

Assembly Candidate John Isaac: Cast Your Vote as a Message -Nader Sayegh's Time is Up



"Our Quality of Life Has Diminished in the past six years under Nader Sayegh Give me 730 Days to Fight for You in Albany,"

-John Isaac

By Dan Murphy

John Isaac, republican candidate for Assembly in the 90th District, fresh off his recent debate against democrat Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, reminded voters that under the six years that Sayegh has served Yonkers in Albany, things haven't gotten better, they have gotten worse for Yonkers taxpayers and families.

"Nader Sayegh took office six years ago and made a lot of promises. He promised to work on fixing our 100-year-old schools. He promised to protect Yonkers families from crime and help fight the affordability crisis, as he likes to say.

"But everything is less affordable now than it was six years ago, and the people of Yonkers are hurting now more than ever.

"Crime is up -Inflation is up -Taxes are up-Our schools and education fundi

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Early Voting Starts October 26

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State Senate Candidate Khrris Kerr, 35th District- Why am I Running?

"Letting the Leader Run Unopposed Was Unacceptable"



*OP-ED by
New York
State Senate
Candidate
Khrris Kerr*

The question that I get asked most often, as I campaign for New York State Senate in the 35th District, is, "Why are you putting yourself through all the trouble and grief that running for public office brings?" That's an easy one, because, as a proud American and native New Yorker, I want to do everything I can to rescue our beloved state from the tyranny of the incumbent's supermajority before it's too late.

Our slogan used to be "I Love New York!" Now, it's not hard to find where the love went. Good people and essential businesses are leaving New York (we lead the country in out-migration!) They have had enough. Clearly those people know that they deserve way better, and I hope they do find it -and some

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October is Bullying Awareness Month: Take a Stand and Sign the Petition!



Bullying is a community-wide issue that we can't continue to ignore or think of as a harmless rite of passage. On Thursday, October 17, the Joseph Gabriel Foundation's Stop and Mentor Program, proudly supported by Mayor Mike Spano, hosted an impactful anti-bullying event titled Unity Day at the Yonkers Public Library branch. This event aimed to raise awareness and foster a sense of community against bullying, making it a vital initiative for our youth. This is

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Op-Ed from Assemblyman Nader Sayegh: Food Insecurity



In a state as prosperous as New York, no one should go hungry. Yet, food insecurity remains a critical issue in communities across the state, including right here in Yonkers. The rising cost of groceries, compounded by economic uncertainty, have placed far too many families in the heartbreaking position of having to choose between paying bills and putting food on the table. This is unacceptable, and it is our responsibility to act.

As your Assemblyman, I have seen firsthand how food insecurity impacts individuals and

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Happy 100th Birthday to WWII Vet James DeLucie



The Yonkers Police Department paid a visit to the Yonkers home of Mr. James DeLucie to wish him a Happy 100th Birthday.

Mr DeLucie served in World War II and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. It was our honor to celebrate his birthday with him!!

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St. John's Riverside Hospital CEO Ron Corti Talks About the Future of Health Care



By Dan Murphy

St. John's Riverside Hospital kicked off its Riverside Reflections series with a recent interview of SJRH CEO Ron Corti, hosted by SJRH VP of External Affairs Denise Mananas.

Ron Corti has a lifetime of service in health care, starting in 1989 at Yonkers General Hospital. "Jim Foy (Former CEO of St. John's Riverside Hospital) saw something in me and sent me to Dobbs Ferry. His confidence in me gave me confidence. And when he left, he thought I would be a good replacement."

Corti has served 24 years as CEO and has presided over a transformation in the delivery of health care to the people of Yonkers and Westchester County.

Corti presided over the merger of Yonkers General Hospital with St. John's. "Yonkers General was teetering financially and couldn't stay independent. We found a financial model that worked for both and completed a successful merger."

Corti was also able to oversee the merger of Dobbs Ferry Hospital into SJRH. "The legislative branch of the state said that Dobbs Ferry Hospital had to close after we had just turned it around. We received great support from the community and Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who said closing would be a tragedy. It was a testament to our ability to rally together, and we kept the hospital alive and completed another merger."

The merger of St. John's, Dobbs Ferry, and Yonkers General Hospitals is one of Corti's outstanding achievements. "We were ahead of our time. We were able to combine the overhead of three hospitals into one."

What is the need and purpose of a community hospital?

"There is a role for every hospital, big and small. What sets us apart is the connection to the community we serve. And the fact that many of our employees come from the community we serve reduces the anxiety."

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Westchester Mourns and Comes to the Aid of Three Children Left Behind in Murder-Suicide



Residents in Yonkers and Eastchester were saddened and shocked to hear the news first reported by the Yonkers Police Department. At just after 7:00 AM on October 16, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of an unconscious person in a home located at 142 Chittenden Avenue in this City. Upon arrival, units located two adults- one male, apparently deceased, with a gunshot wound to his head, and one female with several gunshot wounds to her body. First responders attempted life-saving measures on the female, who unfortunately succumbed to her wounds and was pronounced deceased on the scene.

The male is identified as 54-year-old Sean O'Neill, and the female is identified as 47-year-old Arlene O'Neill. Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to investigate. The investigation yielded that this was an apparent murder-suicide between a husband and wife who resided at that location. Investigators determined that a dispute took place, resulting in Sean O'Neill shooting Arlene O'Neill multiple times with a handgun before turning the weapon on himself. Sean O'Neill was identified as a retired NYPD Police Officer, and Arlene O'Neill was identified as a teacher in the Eastchester Union Free School District. The couple has three children who were home at the time of the incident but were physically unharmed. They are currently in the custody of family members. The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department extend our condolences to the family and friends of the O'Neill family."

The Eastchester Board of Education issued the following statement. "Mrs. O'Neill was not just an exceptional teacher but also a cherished member of our community who touched the lives of countless students and colleagues."

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A Cordial Congressional Debate in -NY-16: George Latimer vs Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser

Handicap Parking Crisis in Yonkers and the Country



By Eric Wolf Schoen

By Dan Murphy

The Westchester County League of Women Voters sponsored a debate between the two candidates for Congress in the 16th District of NY, which includes mid and lower Westchester County. Democrat George Latimer and Republican Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser cordially exchanged their views on the issues facing voters.

Why are you running for Congress?

Latimer-The person you want to send to Washington has to understand these communities best and should intimately know their needs, which are not all the same. You also need to have a track record of accomplishing things. It will not be easy to accomplish anything in the House.

“I’ve proven over the years that I understand the level of work and energy that it takes to get results. This is not about how many times you can get on MSNBC. I’ve proved that I can stand up to my party and work cooperatively with my party and work across party lines.”

Dr. Levitt-Flisser-“I’m a pediatrician. I was born in Europe, my parents smuggled me out. The USA has given me the opportunity for an education and a career in medicine. I’m motivated by my gratitude.

“I was the Mayor of Scarsdale. You deserve to be safe. You deserve your schools to be responsive to parents. You deserve a secure border, and a government that makes sensible use of your tax dollars.

