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We Endorse: Lakisha Collins-Bellamy for City Council President

City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy with DPW Commissioner and Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier

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Yonkers City Clerk Vinny Spano Declares Victory Over Cancer

Yonkers City Clerk Vincent Spano

Yonkers City Clerk Vincent "Vinny" Spano announced today that after nearly a year of battling Stage 4 colon and liver cancer, his oncologist has confirmed there is no evidence of disease.

Spano's fight has been intense and relentless. Since his diagnosis in November 2024, he has endured multiple liver surgeries, colon surgery, months of chemotherapy, and hepatic artery infusion treatments all while continuing to fulfill his duties as City Clerk.

"I just got the call no one fighting cancer ever forgets, there's nothing left to treat," said Spano. "The fight was exhausting, painful, and terrifying. But I never gave up. My wife Jaime and my sons, Vincent and Nico, carried me when I couldn't stand, gave me strength when I had none left, and held me up through every dark night. Their love and faith kept me alive and focused every single day."

Despite the grueling treatment, Spano remained active in his role as City Clerk, leading efforts to modernize the office, expand public access to city services, and continue serving the residents of Yonkers with dedication.

"The people of Yonkers reminded me why I fight," Spano added. "I am endlessly grateful to my family, my friends, and the countless people from this

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We Endorse:
John Rubbo for City Council -4th District

City Council Majority Leader John Rubbo

Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com endorse John Rubbo for reelection to the Yonkers City Council representing the 4th District.

Rubbo truly cares about the City he was born and raised in and is one of Yonkers' biggest Cheerleaders. Rubbo has served as the City Council's Majority Leader during the most recent term and has served the people of his District and all of the City with professionalism.

Councilman Rubbo is continually working to learn more about the issues facing the City of Yonkers and its people. He is a thoughtful public servant who strives to move the City forward by working with Mayor Mike Spano and City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy.

There is no conspiracy about the work of Rubbo, Spano, and Collins-Bellamy. They are all elected officials who, in our view, have served the people of Yonkers well and deserve reelection.

In Rubbo's 4th District, the biggest issue was the proposed expansion of Empire Casino-MGM at Yonkers Raceway. Rubbo, in our view, balanced the needs of his constituents and helped negotiate a community benefits agreement that

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We Endorse: Shako, Clerkin, Collins & Lyons For State Supreme Court-9th Judicial District

L-R-Judge Verris Shako, Diane Clerkin, Judge John Collins, Justice Desmond Lyons

Westchester Rising, Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com endorses Judge Verris Shako, Diane Clerkin, Judge John Collins and Judge Desmond Lyons for State Supreme Court on November. 4. The four will appear on the ballot in Westchester and in the rest of the 9th Judicial District, (Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess Counties), for a 14-year term.

All are from Westchester and bring their diversity, experience, and qualifications in asking for your vote. All four have been rated Well Qualified from the Westchester County Bar Association and Highly Qualified from the Orange County Bar Association.

Leading the ticket is Yonkers City Court Judge Verris Shako. Judge Shako has quickly become a rising star in judicial circles in Westchester. A Yonkers City Court Judge since 2021, Judge Shako brings not only a wealth of judicial knowledge but also compassion and fairness to her candidacy. A mother of 2, a committed community leader, and a leading jurist in one of our state's busiest courts, Judge Shako goes beyond Yonkers when serving as an Acting County Court Judge, which she's done since 2024. She has also been a Raise The Age Accessible Magistrate since 2021. Overall, Judge Shako brings 15 years of experience as a criminal trial attorney and 11 years of experience as a family court attorney; she's also served as an Attorney for the Child.

We also applaud the Westchester Democrats on Diane Clerkin. Clerkin has over 30 years of experience as an attorney specializing in Supreme Court matters, and over 20 years of experience as an attorney in public service with the New York State Unified Court System as Chief Court Attorney, Supreme Court, in the 9th Judicial District, for which she seeks to be elected a Judge.

White Plains City Court Judge John Collins currently serves on the White Plains bench, where he has served since 2019; he is also an acting Westchester County Court Judge. Judge Collins served for 17 years in the US Attorney's Office for the

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We Endorse: Ken Jenkins for Westchester County Executive

As we look ahead to the November 4th election, one thing is clear. Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has proven in a few short months that he has earned a full term. Jenkins, who was appointed to fill out former County Executive and Congressman George Latimer's term, and then won a special election this year, is running for his own four-year term on November 4.

Despite political turmoil and gridlock in Washington DC and New York City, Ken has had a steady guiding hand for our county. He brings a results-oriented approach to the job and knows how to be an effective leader of county government.

As the affordability crisis continues, Ken has held the line on property taxes while investing in childcare. Ken has prioritized safety by fully funding our police, resulting in a double-digit drop in violent crime.

He has delivered infrastructure investments, including millions in flood miti

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Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the "Properties"), which are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will take place Friday November 21, 2025 beginning at 10:00am in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Community Room located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY. Online, real-time participation in the auction will also be available.

Bidding and the auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with and subject to certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"). By participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to these Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions will be disclosed and made available prior to the auction. Terms and Conditions are subject to change prior to the auction

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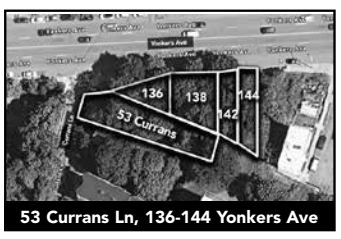

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Section	Block	Lot	Address
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1	100	22	109 Ridge Dr
1	100	24	115 Ridge Dr
1	447	11	53 Currans Ln
1	447	12	136 Yonkers Ave
1	447	16.17	138 Yonkers Ave
1	447	18	142 Yonkers Ave
1	447	19	144 Yonkers Ave
1	447	23	97 Williams St
2	2255	41	17 Brynwood Rd
2	2420	27	657 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	28	655 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	29	653 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	30	651 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	31	649 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	32	647 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	33.34	643 Nepperhan Ave
2	2426	59	260 Greenvale Ave
2	2462	64	134 Greenvale Ave
3	3207	1	42 Westminster Dr
3	3207	3	56 Westminster Dr
3	3209	3	35 Middlesex Ln
3	3210	23	14 Westminster Dr
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Business County of Westchester Comments on Reports That NY Needs More Power May Face Blackouts

The following statement is from the Business Council of Westchester's Clean Energy Action Coalition."The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) just warned that the state's electric grid is nearing capacity and will face blackouts unless we "...add several thousand megawatts of new dispatchable generation within the next ten years."

"We narrowly avoided catastrophe in the heat wave this past June, and we are highly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Simultaneously, older plants are retiring faster than new projects are coming online, even as demand for electricity and data keeps climbing.

"This is exactly why the Clean Energy Action Coalition (CEAC), led by the Business Council of Westchester, was formed. We know the threat to the health and economy of Westchester - and all of New York State.

"Transmission, solar generation, battery energy storage, and energy efficiency are the keys. And we need to move now. We need to finish critical transmission lines, keep clean-energy projects on schedule, and expand efficiency programs that cut demand and lower costs.

"There is no Plan B for our energy future. Westchester has the tools and insight to lead, with the workforce, technology and partnerships already in place. Together with NYISO, utilities, and state leaders, we can strengthen grid reliability - before the crisis strikes. Clean energy is the path forward. Let's move together. Today."

The New York Independent System Operator, (NYISO) released a statement on October 14, warning New Yorkers about a future lack of power issue facing the state.

"Two separate reports released this week from the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) provide important insights into evolving challenges of maintaining reliability of the high voltage electric system as consumer demand increases and generation retires.

The NYISO's third-quarter Short-Term Assessment of Reliability (STAR) studies electric system reliability over a five-year period from July 15, 2025, through July 15, 2030, and identifies reliability violations in New York City and Long Island beginning in the summer of 2026. The violations are driven by generator deactivations, increasing consumer demand, and transmission limitations. The STAR report is final.

The 2025-2034 Comprehensive Reliability Plan (CRP), issued biennially, sets forth the plan to maintain a reliable electric grid over a ten-year planning period. The CRP warns that the New York State electric system faces an era of profound reliability challenges driven by the convergence of three structural trends: the aging of the existing generation fleet; the rapid growth of large loads (e.g.: data centers and semiconductor manufacturing); and the increasing difficulty of developing new supply resources due to public policies, supply chain constraints and rising costs for equipment. The CRP was issued this week in draft form and is expected to be final in November.

Both reports are issued publicly under the NYISO's planning processes, which is approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

"Taken together, these two reports show the grid is at a significant inflection point," said Zach Smith, Senior Vice President of System and Resource Planning for the New York Independent System Operator. "Depending on future demand growth and generator retirements, the system may need several thousand megawatts of new dispatchable generation within the next ten years."

The reliability needs identified by the STAR in New York City and Long Island are based on a deficiency in transmission security. Transmission security analysis tests the ability of the power system to withstand disturbances, such as electric short circuits or unanticipated loss of a generator or a transmission line, while continuing to supply and deliver electricity to consumers during peak demand when the system is stressed.

The finding of a reliability need initiates a process administered by the NYISO to bring reliability margins back to acceptable operating levels. The NYISO will begin the process immediately by working with the local utilities and the marketplace to identify and evaluate possible solutions. Transmission, generation, energy efficiency or a combination of each can qualify as solutions through the process.

Considering the unprecedented changes happening across the bulk electric system, the CRP uses several informational scenarios to examine the impacts of key risk factors and capture possible outcomes for grid planning purposes. Major factors that influence the scenarios include aging generation, variable demand forecasts, weather variability, and ongoing delays in developing additional resources. The CRP also shows different scenarios of resource additions to demonstrate potential solutions to support long-term grid reliability.

The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) is a not-for-profit corporation responsible for operating the bulk electricity grid, and administering the competitive wholesale electricity markets.

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Did You Cry and Wave Goodbye to Lassie at the End of the Show on TV Each Week?

