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## USSC Justice Sotomayor Comes to Yonkers to Open School Named in Her Honor



US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayer, with students at the new Sotomayor school photo by Maurice Mercado -See Story on Page 15-and photo on pg 9

## Yonkers Brave, Beat Mount Vernon 34-28!

Force Win First Game, Sets Up Brave vs. Force This Saturday



By Phil Foley

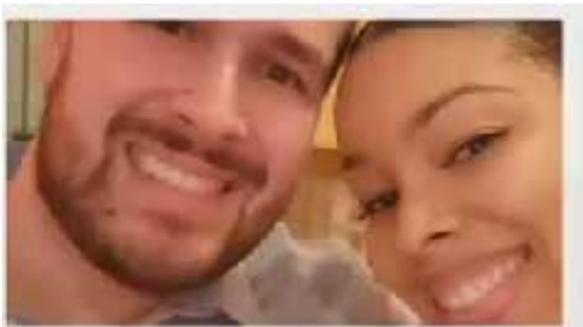
The Yonkers Brave took care of business last Saturday afternoon when they won a thriller over Mount Vernon HS 34-28! (at Mount Vernon) Congrats to Coach Doug Hogue on his second win of the season in his second game!

The star of the game once again for the Brave was Keba Cisse! He had a total of 147 yards on offense, 3 total touchdowns in the game. On defense he made 13 tackles and had 3 sacks!

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## Westchester Correction Officers Love Triangle Shooting Results in \$5 Million Settlement

Shooting in Yonkers in 2018-Paid for by Westchester Taxpayers?



GoFundMe photo of Robert Reed and Nicole Nazario, left

Bottom left- Edward Quinoy

## A 1% Property Tax Increase to Pay for "Captain 13" Violence?

By Dan Murphy

In one of the largest personal injury settlements ever proposed to Westchester County government, the County Board of Legislators will be asked in the coming weeks to approve a \$5 Million settlement to two corrections officers, Robert Reed and Nicole Nazario, who were shot by another corrections officer, Edward Quinoy.

Quinoy shot both Reed and Nazario, when he entered Reed's house in Yon-

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## Assembly Candidate John Isaac "Help Me Take Our State Back"



By Dan Murphy

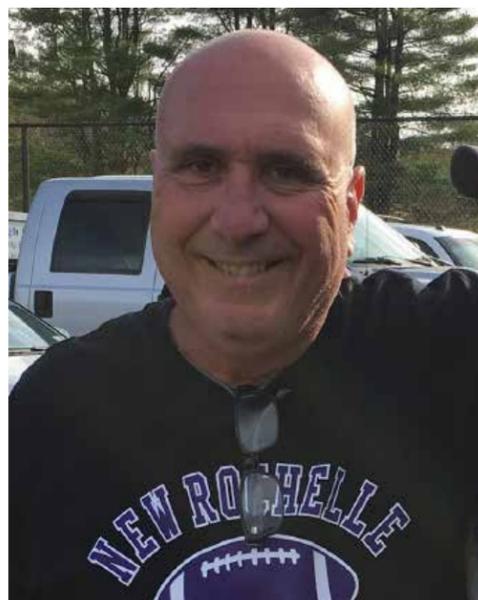
John Isaac, republican candidate for NYS Assembly in the 90th District, Yonkers, held a fund raiser on Sept. 16 at Reno's Trattoria in Yonkers. The event was well attended by a cross section of republicans, independents and democrats, and in his comments, Isaac touched on a few of the key issues in his campaign against democrat Assemblyman Nader Sayegh.

Vote No on Proposition One; Opposes \$5 Billion spent on Migrants; Wants to Repeal Bail Reforms

Yonkers resident, small businessman and Assembly candidate John Isaac

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## Coach DiRienzo Denies Allegations of Sex Abuse filed by Lincoln HS Student from 1980's



Louis DiRienzo

City of Yonkers settled the case, dating back to the 1980's, for \$800,000

How Do You Defend Against a 35-Year Old Accusation?

By Dan Murphy

Last week we reported on a settlement between the City of Yonkers and Patricia Adamchek, a student at Lincoln High School in Yonkers in the 1980's. Adamchek filed a lawsuit against the city and the Yonkers Public Schools under the NY Child Victims Act, which allows alleged victims to file sex abuse claims with no statute of limitations.

In her suit, Adamchek claimed continued on pg 14-

## St. John's Riverside Hospital Launches "Born to Read" Initiative with Yonkers Public Library



Left to right: Mayor Mike Spano, President of YPL Board of Trustees and President of the Foundation for YPL Nancy Maron, YPL Library Director Jesse Montero, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky, Amanda, Luis & Baby Grace Perez, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Councilmember Tasha Diaz, NY State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, SJRH Chief Operating Officer Dr. Michael DiGiorno.

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## Stew Leonard's Yonkers Celebrates 25th Anniversary Yonkers is Stew's Best Selling Store



To commemorate 25 years of happy customers and happy Team Members at their Yonkers store, farm fresh food grocer Stew Leonard's celebrated with Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and members of the Yonkers Police Department on Sept. 13.