Does the Federal Government have a role in regulating free speech?

Latimer- “When some move into areas where they misrepresent the truth, it becomes negative to society. But who becomes the thought police? I’m not comfortable with government having that power.”

Dr. Flisser- “How rare is it that we have free speech in the world. Even England and Canada don’t have our free speech. I don’t believe speech should be used as a weapon; it can harm children.”

Your Views on Campaign Finance Reform?

Dr. Flisser-Right now in New York State you can use a grant funded by your taxes for campaign funds. I don’t support that.

Latimer-After the US Supreme Court decided in citizens united that the spending of money is the same as free speech, then those who have more money

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I paid a visit to a hospital in Yonkers last week to see a friend and was surprised what I saw on some cars illegally parked in handicap parking places. When I say illegally parked I mean the car had neither a government issued permit in the front window attached to the rear view mirror nor a license plate indicating a person with a disability was operating the car!

The cars had preprinted statements on their windshields that said ‘Parking Ticket.’ I was told by someone that the cars got tickets for parking illegally in a space reserved for those with disabilities. Now I am a man about town enough to know that it is extremely rare in Yonkers for this type of summons to be issued. I was glad that one of our city agencies was doing something to address an important issue for those with disabilities who rely on a parking space that doesn’t require a lot of walking to get where they have to go.

So what is causing the problem here. People want to park in a closer, more convenient spot that puts them near to where they are going. . Problem is these spaces are reserved for the members of the public with permits. Some motorists with handicap permits need extra space to maneuver. This extra room affords them the mobility they need to get in and out of their car or van. It becomes difficult to get in and out of the vehicle when cars illegally park in between handicap spaces

Why does the person who is not disabled do this! Everyone nowadays is in the big rush. And so are the whippers frantically looking for a parking space driving like maniacs through the parking lot or garage.. Chalk up the design of the spaces with little room to maneuver and you have yourself a problem on your hands,

Many people don’t care that the handicap parking is only for people with disabilities. They park as they please. Problem is we don’t Have individuals to enforce the Laws 24 hours a week, 7 days a week. So the illegally Parked car just sits there. Police Departments are more concerned about addressing crime and put the enforcement of handicapped parking laws way down on the priority list.

One of the things that has truly caused the crisis is the large amount of new vehicles on area roadways. Services like Uber, and Lyft are becoming cheaper than car rentals and they need space for layovers. Who is going to tattle on the drivers as people need the cars. Frequently handicapped spaces are occupied with food delivery service drivers taking a break,

What has to occur in communities like Yonkers is the Mayor and his advisers need to with organizations that represent the Uber and Lyft drivers and come up with alternate locations where cars can wait for pickups and drop offs. Mayors and County Executives need to meet with the managers of the stores located in a facility like Cross County and set up alternate places for drivers to wait while goods and services for delivery are prepared away from handicap parking spaces.

These same city and county officials have to make the enforcement of handicap parking a priority at their respective levels.Like everything else the street patrols will follow the directions and priorities set by the officials and make the enforcement of handicap parking regulations done on a firm but fair basis. Police must work jointly with officials who patrol municipal parking facilities and those responsible for street enforcement.

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New York's Halloween Crisis: Dozens of Missing Teens



Jeremy and Shalynne, two missing Westchester teens

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

In New York, a disturbing crisis unfolds quietly beneath the surface: nearly 50 teenagers are currently reported missing. This alarming situation underscores a broader issue, with over 4,000 children classified as missing across the country—an alarming statistic that demands our immediate attention.

Among these missing teens, a significant number are from marginalized communities. Currently, 31 Black teenagers and 10 Hispanic teenagers are unaccounted for. Their stories often go unheard, overshadowed by a lack of media coverage and public outcry. Why is this epidemic of missing children not generating the urgent response it deserves?

Recent cases highlight the severity of this issue. Jeremy Ramos, a 16-year-old from Dobbs Ferry, has been missing since October 6th, 2024. His disappearance raises critical questions about the resources allocated to finding missing teens and the attention given to their cases. Similarly, Shalynne Way, a 17-year-old from Pleasantville, went missing on September 17th, 2024. Each of these young individuals represents not just a statistic, but a community grappling with anguish and uncertainty.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports that the factors leading to these disappearances vary widely, from runaways seeking refuge from difficult home environments to abductions by individuals known to the victim. Yet, irrespective of the circumstances, the missing teenagers in New York deserve our concern and action.

The statistics are startling, but they are more than just numbers. Each missing child represents a life interrupted, dreams on hold, and families in turmoil. The systemic neglect surrounding these cases suggests a troubling societal trend—one where the voices of marginalized communities are frequently silenced.

It's imperative for community members, local organizations, and law enforcement to join forces to raise awareness and initiate proactive measures. We must demand accountability and action from our leaders, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to locate these missing teens. Every voice counts in this fight, every child matters.

As we move forward, let us not allow the silence to envelop these cases. We must shine a light on the plight of New York's missing teenagers and work tirelessly to bring them home. The time for action is now!

Visit www.missingkids.org/home, for more information.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.

Yonkers Mourns the Loss of Lucia Travato



Lucia Travato, a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and friend to many, passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, generosity, and dedication. Born on November 12, 1951, to Thomas and Madeline Travato, Lucia was a lifelong resident of Yonkers who devoted her life to her family, community, and the city she cherished. She was the proud sister of Vincent, sister-in-law to Anne Marie, and a devoted aunt to Erika (Brian) and Paul (Stephanie). Her great-nieces and nephew—Sienna, Daya, Evelyn, and Thomas—were the lights of her life.

Lucia's humility and kindness defined her character, and she always found joy in the simple things. She fiercely loved her family and made sure that her niece, nephew, and their children felt cherished at every turn. Her spirit of kindness extended beyond her family, touching countless lives in Yonkers and beyond.

A passionate scholar, Lucia earned her Bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages from Iona College, followed by a Master's from Columbia University's School of International Studies. Her love for travel and learning took her across the globe, including time spent as an exchange student in Bologna, Italy. Her passion for learning and deep curiosity about the world led her on countless adventures throughout Europe. Lucia had a special place in her heart for Italy, but also found beauty in every corner of the world she visited. Whether exploring the valleys and cliffs of Ireland or wandering through the church-lined streets of Spain, Lucia embraced each journey with an open heart and an appreciation for the different cultures and experiences that enriched her life and those around her.

Lucia's professional career was varied and distinguished. From serving as a Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Jacob Javitz to working with Congressman Bruce Caputo, her commitment to public service was unwavering. She also served as Executive Director of the American Council on International Personnel and Director of the Italian Museum and Cultural Center. But it was her work for the City of Yonkers that truly fueled her passion. Beginning as a Community Outreach Coordinator in the Office of the City Council President, Lucia went on to become a Senior Office Assistant with the Department of Public Works and ultimately joined the Office of the Mayor. During her time there, she became a vital force, writing thousands of Mayoral Proclamations, planning city-wide events, and working tirelessly to honor the people and culture of Yonkers.