By Eric Wolf Schoen

Lots of controversy at the Schoen house this week. My sister Carrie claimed that she was the child who cried at the end of Lassie each week and i made the same claim

This all came about when it was announced that the mother in the show, June Lockhart died this week at 100 years old. Frankly, I was shocked Lockhart was still alive because she played an older mother in the show.

Hearing that Lockhart was still with us I ventured to see what other actors and actresses from our great films gave not left us:

Eva Marie Saint dazzled us in Exodus, The State of Israel created in 1948, resulting in war with its Arab neighbors.

Academy Award-winner Lee Grant was born Lyova Haskell Rosenthal on October 31, 1925 in Manhattan, New York City, to Witia (Haskell), a teacher and model, and Abraham Rosenthal, an educator and realtor. Her father was of Romanian Jewish descent, and her mother was a Russian Jewish immigrant. Lee made her stage debut at age 4.

Mel Brooks was born Melvin Kaminsky on June 28, 1926 in Brooklyn, New York. He served in WWII.

He was a writer for, Your Show of Shows (1950) Caesar's Hour (1954) and wrote the Broadway show Shinbone Alley. He also worked in the creation of The 2000 Year Old Man (1975) and Get Smart (1965) before embarking on a highly successful film career in writing, acting, producing and directing.

Brooks is famous for the spoofs of different film genres that he made such as Blazing Saddles (1974), History of the World: Part I (1981), Silent Movie (1976), Young Frankenstein (1974), Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993), High Anxiety (1977), Dracula: Dead and Loving It (1995), and Spaceballs (1987).

John Kander was born in 1927 and created musical legends Chicago and Cabaret, both of which were later adapted into acclaimed films. Go on line and you will see hundreds of actors in their 100's looking as wonderful as they did in their 50's. Sometimes it's nice to take a week off from politics and think about the great performances on tv and the theater.

By the way, many of you criticized my support of Curtis Sliwa. If you are concerned that a vote for Curtis is a vote for the Socialist, by all means tell you friends to support Cuomo. I just hope Andrew has learned his lesson and gives us no surprises if he gets elected!

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com.

Senator Mayer and NY Teachers: Cell Phone Ban in Schools is Working

State Senator Shelley Mayer and New York State United Teachers, (NYSUT) commented on the successes so far in schools across the state to the no cell phone policy for students during the school day.

"Good news now that school has been in effect for two months. We enacted a bell to bell cell phone ban. As you know, kids can't have their cell phones or internet devices from the morning bell to the night bell. And kids say its made a difference already. Obviously, parents, teachers and schools thought it was great, but now we have kids saying it really makes a difference.

"That's such a great success story for the Governor and those who fought for that,"said Sen. Mayer, Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

NYSUT's release states, ***'The best start to a school year in a decade': Educators hail early successes of distraction-free schools***

Accounts from educators across New York released by NYSUT show overwhelming support for the state's new distraction-free classroom policy that went into effect at the start of this school year.

In an online survey sent to members at the beginning of October, educators, aides and school staff across the state responded with stories of tangible, early gains in focus, engagement, and school climate.

89 percent said the new policies have already improved their school environment.

76 percent reported that students are more present and participative during lessons, strengthening both student-student and student-educator connections.

77 percent of educators said students' social interactions are considerably more positive both in the classrooms and hallways.

From NYSUT President Melinda Person: "When students put down their phones, they pick up books — and build friendships. This survey shows that phone-free schools aren't just improving academic outcomes; they're rebuilding the human connections that make school a safe and vibrant place to grow."

What they're saying

"This was the best start to a school year I have had in over a decade. The kids are also realizing that this is good for them, socially and academically." — Western New York educator

"Kids who were repeatedly failing last year said they are getting work done because they 'have nothing else to do' in study hall. I also have noticed an increase in hallway chatter, which is good." — North Country educator

"They are engaging, playing games, playing music, reading books for pleasure; it's so wonderful." — New York City educator

"Take a simple interaction of greeting students at the door, now they at least acknowledge you instead of being able to ignore and hide; it is a small but powerful change." — New York City educator

"Even though the kids aren't compliant 100% of the time, the change has greatly improved the classroom environment, as well as reduced the amount of social media drama during school. Every state should do this!" — North Country educator

"I was fully expecting this to be a train wreck because I didn't trust that admin would be able to stand up to parents and students who resisted. I am shocked at how well it's gone. I have not personally seen one phone at an unauthorized time all year. I've never been so happy to be wrong." — Western New York educator

"My high school juniors and seniors have been able to be children again. I have had to restock my LEGO supply so they can build, and they work together. It has been such a joy seeing them enjoy themselves in something other than phones." — Hudson Valley educator

Public Records Offer a Glimpse Into Council Candidate Anthony Solieri's Financial Past

Anthony Solieri

By Dan Murphy

As I reviewed public filings in the Westchester County Clerk's online database this week, I found a trail of civil cases involving Anthony Solieri, republican candidate for Yonkers City Council in the 4th District. The documents span more than a decade and range from mortgage disputes to judgments. Each tells a small part of the story of how one local figure has navigated his personal finances.

The earliest record dates to 2011, when JPMorgan Chase Bank filed a foreclosure action on 93 Glover Avenue. In 2018, Ford Motor Credit Company obtained a $2,747 against Anthony Solieri.

Another case, initiated by E*Trade Bank in 2015, remains active. Court papers filed this May show a referee's report citing roughly $127,000 owed as of late 2024 and recommending that the property be sold as a single parcel. A separate 2020 lawsuit, Anthony Solieri v. Carolyn Solieri et al., reflects an ongoing family real-estate dispute.

These filings are all public record; anyone can review them through the county's website. Civil cases such as these can reveal how individuals handle financial stress and legal complexity. Does this all mirror how he would manage fiscal challenges as a public official?

As Yonkers heads toward another election season, transparency matters. My review of these documents is part of a broader effort to give voters verifiable information, drawn from official sources, so they can decide which candidates demonstrate the steadiness and responsibility needed to guide the city's finances.

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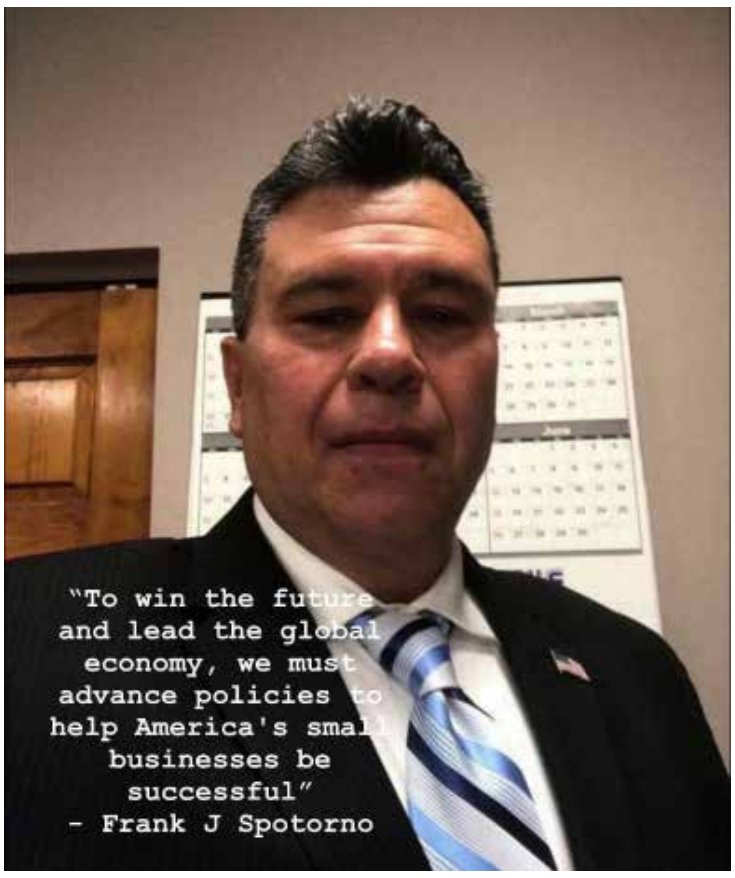
The Stakes are High: Make Your Voice Heard in Yonkers, Folks!



Op-Ed by

Frank Spotorno

So, we're approaching the November election, and it's time to get real about the issues that really matter to us - you know, the important stuff: our wallets, families, and community. For too long, property taxes have been a burden, affordability has been out of reach, and utility bills have been skyrocketing. Meanwhile, grocery prices continue to climb, squeezing our budgets to the limit. But hey, who needs food when you can have a fancy new skyscraper, right?

But seriously, there's a particular group that's feeling the pinch especially hard: our senior citizens. Living on a fixed income, they're struggling to keep up with the ever-increasing costs of living in Yonkers. And to add insult to injury, the maximum income requirement for senior citizens getting a 50% tax break is a laughable $50,000. Yes, you read that right - $50,000. For a husband and wife to get the full 50% off property taxes, they need to make $50,000 or less on their combined social security income. And if by chance they are on social security disability, it doesn't matter, you're not exempt.

Are you kidding me? With the cost of living in Westchester County, that's not even enough to cover the basics. And let's not forget that Social Security benefits aren't even indexed to keep pace with inflation. The yearly COLA adjustment is a joke, and our senior citizens are left to suffer the consequences. It's time for our city representatives to step up and do something about it. Raising the maximum income requirement for senior citizens to receive a full 50% tax breaks to at least $75,000 would be a good start. In fact, the city should consider expanding eligibility for property tax exemptions for seniors.

Currently, the Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption can provide up to a 50% reduction in property taxes, but the income limits are too restrictive. By excluding Social Security income from the adjusted gross income calculation, we can provide substantial relief to seniors on fixed incomes. So, what can you do? Get out and vote: Every vote matters, and every voice deserves to be heard.

Don't let the couch potatoes win this one! Know the issues: Stay informed about the key challenges facing our city and the candidates' positions on these issues. It's time to get your geek on! Make your voice heard: Share your concerns with your neighbors, friends, and family. Encourage them to participate in the election and make a difference. Let's make some noise, folks!

