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Yonkers Celebrates “Hollywood on the Hudson” With Opening of Halmi Academy of Film & TV



Robert Halmi, Founder and CEO of Great Point Studios cuts the ribbon on the new school media school

Yonkers Public Schools is proud to announce the opening of the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, a groundbreaking new academy that will provide students with the skills and hands-on experience necessary for careers in film, television, and the broader media industry. Named in honor of legendary producer Robert Halmi Sr., the academy is the latest addition to the district's spe
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Law Enforcement Groups Endorse Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for Reelection



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Yonkers Girls Swim Team Off to a Good Start



Yonkers Girls Swim Team Captains Esperanza Aguilar-Bello (Sr, YHS), Maya Gardner (Sr, YHS), and Eva Stern (Jr, YHS).

The Yonkers Girls Swim Team won their season opener against Woodlands HS

88-70. Sophomore Sara Bowden (YMA) won both the 200 yard I.M. (2:47.49) and 100 yard breaststroke (1:26.65). Monica George (Jr, YMA) was 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle (32.08) and 3rd in the 100 yard butterfly (1:29.90) Olivia Quinn (So. Lincoln) won the 200 yard freestyle (2:41.78). Rania El Gamani (Jr YHS) won the 100 yard freestyle (1:12.58). Maya Gardner (Sr, Saunders) won the 100 yard backstroke (1:27.76) and placed 2nd in the butterfly (1:29.22).

Yonkers Assembly Candidate John Isaac: Stop the Madness- NYS Paid \$5 Billion on Migrants When the People of Yonkers are Hurting



**“Are We Paying for Hotels, Debit Cards & Cell Phones for Migrant Criminals?”
John Isaac-left**

John Isaac, republican candidate for Assembly in the 90th District, representing Yonkers, spoke to us about his concerns about the growing migrant crisis in New York State, and overspending in Albany with our tax dollars.

Isaac's comments come after a letter to Congress from ICE, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, said that “As of July 21, 2024, there were 662,566 non-citizens with criminal histories on ICE's national docket, which includes those detained by ICE, and on the agency's non-detained docket. Of those, 435,719 are convicted criminals, and 226,847 have pending criminal charges.”

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County Legislators Unanimous in “Tri-Partisan” Support of Extending Terms to Four Years

Former BOL candidate from Yonkers says Vote No



SIMPLE TRUTH 1: Two-year terms keep politicians more accountable and in line with what their constituents want. **PERIOD.**
SIMPLE TRUTH 2: Prop Two does not benefit the citizen-tax-payers, it benefits politicians.

-Debbie Kozak, Yonkers

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Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Hosts Roundtable to Tout Violence Prevention Initiatives



11 nonprofits supported with state funds met to discuss the success of anti-violence initiatives at Brother 2 Brother 914's Yonkers Knockouts Boxing gym

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JOHN ISAAC
FOR NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
90th District - Yonkers



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Enjoy the Columbus Day Parade This Sunday Oct. 6 Yonkers!



Miss Columbus Yonkers 2024
Kylie Delaney

This Sunday, October 6 at 2pm, the Yonkers Columbus Day Parade will kick off on Seminary Avenue and continue to Midland Avenue, ending on Miles Square Road. This year's Miss Columbus is Kylie Delaney, a student at Maria Regina High School.

This week's events leading up to the parade included an Italian Flag Raising & Italian Coffee Reception and the Painting of the Line for the parade along Midland Avenue,

On Friday Oct. 4, the annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance will take place at Westchester Manor. On Saturday Oct. 5, the Columbus Day Mass will be held at St. Ann's Church at 4pm.

After the parade on Sunday, Oct. 6, there will be a Columbus Day Street Festival for all to enjoy.

The Welcome Home Westchester Campaign Unveils "5 in 25" Agenda in Yonkers

Urges Local Governments to Take Housing Action This Year



Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, speaking at 5 in 2025 Press Conference in Yonkers, with former Yonkers Council President Chuck Lesnick, Tim Foley and other housing advocates

The Welcome Home Westchester Campaign Unveils "5 in 25" Agenda, Urges City, Town, and Villages to Take Housing Action This Year

On September 23, 2024, the Welcome Home Westchester campaign launched an opening salvo and sought to reignite the debate around building the housing we need in advance of the 2025 legislative session in Albany.

In a press conference held in Yonkers steps from the Ludlow Metro North Station, campaign speakers challenged all city, town, and village elected officials throughout Westchester to not wait for state action but instead to commit to taking specific actions to address the housing shortage and an affordability crisis which threatens the health of the local economy and the vibrancy of Westchester County's communities. They further called on residents and activists in every city, town, and village to insist that their communities be part of the housing solution, and neither to wait for action from Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature, nor to let only a dozen or so communities monopolize the economic benefits, the possibilities of infrastructure funding, and the moral imperative to make Westchester a welcoming community for all who wish to live and work here.

The campaign also unveiled its "5 in 2025" Agenda, highlighting 5 actions that municipalities can take on their own to remove barriers to building the housing needed.

Those five options include:

- 1-Produce a Housing Action Plan
- 2-Create a fast-track environmental review for sustainable, energy efficient housing and transit-oriented development
- 3-Promote Accessory Dwelling Units, (ADU) and Transit Oriented Development, (TOD)
- 4-Establish a Core Curriculum for Volunteer Land Use Board Member Training
- 5-Use the new State provided tools and become a pro-housing community

Read the 5 in 2025 agenda at welcomhomewestchester.org/five-in-25-policy-agenda/

Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg (95th Assembly District), who herself had led efforts to carefully and thoughtfully increase the supply of badly needed housing as Town Supervisor for Ossining and has proven to be a leader on the Assembly Committee on Housing, joined campaign speakers to offer her thoughts on what progress is possible in Albany.

Other speakers emphasized that, given the size and dire effects of the housing shortage, every community had a responsibility to choose one of the five elements of the policy agenda and determine what would work for their own community. The other speakers included Michael Romita of Westchester County Association (WCA), Nance Shatzkin of Croton Housing Network, Dr. Kevin Middleton of Acts Church in Yonkers, and Tim Foley of the Building & Realty Institute (BRI).

Michael Romita, President and CEO of Westchester County Association said: "New York's housing crisis, particularly acute in our suburbs, continues to undermine the health of our economy and the vibrancy of our communities. It will not

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Help Wanted


General Manager for school bus transportation co. in Yonkers, NY. Monitor Co.'s fin. stat. & rev. monthly & quarterly fin. stmts. to det. fin. standing of Co. In charge of interviewing, hiring & eval'g. staff. \$76.5K/yr. 2 yr. exp. req'd. Mail resume to VP Buses LLC, 793 Nepperhan Ave, Yonkers, NY 10703.

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Jason Rodriguez Named CEO of Yonkers YMCA Next Year is Going to Be a Better Year!



We are excited to share some wonderful news! After a comprehensive search, the Yonkers Family YMCA has named Jason Rodriguez as our new Chief Executive Officer.

Jason brings over a decade of experience in nonprofit leadership, social services, and community development. In his most recent role as Associate Executive Director of Business Operations & Strategy at the Manny Cantor Center in Manhattan, he demonstrated his ability to manage complex operations while fostering a culture of inclusion, equity, and social justice. With his leadership, financial expertise, and commitment to empowering diverse communities, Jason is the ideal person to guide our Y into the future as we continue our mission of youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

We are confident that under Jason's leadership, the Yonkers YMCA will continue to expand its positive impact on the community. As we embark on new capital improvements and expanded programming, we look forward to serving our members and neighbors in even more meaningful ways.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Jason Rodriguez to the Yonkers YMCA family, and we look forward to working together to strengthen our community. Rodriguez will begin his Y career officially on November 4, 2024.



By Eric Wolf Schoen

I woke up on Wednesday Morning. The newspaper and radio were filled with stories about how the local Police would be working with laypersons at Jewish houses of worship to provide increased security for the holidays. I would later that evening participate in one such activity.

I woke up Wednesday morning to reports that Iran had attacked Israel with a 200 Ballistic missile barrage. This is the largest barrage to date. The missiles had been shot down and thank god no one was killed or secretly injured.

I woke up Wednesday morning to learn that Canada's immigration policies are letting many terrorists into the United States planning mass killings of Jewish people. And all this going on as we get ready for the first anniversary of the October 7 attacks. God only knows what this may bring.

Happy New Year! Sadly, this is a tough time for Jews in America.