Beyond her professional achievements, which were numerous and distinguished, Lucia also dedicated much of her life to her love of reading. For years, she served her local library, where she nurtured her passion for literature and shared it with others.

A proud Italian-American, Lucia was deeply involved in the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade Committee for over four decades, where she served as President, Trustee, and Member. She also lent her leadership to the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund and the Fine Arts Orchestral Society, always striving to celebrate and preserve her Italian heritage.

Lucia's love for her family, dedication to her community, her passion for travel and learning, and deep connection to her heritage will be remembered by all who knew her. Her gentle soul, humble nature, generous heart, and fierce loyalty will live on in the hearts of her family and the city of Yonkers. May she rest in peace, honored by the countless lives she touched with her spirit forever journeying through the places she loved most.

The family is requesting that memorial contributions be made in her memory to the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library earmarked for the Grinton I Will Library, where she worked part-time as a Library Page for many years:

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Former Yonkers Councilman John Larkin Endorses Alessandro Crocco for Assembly-92nd District

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By Dan Murphy

Former Yonkers City Councilman John Larkin has endorsed Alessandro Crocco for Assembly in the 92nd District, which includes parts of Northwest Yonkers, Greenburgh, and Mt. Pleasant. Democrat Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky currently holds the seat, but Crocco is running an active campaign, and voters are taking notice.

And now comes an endorsement from one of the most popular former elected officials in Yonkers, John Larkin, who writes, "This year is a critical one for all of us here in Yonkers. I hope you will take a few moments to read this letter from me as your former Councilman about why I am voting to elect Alessandro Crocco as our Assemblyman in Albany to represent our area of Yonkers.

"I can tell you first-hand that being an elected official is not an easy job. That's why I am asking that you consider Alessandro Crocco to be our voice in Albany. His resume speaks to his international business experience, his community engagement, and his non-profit leadership.

"With our section of Yonkers being carved out of the City of Yonkers and placed in an assembly district with Greenburgh, Alessandro has committed to ensuring our voice in Yonkers is heard in Albany. He is a newcomer to the political scene and is running for all the right reasons. We need a change in Albany as the status quo is not working for the people of Yonkers.

"Alessandro will fight to make New York safer by ensuring our police forces are well-funded, will advocate for comprehensive review and reform of our tax system, push for the ending of sanctuary laws which is costing us billions of dollars in tax payer money.

Let's elect someone who will always put the good of the taxpayers over politics. Someone who puts our best interests first! For me — that is Alessandro Crocco!

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ng formula are still broken. He voted to make New York a sanctuary state. We have cashless bail and Venezuelan gangs roaming times square and central park.

"He made a lot of promises but hasn't been able to deliver. He goes along to get along and rubber stamps the Crazy Hochul Agenda.

"Crime is up -Inflation is up -Taxes are up-Our schools and education funding formula are still broken. He voted to make New York a sanctuary state. We have cashless bail and Venezuelan gangs roaming times square and central park. He made a lot of promises but hasn't been able to deliver. He goes along to get along and never ruffles any feathers

"So, I ask the people of Yonkers, are you better off now than you were six years ago when Nader Sayegh took office.

"My answer is no, and that is why I'm running for Assembly. To change the rubber-stamping of the democratic supermajority that Nader Sayegh has become.

"I ask you to give me a chance. Give me 730 days to make a difference and call for change in Albany. After two years, you can vote based on my record.

"I am not a career politician. I am a family man first, and a small businessman second.

"Some of Nader Sayegh's six years in Albany occurred during COVID. But just as we were coming out of COVID, Nader Sayegh voted to give himself a pay raise. It happened at the end of the year, during the holidays. They rushed back to Albany and voted themselves a raise.

"This is when inflation started crushing all of us, and Yonkers families. Energy prices went up. Food at the store went up. Crime went up. And during all of this, Nader Sayegh gave himself a pay raise?

Nader Sayegh is better off now than six years ago, but are you? I say it's time for a change. We have to end the Sayegh-Rubber Stamp Era.

I will work to fix our bail reforms, work to reign in taxes, and get Yonkers its fair share of education funding. I won't vote for billions for hotels, debit cards and cell phones for migrants. The people of Yonkers are hurting. Let's help them first.

And one more idea, how about we cut the NY State Gasoline tax? Wouldn't that give voters some needed relief? He has had 6 years, and the results tell the story. Things have gotten worse for people in Yonkers.

I love Yonkers, and I want my children and grandchildren to live here. I want to give them back the chance at the American Dream in New York State. And I want that for you and your families. Early voting is starting on Saturday, Oct. 26. Election Day is Nov. 5. I ask for your vote and a chance to serve the people of Yonkers," said Isaac.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Transatlantic aviators being honored by Governor Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., of Puerto Rico at the Governor's Mansion in 1931. From left: aviator Clyde Panghorn, Governor Roosevelt, Captain Lewis Yancey of Yonkers and aviator Hugh Herndon.

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 Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, October 28th

October 28, 1776: American Forces traveled Mile Square and Sprain Roads on their way to the Battle of White Plains. They camped on Valentine Hill, now St. Joseph's Seminary and College, for a few weeks.

October 28, 1942: Yonkers Red Cross Chairman Justin McCarthy removed Captain Alice Frink of the Red Cross Motor Corps. The response? Fifty-one of the sixty-member unit members immediately resigned from the local Red Cross, including Kay Barnes, Mayor Benjamin Barnes' wife. The group formally notified Red Cross National Headquarters of their resignation by telegram, signed by Mrs. Frink, six lieutenants, five sergeants, four corporals and 35 privates serving in the Motor Corps. The telegram read, "We the members of the Yonkers Chapter of the American Red Cross Motor Corps, in protest against the dismissal and loss of membership of our Captain, Mrs. Robert Frink, whose leadership has created and formed our group in the face of difficulties and at great personal sacrifice, did resign from Yonkers Chapter, American Red Cross Motor Corps, as of tonight, and do offer our apologies to the National Chapter and pledge our fidelity to the American Red Cross."

Tuesday, October 29th

October 29, 1911: Otis Elevator Company announced it won the contract to build and install 28 elevators in the Woolworth Building to be built in Manhattan. The building officially opened April 24, 1913, when President Wilson pushed a button in Washington DC and turned on the building's lights.

October 29, 1931: Plans to erect a memorial to the young men of McLean Heights and Wakefield Park who fought in the World War were adopted by the Common Council. The memorial was placed in Frederick Stilwell Park on McLean Avenue and unveiled on Armistice Day.

Wednesday, October 30th

October 30, 1940: Five cars were donated to the Yonkers' Victory Scrap Pile! The total metal Yonkers donated was just under four million pounds, enough to build 100 machine guns, 100 tanks and 230 anti-aircraft guns!