Let's take back our city and demand better from our representatives. We are the backbone of Yonkers, and it's time our voices are heard loud and clear. Mark your calendars, get out to vote, and let's make a change. It's time to put the 'Yonk' in Yonkers and make our voices heard!

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On This Day in Yonkers History...

Joan Newton Cuneo

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, 2023 Westchester Woman of the Year, Conceiver of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, November 3rd

November 3, 1936: Alderman Harry Towner almost lost his vote! After walking into his local Third Ward district and signing the register, he chatted with election inspectors and left. After walking half a block, he realized he hadn't voted, so rushed back. After he was told it was late, he argued to no avail. As he was about to give up, another gentleman returned, admitting he had absent-mindedly left after signing the voting register. The two men changed the mind of the election inspector. He told them to vote, and "make it snappy!" They did.

November 3, 1943: Colonel James Hayes, Chairman of the Blair Shipyard Board of Directors, told Corporation Counsel Bleakley the Federal Government would use the Second War Powers Act to take over the City Recreation Pier for use of its company. The firm wanted to bring additional ships to Yonkers to repair and convert them for military use. Bleakley's interpretation of existing law required either special state legislation or Navy requisition for the pier to be leased.

Tuesday, November 4th

November 4, 1943: The American Dietaids Company, 176 South Broadway, was charged with disseminating false advertisements about nutritional and therapeutic values of their products. The FTC issued a complaint against: Enrich, Stamins, Souplets, Ritamine, Joyana, Sorbex, Vitalets, Tam and Nyce Special Soaps and Creams. The FTC claimed when advertising their products, the benefits were exaggerated. For example, Enrich, which had some therapeutic worth, treated "uncomplicated iron deficiency and could not increase red blood cells, build strong nerves or help the organs to function properly."

November 4, 1947: Yonkers was designated a NYS center for high school equivalency tests! Schools Superintendent Benjamin Willis announced we would serve "citizens of Yonkers and others nearby in the county." The tests were designed for educationally mature veterans, servicemen and nonveteran adults who lacked the opportunity to complete formal high school requirements and did not graduate.

Testing would begin later in the month under the direction of Yonkers Schools Guidance Director Dr. Robert Carey

Wednesday, November 5th

November 5, 1921: The Yonkers Statesman and News began the "full leased-wire news service of the Associated Press. The expected delivery of approximately 17,000 words every day would be delivered by the automatic telegraph Morkrum printer at the speed of 60 wpm. After typing ten words, the paper automatically moved up to begin a new line. The news was transmitted from the

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

Notice of formation of Nicaudis Group Family Daycare, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/25. 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, Nicaudis Castillo, 156 Union Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550.

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

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JUST SHIPSHAPE LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on [07/17/2025]. Office location: Westchester county. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1 ALEXANDER STREET APT 314, Yonkers, New York, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 155 ROUTE 202 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 401 Broadway, Suit 1111, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY. shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Publication of 19 THIRD AVE RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATIONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHESTER

In the Family Court Sixth Judicial Circuit, Case No: 2025-DR-12-116
Damara Israel vs James Adams
TO THE DEFENDANT: James Adams

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer Motion filed in this action above. This action has been filed in the office of the Chester County Family Court Clerk of Court on May 13, 2025, a copy which can be delivered to you upon request; You must serve a copy of your response to the motion on the Plaintiff's attorney, Tracy Bomar-Howze, The Howze Law Firm, LLC, 200 Oakland Avenue, Suite A, Rock Hill, SC 29730, within thirty (30) days of service upon you. If you fail to answer the motion within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the motion. A hearing has been scheduled for January 20, 2026, beginning at 9:30am.

Notice of formation of FirstLine Infusion LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail process to: FirstLine Infusion LLC, 30 Winthrop Ave., Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose permitted under New York State law.

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

I, Christopher Sapienza, Commissioner of the Yonkers Police Department, do hereby issue the following notice pursuant to Sections 109-144 and 109-147 of the Code of the City of Yonkers:

A grey 2022 Mazda CX5 identified by VIN # JM3KFBCM1N0589558) has been lawfully impounded since 06/07/25 and to this date no owner has come forward to claim any interest in this vehicle. Any persons having a legal interest in this vehicle may seek recovery of said vehicle by contacting Lt. Gregory Forshey no later than 12/01/25. If such person has a legal right to the vehicle, they shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the City to remove and store said vehicle and for the cost to publish any notice.

If this vehicle is not claimed by 12/01/25, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and title shall vest with the City on 12/01/25, (20 business days from the date of publication.

Notice of Publication of Hari Govinda LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Prajwal B Shrestha, 12 Vista Court, Ossining, NY, 10562. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Marayjay, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sprites' Hollow LLC, formerly What Are We Making LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2021. 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, 88 Colgate Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Elsie Legacy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 41 Woodland Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation Hinman Hall, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 275 VICTORY BLVD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of RELIABLE MEDICAL SERIVES PLLC filed with the SSNY on 07/6/25. Office: Westchester County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 27 Edgewold Rd. White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Line Dot Line, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 8, 2025; Office location: Westchester County; SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served; SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Line Dot Line, LLC, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; The registered agent is Lauren Cogan, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York; Duration: Perpetual.

Letters to the Editor:

Letter to the Editor
WESTCHESTER RISING

Its very nice that NYS senator Peter Harckham got a grant for the Westchester SPCA, which he called 'an investment in compassion' (Yonkers Times, 10/21). However, 'Pete' as he likes to be called, should also release a story and photo op about one of the most hideously cruel new senate bills in recent memory that he authored - supported by almost the entire legislature - to kill deer, bears, turkeys, squirrels and other helpless animals using a medieval crossbow, in some instances allowing children as young as 12; a bill which also expanded this type of wildlife slaughter where it previously wasn't allowed. At a time when humans are gaining a true appreciation of animal intelligence, ability to feel pain, communication and love for their families, Harckham dragged us a monumental step backwards to ignorance and callous disregard.

"Pete' should clarify that, to him, 'companion' animals are ok, at least for a photo op - but our innocent resident wildlife, who have a right to live here in peace, is just target practice and profit to him; that to Harckham, all our beautiful wildlife deserve to suffer a horrible death from crossbows, leaving them in agony, as long as the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation can make money from it.

'Pete' is in fact a money-maker for the misnamed NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, helping them make more money by selling more hunting licences and related equipment to benefit the DEC and their sub-agency the Dept of Wildlife. These agencies are panicking because of declining sales relating to hunting...so 'Pete' graciously helped them along - aided by almost the entire NYS legislature - by adding more wildlife hunting and killing opportunities. These increased opportunities also imperil non-target animals, including dogs like those he posed with.

Even many 'traditional' hunters disapprove of using crossbows since it reduces the challenge, leads to far more pain suffered by wounded animals, and gives hunters an unfair advantage over the animals by almost eliminating the 'fair chase' aspect of hunting. It takes the 'skill' out of hunting, making it available to less-skilled beginners who need less practice and have less strength.

Folksy 'Pete' ignored the pleas of humane advocates who begged him to help stop the needless, disgraceful DEC hunting rampage in the otherwise peaceful, bucolic Rockefeller State Park, which turns the public's nature trail-walking into corridors of danger and destruction. He does his photo op with homeless dogs - then helps torture and kill our precious wildlife.

So when the next election rolls in, please don't be fooled by Harckham's I help animals pose. You are a representative of the People of the state of NY, Mr. Harckham - time to act like it, instead of being a de facto arm of the blatantly pro-hunting, discriminatory DEC.

Kiley Blackman
Founder, Animal Defenders of Westchester

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. IFB-7554 - Opening date: 12/5/2025: City of Yonkers Police Department 2nd Precinct Asbestos Abatement- Main Lobby Renovations (TN).

2) Bid No. RFB-7552 – Opening date: 11/14/2025: 24-Month Contract with Two 12-Month Options to renew to Provide Vehicle and Truck Auto Body Repair Services, as needed (KS).

3) Bid No. RFB-7544 - Opening Date: 11/7/2025: Purchase of Aviglon H5A-PTZ Cameras, mounting accessories and camera licenses (or Yonkers Approved Equal) (VB).

4) Bid No. RFB-7545 - Opening Date: 11/7/2025: 12-month Contract to purchase calibration gas for the Fire Department (VB).

5) Bid No. RFB-7546 – Opening Date: 11/7/2025: Assessment and repair of CBRNE and HazMat meters and detectors (VB).

6) Bid No. IFB-7499B – Opening Date: 11/07/2025: Furnish and Install Glass Curtain Wall and Doors at City Hall (MM).

7) Bid No. RFB-7547 - Opening Date: 11/07/2025: 12-month contract for on-call window and door glazing. (MM).

8) Bid No. RFB-7548 - Opening Date: 11/21/2025: Demolition, Asbestos and Lead Abatement at 87 Nepperhan Avenue (MM).

Letter to the Editor: Congressman Lawler Has Abandoned Hudson Valley Families

Every day the shutdown continues, Hudson Valley families find themselves on edge — worried about keeping food on the table and health insurance for their loved ones. Instead of demonstrating leadership and bipartisanship, Congressman Mike Lawler has chosen to stand with President Trump, Senator Thune, and Speaker Johnson, blocking potential solutions and telling Democrats there's "nothing to negotiate here" as the pain deepens in Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester.

As I've written before, Lawler 'goes along to get along'. He doesn't care whom he hurts, as long as he avoids Trump's retribution list.

Democrats, lacking enough legislative votes and sensing a window of opportunity to protect millions of Americans, forced the issue when federal funding ran out on October 1. We must extend ACA health care subsidies, a lifeline to over 140,000 New Yorkers, 37,000 of them in Lawler's district alone. The expiration of the enhanced premium tax credits is estimated to more than double what subsidized enrollees currently pay annually for premiums. There is likely to be a 114% increase from an average of $888 in 2025 to $1,904 in 2026 according to a recent KFF analysis (KFF, formerly the Kaiser Family Foundation).