Whether in be on college campuses or grocery stores, Jewish people are subject to a tremendous amount of antisemitism. The Jews, who built this country and its many institutions of higher education are not being shown the respect that we deserve.

The Jewish holidays are late this year. Your cost of traditional foods like brisket, the chickens, the chopped liver have all gone sky high. In the middle we are hit by a shipping strike that will increase prices more because of the ingredients in these these foods And many other foods served this time of year are all ready high in cost!

But wait a minute. Look at the calendar. Rosh Hashanah in October?! Who made that decision? It's pretty late!

Actually, the Jewish holidays fall right on time. The Jewish or Hebrew calendar is a lunisolar calendar created and used by the Hebrew people—it's "lunar" in that every month follows the phases of the moon, and "solar" because the calendar's 12 months follow the earth's orbit around the sun. So stop worrying where it falls and start celebrating. You won't see confetti flying but we do use a special device to welcome the New Year. The device is a Shofar.

A shofar is an ancient musical horn typically made of a ram's horn, used for Jewish religious purposes. Like the modern bugle, the shofar lacks control done by varying the player's embouchure. lipping is the use of the lips, facial muscles, tongue, and teeth in playing a wind instrument. This includes shaping the lips to the mouthpiece of a woodwind instrument or the mouthpiece of a brass instrument.

The shofar is blown in synagogue services on Rosh Hashanah and at the end of Yom Kippur; it is also blown every weekday morning in the month of Elul running up to Rosh Hashanah.[2] Shofars come in a variety of sizes and shapes, depending on the choice of animal and level of finish.

I have recently started to learn how to play the shofar. I've had one for over 30 years but my shofar was small and difficult to play. I have the good fortune to be able to use a shofar that was owned by mom's dear friend Claire Simkins.

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Maria Regina HS Students from Yonkers Earn National Awards

A Tough Weekend in the Rain for Yonkers High School Football



Amaya Mejia



Melissa DeLuise



Force Backup QB Justin Navrica

Continuing a tradition at Maria Regina High School, four academically top performing students were recently notified that they had earned the prestigious 2024 College Board National Recognition Program Awards.

They were among more than 90,000 students from communities historically underrepresented on college campuses who were honored by the College Board.

The Maria Regina honorees are:

Melissa DeLuise (Class of '25) of Yonkers and Leonora Hutaj (Class of '25) of Hartsdale who both won the First-Generation Recognition Award, a new category introduced this year. The College Board defines a first-generation student as one whose parent(s) did not complete a bachelor's degree.

Loren Martinez (Class of '25) of White Plains who earned the African-American Recognition Award.

Amaya Mejia (Class of '26) of Yonkers who won both the African-American Recognition Award and the Hispanic Recognition Award.

Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of '99), Principal, said: "We are thrilled to congratulate Melissa, Leonora, Loren and Maya who distinguished themselves in meeting the College Board's very rigorous academic criteria. Their outstanding achievement, which will help them stand out during the college admissions process, is a testament to their dedication to academic excellence in keeping with Maria Regina's tradition spanning more than 65 years."

Maria Regina is proud to celebrate its students' remarkable achievements in earning highly coveted College Board Recognition Awards. For the third consecutive year, four or more of our students have been honored in the College Board's annual recognition awards, showcasing their dedication and excellence.

Maria Regina also announced at the start of the new 2024-2025 academic year that it joined a select group of secondary schools in the nation—and the only all-girls high school in Westchester County and one of three High Schools in the entire Archdiocese of New York Secondary Schools System—to offer the academically rigorous College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone Diploma Program.

The AP Capstone Diploma is the latest offering in Maria Regina's acclaimed academic program and the culmination of the significant increase in recent years in the number of AP courses that are offered; the percentage of students who have enrolled in at least one AP course, and, "even more impressively, the outstanding performance and top honors our students have achieved in these academically challenging courses," noted Carozza-McCaffrey.

To learn more, visit www.mariaregina.org.

By Phil Foley

With such a great start to high school football this year it seems our teams hit a slight wall last weekend. (Just like the Jets and Giants.)

The Yonkers Force lost to Ossining High School 18-6 last Saturday. In a statement after the game Coach Joe Vernice said, "The kids battled for 4 quarters in the rain and faced some adversity. They didn't give up". The only TD in the game for the Force was scored on a 5 yard run by Tyshawn Lightfoot. The Force play at Mount Vernon HS this Saturday. The game will be played at Memorial Field. Kickoff is at 3pm.

The Yonkers Brave played a tough game in the rain too! They lost to Ramapo HS 20-9. The only Brave Player scoring a touchdown in the game was Justin Espinal on a 35 yard run! After the game Coach Doug Hogue said, "The kids competed and played hard. It just was one of those games that you can't wait to move past. No excuses".

The Brave travel to Ossining this Saturday to play Ossining High School. Kick off is 3pm.

Letter to the Editor:

Déjà Vu???

"During the summer of 1939, the world watched with mounting outrage and distress as Adolf Hitler threatened to bring it to war once more. By then, his Nazi army had absorbed the Rhineland, Austria, and Czechoslovakia and was threatening to invade Poland, at which point both Britain and France had vowed to take military action."

"The United States was slow in mobilizing its forces; the army was woefully undermanned---perhaps equal only to that of a third---world Nation---and the air corps planes and navy ships were mostly outdated.

What limited force the country had, also lacked anything the German arsenal of heavy tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other mechanized combat vehicles."(Winston Groom)

"Those who cannot learn from history, are doomed to repeat it."

(George Santayana)

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NY State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli Honors Westchester Hispanic Leaders



State Comptroller DiNapoli and event honorees. L to R: José Alvarado, Westchester County Legislator District 17; Maria Kercado, President of Labor Council for Latin American Advancement; Judith Aucar, Executive Director, El Centro Hispano, Inc. and Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Mayor of New Rochelle.

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's Hispanic Heritage Month event this year recognized several individuals and an organization working to make a difference in the Hispanic and Latino communities:

José Alvarado, Westchester County Legislator, District 17

Yadira Ramos-Herbert, first Latina Mayor of the City of New Rochelle

Maria Kercado, President, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) Westchester Chapter, AFL-CIO and Executive Vice President, Retired 1199 SEIU, UHWE

Judith Aucar, Executive Director, El Centro Hispano, Inc.

The annual event was held this year at Cafetero Coffee Company in New Rochelle in Westchester County on September 17. Westchester County's Hispanic population has grown faster than the state and nation. In 2020, 269,334 people in Westchester County identified as Hispanic or Latino, which is 26.8% of the county's population, according to 2020 census data. That number represents a 30.1% increase over the past 10 years.

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

I put the call out for a large shofar, and Claire's son David said his mom of blessed memory would be delighted if I used her shofar.

Learning the shofar is my project for the year. You don't have to be Jewish to have a new project. . The great Martha Stewart said we should learn something new every day.

So while I learn the shofar, why don't you learn something new too! And for all my Jewish and non-Jewish friends, a Happy, Healthy New Year in a world of Shalom, Peace!

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

On This Day in Yonkers History...



President Gerald Ford in Yonkers, 1976

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, Chair of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, October 7th

October 7, 1941: Three people— Anthony Rossi, Mary and Samuel Butterworth-- were thrown out of bed by a tractor-trailer slamming into their home at on Central Park Avenue. The driver parked the truck in front of a nearby diner on Central Park Avenue to have an early breakfast; within a few minutes later, the truck rolled into the Butterworth home, damaging house walls. The embedded truck had hit the house with such force, it could not be removed until the house was shored up by emergency utility workers.

October 7, 1942: While speaking to the Yonkers Kiwanis, Edward Oakley, survivor of the Lexington lost in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8, 1942, spoke about his rescue. Men floating in the water had passed the word to swim towards the destroyers, not to the cruisers. Why? Men on destroyers got better food! Known as "Lady Lex," she went down with 35 aircraft, and 216 crewmembers; the Lexington was the first ship lost in WW II. Ships nearby rescued 2,770 men from the Lexington, the USS Sims and the USS Neosho.

Tuesday, October 8th

October 8, 1941: The Yonkers Board of Education "was interested in learning" where dismissed Deputy Superintendent of Buildings and Maintenance Alfred Corbin was; the Board wanted Corbin's school keys, records, books and Yonkers' license plate. Special delivery and registered letters sent him were "returned to sender." Corbin's special Board of Education license plate was the only one that had been issued to a school employee. Additionally, the office of Chief Assistant DA William Horan was trying to find him to question him regarding a Grand Jury probe about Yonkers.

