefits. Prop One passed in Westchester, 68%-32%, and statewide 62%-38%.

A second proposition in Westchester, which would have extended the term of county legislators from 2 to 4 years, failed 57%-43%.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins was reelected by a 66%-34% margin over Khrris Kerr. "New Yorkers have once again re-elected one of the largest Democratic majorities in State Senate history. Today, with the passage of Proposition 1, New Yorkers have made their voices heard in a powerful call for abortion access, equal rights, and protections for all"....

State Senator Shelley Mayer was also reelected, defeating republican Tricia Lindsay, 62%-38%.

In the race for Westchester District Attorney, democrat Susan Cacace defeated republican John Sarcone, 64%-36%.

Five democratic candidates for State Supreme Court also cruised to election, beating the republican judicial candidates by 130,000 votes.

Yonkers IDA Votes Preliminary Approval of Incentives for 2 Redevelopment Project



Rendering of 325,335, and 337 South Broadway Yonkers

Urban Builders Planning to Develop a \$159.4 Million Multifamily Residential Building with 198 Affordable Units

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) has voted preliminary approval of financial incentives for two planned developments representing a total private investment of approximately \$162 million in private investment.

Urban Builders Collaborative of New York City is planning to build a \$159.4 million multifamily residential, mixed-use building on an assemblage of three lots at 325, 335 and 337 South Broadway, Yonkers. The project will feature 185 affordable studio, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom apartments.

Urban Builders is requesting sales tax exemption \$4,324,227 and mortgage tax exemption of \$1,106,700 and a 33-year real property tax exemption. The project is

expected to create 300 construction jobs with work to begin December 2025. The site currently consists of a city parking lot, a vacant commercial building and a 1-story commercial building.

The company has successfully developed 2,000 multifamily residential apartments with development costs over \$1 billion throughout New York City, New Jersey and Westchester County.

Gontar Management of Yonkers is requesting a sales tax exemption of \$88,235 to commence a \$2.6 million demolition of a site to prepare it for potential future redevelopment. The site is located on three separate parcels at 3 Prospect Street, 52 South Broadway and 47 South Broadway. The company's redevelopment plan would feature a mix of market-rate and affordable units with street-level retail along South Broadway.

Gontar Management LLC was founded in 1999 with a focus on affordable housing. The company grew from one small building in Queens, NY to over 16 properties in Westchester County that encompass over 150,000 square feet of residential and commercial space.

City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen Rejects Hochul's Hate

Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen released the statement below.

"Governor Hochul's recent comments labeling Republican supporters as 'anti-women' and 'anti-American' are not only misplaced but deeply divisive. It is disheartening to see a leader resort to rhetoric that seeks to pit citizens against one another rather than foster constructive dialogue.

"The Republican Party, including its supporters in Yonkers and throughout New York, stands firmly for the fundamental values of freedom, individual rights, and the empowerment of all women. We believe in policies that uplift families, promote economic opportunity, and ensure that every individual has the chance to succeed, regardless of their gender or background.

"It is critical that our elected officials focus on bridging divides and addressing the real concerns facing our communities, rather than engaging in baseless attacks. We invite the Governor to join us in a conversation rooted in respect and understanding, as we work together to build a brighter future for all New Yorkers.

Hochul made the comments on MSNBC. "If you're voting for these Republicans in New York, you are voting for someone who supports Donald Trump and you're anti-woman, you're anti-abortion, and basically, you're anti-American because you have just trashed American values and what our country is about over and over and you wear this on Election Day."