It shouldn't have to be this way. But Lawler — instead of embracing negotiation — skips town, blames the other side, and talks about scrapping the ACA altogether, putting his own neighbors at risk. According to ABC News, Americans like retired nurse Nancy Murphy, a diabetic who depends on ACA coverage for her insulin pump, are left wondering how they'll survive if premiums skyrocket overnight. But Lawler prefers to see $1 billion spent on the Qatari Air Force One than provide health insurance to millions of Americans.

The man whose sales pitch states that he's the most bipartisan member of Congress is lying. Instead of working across the aisle to extend these subsidies and reopen the government, Congressman Lawler has joined Republican leaders whose goal is to cancel affordable health care hostage because Trump wants to erase Obama's accomplishments.

In the Hudson Valley, we value all of our neighbors and expect our representatives to fight for us — not to gamble with our health care or our livelihoods. Congressman Lawler must stop hiding behind partisan talking points and stop failing the people whom he was elected to serve, before it's too late.

Our health and our humanity are on the line. Enough is enough.

Mark A. Lieberman,Yorktown

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the Southern District of New York as an Assistant US Attorney from 2000 to 2017. He has significant experience with judicial clerkships & internships, including time served under renowned jurist, Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Irvington Village Justice Desmond Lyons has served on the Irvington bench since 2010, and also served as an Acting Justice in the Village of Mamaroneck since 2021, and as an Acting Justice in the Town of Greenburgh & the City of White Plains since 2022. Justice Lyons served as a Village Prosecutor in Irvington, Sleepy Hollow, and Elmsford from 2000 to 2010.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said it best, "In a time of so much uncertainty nationally, this is something you can be certain of. On November 4th, don't miss your opportunity to ensure justice for all. Vote Shako, Clerkin, Collins and Lyons, because if Justice matters, Judges matter."

Democrats and Independent voters are being urged not to sleep on this race for State Supreme Court. These races for State Supreme Court in the 9th JD are important in determining who will rule on the issues of day facing Westchester residents. All four Westchester jurists deserve your vote.

Break the Cycle Ride to End Domestic Violence

The inaugural Break The Cycle ride to end domestic violence and support the work at the Pace Women's Justice Center, was held on October 26. A huge thank you to County Executive Ken Jenkins, County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi, County Board Member Shanae Williams, and New Castle Town Supervisor Victoria Tipp. Also thank you to Millie Gutierrez from Legislator's Alavarado's office, the County Parks Department and the New Castle Police for all of your help.

We Are One: Raise A Can, Honor A Story

We Art One Artist Collective proudly presents Ofrenda de Latas, a Día de los Muertos–inspired fundraiser and community art experience, taking place on Sunday, November 2, at Yonkers Brewing Company, 92 Main Street, Yonkers. Guests will decorate blank beer cans in tribute to loved ones who have passed, placing them on a candlelit ofrenda before taking them home as keepsakes. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of

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Maria Regina HS Concludes Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with Learning Initiative

Maria Regina High School student, Ivanna Franco, shares her original work in Spanish with Sacred Heart's Cirilla Angeles

To celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, the students in Maria Regina High School's Spanish IV Class recently completed a unique and creative learning project to share and inspire what they know and love about the romance language with kindergarten children.

The 13 students in Maria Regina's college-level course embarked on their initiative on September 15, the start of the month-long celebration of the heritage, history, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic Americans, by writing original fairy tales and fables in Spanish.

Their goal was to complete the assignments before the month ended, in order to present to an exclusive audience they selected—the children enrolled in Sacred Heart School. The Catholic elementary school has long served as the start of their education for many young women at Maria Regina, the renowned all-girls Catholic high school. Both are based in proximity to each other in Hartsdale.

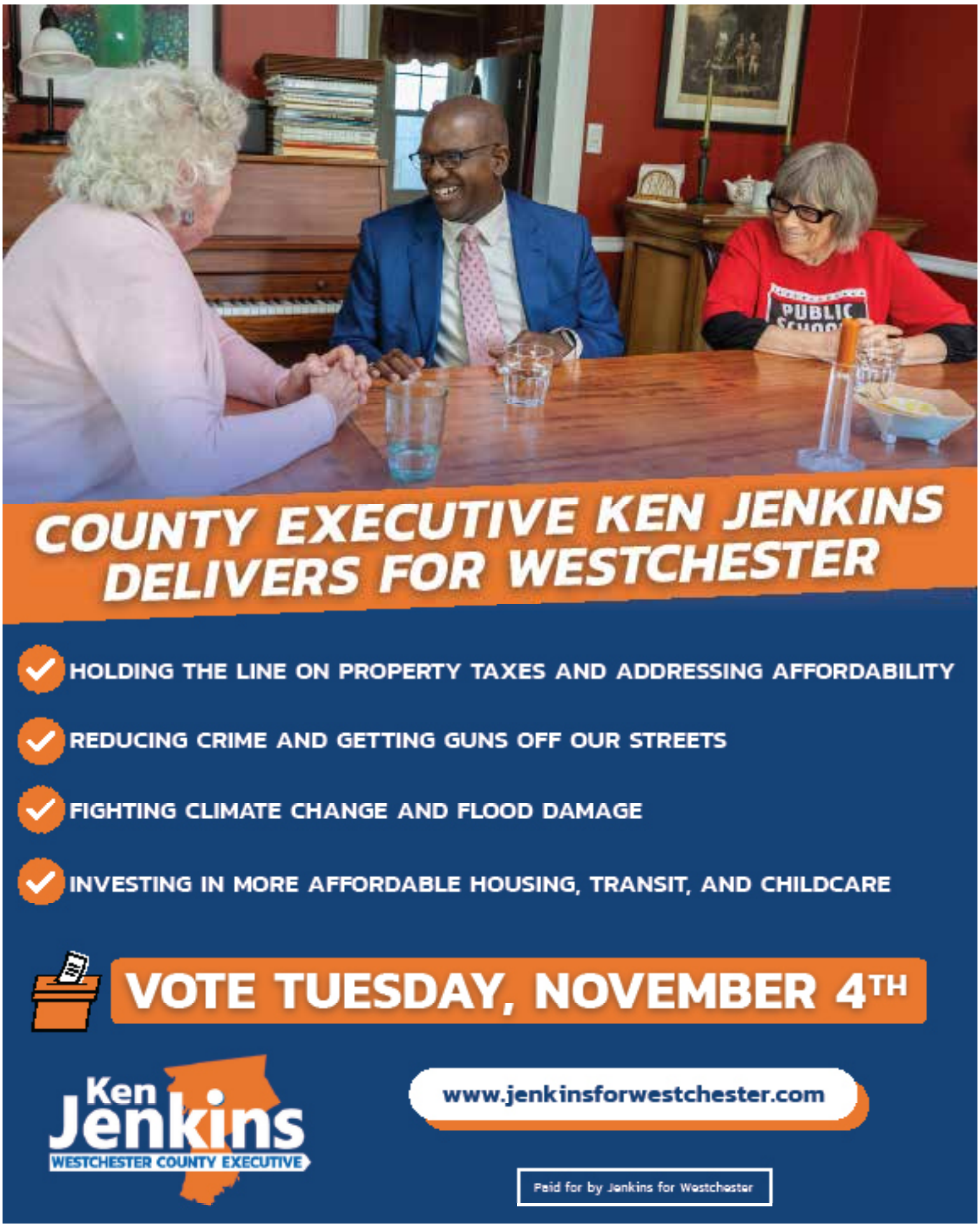
Maria Regina's top-performing Spanish language students completed the assignments in time to visit the Sacred Heart children. They sat with, showed and read to them in Spanish what their imaginations conceived, the latest additions in the genre of fairy tales and fables designed to enlighten young minds.

The children discovered the new magical worlds that Maria Regina's students created in "El Pajaro Especial" (The Special Bird); "Historia de La Chispa Del Alma" (Spark of the Soul); "En El Bosque" (In the Forest) and "El Escape de Las Primas" (Escape of the Cousins)—four of the original works that were presented. Maria Regina's students illustrated their stories with art provided by Canva.com.

"I was very impressed by what the students created, combining their excellent knowledge of the Spanish language with their remarkable story-telling talents,'' explained Marcia Viqueira (Class of '99), Maria Regina Chair, World Language Department. She noted: "It was an inspiring educational experience to witness as the children listened intently and asked questions. Maria Regina's students clearly accomplished what they set out to do, and they did so in an engaging and fun way."

Maria Regina's Principal Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of '99) added: "The special event at Sacred Heart has to rank as one of the most distinctive and original ways of celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. Our Spanish IV Class students are to be congratulated for thinking out of the box and creating a highly stimulating educational experience that will hopefully stoke younger minds to pursue further their knowledge about the Spanish language, history, and culture."

Maria Regina's Spanish IV students are: Adriana Camacho, Yonkers, Brianna Cruz, Yonkers, Gennesis Fernández, Yonkers, Gabriela Ford, Yonkers Ivanna Franco, Yonkers, Nicolle Goncalves, Port Chester, Elizabeth Hunt, Yonkers, Ava Magaletti, Yorktown, Lorenne Mazzarella, Yorktown, Amaya Mejia, Yonkers, Serafina Mistal, North Salem, Valeria Peña Mora, Yonkers, Haley Uriarte, White Plains



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would have invested millions to improve the lives of residents in the 4th District.

Rubbo should not be blamed because MGM made a rash decision at the last minute to bail out on its plan to secure a license from the state for full gaming in Yonkers.

The people of the 4th District need a working, effective City Council to continue the progress we see in Yonkers. Rubbo has been able to effectively build consensus on the council, not only with his fellow Democrats but also in a bipartisan way.

He has also worked on quality-of-life issues in his District, and we support his focus on public safety and law enforcement.

We do not agree with Rubbo's opponent, Tony Solieri, on his views on the MGM expansion, nor on the way he has conducted his campaign. Together with other candidates and former candidates, we see AI-generated cartoons, videos, and caricatures that do not place the City and its leaders in a positive light.