The silver anniversary at Stew Leonard's Yonkers also included 14 team members who have worked at the Yonkers store since its opening in 1999. They presented \$2,500 checks to the Yonkers Police Department and the Yonkers Fire Department. The YPD will donate the money to the Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants Association (CLSA) and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA). The YFD will donate the money to the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley and the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Program.

During the 25 Days of Farm Fresh Fun, Stew Leonard's in Yonkers will offer shoppers a calendar of family-friendly events, in-store demos, and WOW pricing on best-selling items through Tuesday, October 8. For complete information, please visit <https://www.stewleonards.com/yonkers-25/>.

Stew Leonard's Wines and Spirits of Yonkers, independently owned and operated by Beth Leonard Hollis, also opened in 1999. That store will also offer special tastings and events during the 25-day celebration, including a grand tasting of more than 60 wines and spirits on Saturday, September 14. For a calendar of events, please visit <https://yonkers.stewswines.com/events>.

Stew Leonard's, a family-owned and operated fresh food store founded in 1969, has eight stores in Norwalk, Danbury, and Newington, Conn.; in East Meadow, Farmingdale, and Yonkers, N.Y.; and in Clifton and Paramus, NJ. Stew Leonard's opened its doors on the newly named Stew Leonard Drive in Yonkers, just off I-87, in September 1999 as the company's first store outside Connecticut. For more information, visit Stew Leonard's website at [www.stewleonards.com](http://www.stewleonards.com).

The store serves over 2 million customers and residents a year. In celebration Stew Leonard's in Yonkers will be giving out free ice cream to children until 3pm Today.

Stew Leonard's is the World's largest dairy store and has been dubbed the "Disneyland of Dairy Stores".

Mayor Mike Spano said, "Here's a toast to Stew Leonard's - marking its 25 years in Yonkers! More than a store, it's a cherished part of our City. Thanks for providing us with quality goods and jobs for 25 beautiful years. Here's to many more."

The Yonkers Police Department posted, "Thank you, Stew Leonard's!! We spent the morning at one of our favorite grocery stores and Yonkers destinations- Stew Leonard's- celebrating their 25th year as part of our community!!

"Stew and his team graciously donated \$2,500 to the YPD, Yonkers PBA and Yonkers CLSA- funds that will be donated to both the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the Yonkers PBA Cops & Community Initiative!!

"Stew Leonard's has been such an incredible partner to the YPD and Yonkers community over the past 2.5 decades. We are honored that they recognized our Department and donated towards our mission and dedication to our community here in Yonkers!"

## Majority Leader Rubbo and City Clerk Spano Announce Real-Time Translation Services for Council Meetings-First in New York State



Majority Leader John Rubbo and Yonkers City Clerk Vincent Spano are proud to announce the adoption of real-time translation services for all City Council meetings. The Yonkers City Council is the first in New York State to utilize this technology to ensure equitable access to civic participation for all residents, regardless of their primary language.

Yonkers is a melting pot of cultures and languages, with many residents speaking languages other than English as their first language. To bridge this communication gap and foster greater inclusivity, the City Council has partnered with Wordly, a leading provider of real-time translation services offering support for over 50 different languages.

"Yonkers is a city that thrives on its diversity, and it is crucial that all voices are heard," said Majority Leader John Rubbo. "By implementing real-time translation services, we are breaking down language barriers and empowering every resident to engage meaningfully in the democratic process."

With Wordly's cutting-edge technology, residents viewing council meetings will have access to instant translations of proceedings, ensuring that language is no longer a barrier to participation. Whether speaking Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Mandarin, or any of the numerous languages spoken in our vibrant community, residents can now fully understand and engage with the discussions taking place in the City Council Chambers.

City Clerk Vincent Spano said, "At the Office of the City Clerk, our priority is to ensure that all residents of Yonkers have access to the services and information they need, regardless of the language they speak. The introduction of real-time translation services for City Council meetings is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to make local government more inclusive and accessible. We are committed to providing services that can be utilized by all of our residents, and this initiative is a testament to that commitment. Thank you to Majority Leader Rubbo for securing the necessary funds needed to see this project through."

City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy stated, "This City Council is committed to improving communication with our constituents. Using Wordly AI Translations, we hope to break through language barriers and reach more communities in Yonkers."

This project reflects the Yonkers City Council's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in governance. By embracing technology to promote linguistic diversity, the Council aims to strengthen community engagement and representation, fostering a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

"We are thrilled to work with the City of Yonkers, NY on this groundbreaking initiative. Language should never be a barrier to civic participation, and we are proud that our technology is helping to make that ideal a reality," said Lakshman Rathnam, CEO of Wordly.

The implementation of real-time translation services is set to begin immediately, with the first fully translated council meeting scheduled for September 17, 2024. Majority Leader Rubbo and City Clerk Spano encourage all residents to take advantage of this innovative service and actively participate in Yonkers government.