Corbin hadn't been seen since collapsing while being questioned in Superintendent Ankenbrand's office.

Wednesday, October 9th

October 9, 1776: General William Heath dispatched infantry, light horse troops and artillery to the Nepperhan Bridge and the Manor House to assist two American ships beached just below the Manor Hall

October 9, 1942: Industrial Arts teacher Fred Tidaback taught the first Pre-flight Aviation Class at Yonkers High School. Yonkers had three rooms dedicated to the training: the first. One room had a plane, wind tunnel, benches and a library case. The second room had tools and an aircraft engine, while the third had work benches. The plan was for him to teach at Yonkers High in the morning and at Roosevelt in the afternoon.

Thursday, October 10th

October 10, 1941: The Reverend Alexander Leedie of St. Peter's Church was ordained a Catholic priest; the first African American Catholic Priest from Yonkers and Westchester County, he had served as a sanctuary

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

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

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7334 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services, as needed, for Freightliner trucks (FB).

2. Bid No. RFB-7336 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase, as needed, various manhole heads, covers, grates, and frames (36 items) manufactured per Yonkers specifications (AC).

3. Bid No. RFB-7337 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide monthly cleaning, disposal, and replacement of the collection nets in the Saw Mill River at the Larkin Plaza Day-lighting (KS).

4. Bid No. RFB-7341 – Opening date: 11/01/2024: Purchase of 350 Frigid-aire model FHWW144TE1, or Yonkers approved equal, 115V, 114,300 BTU air conditioners with window mounting kits (KAS).

5. Bid No. RFB-7342 – Opening date: 11/01/2024: Purchase of various Hurst, or Yonkers approved equals, rescue tools and accessories, 6 items (VB).

6. Bid No. RFB-7343 – Opening date: 11/01/2024: Provide full string replacement of 16 batteries for the Galaxy VS UPS System in the Forensic Laboratory located at Yonkers Police Headquarters, 104 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10710 (AC).

7. Bid No. IFB-7344 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Lintel/masonry repairs at School 32, 1 Montclair Place, Yonkers, NY 10710 (MM).

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 CUADRADO LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/2024. 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, 295 Main Street, MT KISCO NY 10549.

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Democratic Nominee George Latimer Committed to Restoring the Full “SALT” Deduction



*Congressional Candidate
George Latimer*

Congressional Candidate for the 16th District in New York, Democrat George Latimer today announced as part of his economic and housing plan his commitment to restore the full deduction for State and Local Taxes (“SALT”) for taxpayers in the Bronx and Westchester. As County Executive, Latimer has fought to control the tax burden on homeowners, and he will continue fighting to protect pocketbooks and wallets as the district’s representative in Washington DC. “New York taxpayers continue to face an unfair economic burden as a result of Donald Trump and congressional Republicans drastically capping the SALT deduction in 2017; a change implemented knowingly to have a disproportionate negative impact on homeowners in states like New York,” said NY-16 Congressional Candidate George Latimer. “While spun as a tax on the rich, the SALT deduction cap has a disproportionate impact on seniors and the middle class in my district, where property values and the cost-of-living rank among the highest in the nation. Working with Kamala Harris and House Democratic leadership to restore the full SALT deduction will be a top priority of mine as a member of Congress.” In 2017, with the support of Republican House and Senate majorities, former President Trump signed into law the so called “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, drastically capping the SALT deduction to \$10,000 for both individual and joint filing taxpayers. Prior to implementing the SALT cap, New York residents were entitled to deduct the full amount of state and local taxes against their federal income tax liability. The cap has a disproportionate impact on New Yorkers subject to local property taxes, where the median home price is ranked 3rd in the nation. While imposing this unfair burden on middle class New Yorkers, Trump and his cronies gave massive tax breaks to billionaires and for corporations moving their profits overseas. In a further slight to New York taxpayers, Congressional Republicans rejected an opportunity to provide some relief by increasing the deduction cap this past February. Restoring the full SALT deduction for his constituents is part and parcel to Latimer’s record of fighting for taxpayers while maintaining a high level of essential government services. This includes Latimer’s signing of five consecutive county property tax cuts, as well as raising the real property tax exemption for veterans, and providing tax exemptions for volunteer fire and EMS workers who give their time to protect our community.

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(altar) boy at St. Peter’s.

October 10, 1943: The US Army presented their “Action Overhead” Aerial show at the Empire City Racetrack. Structures especially built for the demonstration were bombed and ignited by missiles from the Army planes.

Friday, October 11th

October 11, 1942: Vera Robinson of Pondfield Road West and Chief Petty Officer Bert Rothing, USN, of Ravine Avenue, shared the honor of being the first people to donate their bumpers to the “Bumpers for Victory” drive in Larkin Plaza.

October 11, 1943: Movies of “tomato-growing” employees at the Yonkers Refined Syrups and Sugars plant went international! The film, made by the US Army Signal Corps, showed Sugar House workers caring for thousands of plants grown on top of a company warehouse at the foot of Vark Street. It was sent to Army camps all over the world to show our fighting forces “what the folks on the Homefront were doing!” A Company VP said shortly after a Signal Corps officer read about the company efforts to support their employees in The Herald Statesman, photographers appeared to film their story. The rooftop garden was a company suggestion to make fresh vegetables available to their workers. An estimated 30,000 pounds of vegetables had been produced and given to the workers.

Saturday, October 12th

October 12, 1776: Units of the American Army lay entrenched in camps on Valentine Hill, where Washington made his headquarters before they headed to White Plains.

October 12, 1942: Mrs. Herold Robinson of Pondfield Road West and Chief Petty Officer Bert Rothing, US Navy, shared the honor of donating the first pair of bumpers in the “Bumpers for Victory” drive held in Larkin Plaza.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Yonkers War Salvage Committee, The Herald Statesman and the City of Yonkers, all the major newsreel companies and picture services filmed this moment, showing the world Yonkers had taken leadership of an important patriotic war salvage program.

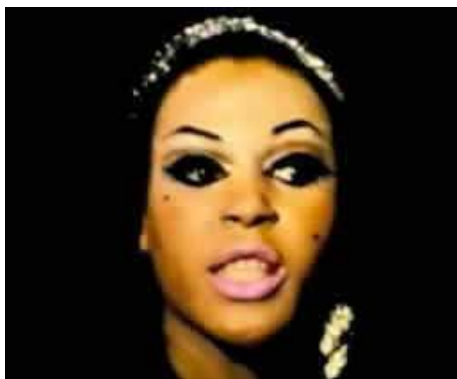
Sunday, October 13th

October 13, 1894: Two important golf tournaments were held at St. Andrews of Yonkers-on-the-Hudson Golf Course, the first United States Open tournament for professional golfers and the first National Amateur Golf tournament. Willie Dunn, who taught golf in Biarritz, won the professional tournament out of four entrants. Dunn received \$100 and a gold medal for his efforts. L. B. Stoddard of Saint Andrew’s won the amateur tournament.

October 13, 1976: President Gerald Ford visited Mayor Angelo Martinelli at Yonkers City Hall; he signed the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Amendments of 1976, while hundreds of school children and adults cheered. Besides our esteemed Mayor, other New York dignitaries witnessing the bill signing were Governor Malcolm Wilson, of Yonkers, Senators Jacob Javits and William Buckley, several Councilmembers, and city hall employees.

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LGBTQ+ History Month: The World of New York's Ballroom Culture



Crystal LaBeija

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Entering a ballroom in New York is like stepping into a dazzling showcase of talent and expression, featuring butch queens, the girls, and maybe even some trade. These terms capture the essence of the LGBTQ+ community thriving in the city's rich ballroom culture—a vibrant form of expression rooted primarily in Black and Latinx communities.

Ballroom culture traces its origins back to the Harlem Renaissance, with influences that can even be seen as far back as the 19th century. The scene has evolved significantly, particularly since the 1970s when the first ballroom houses began to take shape. A "house" represents a chosen family or community, providing support and camaraderie for its members. Sajuan Scott, an international vogue instructor and Kiki Scene icon, emphasizes the importance of houses, stating, "A house is important within ballroom because it grants people seeking acceptance a feeling of assurance and security. It also enhances the chance to practice talents among peers who understand the journey."

In 1972, two pivotal figures, Crystal LaBeija and Lottie LaBeija, hosted a groundbreaking ball specifically for Black and Brown LGBTQ+ individuals. Titled "Crystal & Lottie Presents: The 1st Annual House of LaBeija Ball," this event emerged after Crystal faced discrimination at the All-America Beauty Pageant in the late 1960s. It was during this time that she coined the term "house," marking a significant milestone in ballroom history.