Serving in the leadership of New York State's third-largest City should not be a game. It is serious business, and Rubbo shows that every day as the Majority Leader of the City Council, local businessman, husband, and father.

We endorse John Rubbo for reelection to the City Council in the Fourth District.

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community who sent prayers, checked in, and showed up for us every step of the way. Your support carried me through moments I didn't think I could survive."

Family Statement: "This journey tested everything we had as a family," said Jaime Spano. "We are humbled and grateful to our family, friends, and neighbors who lifted us up, supported Vinny, and kept hope alive. Today, we celebrate life, resilience, and the extraordinary people who make Yonkers feel like home."

Spano and his family expressed profound gratitude to his medical team, friends, and the Yonkers community, and said they look forward to the future with renewed hope, strength, and energy to continue serving the city.

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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 Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:15 PM, 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED "CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING"

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 29, 2025

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LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 56 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED "BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE

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 29, 2025

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 Wednesday, November 12 at 6:15 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following resolution, to wit:

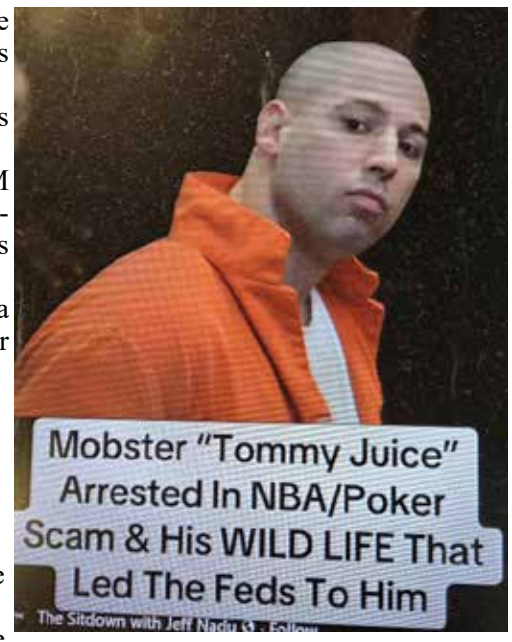
PROPOSED RESOLUTION

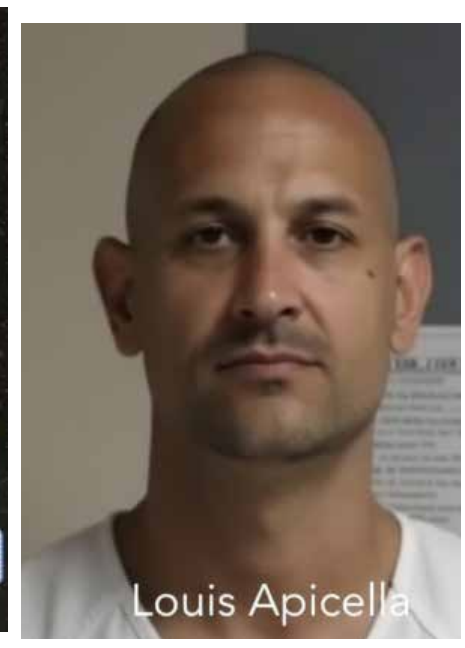
RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY'S REQUEST TO HONORARILY RENAME RAVINE AVENUE AND UNION PLACE "SADIE OLIVER WAY"

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up. 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
October 28, 2025

Feds Arrest Two Westchester Wiseguys in Schemes to Rig Illegal Poker Games with NBA Stars





Thomas Gelardo, photo from The Sitdown with Jeff Nadu

By Dan Murphy

Joseph Nocella, US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, unsealed an indictment last week charging 31 defendants in criminal schemes to rig illegal poker games at various locations in New York City, East Hampton, New York, and throughout the United States.

Thirty-one defendants were arrested in 11 states, including members and associates of the Bonanno, Gambino, and Genovese organized crime families of La Cosa Nostra (LCN); Chauncey Billups, head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association (NBA); and Damon Jones, also known as "Dee," a former NBA player with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat.

Among the 31 men arrested were Lou Apicella, 50, aka "Lou Ap," of New Rochelle, and Thomas Gelardo, 42, aka "Juice," of Scarsdale.

As alleged in the indictment, beginning as early as 2019, the defendants engaged in a series of schemes to use wireless cheating technology to rig illegal

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Docket: 24-CV-09750-PMH

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR5, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR5,
Plaintiff,
-against-

SHARON LUCAS A/K/A SHARON BLACKWELL; KYLE LUCAS; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; ADVANCED OXY-MED SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant(s).
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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, filed in the office of the clerk on July 14, 2025, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR5, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR5 is the Plaintiff and SHARON LUCAS A/K/A SHARON BLACKWELL, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, 300 QUARROPAS STREET, LOBBY, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on November 5, 2025 at 11:00AM, the premises in said Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale described and therein directed to be sold, to which Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale reference is made for the terms of sale and for a description of the premises which may be briefly described as follows: 8 VAIL AVENUE, PEEKSKILL, NY 10566; and the following tax map identification: Section: 23.14; Block: 7; Lot: 13

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER AND STATE OF NEW YORK

All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

Dated:

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Melissa D. Mohan, Esq.
Court Appointed Referee

24-219259 - DrG-10/24

We Endorse Jenkins, continued from pg 1-

As we look ahead to the November 4th election, one thing is clear. Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has proven in a few short months that he has earned a full term. Jenkins, who was appointed to fill out former County Executive and Congressman George Latimer's term, and then won a special election this year, is running for his own four-year term on November 4.

Despite political turmoil and gridlock in Washington DC and New York City, Ken has had a steady guiding hand for our county. He brings a results-oriented approach to the job and knows how to be an effective leader of county government.

As the affordability crisis continues, Ken has held the line on property taxes while investing in childcare. Ken has prioritized safety by fully funding our police, resulting in a double-digit drop in violent crime.

He has delivered infrastructure investments, including millions in flood mitigation funding, and reopened Playland for the 2025 season.

Westchester Democrats we spoke to appreciate Jenkins' leadership in county government, his ability to seamlessly take over the job from Latimer, and his work ethic in campaigning across the county, in both Democratic and Republican towns and cities.

Jenkins' opponent is republican Christine Sculti. Sculti has run for County Executive twice before, and this is by far her best campaign yet. She appeared in the League of Women Voters debate and held her own against Jenkins. Kudos to Sculti's prep team for her first LWV forum.

She is also campaigning across Westchester, but staying closer to the Republican strongholds of Yorktown, Harrison, and Eastchester.

Our biggest complaint about Sculti's campaign is not really her own fault. The republican party is basically busted in Westchester County with no funds coming in to run a serious, county-wide campaign.

Sculti has raised an embarrassing $22,000 in her last campaign filing. You have to have a minimum amount of campaign cash to run a credible campaign, and Sculti and the County GOP don't have that.

It's actually a call to the 37% of Westchester voters who cast their vote for

Notice of Publication
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
Index No. 60279/2025
FORECLOSURE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND,
Plaintiff,
-against

CATHLEEN ROMANYCH, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; WILLIAM GORDINEER, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; KENNETH GORDINEER AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; THOMAS ARNONE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; MICHELLE ARNONE ENGELMANN, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1- #50" and "MARY ROE #1- #50", the last two names being fictitious, it being intended to name all other parties who may have some interest in or lienupon the premises described in the Complaint,
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after service, or within thirty days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty days of service hereof. If you fail to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Westchester. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property that is the subject matter of this action is located in the County of Westchester.

NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME.

If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

Dated: October 14, 2025
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
By: s/ Patricia Pirri, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff
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(404)474-7149

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AP Office at Chambers Street in New York, considered by some to be the "nerve center of the world."

November 5, 1942: Two hundred workers on ten-hour shifts at the Arthur G. Blair shipyards on Alexander Street began converting a 225-foot ship for war use, protecting it against magnetic mines.

Thursday, November 6th

November 6, 1914: The Board of Education passed a resolution selecting the Havemeyer property between North Broadway and Palisade Avenues for the new high school building.

November 6, 1943: The first Proportional Representation (PR) election result began rolling out after several days of multiple counting. Part of the delay was caused by careless Election Day workers who misfiled absentee PR ballots placed in the wrong boxes; counters had to go through almost 100 boxes to redistribute to the proper category.

Councilman Curtiss Frank received 7,672 first-choice votes, more than the 6,993 required for election. It also was likely he would become the next Mayor, as the position would go to the candidate with the most votes.

Friday, November 7th

November 7, 1905: Mrs. J. N. Cuneo, one of the foremost women drivers in the country, gave an exhibition of driving skills during a two one-mile races at Empire City Park. During both races, she broke the one-mile record for women of 1:22, a record she held! After the event, her new record for women was 1:15!

November 7, 1933: Alderman Cy Barker came very close to not being elected. A certain family with ten registered Republicans and very loyal to Barker had not shown up to vote. Dad Oscar Barker was worried and asked Cy several times why they had not arrived at the voting booth. Cy said not to worry, he would be fine without them. Finally, twenty minutes before the polls close, they younger Barker agreed and sent a couple of cars to the family who had not shown. All ten voters arrived at the poll with just five minutes to spare. As it turned out, Cy Barker did need those ten votes; he was elected Alderman by just one vote!

Saturday, November 8th

November 8, 1933: William Raymond Gill, Communist candidate for Mayor, was stabbed by a friend he was entertaining at his home at 22 Carlisle Place. Gill, who required three stitches in his hand and was not hurt seriously, was treated at St. John's Hospital. Gill, the first African American to run for Yonkers Mayor, refused to file a complaint against assailant George Kelly of Orchard Street.

November 8, 1936: Yonkers announced it would cost $17 to register each voter for the special election on the City Manager plan of government to be held November 19th.

Sunday, November 9th

November 9, 1913: Yonkers YWCA members took part in a pageant presented in the 71st Regiment armory. The audience of 4,000 people included President Woodrow Wilson's daughter and her fiancé, Francis B. Sayre.