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## Yonkers Councilmember Anthony Merante Continues to Give Back His Pay-Raise



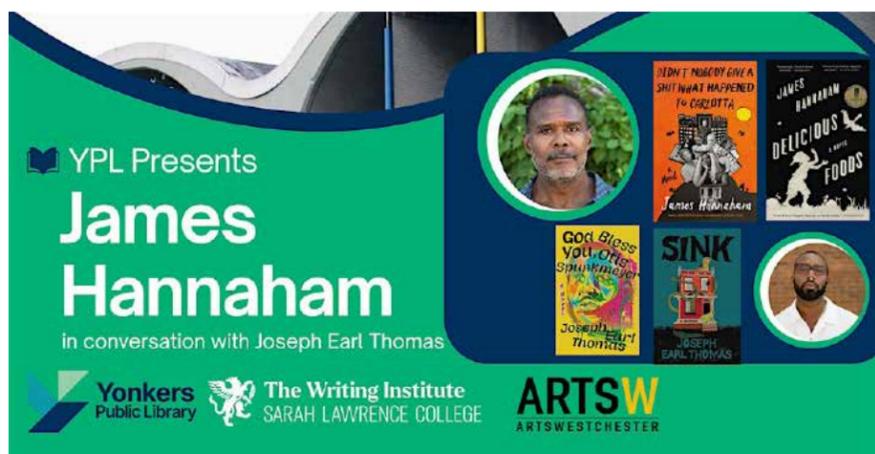
**\$1,000 Donation to Runyon Heights Improvement Association**

At yesterday's Runyon Heights barbecue that Councilmember Anthony Merante sponsored he presented the Association with a \$ 1,000 check for their continued good works to improve their neighborhood. This donation is a continuation of Merante's "It's All About You" project. This program was born out of Merante's opposition to the pay raise the City Council voted for themselves and the mayor.

Councilmember Merante was the only Councilmember to vote NO on the pay raise as well as NO on the 5.45% property tax increase. Merante felt this huge raise was unwarranted and vowed to give his raise back to various community and not-for profits organizations that improve the quality of life for residents in the sixth District.

## YPL Presents James Hannaham In Conversation with Joseph Earl Thomas

Co-Hosted by the Writing Institute at Sarah Lawrence College



**Thursday, September 26, 2024, 7:00pm to 8:30pm**  
**Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave, Yonkers, NY 10710**

Join us for an evening with award winning author and Yonkers native James Hannaham at the Yonkers Public Library. His most recent novel, *Didn't Nobody Give a Shit What Happened to Carlotta* (Little, Brown), won the 2023 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Fiction and was hailed as "wondrous" and "a hilarious, righteous transgender remix of *The Odyssey*."

A celebration of public libraries, and the Will library in particular, don't miss this special event on the power of reading and storytelling. This event will include a reading and conversation with Joseph Earl Thomas, including audience Q & A. Books will be for sale courtesy of our local indie bookstore. Free Parking.

To Register, Visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/ypl-presents-james-hannaham-tickets-995602653337?](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ypl-presents-james-hannaham-tickets-995602653337?)

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## Yonkersites Aren't Stressed and Like it Here



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Having lived in Yonkers everyday of my 64 years except 1 (I was born at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville), I can think of so many things that make my life and your lives stressful. Whether it be pot holes on city streets, long traffic lights poorly timed, our 'friend' Mr. Red light Camera at \$65 a shot or lining up at one of the few independent bakeries during any holiday, waiting and being told they are out of that luscious dessert everyone enjoys, Yonkers can be a stressful place to live.

I am not even mentioning A + V Pizza in North Yonkers running out of pizza dough as they make a set amount of dough each day and when it's sold out cause the pizza is so good there's no more or the line at Pizza Barn across from Yonkers Raceway and being told no more big slices, the slice that they are famous for which can feed an Army.

So a research firm called Wallet Hub known for researching everything under the sun has studied cities in the United States and New York and found Yonkers really is not such a stressful City. Of 180 cities, Yonkers came in at #144, showing that out of 180 cities we aren't too stressed out. We are fortunately way down the list with the other big 3 large cities coming in much higher: #36 for New York City, Rochester high up there at #45 with Buffalo at #50.

39 Metrics were used as diverse as high crime rates, weak economies, congestion, divorce and availability of health services at a price people can afford.

This big stressor in New York City was affordable housing. People in financial distress particularly in personal finance and bankruptcies. The high rents in New York City whether it be commercial or residential certainly can cause stress. Rochester came in at #45 with poverty and divorce as stressors, and the Poverty rate in Buffalo made it a high stress city.

So let's get to our fair city of Yonkers, city of hills where nothing is on level as they use to say. Yonkers shows financial stress. This entails large number of bankruptcy filings, individuals accounts (bank, credit card, etc.) in distress meaning money is owed. And when we do our Google searches, Yonkers residents are sadly searching the terms debt and loans. Not good but not bad like the other large New York State cities.

One of the categories is work stress. Yonkersites seem to have a sense of job security and are satisfied with their jobs. Traffic congestion doesn't seem to be a problem for us, unless your riding around town from 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or 2:45 pm-3:45 p.m. when school buses take over Yonkers streets.

In the one area where Yonkers is cited, financial stress there is nothing under this heading about School Budget stress, something Yonkersites with kids in public schools go through every year. Yonkers households are behind in bill paying, and many property owners are underwater with their mortgages.

Despite the large number of food programs for those in need, Yonkers is home to a lot of food insecurity, where people don't know where their next meal is coming from. The poverty rate is high in Yonkers, and credit scores of folks are average, not high nor low.

In the family stress area, there aren't as many single parent households as there once were and the duration of marriages is average meaning a good things for families. Child care workers seem to be available at a cost people can afford.