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Book Buddies, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come into one of our animal enclosures and encourage your child to read in a unique atmosphere. Bring your favorite books or pick from our collection! Also: Nov. 23; Dec. 21. Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-buddies-program-at-muscote-farm-tickets-1009763037427?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ecotherapy, also called nature therapy, focuses on improving mental and physical well-being through outdoor activities. We will walk through different areas of Lasdon to explore and experience nature and its benefits up close. Be prepared to walk; wear comfortable clothing and shoes; rain or shine. Pre-register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/ecotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-2/2024-11-09/>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Day of the Living Shoreline, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tour a very cool project that involves the creation of a living reef. We'll observe structures, planting sites and sandy substrates.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050 Quilltop: A Literary Club, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Do you have a hard time committing to a book club or working on your writing? This club lets you bring your own book or writing while enjoying the picturesque hills of the farm. Quilltop meets on the second Saturday of every month on the hill behind the farm stand. All ages and abilities are welcome. Also: Dec. 14.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2/2024-11-09/>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Inspired by the Preserve, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Poet/artist Dave Donelson will read his poem Sestina of the Quarrymen, then lead a hike to spots in the preserve to discuss how they inspired scenes in the mural he created that's now on display in the nature center.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Bamboo Again!, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.. Let's explore and harvest some bamboo to see how it thrives before the cold of wintertime. We'll look at the inside and outside makings of these grasses.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Canoe Burn, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.. All ages can learn about and witness the burning of the Tuliptree canoe—a traditional Lenape practice of creating canoes using fire. Stop in at any point to experience this great outdoor demonstration!

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. How to Think Like a Tracker, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tracking skills open up the world of nature like nothing else. We'll investigate nearby fields and forests through the eyes of birds, mammals, reptiles and more. Discover how the landscape influences animals and how animals influence the landscape.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. A gentle discovery of the amazing benefits of a yoga practice. \$25 through \$180. Also: Nov. 10, 17, 24. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2024-11-10/>

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

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17. Get details <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/farmers-market-information.html>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Naturalist Choice Hike, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hiking shoes are recommended when you join our naturalist for a guided, 2-mile hike around the preserve.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-11-10/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Trail of Honor, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. The Trail of Honor is a tranquil, one-third-mile wooded walk that's a series of sculptures that represent every major American military conflict dating from the American Revolution to today. Free. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/trail-of-honor-tour/2024-11-10/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Trees of Lasdon Arboretum, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come for a late-fall stroll through our gardens and arboretum. Look for fall fruits and berries! Meet at the upper parking lot kiosk. Free. Pre-register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/trees-of-lasdon-arboretum/>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Explore the hidden worlds around us through the power of microscopes!

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Atten-hut! Veterans Day for Children, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. In honor of Veterans Day, children will decorate their very own military-style dog tag and then wear it during a special hands-on tour of the Veterans Museum. \$5. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/atten-hut-veterans-day-for-children/>

County Legislator, Assemblyman, State Senator, County Executive, and now Congress).

“Congratulations goes out to Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who will become New York’s 16th Congressional District’s next representative after defeating candidate Miriam Flisser last night, winning the seat after ousting a top progressive incumbent in the primary earlier this year. Mr. Latimer has always been good to veterans, veteran issues, and especially the Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW. Good luck, sir, and we know that you will represent us well down in Washington.”

Some Republicans questioned the decision to nominate Levit-Flisser to run against him. “I want to congratulate Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety on getting Republicans to run for state senate, assembly, and Congress. My only question is, why did he endorse Miriam Leavit-Flisser for Congress for the second time? Two years ago, she lost to Jamaal Bowman by 30 points; this year, she lost to Latimer by 35. She raised no money in either race and attracted no support or enthusiasm. I understand how reluctant some Republicans might be to run against Latimer in this district, but I think we could have done better,” said one Yonkers Republican.

Latimer’s victory is a testament to his grassroots campaign, his clear commitment to Democratic priorities, and his proven track record of delivering accurate progressive results. Driven by his commitment to leading on issues like women’s right to choose, voting rights, the economy, affordable housing, and sustainable infrastructure, Latimer hopes to bring new energy and his real-world experience to Washington, fighting for all of NY-16.

During his remarks on election night in White Plains, Latimer expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to his supporters. “The people of Westchester and the Bronx have spoken, and I am honored to be your Congressman-elect. Thank you so much to those who volunteered, knocked on doors, phone banked, and joined me on a train. I look forward to fighting relentlessly for every resident of this district.

“Tonight marks a turning point in American history. Extreme views on both sides are all anyone hears, and people are upset enough to want to do away with democracy. My mission in Washington will be to move past the extreme rhetoric and work to produce real results,” said NY-16 Congressman-elect George Latimer.

“Thank you to my family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and campaign for your hard work. I am honored and humbled to be your congressman-elect, and I look forward to fighting relentlessly for every district resident.”