November 9, 1942: Dozens of people protested to the Herald Statesman over Mayor Barnes proclamation recommending flags be flown half-mast on Armistice Day. The Flag Etiquette Code state flags should fly at the top of the mast on Armistice Day!

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their loved one to display with their tribute can, adding a personal and meaningful layer to the experience.

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Yonkers Girls Varsity Swim Team Captures Second Straight League Championship

On Saturday, October 25, the Yonkers Girls Varsity Swim Team made history once again at the Mark Twain Pool, capturing back-to-back League Championships. The team narrowly outpaced Lakeland High School by just 18 points — the same team that handed Yonkers its only loss during the dual meet season.

Last year, Yonkers claimed the district's first-ever league title, and this year's victory solidifies the program's growing legacy.

Leading the way for Yonkers was junior Sara Bowden (YMA), who delivered a record-breaking performance in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:15.24, setting a new Yonkers team record. Bowden also earned a bronze medal in the 200-yard Individual Medley, finishing in 2:29.27 — a personal best.

Bowden reflected on her achievement, saying, "Breaking this record felt amazing, but I couldn't have done it without my coaches, teammates, and everyone who's supported me. It's proof that hard work and consistency really do pay off."

She continued to shine in the relays, anchoring the winning 200-yard freestyle relay alongside teammates Monica George (YMA), Caroline Lopez (LHS), and her younger sister Leah Bowden (YMA), clocking a time of 1:57.64. She also helped guide her team to a second-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay (2:12.94), teaming up with Lopez, George, and Rania El-Gamani (YHS).

The 400-yard freestyle relay team, featuring Eva Stern, El-Gamani, Olivia Quinn, and Leah Bowden, secured third place with a time of 4:48.17.

Coach Julie Schoenlank praised the team's commitment and continued growth. "The girls had another incredible season," Schoenlank said. "I'm so proud of how they've challenged themselves and supported one another. We're all thrilled to see this success for the Yonkers district and the entire community."

Yonkers will travel to Felix Festa Middle School Pool in Clarkstown on November 7 for the Section I Championships. The team finished the regular season with an impressive 7–1 record.

Individual Results

Caroline Lopez – 6th, 100-yard backstroke (1:17.79); 11th, 50-yard freestyle (31.44)

Olivia Quinn – 4th, 500-yard freestyle (7:01.00); 5th, 200-yard freestyle (2:36.21)

Amira Guerrero – 7th, 200 I.M. (3:13.24); 10th, 100-yard butterfly (1:31.72)

Monica George – 3rd, 100-yard butterfly (1:14.34); 8th, 50-yard freestyle (29.63)

Zohra Rahim – 19th, 100-yard freestyle (1:24.49)

Nayomi Lantigua – 10th, 100-yard freestyle (1:18.33)

Eva Stern – 4th, 100-yard breaststroke (1:27.21); 5th, 500-yard freestyle (7:09.04)

Ramzia Isumaila – 9th, 100-yard backstroke (1:29.26); 10th, 200 I.M. (3:26.74)

Ariana Granillo – 15th, 500-yard freestyle (8:38.31)

Jaslene Rivera – 15th, 200-yard freestyle (3:04.33)

Rania El-Gamani – 6th, 100-yard breaststroke (1:33.23); 9th, 50-yard freestyle (30.45)

Lindsey Marroquin – 6th, 200-yard freestyle (2:37.51); 7th, 100-yard butterfly (1:24.78)

Amira Nasim – 9th, 500-yard freestyle (7:48.70); 11th, 200-yard freestyle (2:50.40)

Mia Ramirez – 12th, 100-yard freestyle (1:21.59)

Alexys Capers – 17th, 100-yard freestyle (1:24.05)

Leah Bowden – 7th, 50-yard freestyle (29.54); 5th, 100-yard backstroke (1:16.37)

We Endorse: Lakisha Collins Bellamy for City Council President

Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com endorse Lakisha Collins-Bellamy for reelection to serve another four years as City Council President.

We have watched Collins-Bellamy preside over every Council meeting with professionalism and the ability to fairly balance the needs of each Council member and the public, ensuring their voices are heard. Collins-Bellamy is prepared for every council meeting and clearly puts in the work to serve the people of Yonkers.

We are happy to see a "non-politician" serve as Council President. Both Collins-Bellamy and Mayor Spano are the two lone city-wide elected officials in Yonkers. It is an important post that she takes seriously, and as a black female elected official, her election and reelection will highlight the diversity of the City of Yonkers and the ways it flourishes.

Earlier this year, in the democratic primary for Council President, Collins-Bellamy defeated two former Council Presidents, Chuck Lesnick and Mike Khader, to move on to the general election on Nov. 4. No Council President has ever faced such a challenge. Her big win in that primary shows that the people support what she is doing as a city council leader.

We see Collins-Bellamy working with Mayor Mike Spano to move the City forward, and making decisions based not on what the Mayor or others may want, but on what she determines is best for the City and all of its people.

Collins-Bellamy has provided sound and steady leadership on the council. There is no reason to go in another direction.

Collins-Bellamy's opponent is Republican Dean Politopoulos. Politopoulos has run a positive campaign and refuses to criticize his opponent. Instead, he has run a campaign based on his experience in the Yonkers Police Department and his ideas to move the City forward.

One of the problems we see with republican candidates in Yonkers and across Westchester County is that they lack the funding to mount a serious campaign against the many democrats who hold office.

In Yonkers, more than 40% of the electorate voted for President Trump in 2024, but those same voters don't support their local candidates for office like Politopoulos.

While we congratulate Politopoulos on running a dignified campaign, but he offered no contrast, or alternative views on why voters should vote for him over Collins-Bellamy.

In many of her travels across the City, Collins-Bellamy touts her life journey, which is unique and important for young people to listen to and understand.

She grew up in the projects of Yonkers and put herself through law school. She worked as an attorney at the Municipal Housing Authority, and her life is an indication of how hard work, family, and a love of God can have a positive impact not only on your own life but also on those around you.

We endorse Lakisha Colliins-Bellamy for reelection as City Council President.

Read it all Online at Yonkers Times.com

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT

- of -

SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922 62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability,

Petitioner.

Case No.: 25-cv-7812

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922 62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501 et seq., brings this action involving admiralty and maritime claims within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning any claims for loss, damage, and/or injury, arising or resulting from an alleged personal injury incident claimed to have occurred on October 5, 2024, while Petitioner's vessel was upon the navigable waters of the United States, as more fully described in the Complaint; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons, firms, entities or corporations, having any claim or suit against the Petitioner or vessel arising or resulting from the alleged incident must file a claim as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of the Court, at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, and must deliver or mail to the attorneys for the Petitioner, James E. Mercante, Esq., Richard Gonzalez, Esq., GALLO VITUCCI KLAR LLP, 90 Broad Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10004, a copy on or before the 21 day of November, 2025 or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required. Further, any claimant desiring to contest Petitioner's right either to exoneration from or limitation of liability shall file an Answer to the Complaint on or before the aforesaid date as required by Supplemental Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and deliver or mail a copy to the attorneys for the Petitioner or be defaulted.

Dated: October 17, 2025

Tammi M. Hellwig, Clerk

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Blacksmith Workshop, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Adults ages 18 and older can take this unique, full-day workshop with master blacksmith Bill Fitzgerald to make their own items in our blacksmith shop. Wear comfortable shoes and bring lunch. $100.

Register: https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/11/01/blacksmith-workshop-/536839

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

For those interested in birdwatching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars.

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Tea with the Animals, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Adults and kids 6 and older can join us for a mid-morning “cuppa” while they meet and learn about the animals on the farm. Harvest and make some scrumptious treats for ourselves and the animals to enjoy together for a tea party. $15. Also: Dec. 6.

Get details and register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-with-the-animals-tickets-1374334434289?aff=oddtdtcreator

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

The 22nd Annual Fall Home Show, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meet expert exhibitors who specialize in home remodeling, energy-efficient solutions and more. See product showcases and interactive exhibits featuring the latest innovations. Also, learn about emerging trends in smart-home technology and solar energy. Buy tickets at the door: $10 for adults; $8 for seniors 65+; free for children under 12. Also: Sunday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Get details: https://countycenter.biz/event/2025-fall-westchester-county-home-show/

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Discover the hidden features that make our forests unique! $25 per person; free for ages 3 and under.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

In Search of Clay: Harvest, Make ’N’ Take, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let’s harvest natural clay within the Sanctuary’s habitats. You can create items of your choice (pots, animals, etc.) and take them home.

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon Public Gardens looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older.

Get details and register: https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-11-01/

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Fall Hike to Untermyer, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

All ages can join us for a pleasant 2-mile hike from Lenoir to Untermeyer Gardens, stopping to observe and learn about our region’s natural history. The hike leaves Lenoir’s Nature Center promptly at 1:10 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 2

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Birding, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Join us on a venture to observe birds that visit the Sanctuary. Meet near Playland Lake in the back of the main Playland parking lot. Then, continue to Edith Read Sanctuary. Please bring binoculars. Also: Dec. 6.

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.-$25.

Pre-registration required: https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2025-11-02/

Croton Point Park Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Project Feeder Watch, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Beginners to experts can join us for a wonderful day of viewing local birds at the Nature Center’s feeders. Free. Also: Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Muscoot Farmers Market and Barnyard Beets, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16. Shop while listening to live music as part of the Barnyard Beets program, with a performance by Soil and Soul Band, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get details: https://www.muscootfarm.org/markets/

Read it all Online at Yonkers Times.com

Our Q&A With Councilman Anthony Merante

By Dan Murphy

We asked City Councilman Anthony Merante, who is running for reelection to the council from the 6th District, several questions for our readers.

1. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR ANOTHER TERM?

I truly love my job as a City Councilmember. Helping people solve their problems gives me the greatest satisfaction. As a businessman, I have always focused on customer service, and I bring that same approach to public service. I see my constituents as customers who pay taxes and deserve responsive and effective service from their government. That is why I created an online portal where residents can easily submit their concerns at https://tinyurl.com/HelpMeAnthony. Nothing makes me happier than hearing "Thank you, Anthony" and seeing a smile on someone's face when their issue is resolved.