In terms of health and safety, Yonkers does not have too many binge drink

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Register at— [yonkersbikeclub.org](http://yonkersbikeclub.org)

The Tour will begin and end at the Beczak Environmental Center, 35 Alexander Street in Yonkers. Registration will begin at 7 am.

The Tour offers 12, 25, and 50-mile routes that explore the largest of the Hudson Valley cities and the one with the most breathtaking views of the Palisades and the majestic Hudson.

The ride begins and ends on the river's edge at the Beczak Environmental Education Center. The routes wind along the river passing some of the city's historic old carpet mills and parts of the newly re-developed downtown area including the day-lighted Saw Mill River.

The longer routes wind through east and northeast Yonkers, along the Bronx River Parkway, through tree-lined neighborhoods, the Sarah Lawrence College campus, and includes sections of the Old Putnam rail line that connected NYC with Northern Westchester, now a Rail-Trail bike path. The ride culminates with food and drinks on the Hudson shoreline.

Registration includes-TDY 2024 cycling jersey, Map/cue sheet, SAG services, On-site bike support, Refreshments at each rest stop, Post ride meal. To register visit, [www.yonkersbikeclub.org/event-details-registration/tour-de-yonkers-2024](http://www.yonkersbikeclub.org/event-details-registration/tour-de-yonkers-2024)?

## Yonkers Charter School Welcomes new CEO



*Dr. Fred Hernandez*

The Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE) has appointed Dr. Fred Hernandez as its new chief executive officer.

Students, staff and school trustees will welcome Dr. Hernandez, a distinguished educational leader, during a special morning pep rally on September 20 at 9:30 a.m. on the high school's sports field. The event will feature musical performances and giveaways for the students as the school community gathers to celebrate this significant occasion.

"Our school has tremendous momentum moving into the new academic year. Our graduating Class of 2024 received more than \$9 million in scholarships, and we are beginning a program-enhancement effort that will propel our students to greater heights. We welcome Dr. Hernandez as we begin an exciting new chapter," said Eduardo LaGuerre, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Hernandez brings over three decades of experience in education, having served in Yonkers Public Schools as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and central office administrator. He has led schools at every level—elementary, middle, and high school—transforming their governance, organization, instruction, and accountability systems to improve student outcomes.

"This charter school is a remarkable success story, and my goal is to empower our students to achieve their greatest potential academically and personally. The entire school community will collaborate to produce outstanding results," said Dr. Hernandez.

In addition to his work as an educator, Dr. Hernandez is the owner/operator of Cognitive, LLC, an education consulting firm. He is a dedicated advocate of restorative practices, fostering collaboration among school staff, families, and communities to promote student academic and social-emotional growth. His leadership is recognized by multiple community-based organizations and the Child Study Center at Yale University.

Dr. Hernandez holds a Doctor of Education from Teachers College, Columbia University, and he has published works on school planning and management.

The pep rally will be held at 260 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY



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Scan the QR Code or email us at [apply@sicfilmschool.com](mailto:apply@sicfilmschool.com) to register. Note that there are only 3 requirements:

1. Applicant must be a Yonkers resident
2. Applicant must be income eligible (more info available upon inquiry)
3. Applicant must be 18 years old or older

The DEADLINE to apply is Friday, May 24th.

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



*An early twentieth century postcard view of St. Joseph's Seminary.*

*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, September 23rd

September 23, 1926: The Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company announced it would spend \$200,000 to put all wires leading to the new Plaza development underground.

September 23, 1940: Councilman Edith Welty revealed an "anonymous effort" to convince her to sponsor a law licensing Yonkers pinball machine. Someone had sent her eight or nine newspaper and magazine clippings, which she interpreted as an effort to persuade her of the benefits, so she gave the clippings to City Manager Whitney. Whitney, who believed if Yonkers had any, they should be licensed and controlled, spoke to Police Chief Quirk. Quirk told the City Manager Yonkers had no pinball machines in Yonkers, and he was against licensing them because it would promote gambling.

September 23, 1946: To help alleviate the nursing shortage, Yonkers General Hospital began its hospital service assistance training program; twelve women were trained to perform non-professional duties so graduate nurses could devote more of their time to professional duties. The course was three weeks or 144 hours.

Tuesday, September 24th

September 24, 1924: About 300 people, many prominent in the scientific community, attended the formal dedication of Boyce Thompson Institute. Speeches were given by Prof. John Coulter of the University of Chicago, Prof. Louis Jones of the University of Wisconsin and Institute Director Dr. William Crocker. Prof. Vernon Blackman of the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London gave "Botanical Greetings from Europe."

One of the afternoon's highlights was the reading of a letter from President Coolidge to Col William Thompson. The letter stated, "This is to express my appreciation for the pioneer work you are doing through the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research. The scientific mastery of plant life will strengthen that base of material welfare, agriculture. This is the new pioneering in the American advance."

Wednesday, September 25th

September 25, 1904: More than 200 men drove piles into the Hudson River at the foot of Glenwood Avenue for the foundation of the Central-Hudson Railroad Company. The building will be 269 feet wide and 300 feet long. Within that space will be driven more than 7000 piles and around these will be placed sheet piling. The foundation alone will cost more than \$400,000.