Fast forward to 2024, and ballroom culture continues to thrive and evolve. Isaiah Latimer, who works under the moniker Constance Lee Busted, reflects on the importance of pioneers like Crystal and Lottie. He expresses gratitude for their perseverance, stating, "They were pioneers who didn't give up."

In conclusion, the ballroom scene stands as a powerful testament to resilience and creativity, enriching New York's culture. By providing a space for self-expression and connection, it honors the legacy of those who came before while fostering a sense of community that thrives today. As seen in the recent events in Yonkers and Mount Vernon, the spirit of ballroom culture continues to unite and inspire during Pride Month, ensuring that its vibrant essence remains an integral part of the ongoing celebration of diversity and identity in our city.

Thank you, Crystal LaBeija and Lottie LaBeija.

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

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Habitat NYC and Westchester will celebrate the 1st Anniversary of their flagship ReStore in Yonkers with storewide discounts, complimentary BBQ and drinks, and family-friendly activities alongside the local community, volunteers, customers, and local elected officials.

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County volunteers, staff and local community leaders will gather in Yonkers on Saturday for day-long festivities celebrating the 1-Year Anniversary of the nonprofit's flagship ReStore retail location at 470 Nepperhan Ave. Spanning 8,400-square-feet, this newest ReStore—the store that builds homes and reduces waste—features donated overstock and secondhand items for the home, such as furniture, appliances, art, home décor, and building materials, at 50 – 80% off their original retail prices. Proceeds from sales directly benefit Habitat's efforts to build and preserve affordable homes in the community.

The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 5, 2024 at Habitat for Humanity NYC and Westchester ReStore 470 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710.

Paying Homage to the Real Meaning of Baseball: Mr. Peter Edward Rose Sr.

By Clifford Jackson

I grew up in Wagner Houses in East Harlem. 54 years ago living there at the age of nine I became a fan of the Cincinnati Reds (The Big Red Machine). The most dominant team in Major League Baseball during the 1970's winning six division titles 4 national league championships and two World Series championships in 1975 and 1976. The main reason why the Big Red Machine was so successful was Pete Rose. He was the heart and soul of that team and he was what baseball should be all about. He played hard and he played for the love of the game. That was shown with every hit and his thunderous and aggressive play. That was demonstrated in the 1970

All star game and his famous knocking over catcher Ray Fosse at home plate to score for the national league. I remember seeing that with my late father and that certainly had an impression on me. He had a perennial over 300 batting average, most players are not able to do that. His four thousand two hundred and fifty six hits is more than any other player in Major League Baseball history. The term "team player" is like every thing else in this society predicated on a lie a myth, but team player was exactly what Pete Rose was, playing multiple positions in the outfield and third and first base. From what I can see as a fan back then and in retrospect, for Pete Rose it was never about the money it was indeed a "love of the game"! Very few athletes can say that no matter what sport they are in especially with the perversion of sports during this period

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Beczak Environmental Education Center Kicks Off Restoration of the Tidal Marsh on the Hudson



The Beczak Environmental Educational Center is excited to announce the launch of a vital restoration and expansion project for the unique Beczak Tidal Marsh, located along the Hudson River at 35 Alexander Street, Yonkers. Constructed two decades ago, the marsh has since become a treasured community asset, offering opportunities for residents to engage with local wildlife while serving as a critical educational resource for Westchester County students.

As part of the first phase of the long-term restoration plan, Beczak has organized a community-driven initiative to remove invasive species from the marsh. Lucy Morano, Beczak board member and Director of Community Gardens for the Yonkers Family YMCA, is leading the project with her Enviro-Earth Club, which consists of local students from Yonkers.

Ms. Morano said: "This project gives our students hands-on experience with real-world environmental challenges and helps them understand the critical role wetlands play in protecting our shoreline and supporting local wildlife. Restoring the marsh is not just about preserving a natural space, it's about strengthening our community's connection to the environment and ensuring that future generations have access to a healthy, thriving ecosystem right here in Yonkers."

Beczak has also partnered with Sven Hoeger, the former CEO of Creative Habitat Corp and the original designer of the tidal marsh, to clear the invasive species that have overtaken the area. Under Hoeger's guidance, students from the club are receiving hands-on training in identifying and removing invasive

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National Merit Scholarship Program Commends Yonkers Student at Dominican Academy



Aisling K.

Leslie Petit, Ed.D., Dominican Academy principal, and Alexandria M. Egler, Ph.D., the school's president, announced Yonkers resident Aisling K., as a Commended Student in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program. Aisling was among the six Dominican Academy students who were commended, along with one student who was named a semi-finalist.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, will be presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

"Aisling has demonstrated extraordinary academic achievement at Dominican Academy," said Dr. Petit, principal. "Her commitment to excellence and pursuit of knowledge sets a wonderful example for her peers and makes our school proud."

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

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Yonkers Gold Star Mother Speaks at County Ceremony



Gold Star Mother Hope Hollinsworth-Coaxum of Yonkers

In a solemn ceremony Westchester County honored the sacrifice of the families of military service members who lost their lives in the service of our country.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Veterans Service Agency Director Ron Tocci led the County's annual Gold Star Mothers & Families Memorial Tribute Ceremony at Westchester's Memorial Walkway at Kensico Dam Plaza, where 17 County veterans who fell in service since the 9/11 attacks were remembered with hand and rifle salutes and the sounding of "Taps."

Those assembled heard moving words from Gold Star Mother Hope Hollinsworth-Coaxum of Yonkers, whose son, Army Staff Sergeant Courtney Hollinsworth, died in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007, and whose sacrifice is commemorated on the Walkway.

Latimer said: "As a county and a nation, we remember everyone who served and fell in the line of duty, and we honor their sacrifice, but it's important to remember that their sacrifice is not theirs alone. There's a family proudly standing behind everyone who goes off to serve. And when a service member falls, there's a family that grieves. We have a duty to our Gold Star Families to support them in their grief, to lift them up, to honor their sacrifice, and to provide them whatever help they need for all they've given for us."

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Most of us have not lost a son or daughter, a spouse or sibling, in military service. We don't live with that intense paradox of pride in their service and grief for their loss. But we do live with a responsibility to our Gold Star Families, not just to support them with services but to make sure they feel our love and respect, to say every day, 'We see you, we are humbled by your sacrifice, and we are here for you.'"

Tocci said: "As parents, there's nothing more profound than the hopes and dreams we have for our children, including hopes and dreams for a fulfilling life of service. Those hopes and dreams for their service don't end with a folded flag, a rifle salute, a Gold Star, but for families whose loved ones choose a life of military service, the possibility of that ending is very real. Today, and every day, we say to all the Gold Star Moms and Gold Star families, thank you for your service too. We know your sacrifice is indelible, and we promise never to forget it."

The national remembrance of Gold Star Mother's Day began in 1936, marked on the last Sunday in September. Since 2011, commemoration has been amended to be Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day.

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Nader Sayegh strengthened penalties for organized shoplifting and gave judges more discretion to hold dangerous criminals accountable for their actions. He also brought back more funding for local police departments and will work with the federal government on commonsense solutions to the immigration crisis. **Sayegh is endorsed by Yonkers, County, NYC and State police.**

INFLATION RELIEF

Nader Sayegh is working to provide relief for residents and businesses struggling with inflation. He voted to raise the state’s minimum wage, speed up middle-class tax cuts, expand child care assistance, and help first-time homebuyers.

BETTER SCHOOLS

Nader Sayegh secured a record increase in state funding for Yonkers public schools, which helped restore extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, library, and support services.

PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

Nader Sayegh will defend a woman’s right to choose. He voted to strengthen protections for reproductive freedom, and can be counted on to stand up to conservative attempts to roll back the clock and take away our hard-won individual rights and freedoms.




A family man, Nader Sayegh has always called Yonkers home, growing up in Southwest Yonkers with his seven siblings. He and his wife, Sana, built their life together here, raising their five daughters, all who attended Yonkers public schools, achieving successful careers.



After working his way through college and law school, Nader dedicated his life to public service. He served for over 40 years as a teacher, principal, college professor and President of the Yonkers Board of Education. Nader worked hard to better our education system by helping increase graduation rates and expanding after-school programs. He also served as a captain in the New York Guard.

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New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins met with nearly a dozen nonprofit organizations on Wednesday in Yonkers for a roundtable discussion on how multidisciplinary approaches have been reducing violence and creating a safer New York for all.