October 30, 1943: Cliffcrest, 523 Riverdale Avenue, once rented by Mark Twain, was formally dedicated as a home for United Nations' seamen. The new unit, run by the Manhattan unit of American Women's Hospitals Reserve Corps

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Letter to the Editor:

Out of the Problem Into the Solution – By Andrew Haight

I am a long-time Westchester resident. And for what feels like a majority of that very long time, I have seen the very same names occupying the very same elected offices. I believe there is a fine line between consistency -which can provide stability- and familiarity, which as the saying goes can breed contempt...or certainly complacency.

At the hyper-local level, things around here seem to be okay, if not a bit flat. Mayors, supervisors, councilmembers, they all do a fine job looking after the day-to-day, the mundane. Taxes are collected, variances granted, public comments can raise an eyebrow or two at an evening board meeting...Check-the-box local stuff. I'm not terribly concerned about town hall. It's working.

What has my attention and concern is what happens up the Hudson in Albany. Our state capitol is where our quality of life as New Yorkers is determined, and the juggernaut of one party rule has made life here more expensive, less safe, and riddled with onerous business legislation. And they inflict these wounds with the same impunity career criminals enjoy thanks to Albany democrats' cashless bail laws.

All of our long-serving state representatives are a part of the supermajority problem. We need to elect new state-level lawmakers to get us into the solution, which is why I was so happy to hear Alessandro Crocco has stepped up to challenge the incumbent, professional politician, Assemblymember MaryJane Shinsky.

The current state of affairs in our area is particularly troublesome as this election approaches: taxes are sky high and climbing, crime is on the same trajectory (up 30 percent in Westchester), illegal migrants seem to be a priority while taxpayers come in second, if at all. Now, Shinsky supports an existential attack on scholastic girls sports by allowing biological males on their athletic teams and in their safe spaces. This is just plain unacceptable and downright frightening.

Is it too much to ask for a fresh voice of reason against the current rubber-stamp status quo?

Alessandro is a remarkably smart, very successful businessman, who has achieved his very own version of the American Dream having legally emigrated from Italy as a young man. With his experience as an elected official representing Italian citizens in the states in the Italian Parliament, he will be ready on day one to represent the best interests of our families. He will ask tough questions, guided by common sense and a commitment to making New York more affordable and safe.

A supermajority with no checks or balances is a problem. Electing Alessandro Crocco will be a huge step towards the solution.

Andrew Haight, Tarrytown

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We the people have a significant role too. We must make sure that the number of handicapped spaces for stores follow government guidelines and if that is not the case bring the issue to the attention of management. And when we are finished with our shopping carts, don't cluster them in handicapped parking spaces but put them in the corrals set up for their storage.

Just like drivers are driving at speeds crazy as ever, handicap parking spaces are being used by those with no authority to use them. And remember, if you have a handicap permit in your car, it is meant to be used by the driver it was issued to and no one else.

Individuals with disabilities play an important role in our economy and we must respect their needs so that they can be productive citizens and contribute to making this country great!

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To the Editor: Act Your Age, Sayegh

As a long time resident of Yonkers, specifically in the 90th Assembly district, I have seen so many characters, personalities and leaders come and go. From city hall to state officials based in Albany and local school officials there have been so many eras, so many issues and personalities.

We moved from a post-9/11 era into what is now I guess the post-pandemic era and are heading into what will either be the second Trump or first-woman-president era.

I say all that to illustrate that political winds blow us in all directions and I have seen many, but one of the most disturbing displays I have ever seen played out last night (October 22) in the candidate's forum between John Isaac and our current assemblyman, Nader Sayegh. Suffice it to say, I was embarrassed and depressed by the behavior of Mr. Sayegh.

To be sure, both candidates made pointed remarks based on their respective party positions. Mr. Isaac stuck to the facts and cited Mr. Sayegh's record in office when he pointed out the failures of cashless bail laws, sanctuary policies and the flaws of Proposition 1, while Mr. Sayegh highlighted his efforts to strengthen gun laws, improve the environment and help illegal migrants.

However, as the rhetoric became a bit heated, Mr. Isaac—a private citizen running for the first time—remained stoic and calm in his demeanor, while the longtime politician, Sayegh made faces and mocked Mr. Isaac, bobbing his head about as if to mock the gestures of a Desi person. He gesticulated in hopes of distracting Mr. Isaac in what was his first public political debate.

Then, when it came time for the closing statements, Mr. Isaac remained seated and read his written statement—which is standard for these events. His remarks were certainly “red meat”, but they were controlled and even-keeled. Mr. Sayegh on the other hand broke protocols and stood and proceeded to raise his voice, and point at Mr. Isaac and ominously leaned over him as he ridiculed the civilian Isaac for using notes and reading his statements as were allowed by the rules. He then went on to imply that Mr. Isaac had possibly been lying throughout the forum.

It seemed to me that Mr. Isaac had been telling too much of the truth for Sayegh's comfort, and Sayegh didn't like it one bit. Much like a petulant child being told it was bedtime, Nader Sayegh screamed and stomped his feet. This is not the behavior I expect of my elected officials. My punishment for him is this letter and my vote for John Isaac on Election Day.

--Mr. Koshy Samuel Yonkers

“ROGUE PROSECUTERS and the RISE IN CRIME”

This was a talk delivered on March 11th, 2024 to students of a Midwestern college by the deputy director for legal & judicial studies & manager of the National Security Law Program as respects district attorneys who refuse to execute the laws of the land in the blue states of America-- part of is discussion appears here--he stated: “This movement, more accurately called the Rogue Prosecutor Movement, is the predictable outgrowth of efforts by earlier Marxist radicals to alter or destroy the American way of life. At its root is the belief that our country and its institutions, including capitalism, are racist.

The involvement in this movement is billionaire George Soros, who had been funding liberal causes for years. One of the hallmarks of the rogue prosecutor movement has been its usurpation of the constitutional role of state legislators. Once elected, these prosecutors refuse to prosecute entire categories of crimes that are on the books in their states, justifying their refusal by claiming “Prosecutorial discretion.”

“But in fact, their refusal to prosecute crimes violates the separation of powers between the executive & legislative branches of government and distorts the entire legal system.”

To cite one example-Rachel Rollins, the former district attorney of Suffolk County (Boston), posted a list of 15 misdemeanors her office would not prosecute: trespassing, shop-lifting, larceny under \$250,

Disturbing the peace, receiving stolen property, operating a vehicle with a suspended or revoked license, wanton or malicious destruction of property, with intent to distribute illegal drugs. “

To put the carnage in our cities into perspective, between 2003 & 2010, there were 3,481 Americans killed in action in Iraq, an average of 435 a year, in Afghanistan, between 2001 and 2014, there were 1,833 Americans killed in action, an average of 141 per year,

Chicago's annual murder rate dwarfs these figures, it is not an exaggeration to say that parts of Chicago on any given weekend, have become domestic war zones.”

“Governments first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.”

(President Ronald Reagan)

Joe Pettit, Yorktown Heights

Source: Talk delivered on March 11, by Charles “Cully” Stimson at the Allan P. Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies & Citizenship on Hillsdale's Washington D.C. Campus as part of the AWC Family Foundation Lecture series.