September 25, 1914: Carl Wiederhold, Sr., a pioneer resident and glue manufacturer passed away at his home at 132 Linden Street at the age of 85. It was feared he took his recipe for making his excellent glue to his grave.

September 25, 1940: Yonkers Public School Superintendent Ankenbrand proposed the use of School Ten on Clinton Street for Yonkers new aviation mechanics' school as the quickest and most efficient means of launching the defense program in Yonkers.

Thursday, September 26th

September 26, 1932: Another truckload of Yonkers beer was stopped by police; the truck they stopped had the name of a chain store on it, and had 100 barrels of "good stuff," estimated to be worth \$1,800. The driver was held in \$1000 bail, and was a Yonkers man.

September 26, 1942: A local regulation prevented Yonkers placing its order for materials needed for the Preflight Aviation Training program for high school students. A Board of Ed ruling required the money actually be received and "in the bank" before it could place the order.

Friday, September 27th

September 27, 1919: Chairman of the Republican National Committee Will R. Hays stopped by Yonkers Republican Headquarters while he was visiting at the North Broadway estate of Colonel William Boyce Thompson.

September 27, 1939: Mrs. Walter Tinney and her sons Harry (11) and William (7) of Prescott Street arrived home after surviving the September 1st torpedoing and sinking of their ship Athenia by German submarine U-30. An unarmed passenger ship, it was the first UK ship sunk by Germany in World War II and had a loss of 117 passengers and crewmembers. Several ships responded to the

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that a meeting of the City Council of the City of Yonkers, to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:15 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, the City Council will proceed to give a public hearing on the application of Ridge Hill Property Owner LLC, Owner/Petitioner in relation to a requested amendment to the zoning ordinance text at Section 43-45 Planned Multi-Use (PMD) District, for the following described parcels of land, to wit:

Section 4, Block 4078 Lot 1; Block 4075 Lot 1; Block 4077 Lot 1; Block 4069 lot 2; Block 4072 Lot 5; Block 4073 Lot 1; Block 4072 Lot 1; Block 4070 Lot 1; Block 4071 Lot 1; Block 4069 Lot 1; Block 4065 Lot 1; Block 4068 Lot 1; Block 4067 Lot 1; Block 4066 Lot 1; Block 4064 Lot 1; Block 4063 Lot 1; Block 4062 lot 1; Block 4061 Lot 1; Block 4076 lot 2; Block 4076 Lot 3; Block 4076 Lot 4; Block 4074 Lot 1; Block 4076 Lot 1; Block 4076 Lot 5; Block 4076 Lot 9; Block 4076 Lot 8; Block 4076 Lot 6; Block 4076 Lot 7; Block 4076 Lot 100; 1 Ridge Hill LLC (Monarch at Ridge Hill Condominium – Deed Schedule A attached to Petition) on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

Said property is improved and situated in the southwest portion of Westchester County and the northwest portion of the City of Yonkers adjacent to the New York State Thruway to the west and the Sprain Brook Parkway to the south and the property of Con Edison to the south and Sprain Ridge Park to the north and is commonly known as Ridge Hill.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to law, the notice is sent to you as an owner of land within a radius of 200 feet of the area of land affected by the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance text or land directly opposite thereto extending 200 feet from the street frontage of such opposite lands.

You may present to the City Council a protest against the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance text if you are opposed thereto. Such protest must be in writing, signed by you and acknowledged by you before a Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds; it must state your name and address, describe your own property Tax Map and Block Numbers, and by Street Number, and by other appropriate description showing the dimensions and area of your property, and that it is either within the area of land affected by the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance text, or within a radius of 200 feet of said area of land so affected or within 200 feet from the street frontage of land directly opposite to the land so affected; that you object to the proposed change of the zoning ordinance text and the grounds for such objection.

This notice is sent to you by as required by Rules of the Yonkers City Council and the General City Law.

VINCENT SPANO  
City Clerk

Notice of formation of Hampton Estate Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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.

Council President Collins-Bellamy Thanks Yonkers for Helping Palisades Towers Residents



From Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the businesses, organizations, and individuals who rallied to support the residents of Palisades Towers following the recent gas outage that continues to impact their homes.

In the face of this challenging situation, the collective response from the Yonkers community has been nothing short of extraordinary. From the generous donation of gift cards and meals to organized food distribution efforts, the overwhelming support has truly brought to life the spirit of #YONKERSFORALL. Your swift and compassionate actions ensured that our neighbors received the care and support they needed during this difficult time.

The outpouring of generosity and unity has not only alleviated the immediate hardships faced by the residents but also highlighted the remarkable strength and solidarity within our community. It is moments like these that underscore the power of coming together to support one another. Every act of kindness, whether large or small, has created a ripple effect of goodwill that will be cherished and remembered for years to come.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who played a vital role in this community effort:

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- Mayor Mike Spano
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*John Isaac Assembly, continued from pg 1-*

"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.

"Yonkers is not getting back our tax dollars from Albany. Instead, we are getting back failed policies that put the American Dream that I have lived in jeopardy. And my opponent has been a rubber stamp for spending \$5 Billion in migrants, bail reform and now Proposition One. We need to make a change," said Isaac.