“We’re seeing significant progress towards our public safety goals, thanks to the efforts of law enforcement and our community partners – not just here in Yonkers and Westchester, but across New York State,” Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins said.

At Wednesday’s roundtable, Sen. Stewart-Cousins touted a report from the Division of Criminal Justice Services indicating New York has seen a significant statewide decline in gun violence of 28 percent in 2024, with Yonkers seeing a decrease of 56 percent, according to data collected through the New York State Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative.

Sen. Stewart-Cousins said Wednesday that she recognizes the importance of well-funded law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime, and the key role community organizations play at the local and regional level in further advancing strategies to combat violence and address its root causes in our communities. Sen. Stewart-Cousins, a longtime supporter of violence prevention initiatives in Westchester and across New York State, has been instrumental in securing millions in state funding for dozens of local organizations that are helping make communities safer. Wednesday’s roundtable participants were just some of many which have received funding thanks to Sen. Stewart-Cousins.

Organizations in attendance included African American Men of Westchester, Brother 2 Brother 914, CLUSTER, Grandpas United, the PeaceMobile Team, Ruff Ryders to the Rescue, Warburton, Woodworth and Ravine, Inc., YMCA Yonkers, YWCA Yonkers, and 914 United.

Representatives from participating organizations detailed a host of strategic programming initiatives which reach a diverse audience across Westchester, from children to seniors, across a myriad of disciplines including civil service and criminal justice programs, mental health crisis intervention services, and “credible messenger” programs which provide positive role models and resources for the community. Speakers had the opportunity to speak about their unique programs to fight against violence, and report to Sen. Stewart-Cousins on how their organization is using state funding she delivered to advance those objectives.

“What the Senator brings to us with state funding, is the ability to turn an idea into reality. You can have the best idea in the world but eventually you’re going to need support to turn that idea into a reality, and that’s what Sen. Stewart-Cousins does for us,” said Warburton, Woodworth and Ravine, Inc. director Dwayne Cloud.

Sen. Stewart-Cousins said one of her major takeaways from the roundtable was that participating organizations demonstrated a keen interest in building and maintaining relationships and partnerships with each other.

“So many of the programs and services these organizations provide are complementary and even intersecting, and today’s roundtable not only serves to help share useful information, but also lays the groundwork for new and expanded partnerships and initiatives for the future, and I’m proud to have facilitated this discussion,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said.

Wednesday’s roundtable was held at Brother 2 Brother 914’s Yonkers Knockouts Boxing gym at 29 S Broadway in Yonkers. Brothers John and Darrell Morrison, the founders and executives of Brother 2 Brother, thanked Sen. Stewart-Cousins for her support.

“Because the Senator has helped us with funding, our community organizations can do so many things,” Brother 2 Brother 914 director John Morrison said. “We’d like to thank the Majority Leader for letting us host today’s event. It was a great event, and all the community leaders came together to say how much we love doing the work that we do.”

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Cacace Declines LWV Debate with Sarcone Should Debates be in Person? Or Still Zoom?

By Dan Murphy

A number of debates have been scheduled in October for almost every elected office on the ballot November 5. The Westchester League of Women Voters, LWV, as usual, has a number of their forums upcoming but some candidates have decided to skip their planned debate.

In a press release, the LWV-Westchester wrote, "The League of Women Voters of Westchester announces that it will not be holding Candidate Forums for the U.S. Congressional District 17 race or for the Westchester District Attorney race.

With respect to the race for U.S. CD 17, Democratic candidate Mondaire Jones had stated that he was available for the proposed October 21, 2024 forum at the Ossining Public Library. However, incumbent Congressman Michael Lawler, Republican candidate, would not commit to any date.

With respect to the race for Westchester County DA, Republican candidate John Sarcone had accepted the invitation for the proposed October 24, 2024 forum at the White Plains Public Library. However, Democratic candidate Susan Cacace declined to participate.

A candidates' meeting with only one candidate present is an "empty chair" meeting, and is not permitted under LWVW rules and its policy of nonpartisanship. LWVW regrets that these important proposed educational events for voters had to be cancelled.

"This is a lost opportunity for the public to hear directly from candidates in person and to address their own questions to them," stated Westchester County League President Kathy Meany. "We strive to run forums in a respectful, non-partisan environment that encourages civil discourse and allows candidates to communicate with the people they are seeking to represent. It is a disappointment that there will be no such in-person opportunity for voters residing in Westchester [for purposes of the U.S. CD 17 and Westchester County DA races]."

Sarcone said, in a statement, that Cacace's decision not to debate was, "a threat to democracy and a slap in the face of Westchester voters..that my opponent refuses to face the voters and defend her radical positions."

Cacace's campaign, through a spokesperson, explained that "Susan has always made herself accessible to people all across Westchester and will continue reaching out to voters to discuss her vision for the office and her plans to keep Westchester safe," adding that "Her opponent, on the other hand, has no credible campaign to speak of. He has failed to raise any money, has not produced a website, has no social media presence, and zero visibility. The voters deserve better."

We could not find a Sarcone for District Attorney website on Facebook as we write this story, nor could we find any donations or filings of any kind on the NY Board of Elections.

Recently, Sarcone issued two releases, sent out by republican campaign consultant Chapin Fay. One was regarding the indictment of Eric Adams, and the other was an endorsement from former NYPD detective Bo Dietl.

Sarcone also does not have the Conservative Party line. Last year, Sarcone was the republican candidate for State Supreme Court, and also did not have the Conservative Party line. A lawsuit was filed against the Westchester Conservative Party Chair Hugh Fox, but Fox won in the end, and Conservatives endorsed the democratic candidates for State Supreme Court, who went on to win in November.

This year, Fox and the Westchester Conservative Party have endorsed Cacace for DA, and the democratic candidates for State Supreme Court again. One issue that some conservatives in Westchester have with this decision is that while democrats are running a statewide and national campaign to protect a woman's right to abortion, most conservatives don't agree.

Lawler and Jones have agreed to participate in a debate on News 12 Wednesday, October 16 at 8:30pm, which will be moderated by News 12's Tara Rosenblum.

One thought that we have heard from many candidates is their desire to hold in

person debates. During COVID, all debates were held on Zoom, and some are still held on Zoom. We agree. The LWV is hosting a number of debates both in person and on Zoom for those who can't attend. We do enjoy the post debate videos that we can watch at our leisure.

In the other Westchester race for Congress, NY-16, democrat George Latimer and republican Miriam Levitt-Flisser will participate in a LWV Debate on October 17, from 7pm to 8:30pm at the White Plains Public Library

Other LWV debates for Yonkers candidates include:

NYS Senate District 35-Khristen Kerr (R) vs. Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D)
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 -7pm to 8pm--via Zoom

NYS Senate District 37-Tricia S. Lindsay (R) vs. Shelley Mayer (D)
Tuesday, October 22, 2024-7pm to 8:30pm- White Plains Public Library

NYS Assembly District 90

John Isaac (R) vs. Nader J. Sayegh (D)-Tuesday, October 22, 2024- 6:30pm to 7:30pm Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers

NYS Assembly District 92

Alessandro Crocco (R) vs. MaryJane Shimsky (D)
Thursday, October 10, 2024- 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Greenburgh Public Library

Editors Note: If you know of an additional candidate's debate, please email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com so we can highlight it.

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In addition, the data in the letter included 15,000 migrants convicted or charged with murder and 13,000 convicted or charged with sexual assault. "It is troubling to find out that there are thousands of illegal migrants convicted or charged with murder and sex assault that are not in jail."

"Many of the migrants chose to come to New York City, which has seen an influx of more than 200,000 over the past two years. How many tens of thousands of the migrants in New York City are criminals? There are reports that migrant gangs have come into our community and are shoplifting at stores. Have you ever wondered why you have to ask for assistance to buy a toothbrush at your local pharmacy, because everything is locked behind a glass?"

"New York State has paid \$5 Billion to New York City to pay for the migrant crisis. We are paying for hotels, cell phones and debit cards for people who did not come here legally. I wonder how many of those migrants getting these benefits have been convicted of a crime?"

"When Yonkers families are having trouble paying for food and gas, couldn't my opponent and the super-majority in Albany have found a better way to spend \$5 Billion of our taxpayer dollars?"

"I would like to think that Assemblyman Sayegh didn't know what he was voting for when he passed along our tax dollars to illegal migrants. But that's what you have when you have someone blindly rubber stamping every progressive police that comes on your desk.