Yonkers Troop 12 Celebrates Antonio Mignone as New Eagle Scout



Eagle Scout Antonio Mignone, with members of Troop 12 and his friends and family

Troop 12 proudly held the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Antonio Mignone on October 13, 2024 in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. The ceremony honored Antonio's remarkable achievement in reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America.

Family, friends, and community leaders gathered to celebrate Antonio's dedication and hard work throughout his Scouting journey. The event featured speeches from fellow Scouts, leaders, and community representatives who shared their admiration for Antonio's commitment to service and leadership. Noted guests included Yonkers City Council members Tasha Diaz and Anthony Merante, County Legislator James Nolan, and Nick Chiarella, Mayor Spano's representative.

Antonio's Eagle Scout project involved designing and planting a pollinator garden at Kittrell Park in White Plains, which is making a lasting impact on the community. This project highlighted his leadership abilities and demonstrated his commitment to improving the environment for all to enjoy.

In May 2024 Antonio graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains and is now a freshman at Samford University in Birmingham, AL where he is majoring in Political Science.

Troop 12 has been serving the Yonkers community for over 85 years, fostering leadership, teamwork, and community service among young Scouts. Antonio's achievement adds to the proud legacy of Troop 12 and inspires other Scouts to strive for excellence.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt recognition of Antonio's achievements, symbolizing the values of perseverance, dedication, and community spirit that Scouting instills in its members.

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Why I'm Running for New York State Senate

The question I get asked most often, as I campaign for New York State Senate in the 35th District, is, "Why are you putting yourself through all the trouble and grief that running for public office brings?" The answer is simple: as a proud American and native New Yorker, I want to rescue our beloved state from the tyranny of the incumbent's supermajority before it's too late.

Where Did the Love Go?

Our slogan used to be "I Love New York!" Now, it's not hard to see where the love went. Good people and essential businesses are leaving New York in droves. We lead the country in out-migration! They have had enough. Clearly, those people know they deserve better, and I hope they find it—although some decent pizza, I don't know. However, along with many like-minded folks I've met, I've decided to stay and fight.

Albany's Corruption

It is very clear that Albany is rotten to the core. Their tax-and-spend antics, criminal-friendly policies, and five billion dollars of sanctuary laws (\$5,000,000,000 where, like the progressives, that's a lot of zeros) at taxpayer expense are just a few examples of how our state house has been corrupted by Albany's all-powerful voice "I see're broke supermajority.

We are all familiar with the saying, "a fish rots from the head down." I could not let Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins go unchallenged. She isn't just a state senator; she's the head of the Democrat majority—the top Democrat in the state behind Governor Hochul. The people don't just deserve a choice in senator; they deserve an alternative to the fat cat cronies that is now "in with the bricks." Letting the leader run unopposed was not acceptable.

Real Change is a Must

Real change is a must, and it must happen now! Out-of-control crime, high inflation, high energy costs, sanctuary policies, and cashless bail laws have wreaked havoc in our communities, taken a chunk of our treasure, and diminished everyone's quality of life. We need to make positive changes. Once elected, I will:

- Fight to repeal cashless bail
- Implement of bone-first policies
- Fully fund our schools
- Establish a parents' bill of rights
- Work with anyone, regardless of party, to reduce taxes and energy costs
- Support our police
- Ask for the immediate removal of district attorneys who favor criminals and do not follow the law

These are the issues that keep us regular citizens up at night. Please realize that your vote will make a difference. One thing for sure, I truly care. With your help, we will restore New York so that each of us can once again proudly say, "I Love New York!" That is why I'm asking for your vote.



I love my friends and neighbors -even those I have yet to meet! I believe we must all stand up for our sisters and brothers in need, especially disabled individuals, seniors, veterans and vulnerable families. A volunteer since my youth, I recently devoted much time to volunteering for the Community Emergency Response Team and Westchester Emergency Volunteer Reserves, to help community members during times of disaster and emergencies.

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My dogs Hope and Hotchi are not just pets. They are family members. They give unconditional love to everyone they meet and make me smile every day. I volunteer and donate to animal causes to ensure that no pet or service animal is ever left behind. Mahatma Gandhi said: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."



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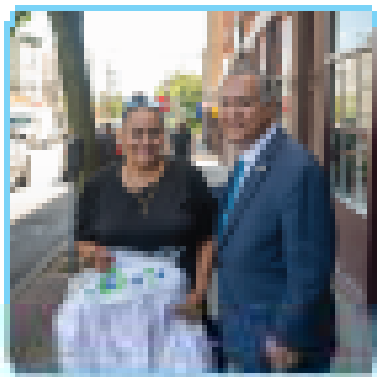
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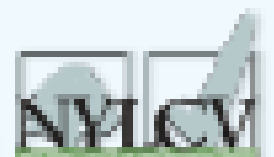
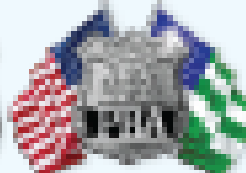
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Yonkers Force Beats East Ramapo Brave Play Hard but Lose to White Plains



Force Wide Receiver Joshua Testamark is having a big year and getting offers to play in college

By Phil Foley

Congrats to the Yonkers Force on their victory over East Ramapo HS last Saturday afternoon at Roosevelt HS field by a score of 20-18.

The game marked the return of Nazir Fields who has missed the last few games with an injury. Nazir had a great game. The Force quarterback went 11-17 passing for 190 yards and two touchdowns and one interception. He also had 8 rushes for 65 yards and one rushing TD and one 2 point conversion.

Joshua Testamark had 5 catches for 151 yards 2 TDs and one 30 yard KO return. The Force defensive unit played a great game too. Bryant Easley had 6 tackles and one interception. Kai Everett and Kevin Delacruz had six tackles and one sack each!

This Saturday the Force takes on White Plains HS at Roosevelt HS Field. It is a special day as it is Senior Day. Kick off is at 1:30 pm. After the game Coach Joe Venice said "The team showed great fight on Saturday vs Ramapo. Defensively Bryant Easily was all over the field. It was great to have Naz Fields back on the field after being out a few weeks. We are proud of them".

Last Saturday the Yonkers Brave lost to White Plains HS by the score of 27-22. After the game Brave coach Doug Hogue said "The kids fought hard but it's tough to win when you give up more explosive plays than you are creating". The Brave host Eastchester HS this Saturday at Lincoln HS field. Kickoff is 3pm on Senior Day. Brave Coach Hogue said that Justin Espinal touchdown pass 57 yards. Keba Cassie 2 touchdown runs. QB Joshua Rattendi had 154 passing yards were the top players last week against. Mt. Vernon.

Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac Hosts Hispanic Heritage Month Reception



This month I had the honor of hosting my 10th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month reception at City Hall with my colleagues on the Yonkers City Council. It was a beautiful event. We honored Maria Alfaro, of One Paso, for her work in mental health advocacy. We had 2 musical performances: Grupo Folclorio y Cultural de Dominicanos de Yonkers and Niños Guadalupanos de Santa Maria. And of course we had some delicious food!