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Eastchester Teacher Arrested, Charged with Sextortion Crimes Against Teenage Student



Thomas Puccini, 28, left was arrested for sextortion crimes against an Eastchester teenage student.

DA Mimi Rocah is asking any other victims to come forward

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah is urging any possible victims of the Eastchester school district athletic director, who was arrested and charged in connection with allegedly extorting a teenager to send sexually explicit images and videos, to contact the DA’s Office or police.

DA Rocah said: “Pressuring and threatening people for content that is sexual in nature, also known as ‘sextortion,’ is increasingly directed at our youth and is a crime. Anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other possible victims of this defendant should contact the DA’s Office at (914)995-TIPS (8546). My Office is on standby to offer support and assistance to victims and families while our investigation continues.”

The defendant, Thomas James Puccini, 28, employed by the Eastchester Union Free School District as the Interim Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, was arrested on Nov. 1 by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and arraigned before Judge Lynette Spaulding on the felony charge of grand larceny in the fourth degree in White Plains City Court.

As the charge is not bail eligible in New York, the defendant was released on his own recognizance and is due in Eastchester Town Court on Nov. 6.

According to the felony complaint, the defendant obtained images and videos of a sexual nature from a teen, starting when the victim was 17 years old, by threatening to expose confidential information about the victim. The communications allegedly occurred between November 2021 and November 2023 on the social media platform Snapchat and CashApp, a mobile payment service.

The Westchester County District Attorney’s Office’s Cyber Crimes Bureau and High Technology Crimes Squad conducted the investigation after the victim filed a report with the Eastchester Police Department, who referred the

case to the DA’s Office.

Anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other possible victims of the defendant can contact the DA’s Office at (914) 995-TIPS (8477) - press no. 6. Language assistance is available.

Puccini is a 2014 graduate of Eastchester High School. He was named interim Athletic Director of the Eastchester school district in July of 2024.

Puccini has been placed on administrative leave and is not permitted on district property.

Eastchester School District Superintendent Ronald D. Valenti sent out the following letter to parents.

Dear Members of the Eastchester School Community:

Earlier today, the Superintendent’s Office received notification that a District employee was arrested off District premises. Although the District is unable to comment on specific personnel matters, the District’s practice in such circumstances is to immediately place an employee on administrative leave pending a District investigation. During such reassignment, the employee is not permitted on District property.

As this is both a personnel and legal matter, we are unable to provide any additional information at this time; however, we wish to assure our families that the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Valenti, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Media reports say that prosecutors believe that Puccini may have more young victims and that he was arrested at the Westchester County Airport. on Nov. 1.

Puccini’s LinkedIn page has his appointment to interim Director of Physical Education in July and receiving tenure in June. His other listed position for the school district and the town include camp director.

Which has parents concerned.

“The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known.”
— Pete Seeger

The Night America Became Great Again, continued from pg 1-

jobs that they had dedicated over 3 years of their lives to achieving. They had all rented or bought housing in D.C. or nearby in Georgetown. Reservations had been made at 5-star hotels in Washington DC for the PARTY.

They knew the fix was in. Every poll and every media outlet except Fox News and Drudge was in the tank for Kamala and against Trump. ABC had supplied Kamala with the debate questions in advance. Every media pundit and many polls had Kamala with an overwhelming lead. Then, in a few short days, the odds in Las Vegas started to favor Trump while Harris and her campaign team prepared iced the champagne.

And within 5 short hours on election night, it all came crashing down. It finally started to crumble, one by one, the states that would elect our next President: Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona. The working class had been overlooked and trampled on far too long. On November 5, 2024, we all got up to our feet and rose up against our oppressors and the rest of the nation, from coast to coast.

We fought back against our jobs being shipped overseas while our towns filled with illegal migrants got everything and Americans got nothing. We fought back against a system in which we could go to jail while the elites could violate the law and still stroll through a Presidential election. We fought, we took to voting boots and we won!!

This wasn't a vote. It was an uprising. We were ordinary men and women chipping away at the Berlin Wall. Who were these people? They were us! Left-overs and flyover country.