"We need a voice of reason representing Yonkers in Albany who will say Stop! Before I vote on any plan to spend billions of your tax dollars, I will ask how does this help or hurt the people of Yonkers?"

"I am not a career politician. I think Albany is broken, and the policies that we have been getting from the democratic supermajorities are making it harder for all of us to raise a family. We can't afford the spending and some of the policies that my opponent has rubber stamped. We can do better.

"I came to this country legally as an immigrant in 1986. Yonkers and New York State have given me and my family the opportunity to work hard and raise a family. Now I want to give back by fixing Albany.

"I'm worried that my children and grandchildren won't have the same opportunities I had. I want everyone to have a chance at the American dream.

"I have two questions for my opponent and the people of Yonkers. Can't we all agree that we don't want \$5 Billion of our tax dollars going to pay for benefits to migrants who are convicted criminals?"

"And can't we all agree that there has to be a better way of protecting our community, instead of having tens of thousands of migrant criminals in New York State?"



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Nader Sayegh for Reelection

be magically wished away. Rather, we need our local towns and villages to see past the NIMBY rhetoric and to work with us. Welcome Home Westchester's 'Five in '25' agenda is positive and straightforward. It asks each community to choose a single action to encourage more housing in a way that makes sense for them. Not everyone can do the same thing, but everyone should do something."

Tim Foley, CEO of the Building & Realty Institute (BRI), said: "In the world of housing, the buck stops at the local level. Mayors, Supervisors, Trustees, Councilmembers and the dedicated volunteers who make up local land use boards have the ultimate authority on what gets built where, and whether their neighborhoods remain mired in the outdated and inefficient processes that led to the housing shortage crunch or will be welcoming to all who want to live and work here. With our 'Five in 2025' we're highlighting the policies that we know work because they are already working in one of Westchester's diverse communities without upsetting quality of life or overtaxing our infrastructure. The time to act is now."

Jan Fisher, Executive Director of Nonprofit Westchester (NPW), said: "Non-profit Westchester is proud to be part of the Welcome Home Westchester campaign, amplifying the efforts of nonprofits that are tirelessly ensuring the voices of those most affected by the housing crisis—families and individuals in urgent need of affordable housing—are heard. As the voice for Westchester's nonprofit sector, we are committed to advocating for solutions that provide safe, accessible, and affordable homes for everyone in our community."

Nance Shatzkin, President of Croton Housing Network, said: "The housing we created in Croton has helped the whole community. It created places for my friends' parents to move as they aged out of their homes, it brought school kids who have added to our diversity and the experience of all our children, it's brought volunteers to our fire and social service organizations, and it's allowed friends of mine to come back to the village they love. And more growth – in your community – will do the same."

Dr. Kevin Middleton, Pastor of Act Church in Yonkers, said: "The issue of housing is not just about making space for people to live in homes, it's about first making space for people to live in our hearts. All people deserve to be housed, sheltered, cared for, and protected, and to not give that is a violation of our own humanity."

The event concluded with a call to action, urging all members of the community and families who are concerned by the crisis to come together and commit to the "5 in 2025" Agenda. The Welcome Home Westchester campaign believes that with concerted effort and community engagement, Westchester County can tackle the housing crisis and build a more inclusive and vibrant future for all its residents and those who wish to live here.

The Welcome Home Westchester campaign is a multi-stakeholder advocacy effort consisting of business and nonprofit leaders, academics, think tanks, faith leaders, and community advocates working together to drive a new public conversation around fixing the housing shortage in Westchester County. Visit welcomehomewestchester.org/ for more information.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh's campaign for re-election received a large boost on October 1st when he was endorsed by the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association (PBA), Yonkers Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants Association (CLSA), and the Westchester County PBA. These endorsements reflect the Assemblyman's long-standing commitment to public safety, supporting law enforcement, and advocating for policies that ensure safe communities.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of these respected organizations," said Assemblyman Sayegh. "I will continue to stand with our brave officers and work tirelessly to ensure they have the resources and support they need to protect our communities."

Joining Assemblyman Sayegh in front of the Robert W. Cacace Justice Center in Yonkers on October 1st was Yonkers PBA President Frank McDonald, Yonkers CLSA President Mike Hanley, and Westchester County PBA President Wilberto Saez, and several members of local law enforcement.

Assemblyman Sayegh has consistently fought for increased funding for public safety, mental health resources for officers, and better tools for crime prevention. His office has also awarded the Yonkers Police Department several grants for de-escalation training via the Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) training in the past few years, as well as contributing grants for the new joint-YPD/YFD training center in central Yonkers.

These endorsements reflect the trust and confidence law enforcement has in Assemblyman Sayegh's ability to continue championing their needs while ensuring public safety remains a top priority. The support of the Yonkers PBA, CLSA, and Westchester County PBA underscores the broad coalition of support that Assemblyman Sayegh has built across law enforcement organizations in Yonkers.

Yonkers PBA President Frank McDonald said, "Assemblyman Sayegh has consistently shown his unwavering support for the Yonkers PBA," said Yonkers PBA President Frank McDonald. "He stands up for our rights, our safety, and the vital work we do for the Yonkers community. Throughout his time in office, Nader Sayegh has fought to ensure we have the resources and funding we need to serve effectively. He knows that we were supported, our whole community thrives... The Yonkers PBA stands behind Nader Sayegh for Assembly, a leader who prioritizes safety and an advocate for those who serve."

Yonkers CLSA President Mike Hanley said, "I've seen firsthand how crucial strong leadership is for our members and the community we serve," said Yonkers CLSA President Mike Hanley. "Assemblyman Sayegh has consistently demonstrated unwavering support for our ranks. In his last term, he achieved significant successes securing funding and advocating for resources that enhance officer safety, and has proven himself to be an effective and dedicated leader. As we move into the 2024 election, it's vital that we stand united behind leaders like Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, who will continue to build on the successes of his last term and advocate for the values we hold dear for those who serve."

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ; Index No. 59236/2023 Filed 04/07/2023 Plaintiff
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; DONNAMARIE DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; RICHARD DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint,

PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA

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

NOTICE

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If you do not respond to this Summons and Amended 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 publication and protect your property.

Sending 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 ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

To the above named defendants: The foregoing Publication is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Paul I Marx, J.S.C, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated September 06, 2024 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage on the property located 26 Gail Road, Yonkers, NY 10710 Section: 4 Block: 4863 Lot: 56

Westchester County is designated as the place of

trial based upon the location of the property being foreclosed. Attorneys for

Plaintiff: Stern & Eisenberg, PC, 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 T:(516) 630-0288.

because of George Steinbrenner and his stewarding the genesis of the free agent era that has had a rippling affect across the four major sports in this country. Rose said in a 1975 interview during the World Series in reference to the big red machine “

It doesn't matter who you are or what color you are as long you play as hard as you can". I remember that and as a 14 year old living in coop city at the time and being exposed to the racism in from whites living there it also impacted me. The Cincinnati Reds were quite culturally and racially diverse , echoing what Rose said. The line up had Pete Rose, Jonny Bench, George Foster, Caesar Geronimo, Ken Griffey, Jack Billingham, Pedro Borbon, Dave Concepcion, Don Gullet, Tony Perez , Bill Plummer and the great Joe Morgan. The 1973 national league championship was memorable as far as an example where good pitching will always defeat good hitting. Where the Ny Mets led by Tom Seaver defeated the Cincinnati Reds in a hard fought 5 game series 3 games to 2. The highlight of the series was Rose's famous scuffle with Bud Harrelson that turned into a bench clearing brawl when he slid into second base causing Rose to be public enemy number one with ny Mets fans. Rose was booed vociferously by met fans with subsequent visits to shea Stadium. He was able to exact his revenge in an afternoon game at shea in 1978 , that I took my younger brother to see, where he hit three home runs as the Cincinnati Reds soundly defeated the Ny Mets 14-7. Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of fame. What he did leading to his exile from Major League Baseball has categorically nothing to do with his stellar 23 year career. In a society where almost every sector and industry is corrupt and illegal activities happen daily especially in the banking, and Wall Street industries his violation is not significant. Especially where we have a former president of the United States running for president with 34 felonies, there is no way in hell with the fact that betting on sports is legal now that Peter Edward Rose Sr. (Charlie Hustle) should be denied entry into the hall of fame. No one deserves entry more than him.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Property Address: 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

BRITE FAMILY LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRENDA O. JONES A/K/A BRENDA JONES A/K/A BRENDA A. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

TEMICKA L. JONES A/K/A TEMICKA JONES A/K/A TENICKA JONES A/K/A TEMICKA C. JONES A/K/A TOMICKA L. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

DOUGLAS R. DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS R. MADDOX, if living, and if he be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

“JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES”, said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered Sept. 16, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on September 29, 2021 in Control #612713799, covering premises k/a 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 a/k/a Section 169.31, Block 3115, Lot 24.