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took time out of their day to attend the event. A special thank you goes to the restaurants listed below for their generous food donations. As a self-proclaimed foodie, it was great to get a taste of the many different Latino cuisines we have throughout our city. Our celebration would not have been the same without these amazing contributions. I encourage you all to become familiar with these establishments and support them:

- *El Cantito Café (Central Avenue) *Dia y Noche Restaurant (McLean Avenue)
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- *El Valle Restaurant (Riverdale Avenue) *Shoprite of Greenway Plaza (Downtown Yonkers)
- *Caridad & Louie's Restaurant (South Broadway) *La Bella Havana (Main Street)
- *Mi Rancho Farmer's Market (Elm Street) *Deli Comercial Mexicana (New Main Street)
- *Nubes Cafe (South Broadway) *Beer Garden Bar & Grill (Midland Avenue)
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-Thomas Jefferson

(AWHRC), was renamed Gloryhole. The historic house was converted into a modern country home to provide rest and recreation for seamen on sick leave or furlough. Major Rosalind Cowen, AWHRC Director, officiated at the ceremony.

Thursday, October 31st

October 31, 1940: Yonkers Patrolman Frank Skowronski ignored his own safety and jumped between two men, stopping a shotgun duel on Chicken Island! Both men already were wounded when Skowronski arrived. Sweeney McIntyre (73) was fighting with John Mitchell (35). The pair were drinking at a party when Mitchell asked McIntyre to tell his daughter to “leave him alone,” outraging McIntyre. McIntyre was friends with the daughter, but his romantic interests lay elsewhere.

Skowronski, patrolling Getty Square, heard shots and ran to the scene. Pulling out his service revolver, he stepped between the two men and ordered them to drop their guns. He arrested them, took their guns, and brought them to St. Joseph’s hospital in an ambulance.

October 31, 1944: Yonkers Police Surgeon Philip McCormack, with the rank of YPD Captain, ordered Police Chief William Kruppenbacher home to bed. The Chief had come into work for several days with a “severe case of grip.”

Friday, November 1st

November 1, 1914: Workmen began tearing down the old Eagle Hat Factory on Chicken Island, an old building on the Flagg estate. This was the first step to transform the area into a more upscale area for “business houses.”

November 1, 1944: Arthur Witte, Yonkers Public Schools War Activities Chairman, announced the monthly citywide Scrap Paper Days would be discontinued; instead, schools would designate which Tuesday would be their monthly pickup day.

Why was the system changed? There were not enough junk dealers in Yonkers to collect from all schools; dealers would finish collecting the next day. Scrap paper piles left overnight were looted; a large number of books and magazines were stolen. Looters made a mess, leaving loose papers all over schoolyards. Early the next morning, staff had to pick up and restack the paper.

Saturday, November 2nd

November 2, 1907: NY Supreme Court Justice Mills reserved decision in the case of President Edward Maher of Yonkers Railroad Company. Maher was charged with violation of the sanitary code; he housed strikebreakers in the Trolley Car Barn in unsanitary conditions.

November 2, 1929: Yonkers resident and trans-Atlantic pilot Captain Lewis A. Yancey led a fleet of planes to Yonkers from Roosevelt Field to support Mayor John J. Fogarty’s election campaign. Yancey and his wife, Gertrude Civallo Yancy, lived on Cornell Avenue.

November 2, 1934: Word reached Yonkers another resolution was introduced to the New York City Council to annex Yonkers. Yonkers residents were outraged, promising strong opposition.

Sunday, November 3rd

November 3, 1924: Theodore Gilman presented a table to Manor Hall. Gilman had imported it from Flanders in 1884; at the time of purchase, it was said to be 300 years old. The table was quite similar to one Frederick Philipse presented to the Dutch Reformed Church at Sleep Hollow, a table the church was using as their Communion Table.

November 3, 1925: Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, president of Better Homes in America, appointed Mrs. W. G. Carlton as the chairman of the 1926 volunteer Better Homes Committee for Yonkers. Better Homes Week of 1926 was to be celebrated the week of April 25th to May 1st, with lectures, programs, contests and demonstrations of new or remodeled houses.

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That is why I'm asking for your vote," writes Kerr.

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families from all walks of life. It's not just an issue for low-income families, though they are hit hardest. Working-class families, seniors on fixed incomes, and even young people are increasingly affected by this growing crisis. Food insecurity is about more than just hunger – it affects physical health, educational outcomes, and overall quality of life.

That is why I am committed to making sure we prioritize programs and policies that tackle food insecurity head-on. During my time in office, I have worked to secure additional funding for local food banks and community organizations that provide essential services to those in need. My office regularly sponsors and aids different weekly food drives in Yonkers to provide to those most in need. I've met with community leaders, visited food pantries, and listened to the stories of those struggling to put food on the table. These stories fuel my determination to ensure that no one in Yonkers, or in New York State at large, goes without the nutritious meals they need.

One of the key ways we can address this issue is by expanding access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP provides critical support for low-income individuals and families, but many who are eligible do not receive the benefits they need. That is why my colleagues in the State Legislature and I approved more than \$5.5 million for SNAP outreach and application assistance through the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP), maintaining the \$2 million investment in expanded services in the 2024 State Budget. I also supported funding more than \$145 million for the expansion of free school meals through the federal Community Eligibility Provision, \$250,000 in sustained funding for Child and Adult Care Food Program outreach, more than \$57 million for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP), and more than \$54 million for Nourish NY.

I have also supported legislation that increases funding for emergency food programs and strengthens partnerships with local farms through Farm-to-Food Bank initiatives like Nourish NY, which helps people who are food insecure to access the nourishment they need, while providing a market for farmers to sell their products. Strengthening this link between local agriculture and community-based food programs is a win-win solution that improves nutrition and boosts our local economy.

It is also essential that we invest in long-term solutions that address the root causes of food insecurity, such as poverty and lack of affordable housing. By tackling these systemic issues, we can build a more resilient and food-secure community.

I am incredibly proud of the work done on the State and local level to support food banks and ensure our most vulnerable neighbors have access to nutritious food, but we must do more. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed deep inequalities in our food systems, and we must seize the opportunity to build a stronger, more equitable food infrastructure that serves all New Yorkers.

As your Assemblyman, I will continue to fight for the resources our community needs to combat food insecurity. But addressing this issue requires a collective effort. I encourage everyone to get involved – volunteer at a local food pantry, donate what you can, and advocate for policies that ensure no one goes hungry.

Together, we can make sure that all members of our community have access to the basic dignity of a full plate and a healthy future.

Latimer Flisser Debate, continued from pg 3-

and a career in medicine. I'm motivated by my gratitude.

"I was the Mayor of Scarsdale. You deserve to be safe. You deserve your schools to be responsive to parents. You deserve a secure border, and a government that makes sensible use of your tax dollars.

Does the Federal Government have a role in regulating free speech?