We don't have bachelor's degrees, and most of us never set foot in a Starbucks. We are the working class of America. They said we had the wrong ideas, the wrong clothes and the ridiculous values that we all shared.

They were wrong about everything. Illegal immigration? They thought it was here to stay. But our daughters who are afraid of being murdered by the "unaccompanied illegals" when they go to work in NYC, they came out and voted.

The politicians and pundits had talked of getting us to adapt to the inevitable future, boys participating in woman sports, men using women's bathrooms. But instead, we got in our pickup trucks and cars and drove out to vote. And we, the patriots of America, changed everything.

Americans were told that walls couldn't be built, and factories couldn't be opened. That treaties couldn't be unsigned, and wars couldn't be won. It was impossible to ban terrorists from coming to America or to deport the illegal aliens turning towns and cities into gangland territories.

It was all impossible. But 71.7 million Americans did the impossible. They turned the world upside down. It's morning in America again. But CNN is weeping. MSNBC is wailing. ABC calls it a tantrum. NBC damns it. It wasn't supposed to happen. The same machine that crushed the American people for four straight years, the mass of government, corporations and non-profits that ran the country, was set to win.

Instead, the people stood in front of the machine. They went to vote even though they were told it was useless. They mailed in their absentee ballots even while Kamala Harris was planning her fireworks victory celebration. They looked at the empty factories and barren farms. They drove through the early cold. They waited in line. They came home to their children to tell them that they had done their best for their future. They bet on America. And they won.

Some of us have been working for more than 30 years to tell the American people that these trade deals have not only destroyed the very fabric of the great American economy, it also played an important role in deteriorating our Global Eco-System. Western civilization stood by, did nothing, all in pursuit of the almighty dollar, while our home and our planet has slowly been deteriorating.

Now we can rebuild and in time the world may be a better place again, if not for us, for our children.

Congratulations Mr. President! But more importantly, a thank you goes out to our Heavenly Father and his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for sparing Trump's life, not once....but twice!

Frank Spotorno was the Republican and Conservative party candidate for Congress in NY-14 in 2016. He is the co-founder of Bring our Jobs Home.

Somers Teen Mourned as the First Illegal Migrant Murder Victim in Westchester

Help Christina and Matthew Overcome Tragedy-GoFundMe Account Reaches \$160,000

By Dan Murphy

The northern Westchester and Putnam County communities are mourning the murder of 15 year old Michael Raimondi, who died from gunshot wounds on October 28 at his home in Baldwin Place-Somers, and are shocked at the incident and the shooter, 40 year old Fernando Jimenez, who was an illegal resident of the US.

ICE has confirmed to us that Jimenez was an illegal resident of Westchester County when he shot his ex-girlfriend, Christina Raimondi, and her two sons, Michael and Matthew.

Shortly after the shooting, the grandparents of Michael and Matthew were notified and sped to the complex on Route 6. The shooter was still at the scene, and pointed his gun at the grandparents before escaping into the night.

One day later Jimenez was caught in Putnam Valley. Shortly after his arrest, ICE reported on their history with him. We received the following email from ICE, "Fernando Andres Jimenez Meza is a 40-year-old unlawfully present citizen of Chile who entered the United States on an unknown date and location without inspection, admission or parole by an immigration official. U.S. Border Patrol encountered him at or near Tecate, Calif., Aug. 11, 2004, and during this encounter, he claimed to be to be Erik Melendez-Arellano from Mexico, after which he was voluntarily returned to Mexico. Jimenez unlawfully reentered the United States at some point after that encounter.

"ERO New York City lodged an immigration detainer with Westchester County Jail, Oct. 30, where Jimenez is currently being held on local charges. Regardless of nationality, ICE makes custody determinations on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with U.S. law and U.S. Department of Homeland Security policy, considering the circumstances of each case. ERO officers make decisions on associated enforcement actions and apply prosecutorial discretion in a responsible manner, informed by their experience as law enforcement professionals and in a way that best protects the communities we serve.

"Noncitizens who are apprehended by ICE have their case reviewed by an ICE officer to determine their custody status. Noncitizens subject to mandatory detention are placed in ICE detention facilities, while those who are released constitute ERO's non-detained docket. ICE officers weigh a variety of factors when making general custody determinations, including criminal record, immigration history, community ties, flight risk, and whether the individual poses a potential threat to public safety or national security," said an ICE spokesperson.