Issac has joined in the statewide opposition to Proposition One, which originally was placed on the ballot to codify abortion rights for women in New York State but has now morphed into a debate over whether male high school students should be allowed to play on female high school teams. Isaac says, unlike his opponent, that he stands firmly on the side of women's and girls' rights, and would never vote to allow biological males to play girls sports or be allowed into their safe spaces.

"Vote No on Prop one is on the backside of your ballot, because if passed, medical providers could be required to facilitate a child's request to make permanent, life-altering "gender affirming" decisions and they would not need to consult with their parents. Additionally, biological males would have a constitutional right to compete in girls' school sports," said Isaac, whose campaign has created signs that our readers will soon see across Yonkers that say, "Save Girls Sports."

"Yonkers isn't the problem. The problem is Albany. I love Yonkers and I want my children and grandchildren to grow up here with me. I'm not going anywhere.

"I am not a career politician, and I don't want a pension. I want to take our state back and bring a voice of reason back to Albany. People in Yonkers are finding it harder to raise a family and afford to live here.

"We are running against an entrenched democratic supermajority, and my opponent is a rubber stamp for that supermajority and the policies they are forcing upon us.

"We the taxpayers of New York, have been forced to spend \$5 Billion on migrants who come here illegally. We are paying for hotel rooms, cell phones and debit cards for migrants, while my neighbors in Yonkers are having difficulty paying for groceries.

"I also think that the voters in Yonkers want a voice in Albany that supports law enforcement and will vote to repeal the bail reforms that let persistent criminals walk free.

"Our challenges in New York have reached a critical mass, and now is the time to change our path before it's too late. But I need your help to do it. We are reaching out to independent minded democrats and all voters. The time is now to vote for change. Help us take our state back," said Isaac.

City Councilman Anthony Merante, Yonkers GOP Chair Bob Moffitt and Congressional candidate Dr. Miriam Levitt-Flisser and State Senate candidate Khris Kerr, attended Isaac's event.

The guest speaker was Yonkers native and Newsmax host Joe Pinion. Pinion, who ran for US Senate and Assembly, said, "Yonkers has invested in New York State, but New York State has refused to invest in Yonkers.

"I was born and raised in Yonkers, and it was important for me to be here to tell you to do everything possible to elect John Isaac and send a message to the powers that be. My mom moved here in 1977, and Yonkers has been the promised land for me. But that dream is slipping away," said Pinion.

Several leaders from the Indian American community in Westchester were also in attendance, including from the (AARC) Asian American Republican Committee, Founding Chair Mrs. Pricilla Parameswaran, Past Chair Ven Parameswaran, Current Chair Harry Singh, President Gurdwara Dukhnivaran, Yonkers, Deeraj Singh

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Isaac said that if elected, he would serve four years and then "spend more time with my family."

"Early voting will start next month, and I encourage you to vote early or request a mail in ballot. This is my journey together with you. I ask for your vote and to walk with me and knock on doors and talk to the people, tell them that they have a choice on Nov. 5. "

## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Saxon Woods Park Parking Lot, White Plains: (914) 995-4480. Garage Sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Join us for a day of individuals and families selling their unwanted, gently used household items. Rain site: Westchester County Center.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050 Stone Walls: A Guided Walk in Time & Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Get details <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2024/09/21/stone-walls-a-guided-walk-in-time-nature/489030>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Volunteer Day, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Help beautify the sanctuary and address areas that need to be addressed. It's great for any type of volunteer service credit hours. Please email [sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov](mailto:sqw2@westchestercountyny.gov) if you are interested.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268 Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-09-21/>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Stream Exploration, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Let's discover the many animals that make up our freshwater ecosystems and what their presence can tell us about the health of our drinking water. For ages 8 and up.

Miller House, 140 Virginia Road, White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Open House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drop in to visit the former home of the Ann and Elijah Miller family, an average colonial Westchester family whose lives were changed forever when Washington and his army fought for American independence.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Friends of Marshlands' Annual Membership Meeting, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. The board of the Friends of Marshlands holds its annual membership meeting at the nature center building. Open to all current members and anyone interested in becoming a member. A free live-animal program will follow the meeting.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Invasive Species, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn how to identify Lenoir's invasive species. Discover why they don't belong here and what makes them so hard to contain.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Rockin' Reptiles, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet snakes, turtles, lizards and more up close! See first-hand what makes reptiles unique. Watch them move; feel their texture; learn all about scales.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Tour in Tales of Fairy Lands, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Discover the Elfin Lairs, Fairy Forest, Troll Tromps and realms of the Little People on a tour led by Hudson Valley master storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17.

Get details <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/farmers-market-information.html>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-09-22/>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033. Puppy Yoga, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Register <https://ow.ly/6U9350ThMGK>

The Bronx River Parkway-Bicycle Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bike, walk or jog a 13.1-mile loop of the Bronx River Parkway from White Plains to Yonkers. Sundays through Oct. 13. Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

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Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Autumn Photograms, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Participants will use fall leaves to make prints that capture botanical forms in cyanotype, also known as sun-print paper. For ages 4 and older. \$10. Get details <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/autumn-photograms/>