Latimer- "When some move into areas where they misrepresent the truth, it becomes negative to society. But who becomes the thought police? I'm not comfortable with government having that power."

Dr. Flisser- "How rare is it that we have free speech in the world. Even England and Canada don't have our free speech. I don't believe speech should be used as a weapon; it can harm children."

Your Views on Campaign Finance Reform?

Dr. Flisser-Right now in New York State you can use a grant funded by your taxes for campaign funds. I don't support that.

Latimer-After the US Supreme Court decided in citizens united that the spending of money is the same as free speech, then those who have more money can spend more of it. If you are looking to get big money out of politics, you are going to have a hard time doing it. I was outspent in most of my political races."

Immigration:

Latimer- "The bi-partisan effort in the Senate was heading in the right direction. We need tightened security, but you don't need a big wall. Any new bill should also have a revision to asylum. We had to deal with migrants coming into Westchester and I suggested that they open immigration courts here. The whole system has to be overhauled. But you also need to be realistic and have a program for immigrant workers."

Dr. Flisser- "I am an immigrant. I came here legally and spent two years in a displacement camps in Germany to wait. There are 300,000 migrant children that have been lost in our country. They are experiencing much more horrible things than child labor. This is what happens if you allow an open border. I am also against the increase in crime associated with increased migrants coming here. It's not sustainable and I believe in a secure border."

Gun Control:

Latimer-"There is no proposal to take guns away from people, but to keep guns out of the hands of criminals with universal background checks, people have to wait a few days, that's not taking away your right to a gun.

Abortion: "You have to leave it to the individual to make the decision. You have people who want to restrict it severely. I believe that if you have a republican house and a republican senate and a republican president, you will have a law advanced to end a woman's right to an abortion that will restrict or end a woman's right to choose."

Dr. Flisser- "I am in favor of life. We should continue our good New York policy, and I hope we don't have to go under federal rules."

Should there be changes to the US Supreme Court?

Dr. Flisser "I do not think that congress should pack the court. The court has to be independent and not influenced by outsiders. I'm against that kind of change –I believe in the separation of powers.

Latimer- "We agree that we should not add judges to the court. You might wind up with more judges that you don't like. I do believe in ethical standards for all three branches of government."

Closing statement:

Dr. Flisser: "In other debates, people fought with each other in other. This is the way it should be done. People can listen and vote the way they want.

Latimer-"I have great respect for her medical career and her time as Mayor of Scarsdale. This is a proper dialogue of democracy. I had a primary earlier this year and it wasn't as cordial.

"I did not desire to go to Congress at this stage of my life. Circumstances in my political party urged me to get into this race. I felt the incumbent was not properly representing this district. I go to Washington prepared to negotiate and work across the aisle if we can find common ground on immigration and other issues then my service will be worthwhile. "

Both Latimer and Flisser supported a restoration of the unlimited SALT tax deduction. Watch the debate at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCXc8ZFMdHo>

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Yonkers County Early Voting Locations Starting October 26

Early Voting in New York State will begin prior to the November 5th General Election. The early voting period will be from Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Days and Hours as follows:

- Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Monday, October 28, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- Friday, November 1, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

You Can Vote at Any One of the Following 3 Yonkers Early Voting Locations ,
Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701
Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

“During Hurricane Sandy, the hospital halls were filled with our neighbors who had no electricity for their medical equipment. We are a lighthouse, a beacon of hope when times get tough in our community. If it wasn't for us, where would they go? They need their local hospital.”

“We had two famous physicians, Dr. Roy Ashikari, a renowned breast surgeon, and Dr. Avram Cooperman, a pancreatic cancer physician. They both said it best: the expertise and technology are great in the big city hospitals, but the care is much better in the local community hospitals. And that is a testament to the nurses at St. John's and the entire staff.”

“It all starts with the staff; we are people taking care of people, and we have to be able to recruit the best people. Our Cochran School of Nursing does a phenomenal job and has a history of producing the best nurses.”

“One challenge we found was that we weren't seeing doctors entering the system in this area. About ten years ago, we decided to produce our own physicians and opened the first internal medicine residency program in our city. And that was followed by the first Emergency Medicine residency program.”

“And now we produce our own physicians. Our goal is to have a supply of the best physicians to meet the needs in the future. Coupled with the best nurses, we now have the 'A team'.”

Changes in Health Care:

“We have seen an enormous change in health care. When I started, there was no consumerism in health care, but now people have choices and can do their research. We have to show that we have the best physicians, nurses, and quality scores so that people will choose St. John's.”

Since the pandemic, our volume has increased every year, and this year (2024), it is up 10% across the board. People go back and tell their neighbors about us, and that's how the hospital gets busier and busier.

Emergency Department:

“Our emergency room was built to service 23,000 patients a year, but we are currently servicing about 40,000 patients per year. We see a significant need in that area and will be breaking ground this year on a new emergency room that will more than double our capacity.”

“Typically, ERs don't have much privacy, but everyone will be separated in our new ED, and combined with our nurses and doctors and views of the Hudson, it will be second to none.”

St. John's Medical Group:

“As we saw our medical staff aging, we wanted to maintain a robust medical team. In the beginning, we employed six physicians. Now, we have over 40 employed physicians! We have locations in Dobbs Ferry, Hartsdale, the Boyce Thompson building on North Broadway, Yonkers Avenue, and another Yonkers site on North Broadway.”

“You can go there for primary care, but specialists can also see you. We are now looking for a site on Central Avenue.”

Clinical Affiliation with Montefiore:

“The power of the big hospitals are the sub-specialists, and for a hospital the size of St. John's, we don't produce the volume to acquire all the sub-specialists. Working with our partner, we have access to some of the best physicians in the world.” They rotate between Montefiore and St. John's and have offices here.

“It gives our community better access to great medical care. Our partnership with Montefiore works well for our community.”

Maternity Services:

“We have the best maternity program. Instead of staying at the Ritz, stay here. We have better views and better staff, and we are growing the program and investing more in OBs. And the nurses are outstanding.”

What is the future of health care:

“What sets hospitals apart are the people. We are embarking on a cultural transformation, where patients want to know... are people nice to me? How long do I have to wait? Are people cordial in answering my questions? Does it smell good?”

“The average person can't judge clinical care. They can only judge what their senses pick up. We do a good job already, but I want it to be the best.”

“Everybody refers to Disney as the best family vacation. I want people to refer to St. John's as the best, and I want patients to see something different happening here.”

“We have heroic people working here at St. John's for one reason: to help the people in their community. We want to make people who walk in feel special,” said Corti.

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We will all miss Arlene very much and will spend many difficult moments grieving her loss. We are extremely grateful for the additional resources and support from our neighboring school districts and BOCES. Let us hold Mrs. O'Neill and her family in our hearts and remember the joy and passion she brought into our lives."

Arlene O'Neill was a 5th grade teacher at the Anne Hutchinson School in Eastchester. She grew up in Yonkers and attended Sacred Heart High School. One of her friends created a GoFundMe page for the three children- Sean, 15, Brendan, 13, and Nolan, 11, who attend the Eastchester schools.