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

Sending a payment to 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.

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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7. Workers' compensation benefits;
8. Public or private pensions;
9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., Margolin, Weinreb & Nierer, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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County Legislators Unanimous in Tri-Partisan Support to Extend Terms from 2 years to 4 years

Former BOL candidate from Yonkers says Vote No

By Dan Murphy

Another important ballot proposition on the ballot in Westchester County on Nov. 5 would extend the term of county legislators from 2 years to 4 years. County legislators currently serve 2 year terms, and there are mixed opinions on whether the extension is a good or a bad idea.

First is the surprise that this reporter had when I realized that the item would be on the ballot on Nov. 5 and I had not heard nor read anything about it until a Sept. 26 release from the BOL, which read,

“In a collaborative and bipartisan effort, the Westchester County Board of Legislators is proposing an amendment to Chapter 107 of the Laws of Westchester County, known as Westchester County Proposition No. 2024-1, that will extend the terms of County Legislators from two to four years, while keeping existing term limits in place. This change would allow legislators to concentrate more fully on the needs of their constituents, focus on policy proposals rather than constant campaigning, reduce the cost of administering elections, and align with the standard set by a majority of New York State county legislative bodies, which already have four-year terms.

“Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, “By extending the length of Legislators’ terms, we’re saving taxpayer dollars by allowing us to hold fewer elections and creating a more effective and efficient system to serve the needs of today’s voters so that Legislators can focus on the work they were elected to do, rather than constantly campaigning. I’ve spoken to voters throughout the County from Yorktown to Yonkers, and they’ve all told me the same thing – they want us to focus on policy, not politics – and this proposal allows us to do that.”

Key Benefits of Four-Year Terms

Cost Savings for Taxpayers:

Elections can be costly — for both candidates and taxpayers. And the cost of elections continues to increase. This proposal is expected to significantly reduce the financial burden of administering elections, allowing public funds to be re-directed to essential services.

Reduced Campaigning:

A four-year term will enable Legislators to spend less time fundraising and campaigning, resulting in fewer campaign mailings, campaign phone calls, and other messaging to residents. This shift will allow Legislators to dedicate more time to legislative work and community engagement.

Delivering Results:

A single legislative proposal can take several months or even years to develop. A four-year term will enable County Legislators to oversee the implementation of their enacted policies. It would also help ensure that County funds secured for a specific project are used in a timely fashion and for their intended purpose, allowing for more thoughtful and impactful legislation.

Expertise and Experience:

Legislative issues are often intricate and multifaceted. A four-year term gives Legislators the time to develop the expertise required to address these challenges effectively.

If Proposition 2 does not pass, Legislators will run for office in 2025, 2026, and 2028 (due to the new state election schedule). If Proposition 2 does pass, Legislators will run in 2025 and then again in 2028 (due to the new state election schedule).

As part of this proposal, a mandatory referendum is required to allow Westchester voters to approve this change.

Co-sponsor of this proposal, Minority Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C -North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Sleepy Hollow, Harrison) said, “This proposal enjoys true-partisan support – tripartisan if you consider that I am a proud member of the Conservative party. We all believe that this proposal will not only improve the efficiency of our government but will also enhance the quality of representation our constituents deserve. We will still have our term limits in place and this does not change that. We encourage voters to approve this initiative, which aims to enhance our efforts on the issues that matter most to our community.”

Co-sponsor Legislator Benjamin Boykin (D-White Plains, Scarsdale, West Harrison), who was recently elected as President of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), said, “Over 70% of the counties across New York State have already moved on to longer terms. It is a common-sense piece of legislation. By adopting this change, Westchester will align itself with surrounding counties and empower Legislators to address pressing community issues with the time and attention they deserve,” end of BOL statement.

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Yonkers resident Debbie Kozak, who ran for County Board in District 16 last year, opposes the measure, writing

PROP TWO – Don’t Let Them Get Away with It: Vote NO!

With Westchesterites distracted by vacations and other activities these past few months our County Legislators managed to cook up and quietly push through a ‘tri-partisan’ plan to double their terms of office from two to four years.

Upon County Exec George Latimer’s signature that change to be known as Prop Two, sets up a second outrageous proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot that we citizen-taxpayers have neither asked for nor know very much about.

(The first was the even more obnoxious Prop One, or phony Equal Rights Amendment – to which we’ve already recommended voters deliver a resounding ‘HELL NO’ and therefore need not address here.)

“Should individuals serving in the position of Westchester County Legislator serve four-year terms instead of two-year terms?” is what Prop Two asks – to which the only logical answer must also be a resounding NO, and here are the reasons why:

The 17-member Board of Legislators maintains that changing term lengths will “substantially decrease taxpayer expenditures on election coordination and administration” and “redirect the funds towards critical priorities such as public safety, infrastructure investments and vital social services.”

Sounds great, right? But there’s little to no hard projectable evidence that any ‘savings’ to be had by changing 17 Legislators’ term lengths so they don’t have to run for office will affect such objectives in any measurable way.

As taxpayers we should expect a thoroughgoing cost-saving analysis to support any such high-minded assertions. None has been done, and it’s my belief that if one had, the result wouldn’t be nearly as positive as is claimed.

Furthermore, the County Board of Elections would and will, as always, remain open for business during election periods even if and as the Legislator’s terms were to be changed, as primary and general elections always have and always will take place year after year.

And it’s the County Executive, not the Legislators, who administers those funds. Using the description of critical priorities to describe such broad generalizations as “public safety, infrastructure investments and social services” is nothing more than yet another SILLY WORD SALAD to scare readers into thinking that if they vote against this proposal monies for such priorities will decrease.

Yes, as civil rights attorney Bobbie Ann Cox is wont to say, ‘They think we’re stupid.’

And yes, they really do. Never has a County Executive, nor a Legislature, to our knowledge, admitted publicly to any ‘under-funding’ of these or other ‘priorities.’

We know this because, dontcha know, they all campaign on how so wonderfully well they always manage to plan, pass and fund their annual budgets.

One claim is that fewer elections would afford voters ‘the power to concentrate (on issues) rather than election activities.’ Huh?

Another is that fewer election/longer terms will somehow “save on the cutting down of trees as paper for posters, palm cards and yard signs.”

Really, Legislators should get two additional years to save on campaign literature? Seriously, neither seems to be of credible benefit to taxpayers.

SIMPLE TRUTH 1: Two-year terms keep politicians more accountable and in line with what their constituents want. PERIOD.

Some additional FACTS the BOL hasn’t bothered to highlight:

Legislators are not limited to six two-year terms. They’re limited to six consecutive two-year terms. What does that mean? If, for example, a Legislator is elected to five two-year terms (10 years), and then takes a term (or multiple) off, and gets reelected— the six consecutive two-year term clock re-starts. No big deal? Wrong!

Once a Legislator works 10 years, he/she qualifies for a county pension, and each year their pension increases by a certain percentage. Their base salary is \$75,000 plus they get additional monies for leadership positions and stipend(s) for being Chairmen of Special and Standing Committees, putting an annual part-time job salary at close to a respectable \$90,000.

Legislators with other county and/or municipal jobs accrue larger pensions – all of which is paid out by the taxpayers as fringe benefits. In 2023 the WC budget for employee fringe benefits exploded from the previous year by \$12 million (12.5%) to over \$192 million.

SIMPLE TRUTH 2: Prop Two does not benefit the citizen-taxpayers, it benefits politicians. Were they truly interested in decreasing expenditures, they could propose doubling the size of their constituency, cutting their number by half, and/or limiting total service to eight years.

FINAL FACT: Elected officials work for taxpayers, not the other way around.

CONCLUSION: When you’ve finished voting for candidates for office on Nov. 5, flip the ballot over and cast a resounding NO vote to both Proposition One AND Proposition Two – because We’re Not Stupid.

OPINION by Debbie Kozak, President, John P. O’Leary NW Yonkers Republican Club and 2023 Republican Candidate Westchester County Legislator District 16 (Yonkers). For more info about the NWYR club go to www.Deb4Westchester.com.