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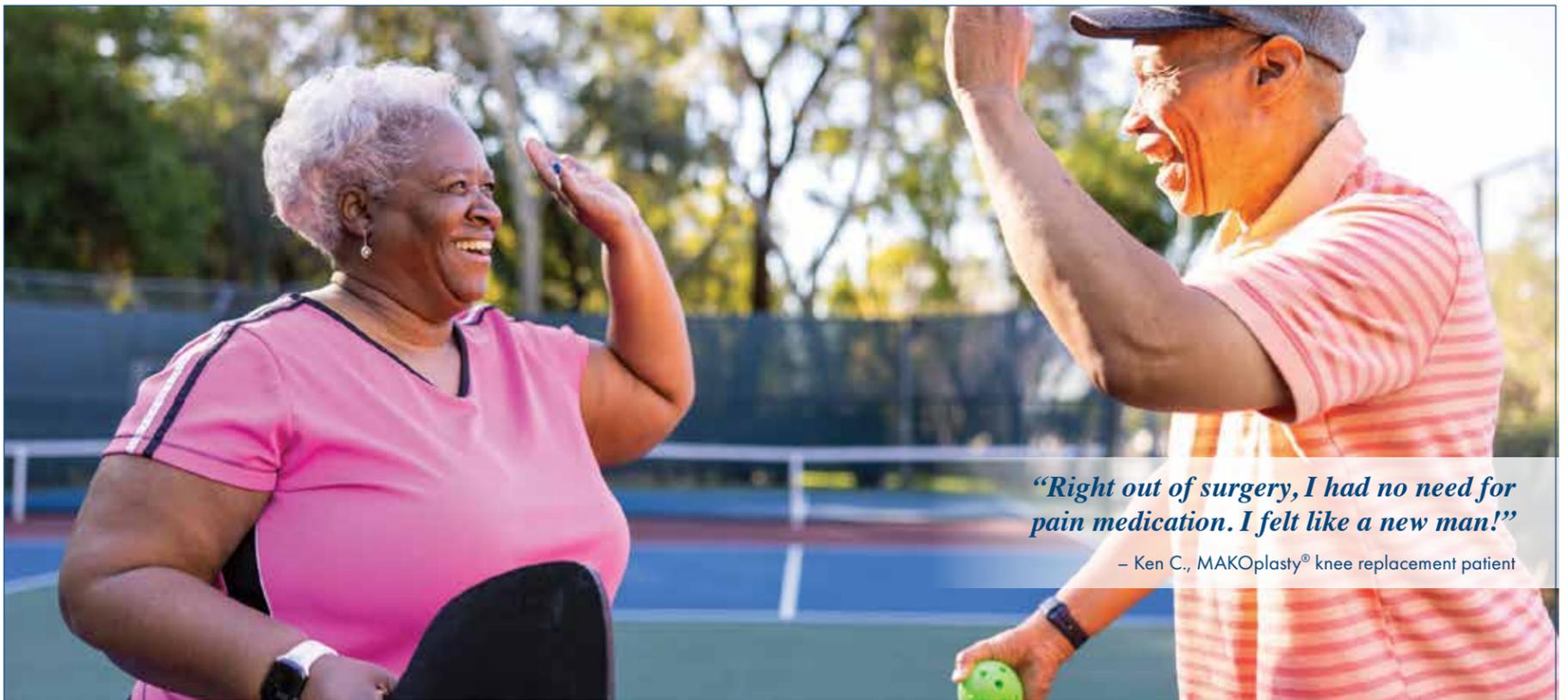
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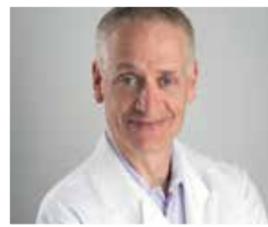
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# John Isaac for Assembly -90th District -Yonkers



above: Assembly candidate John Isaac, with supporters at Reno's Restaurant in Yonkers.



left, L-R-State Senate candidate Kristen Kerr, Newsmax host Joe Pinion, John Isaac, Congressional candidate Miriam Levitt-Flisser

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Athenia's distress signal, including the US Line's Orizaba, the ship that brought the Tinney family home.

Saturday, September 28th

September 28, 1891: September 28, 1891: John Copcutt filed lawsuits against the City of Yonkers and the Alexander Smith & Sons' Carpet Company for allegedly fouling the Nepperhan River. Mr. Copcutt purchased a tract of land that included the lower waterfalls where the Nepperhan River empties into the Hudson and built upon it mills and stores. In 1854, he made two large purchases of woodland and also built his fine residence on Nepperhan Avenue. He erected several substantial factories and small cottages rented to the mill hands. Copcutt (1805-1895) was a prominent industrialist and contributed significantly to the development of Yonkers.

September 28, 1951: The Getty Square Area Merchants Association ended their two-week shopping adventure with a visit from the Rheingold girls! The six women, all vying for the title of Miss Rheingold 1960 arrived in the Getty Square Parking Area about 9:30 pm and were met by city officials and civic leaders. Gifts donated by the members of the merchant's group were distributed from special treasure chests created for the occasion.

Sunday, September 29th

September 29, 1921: Archbishop Farley presided at the silver jubilee of St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Dunwoodie. Many graduates returned for the ceremonies and celebration. While here in Yonkers, he also laid the cornerstone for the new Knights of Columbus building at South Broadway and St. Mary Street.

September 29, 1931: Mayor John Fogarty, who had chosen not to run for reelection, announced the 1932 city budget would not be finalized until after the election to allow the newly chosen chief executive to participate in the deliberations. He promised all needed figures would be ready by the first of November.