2. WHAT ISSUES ARE VOTERS TELLING YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM?

The biggest concerns are quality of life and affordability. Yonkers residents pay some of the highest taxes in the county and deserve better services—smooth roads, quieter neighborhoods, and safer streets. People want to see more foot patrols and stronger enforcement against noise and speeding. Affordability is also a major issue. High taxes, high rents, and high utility bills are driving people out. We need less luxury housing for wealthy commuters and more affordable homes for seniors, working families, and city employees. Con Edison's excessive rates are hurting residents and must be addressed.

3. WHAT ISSUES DO YOU HOPE TO WORK ON IN THE COUNCIL?

I have several pieces of legislation that I've written and are waiting to be brought to the Council floor for a vote. One calls on the governor to reform the Public Service Commission, so it truly represents the public, not Con Edison, which it has become a rubber stamp for, approving all their rate hikes! Another would establish strong local laws regulating lithium-ion battery storage facilities, especially the one proposed for the Homefield neighborhood. I've also introduced legislation to strengthen hillside and construction safety following the Peterson's Tools rockslide. Yonkers is a "City of Hills" and any poorly planned construction can put residents' safety at risk. I am also always focused on improving our quality of life and making Yonkers more affordable for everyone.

4. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR VOTERS TO VOTE FOR YOU INSTEAD OF YOUR OPPONENT?

The choice is clear. I am independent and refuse to be a rubber stamp for the administration like the majority of the current Council. I voted against the last four city budgets that raised property taxes by 15 percent, and I was the only Councilmember to oppose the massive pay raises for the Council and the Mayor. I've spoken out against overdevelopment that hurts neighborhoods and benefits only developers. My opponent has already said he will support the Mayor 100 percent and be a "yes" vote for his agenda. I like the Mayor personally and will support him on projects that truly benefit Yonkers residents, but I will always speak up when something is not right. I work for the taxpayers, not the administration.

5-HOW HAVE YOU -OR HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN ACCOUNTANT -CPA -TO MONITOR THE CITY'S BUDGET-FINANCES AND TAX INCREASES?

I'm extremely proud of my work as Chairman of the City Council Budget Committee for the 2021–2022 budget. Using my CPA expertise, I closely scrutinized the numbers, dug into the details, and helped craft a responsible plan that resulted in a zero-percent tax increase a budget I was proud to vote yes on. Unfortunately, after that success, the majority of the Council and the administration made sure I was never again a Budget Chairman. I suppose they didn't want a CPA asking tough questions and demanding accountability.

6. WHAT VOTES OR ACTIONS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

I'm proud to have voted against the recent proposal to raise the acceptable decibel level for noise. Yonkers already struggles with excessive noise, and increasing the limit would only make the problem worse. I'm also proud to have supported capital budgets that fund critical infrastructure improvements such as road paving, new equipment for our first responders, and much-needed upgrades to our public schools.

7. DO YOU REGRET ANY OF YOUR VOTES?

I don't know that I regret any of my votes, but I did learn from one early experience. In my first term, I was newly sworn in that January and was immediately thrown into a budget process that was already near completion. I voted for a budget that included a tax increase after the Mayor warned that the city faced massive layoffs including essential employees like teachers, firefighters, and police officers. At the time, there was little opportunity to ask questions, and as a newcomer, I relied too heavily on the administration's guidance. That was the first and last time I made that mistake. Experience has taught me to question everything.

Mayor Spano to Establish Veterans Advisory Board

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the creation of the Veterans Advisory Board, which will lead efforts to develop and recommend initiatives that strengthen, support, and enhance the quality of life for Yonkers' veterans. Applications are available at yonkersny.gov/VAB and the Yonkers Department of Veterans Affairs, at 120 New Main Street, through November 3.

"Today's veterans face unique challenges that differ from those of earlier generations," said Mayor Spano. "It's vital our board reflects that diversity of experience. By bringing every generation of veterans to the table, we strengthen our ability to serve them and their families while reaffirming our lasting commitment to those who have sacrificed for our freedoms."

Members of the volunteer Board must be a Yonkers resident and a veteran. The Board will consist of seven members — six representing each Council District and one serving at large — all of whom must be Yonkers residents and veterans. To reflect the full spectrum of Yonkers' veteran community, at least half of the board's members will be veterans under the age of 50. Those interested in becoming a board member can apply at yonkersny.gov/VAB. Members will be chosen and convened by Mayor Spano.

Responsibilities of the Yonkers Veterans Advisory Board include:

Serving as a liaison between the City and various veteran-related community-based organizations

Promoting awareness of veterans' contributions

Supporting events honoring veterans

Mayor Spano will accept applications today through Monday, November 3. The Mayor's Veterans Advisory Board joins nine other advisory boards created by Mayor Spano since 2012, many of which have implemented policies, recommendations, special events, and employment opportunities. Just last month, Mayor Spano established the Senior Advisory Board.

Applications Available & Accepted through November 3 at YonkersNY.gov/VAB

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The Reality of Property Taxes in Yonkers

It often feels like our voices are being ignored. Our representatives seem to only care about our votes every election cycle, but not about our struggles to keep up with the ever-increasing costs of living in Yonkers.

The Power is in Your Vote

This election is our chance to make a difference. By casting our ballots, we can demand change and hold our elected officials accountable for the issues that affect us most. We can push for policies that prioritize affordability, reduce property taxes, and make life more manageable for working-class families. So, What Can You Do? Get out and vote: Every vote matters, and every voice deserves to be heard.

Know the issues: Stay informed about the key challenges facing our city and the candidates' positions on these issues.

Make your voice heard: Share your concerns with your neighbors, friends, and family. Encourage them to participate in the election and make a difference.

The Future of Yonkers is in Our Hands

Let's seize this opportunity to shape the future of our city. Let's stand up for our rights as property owners and demand better from our representatives. Together, we can create a more affordable, sustainable, and equitable Yonkers for all. So, mark your calendars, get out to vote, and let's make our voices heard.

It's not about just about those candidates or incumbents who go on News 12 and tell us they know best because they came from public housing and they can feel our pain. That's a bunch of malarkey. They don't know what it's like paying these skyrocketing property taxes, utilities and raising a family. It's not just about those who came from public housing, it's all about people like us who are the backbone of Yonkers engine, the people who actually generate the funds to keep our municipality and its agencies functioning. Let's not forget who are the real people who keep our city running and the people who make our lives matter and the ones who truly support our union brothers and sisters, the property owners of the City of Yonkers, the engine of our economy.

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poker games (most commonly, Texas Hold 'em) in the Eastern District of New York and across the United States. Co-conspirators in the Scheme included game organizers, who arranged for unwitting victims to play in underground illegal poker games that were secretly rigged; suppliers of the rigged cheating technology; former professional athletes, who were enlisted as "Face Cards" in the Scheme to entice the victims' participation in the games; cheating teams who worked together using the cheating technology to defraud the victims; money launderers; and members and associates of the Bonanno, Gambino, and Genovese organized crime families of LCN, who backed games in the New York area and took a percentage of the crime proceeds from those games.

LCN members and associates had a foothold in the rigged poker scheme because they had preexisting control over "straight" (i.e., non-rigged) illegal poker games in New York City, where some of the rigged poker games also occurred: one that was hosted principally at Lexington Avenue in Manhattan, that was on record with the Bonanno family (the "Lexington Avenue Game"); and a second that was hosted principally at Washington Place in Manhattan, that was on record with the Gambino family (the "Washington Place Game"). As part of the schemes, some of the charged defendants and other co-conspirators also committed acts of violence, including the robbery and extortion charged in the indictment.

In a typical legitimate poker game, a dealer uses a shuffling machine to shuffle the cards randomly before dealing them to all the players in a particular order. As set forth in the indictment, the rigged games used altered shuffling machines that contained hidden technology allowing the machines to read all the cards in the deck. Because the cards were always dealt in a particular order to the players at the table, the machines could determine which player would have the winning hand.

This information was transmitted to an off-site member of the conspiracy, who then transmitted it via cellphone back to a member of the conspiracy playing at the table, referred to as the "Quarterback" or "Driver." The Quarterback then secretly signaled this information (usually by prearranged signals like touching certain chips or other items on the table) to other co-conspirators playing at the table, who were also participants in the Scheme.

Collectively, the Quarterback and other players in on the Scheme (i.e., the cheating team) used this information to win poker games against unwitting victims, who sometimes lost tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time. The defendants used other cheating technology as well, such as a chip tray analyzer (essentially, a poker chip tray that also secretly read all cards using hidden cameras), an X-ray table that could read cards face down on the table, and special contact lenses or eyeglasses that could read pre-marked cards.

The defendants and their co-conspirators bet accordingly to ensure that the unsuspecting victims lost money. Through the rigged poker schemes, the defendants caused losses to victims of at least $7 million.

As alleged in the indictment, the Bonanno, Genovese, and Gambino organized crime families of LCN backed the Lexington Avenue Game and the Washington Place Game and received a portion of the criminal proceeds from both the "straight" illegal poker games and rigged games run by the organizers of those games. In particular, Becher, Zhen Hu, and Trustman—the organizers of the Lexington Avenue Game—were required to make payments to defendants Thomas Gelardo of the Bonanno family for the games (rigged or "straight") that they operated.

The defendant LOUIS APICELLA, also known as "Lou Ap," was a resident of New Rochelle, New York, an associate of the Gambino Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra (the "Gambino Crime Family"), and a member of the Cheating Teams.

The defendant THOMAS GELARDO, also known as "Juice," was a resident of Scarsdale, New York, an associate of the Bonanno Crime Family, and later an associate of the Genovese Crime Family.

On numerous occasions, certain defendants and their co-conspirators invited the Victims, who were often wealthy, to Rigged Games. To attract the Victims, in some instances, well-known former professional athletes participated in the Rigged Poker Scheme and were referred to as "Face Cards." The Face Cards were members of the Cheating Teams and received a portion of the criminal proceeds in exchange for their participation in the Scheme.