"Arlene Connolly O'Neill (Yonkers, NY) a truly remarkable individual: a dedicated, hardworking teacher for over 25 years in the Eastchester School District, a fearless mother, a thoughtful sister and a kind friend. Arlene has spent countless hours shaping the minds of her students, all while raising her three incredible boys, who were her greatest pride and joy.

"Arlene exemplified strength, kindness, and resilience. She poured her heart into both her classroom and her home, always putting others before herself. Arlene's life was tragically taken on October 16, 2024. Her boys will now face the challenge of growing up without their rock, their advocate, and their best friend.

"Your generous contributions will go directly towards Sean, Brendan and Nolan's education, their talents in both music and sports that Arlene worked so hard to encourage and support. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference in the lives of her boys," reads the GoFundMe Page.

So far GoFundMe has raised over \$733,000. The link can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-family-of-arlene-connolly-oneill?qid=3d8251c33241f7781c70b03f6b8261c0>.

**CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 337 SOUTH BROADWAY TO THE CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED INCOME HOUSING AND PUBLIC PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor Date: October 23, 2024

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Letters to the Editor:

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

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

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

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7227 – Opening date: 11/22/2024: Refurbish/repairs to free-standing monorail system at the Water Treatment Plant, 1070 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 (FB).
2. Bid No. RFB-73485 – Opening date: 11/15/2024: Provide on-call emergency standby services for the removal and hauling of snow to augment the DPW snow removal operations (FB).
3. Bid No. RFB-7340A – Opening date: 11/15/2024: Purchase of various biology consumable, biology non-consumable, ESS consumable, and ESS non-consumable science supplies, 66 items (VB).
4. Bid No. RFB-7349 – Opening date: 11/15/2024: Purchase of 12' u-channel posts, 12 ga. 3' bases, 14 ga. 12' sign posts, and 3"x72" diamond grade sheeting for u-channels in yellow, green, red, and white (KAS)

Anti Bullying, continued from pg 1-

a featured event during National Bullying Prevention Month with a simple call to action: Pledge to be together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Wear and share orange to send a visible message of building community and taking stand against bullying in schools.

The turnout was impressive, with numerous heartfelt moments shared. It was truly inspiring to see so many young people, including children as young as two, eager to take a stand against bullying by signing our pledge. This shows that our community values kindness and unity, and together, we can make a difference in the lives of our youth. We are sharing this story in order to inspire others to host more Anti Bullying Unity events in Yonkers.

Help us amplify the crucial message that together, we can build a world free from bullying in Yonkers schools! Unity Day stands as a cornerstone of the Joseph Gabriel Foundation Stop and Mentor Youth Program and National Bullying Prevention Month. This story can make a significant impact in spreading awareness and fostering a community of support. Visit www.josephgabrielfoundation.org for more information or email josephgabrielfoundation@gmail.com.

Larkin endorses Crocco, continued from pg -5

Crocco thanked Larkin for the endorsement. "John Larkin's legacy of bipartisan collaboration to achieve tangible results for the people of Yonkers resonates deeply with my commitment to serving in the Assembly. His support underscores our shared vision of leadership that bridges divides and focuses on practical solutions."

Crocco has also promised to work on the education funding formula that shortchanges the Yonkers Public Schools. "Schools in Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, and Yonkers are being shortchanged by the New York State budget. Based on Westchester County's perceived wealth, our schools do not receive the funding they deserve. As your Assemblyman, I will demand a fair funding formula that ensures our schools receive the resources they need to provide the academic excellence our children deserve. It's time to ensure every student in our district has the best possible opportunities to succeed."

Yonkers has three Assembly districts running across the City. The primary district is the 90th District, which has a competitive race between democrat Assemblyman Nader Sayegh and republican John Isaac. The other small part of Yonkers is represented by democrat Assemblyman Gary Pretlow, 89th District.

Together with John Isaac, Alessandro Crocco has brought two Yonkers Assembly district into contested elections where voters will have a choice on Nov. 5.

The issue of secession for the village of Edgemont from the Town of Greenburgh is another hot-button issue that Crocco is campaigning on. And the Town of Mt. Pleasant leans republican.

Are voters concerned enough to flip two Assembly seats in Yonkers to Republicans? Crocco and Isaac are hoping the answer is yes and are campaigning hard.

Learn more about Crocco's campaign at <https://www.facebook.com/crocco4ny/about>.

Honorable Janet DiFiore Shares Career Insights and Inspiration as Part of Orange Bank & Trust and Hudson Valley Investment Advisors' Women Guiding Women Series



L-R: Candice Varetoni, AVP Marketing Officer, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Olga Luz Tirado, Board Member, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Kelly Lynch-Moloney CFP®, VP Portfolio Manager, Hudson Valley Investment Advisors, Inc.; Sharon Spina, VP Relationship Manager, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Marie Moreno, VP Relationship Manager, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Judge Janet DiFiore, Retired Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals and of the State of New York; Moira Kiernan, VP Relationship Manager, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Kim Griffith, VP Relationship Manager, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Carla Alfieri, 1st VP Private Banking Officer, Orange Bank & Trust Company; Samantha Booth-Ross AVP Portfolio Manager, Hudson Valley Investment Advisors, Inc.

Westchester County's business community came together last week at Knollwood Country Club in Elmsford for Orange Bank & Trust Company and Hudson Valley Investment Advisors' "A Night with the Honorable Janet DiFiore". The Sept. 26 event was part of the "Women Guiding Women" initiative, aimed at empowering and elevating women in the business world. Judge DiFiore spoke to attendees about growing up in Westchester and her career path, and also shared advice for women navigating the business world.

"We are truly humbled to host Judge DiFiore as part of our Women Guiding Women series. Our goal is to continually provide the opportunity for women in the communities in which we operate to learn from inspiring individuals on important topics, and this is one of the most memorable discussions we have hosted to date," said Michael Gilfeather, President and CEO of Orange Bank & Trust Company.

Judge DiFiore said, "It is an honor to share my journey with the dynamic group of women in attendance. My story, like many of theirs, is one of perseverance and the belief that, no matter the obstacles, we have the power to shape our own path. Together, we can inspire the next generation of women to rise and lead with strength, purpose, and compassion." Judge DiFiore was born in Mount Vernon and most recently served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York. She was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1982. She served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Westchester County District Attorney's Office from 1981-1987, and from 1994-1998 as Chief of the Office's Narcotics Bureau. From 1987-1993, Judge DiFiore practiced law with the firm of Goodrich & Bendish. In 1998, she was elected a Judge of the Westchester County Court, presiding over criminal and civil matters and sitting by designation in the Family Court, Surrogate's Court and Supreme Court. She served as a County Court Judge until 2002, when she was elected a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court. In 2005, she resigned from the bench and was elected Westchester County District Attorney. She served in this position from 2006-2016. On Dec. 1, 2015, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo nominated her to the position of Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals. She served until 2022.

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