Jimenez's whereabouts are not known to law enforcement until 2018, when he was arrested in Yonkers for DWI. He was released after receiving a \$500 fine. Media reports also have Jimenez being charged with assault also in 2018.

A vigil was held in Somers to mourn the death of Michael Raimondi, a student at Somers High School. A GoFundMe page has been set up for the Raimondi family, and has already raised \$166,000 to date. www.gofundme.com/f/help-christina-and-matthew-overcome-tragedy?

"We're reaching out during a moment of profound heartbreak on behalf of Christina and her two beloved sons, Matthew and Michael. Recently, this family endured a devastating domestic violence incident. Michael, a cherished 15-year-old son and brother, tragically lost his life, and now Christina and Matthew are both in critical condition. As Christina fights for her life, she faces the unimaginable reality of having to bury her child. Their road to recovery will be long, arduous, and filled with immense challenges.

"Christina is a loving, devoted mother who has always put her family above all else. Matthew, her surviving son, is a bright, kindhearted young soul who brings warmth to everyone around him. Together, they've shown remarkable strength and resilience, but they cannot face this alone.

"Your generosity, in any amount, will go directly towards their medical care, therapy, funeral arrangements, and the support they need to start healing. Please, let's come together to show them that they are not alone—that we're here for them in this fight," states the GoFundMe page.

Assemblyman Matt Slater said, "The horrific murder of a high school student in my district is just more proof that we need to repeal New York's and Westchester's sanctuary policies."

Congressman Mike Lawler said, "The horrific killing in Somers of a high school child by an illegal immigrant is a story that's been repeated across the nation far too many times."

Jimenez was charged with 2nd degree murder, two counts of 2nd degree attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon.

Both Michael and Matthew were Westchester County Police Cadets. "Our Westchester County Police Cadet, Michael Raimondi, was killed in a tragic domestic violence incident yesterday in Somers, NY that also left his mother, Christina, and brother, Matthew, also one of our Cadets, in critical condition, fighting for their lives. The suspect was captured by police. Please keep them in your prayers and please, if you can find it in your hearts to donate to the family, that would be greatly appreciated!"

This is the first time that a violent criminal offense resulting in death, has occurred in Westchester County.

Due to a lack of cooperation between Westchester County law enforcement and ICE, ICE will have to make an application with a Judge to get custody of the murder suspect, who has reportedly confessed to the crime.

Christina Raimondi is recovering while Matthew is still in serious condition.

Editor's Note: County Exec-Congressman-elect Latimer and several Westchester republicans differ on whether the Westchester County Immigrant Protection Act makes Westchester less safe. Both sides of this issue next week.

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A Celebration of Joe Cotter's Life



On October 25, Joseph Cotter, one of the region's most successful and prolific real estate developers, passed away suddenly in New York City. Joe, at 66, accomplished so much, developing visionary projects in places and communities that he believed in.

On Saturday, November 9th, a Memorial will be held to honor the tremendous impact that Joe's life has had on his industry and the region.

The Memorial will be held at 10 AM at the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, 463 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers.

This celebration will be held outdoors in a tent. Please wear appropriate footwear and outerwear.

New Yonkers Planning & Development Commissioner Carolina Fonseca Sworn In



An official welcome to Yonkers for Carolina Fonseca, our newest Commissioner of Planning and Development. "She impressed us so much during her interview process, I knew she could help raise the bar in Yonkers. Welcome, Commissioner," said Mayor Mike Spano.

Commissioner Fonseca joins the City of Yonkers with 27 years of experience, collaborating on diverse projects for municipalities and both national & international commercial clients. Notably, she created the design concept for municipal projects including the Tuckahoe Public Library renovation, Tuckahoe Depot Square Plaza and hospital renovations. Commissioner Fonseca holds a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture & Urban Planning from Braz Cubas University.

Cardinal Dolan Visits Annunciation Church



Last month, students at Annunciation School in Crestwood served alongside Cardinal Dolan to celebrate the nuptials of Mary Kilduff (Class of 2009). It was a special day for our Annunciation community!

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