The defendants CHAUNCEY BILLUPS and DAMON JONES, both of whom are former professional basketball players, were Face Cards and members of the Cheating Teams.

As another example, in or around June and July 2023, several of the defendants participated in Rigged Games at the Lexington Avenue Game, where they defrauded John Doe #1 of approximately $1.8 million using a Rigged Shuffling Machine supplied by the defendants. The defendants, including THOMAS GELARDO, received a portion of the criminal proceeds from games involving John Doe #1 on behalf of the Bonanno, Gambino, and Genovese Crime Families.

On several occasions, the defendants, including Gelardo, and their co-conspirators used threats of force and violence to secure the repayment of debts from illegal poker games. In or about and between November 2022 and February 2023, the defendants conspired to and did extort John Doe #5, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, to secure the repayment of debt from illegal poker games.

Both Gelardo and Apicella are charged with money laundering, extortion, operation of an illegal gambling business, and wire fraud.

One of the better podcasts on YouTube about Organized Crime in the tri-state area is The Sitdown with Jeff Nadu. Jeff recently posted on X-Twitter about Gelardo, including:

"One of the mobsters arrested yesterday in a wild scheme involving poker games and NBA coaches has issues. And I think one of the problems that I noticed with some of the defendants in this case, I believe, led to not only investigations into them, but made it pretty easy for the feds to see what was going on here. Generally, in fed cases, they begin with a certain informant or a tip. Then they look through the bank accounts of these individuals. I talked to someone with intimate knowledge of this case who is in the life. And he told me — this was his quote — f*&%$ Tommy bought all these cars. And essentially, Thomas Gelardo was acting ostentatiously, buying a bunch of stuff and flaunting his wealth.

"Now, according to information that I have, it's been uncovered that Mr. Gelardo has multiple bank accounts, one of which has at least $500,000 in it, and Mr. Gelardo has no source of legitimate income. Throw in the fact that he purchased a Lamborghini SUV with a down payment of over $100,000, which he also makes $5,000 monthly payments for that vehicle. Now, this is not the only luxury vehicle that Mr. Gallardo owns. He also has a G-Wagon, which is a nearly $200,000 car, and he does not have a job. This is how the feds put this stuff together.

"They look at these defendants. They say to themselves, how does this person have all this stuff? But he doesn't have a job. Now, this is not the first time Mr. Gerardo has been involved with the police and or the feds.

"At one point, about ten years ago, he was dating a woman called Trista Guyer, who was in Playboy and Hustler. And Mr. Gelardo couldn't take the hint and was jailed for repeatedly violating a restraining order that Miss Guyer took out against him in one day, calling her over 60 times. Now, he was arrested in 2013 for allegedly assaulting Miss Guyer.

"Due to some of his wild behavior, it's been discussed that Thomas Gelardo has been chased from New York, which essentially means that no mob family will deal with him, including the Bonanno crime family, who at one point were dealing with him. Last I heard, Tommy was down in Florida doing some things," said Jeff Nadu, https://x.com/JeffNadu/status/1981769035038830714.

Good reporting on Apicella can be found on Talk of the Sound and Editor Robert Cox. Cox has reported on Apicella on several occasions over the past ten years and writes,

"Apicella's alleged role in the Scheme comes amid a history of legal troubles dating back more than a decade, including drug possession, theft, time theft from his former employer, the New Rochelle Board of Education, and a 2023 guilty plea for disorderly conduct after attempting to run over journalist Robert Cox with his vehicle.

"In a detention letter submitted October 23, 2025, to US District Judge Ramon E. Reyes Jr. ahead of the defendants' arraignments, the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York requested that Apicella be detained pending trial, citing the serious nature of the charges, strong evidence of guilt, and the risk of obstruction by organized crime associates.

"The proof in the case includes, among other things, (1) witness testimony; (2) text messages, photographs, videos, audio recordings, and other materials recovered from cellular telephones and iCloud accounts of the defendants and their co-conspirators; and (3) financial records," the letter stated.

"Apicella faces charges including conspiracy to commit wire fraud, operation of an illegal gambling business, and related counts under federal statutes such as 18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, 1955(a), and others, carrying potential penalties of up to 20 years in prison.

"Apicella's prior record includes a November 19, 2021, arrest by New Rochelle Police for disorderly conduct and petit larceny after allegedly stealing steaks worth under $150 from a ShopRite butcher shop.

"Apicella's criminal history also includes a May 30, 2018, arrest by New York State Police during a traffic stop on I-95 in New Rochelle as part of the "Buckle Up New York" campaign. Officers found 46.3 grams of marijuana and a 500 ml bottle of concentrated cannabis oil strewn about his vehicle, charging him with fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor, plus a seat belt violation," writes Cox, who was subjected to Apicella's threats and attempts to harm him. https://talkofthesound.com/2025/10/23/gambino-mob-associate-former-new-rochelle-schools-employee-louis-sloppy-louie-apicella-facing-multiple-federal-charges-in-rigged-poker-scheme/

US Attorney Joseph Nocella, Jr said, "As alleged, members and associates of organized crime families fixed illegal poker games as part of a highly sophisticated and lucrative fraud scheme to cheat victims out of millions of dollars and conspired with others to perpetrate their frauds," stated United States Attorney Nocella. "Well-known former NBA players and former professional athletes acted as 'Face Cards' to lure unsuspecting victims to high-stakes poker games, where they were then at the mercy of concealed technology, including rigged shuffling machines and specially designed contact lenses and sunglasses to read the backs of playing cards, which ensured that the victims would lose big. Today's indictment and arrests sound the final buzzer for these cheaters."

"Over 30 people were arrested and charged for their alleged roles in criminal schemes to rig illegal poker games to win large amounts of money. These individuals used technology and deceit to scam innocent victims out of millions of dollars – eventually funneling money to La Casa Nostra and enriching one of the most notorious criminal networks in the world," stated FBI Director Kash Patel.

Bettors who were defrauded in the rigged games may be victims under the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act. If you believe you were a victim of the scheme, please contact 1-800-CALLFBI.

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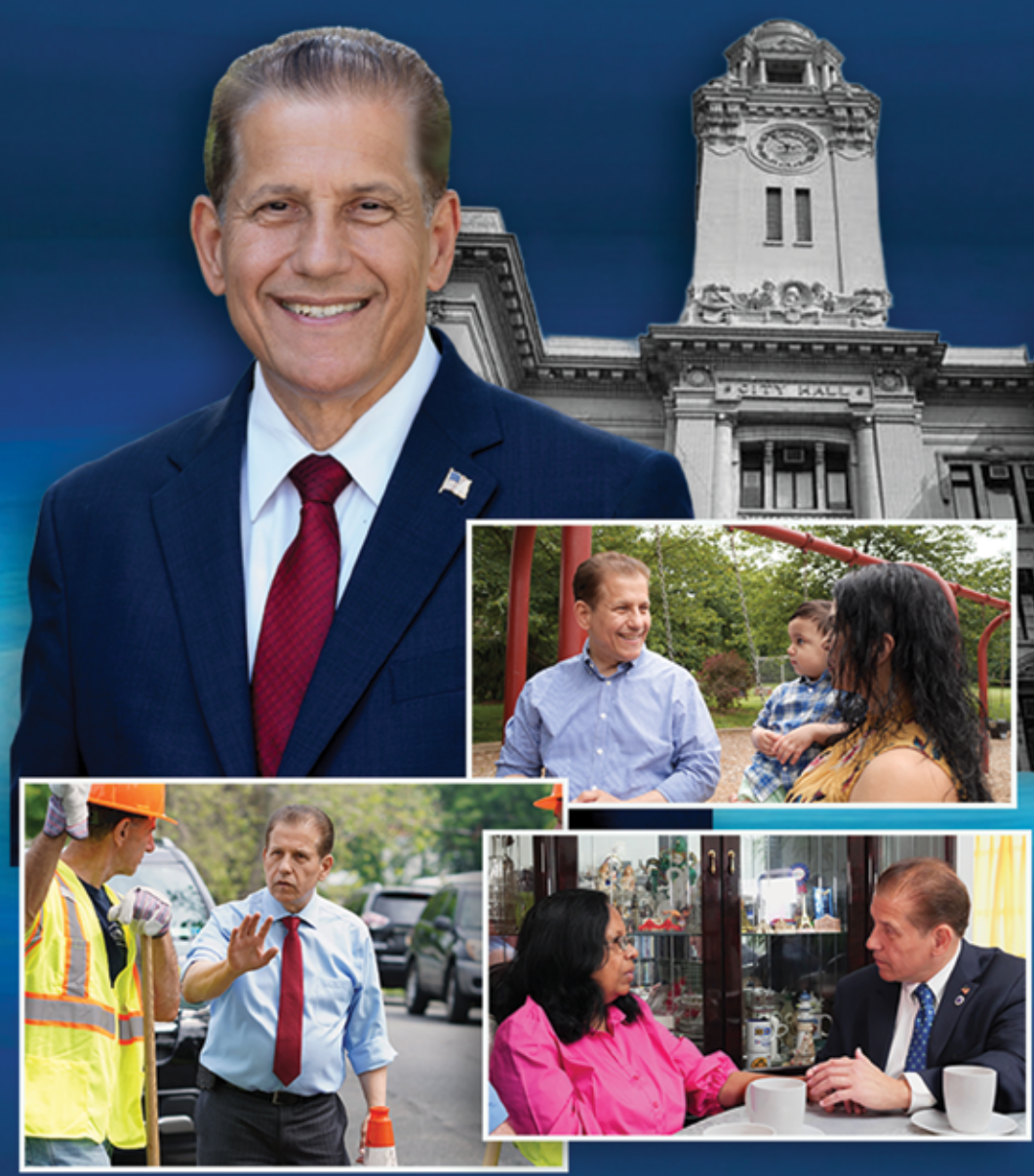

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