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DECLARATION OF LAND PATENT

LAND PATENT #: awarded to Caleb Heathcote, Joseph Theale, John Horton and others, dated the seventeenth day of February, 1701

KNOW ALL MEN AND WOMEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Alena Karakova, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN AN AOTH, deposes and says:

1. That, Alena Karakova, does certify and declare that I am "Assignee" in the LAND PATENT name above; That I have brought up said Land Patent in my name as it pertains to the land described below. The character of said property so claimed by patent, and legally described and referenced under the Patent listed above is:

All that certain plot, place or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Town of North Castle, County of Westchester, State of New York, designated as Lot 6, as shown on a certain map entitled, "Amended Subdivision of Property prepared for Townsend Estates, LLC". Said map filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, Division of Land Records, October 13, 1999 as Map No.26435. Said Lot 6 being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6 and the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE easterly along said division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6, the following three courses and distances:
 South 75 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds East 94.88 feet;
 North 67 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East 291.03 feet;
 North 72 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds East 240.05 feet to lands now or formerly of Manganiello;
 THENCE southerly generally along the centerline of stone wall and along lands now or formerly of Manganiello, South 10 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 67.00 feet;
 THENCE southerly continuing along said stone wall and along the division line between Lot 6 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map, South 19 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West 392.94 feet to the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map;
 THENCE westerly along said division line between Lot 6 and 7, North 60 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West 532.37 feet;
 THENCE North 31 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds West 72.41 feet to the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE northerly along said easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place on a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 55.00 feet and an arc length of 56.55 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

2. That, Alena Karakova, is domiciled at 30-04 14th Street, Astoria, New York Republic USA NON-DOMESTIC. Unless otherwise stated, I have individual knowledge of the matters contained in this Declaration of Land Patent. I am fully competent to testify with respect to these matters.
 3. I, Alena Karakova, am an Assignee At Law and acceptor of that certain legally described portion of Land granted under the original certified LAND PATENT, which is duly authorized to be executed in pursuance of the supremacy of treaty law, citation and constitutional mandate, herein referenced, whereupon a duly authenticated true and correct lawful description, together with all hereditament, tenements and pre-emptive rights arising.
 4. No claim is made herein, that I have been assigned the entire tract of land as described in the original patent. My assignment is inclusive of only the attached lawful description. The publishing of this DECLARATION OF LAND PATENT shall not deny or infringe on any right, privilege, or immunity of any other Heir or Assignee to any other portion of land covered in the above described patent.
 5. If this duly certified LAND PATENT is not challenged by a lawfully qualified party having a claim, lien, debt or other equitable interest in a court at law within sixty (60) days from the date of publishing and NOTICE, then the above described property shall become the allodial freehold of the Assignee or said Patent, the LAND PATENT

shall be considered henceforth perfected in my name, and all future claims against this land shall be forever waived.
 6. When a lawfully qualified sovereign State National natural person has a claim to title and is challenged, the court of competent original and exclusive jurisdiction is the Common law supreme court (Article III). Any action against a Patent by a corporate State or their respective statutory, legislative units (i.e., courts) would be an action AT Law which is outside the venue and jurisdiction of these Article I courts. There is no AT Law issue contained herein which may be heard in any of the State courts (Article I), nor can any court of Equity (Admiralty/Military set aside, annul, or correct a LAND PATENT).
 7. Therefore, said land remains unencumbered, free and clear, and without liens or lawfully attached in any way, and is hereby declared to be private land and private property, not subjected to any commercial forums (e.g., U.C.C.) whatsoever.
 8. Additionally, a Common Law courtesy of sixty (60) days is stipulated for any challenges hereto, otherwise, laches or estoppel shall forever bar the same against said ALLODIAL freehold estate; assessment lien theory to the contrary, notwithstanding. Therefore, said declaration, after sixty (60) days from date of publishing, if no challenges are brought forth and upheld, perfects ALLODIAL TITLE their name forever.

JURISDICTION

THE RECIPIENT HEREOF IS MANDATED by Article VI, §2 & 3, the 9th and 10th Amendments with reference to the 7th Amendment, enforced under Article III, §3, Clause 1, of the Constitution for the United States of America.

Pursuant to Title 28, USC §1746(1) and executed "without the United States," I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my belief and informed knowledge. And Further deponent saith not, I know affix my signature and official seal to all of the above affirmations with EXPLICIT RESERVATION OF ALL OF MY UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE to any of those rights pursuant to U.C.C. 1-207 and U.C.C. 1-103.6

Respectfully,

By: [Signature]
 Alena Karakova
 Witness: [Signature]
 Svetlana Eliseicheva
 Witness: [Signature]
 Leni Goga

Notary Public as JURAT CERTIFICATE

NY State

Queens County The

United States of America

On September 16, 2024 date before me,

a Notary Public, personally appeared _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the woman whose Name is subscribed to the within attached instrument and acknowledged to Me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, And that by her autograph(s) on the instrument the woman executed, the instrument known as Declaration of
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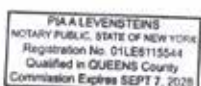
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the lawful laws of NY State that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature [Signature]

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cialized educational offerings, demonstrating a continued commitment to fostering innovation and career readiness among Yonkers students.

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio, President of the Yonkers Board of Education, emphasized the significance of this new school, stating, "The opening of the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy marks an exciting new chapter for Yonkers Public Schools. Through this innovative CTE program, we are offering students unmatched opportunities to gain the skills and experience they need to excel in the creative arts and media industries. This collaboration exemplifies the strength of our community partnerships and our commitment to preparing students for bright futures."

Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. highlighted the academy's impact on Yonkers students: "The Robert Halmi Sr. Academy is more than just a school – it's a pathway to unimaginable opportunities for our students. This new academy perfectly supports Mayor Spano's bold vision of creating a 'Hollywood on the Hudson,' turning Yonkers into a film and media production hub. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Spano and Robert Halmi for their unwavering support in bringing this academy to life. Their commitment to providing students with unique, hands-on experiences while delivering a world-class education is a testament to the belief that Yonkers students deserve every opportunity to succeed in these emerging industries."

The 100,000 square-foot campus, located at 463 Hawthorne Avenue, will provide state-of-the-art facilities for students. The academy's curriculum, developed in collaboration with Great Point Studios, Syracuse University, New York University, and industry leaders such as IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees), covers a wide range of fields including:

Storytelling & Screenwriting, Videography, Cinematography, & Stage Management, Electric & Rigging, Lighting & Design, Set Construction & Design, Animation, Costume Design & Construction, Directing for Film, TV, & Theatre, Sound Design, Editing, & Recording, Music Composition for Film, TV, & Theatre, Acting, Dance & Choreography, Hair, Make-Up, & Specialty Make-Up

This comprehensive curriculum will allow students to explore various aspects of the industry, giving them practical skills and experience to prepare for careers in media and the creative arts.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano also spoke about the importance of the academy, saying, "We excited for this next chapter for our City as we partner with Great Point Studios in our effort to provide more specialized educational opportunities for students. The collaboration between the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Public Schools, and Great Point Studios is a model for other urban districts on how to create pipelines from classrooms to careers. RHA is now home to a vibrant and diverse learning community where young people will get hands-on experience and prepare for the next phases of their educational journey."

Robert Halmi, Founder and CEO of Great Point Studios, expressed his excitement about the academy, saying, "Through this academy, we are not only teaching students the technical skills of film and television; we are preparing the next generation of innovators in our industry. Naming this academy after my father is a tribute to his dedication to the arts and continues to carry forward his legacy."

The Robert Halmi Sr. Academy is part of Yonkers Public Schools' broader effort to expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, offering students specialized pathways to college and career readiness.

For more information about the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television, visit: <https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/halmi>.

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plants that have severely impacted the native marsh grasses planted two decades ago. "The removal of invasive species is crucial to restoring the ecological balance of the marsh," said Hoeger. "By eradicating these harmful plants, we're paving the way for the replanting of native vegetation, which will improve habitat quality for local wildlife."

This effort marks just the beginning of a comprehensive project aimed at revitalizing the Beczak Marsh. Additional improvements being considered include:

Expanding the marsh to the currently barren island west of the tidal creek to protect against sea level rise, ice, and wave action; Raising and extending the observation bridge to improve resilience and provide greater access for visitors; Improving the safety and accessibility of paths leading to the marsh and upgrading the protective fencing; Installing new interpretive signs to enhance the educational experience for visitors and deepen their understanding of the environment.



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