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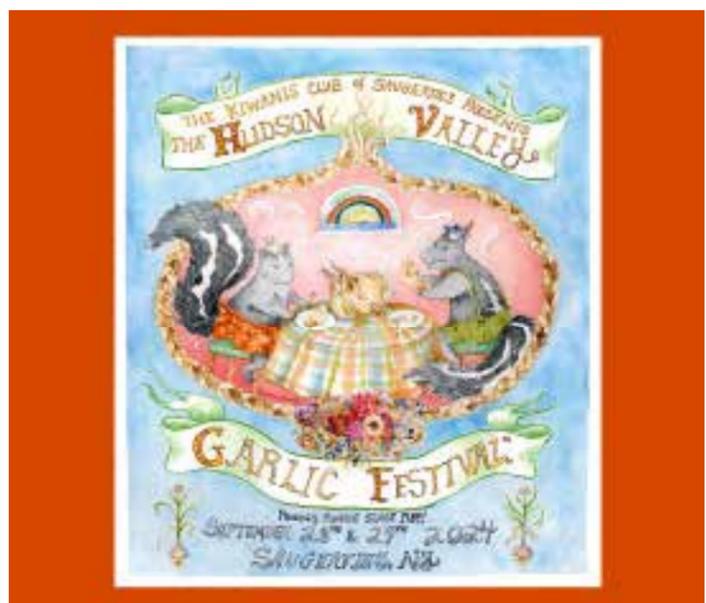
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*Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-*

ers, people drinking 4 or more cocktails at a seating. Yonkersites are not obese, and we tend to smoke less than most cities in the study, We are not depressed though we need Psychiatrists, and our mental health in general is particularly good. Suicide levels are low.

We have good insurance to take care of our needs. With the Yonkers Parks system there are plenty of avenues for physical activity. Due to our fine Police Department the crime rate in Yonkers is low with no mass shootings. Thank god.

So we moan about an income tax surcharge that was supposed to temporary. No one likes the Red Light Camera Program which needs to be a line in our family budget. Our schools are highly rated though as we just saw it's hard to classroom 500 children At the last minute. Cultural offerings are abundant, and being on the Hudson River gives us gorgeous views of the Palisades.

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Despite some flaws Yonkers is a good place to live, just a 25 minute drive to New York City, Metro North rail lines that make the trip just as close and allow us to enjoy the splendors of New York City and the region.

I'm in it for the long run and hope you are too!

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisyonkers@aol.com), or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!**

## **Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers Names Dr. Beckford-Smart First Executive Director**



**Dr. Meredith Beckford-Smart, left, with TSTT Founder Dr. Bettye Perkins**

Following a nearly year-long extensive search, Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT), one of the nation's leading teacher diversity mentoring programs, announced that Dr. Meredith Beckford-Smart, a Brooklyn native of Irvington, N.Y, has been appointed by the Board of Directors as its first Executive Director.

With more than 20 years' experience of guiding leading non-profit organizations in the education sector, Dr. Beckford-Smart officially assumed her TSTT duties on September 9. Most recently, she served as Executive Director for GenSpace, the world's first community laboratory and REACH (Raising Educational Achievement of Harlem) at Columbia University Teachers College.

As TSTT's Executive Director, she will focus on the organization's mission of closing the teacher diversity gap in the nation's schools by recruiting culturally diverse and economically challenged high school students, mentoring and training them throughout college and helping to place them as effective teachers in schools in their communities.

That mission began nearly 30 years when Dr. Bettye Perkins founded TSTT for which she has served as President and CEO. Under Dr. Perkins' leadership, TSTT developed a proven and viable mentoring model that has created a pipeline comprising more than 800 qualified high school and college students of color and more than 300 alumni who are changing the lives of students in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Virginia.

Dr. Perkins, who will play a primary role in helping Dr. Beckford -Smart and the TSTT White Plains and regional staff make the transition to the new Executive Director. She will also begin to focus her efforts as a renowned educator to address a related but equally critical issue facing American's public schools: the diversity gap among school superintendents and other senior-level administrators.

"In general, the pandemic led to a high turnover in superintendent positions which, to begin with, have been underrepresented with educators of color," noted Dr. Perkins, adding: "At a time when more than 50% of students in the classrooms reflect the ever-increasing diversity of the general public but only 18% of instructors are teachers of color, the need to increase the diversity ranks of top administrators who are tasked with fostering teacher diversity in their school districts is more urgent than ever more."

As part of her efforts in helping to close the diversity gap among top-tier administrators, Dr. Perkins will leverage the extensive network of senior-level educators throughout the U.S. that she has cultivated during her 30-year tenure leading TSTT's growth, as well as TSTT's cadre of alumni who have achieved successful careers as high-ranking administrators.

Under the leadership of TSTT board chair, Clarence Williams, the search for TSTT's first Executive Director began more than a year ago when a Search Selection Committee was established comprising of: Keith Johnson, TSTT district mentor and retired associate superintendent for human resources, Prince William County Schools, Va.; Brian Ruder, TSTT supporter, former corporate executive and professor Business School, NYU; Dianne Young, retired IBM Executive, and former TSTT board member and board president, and Dr. Letitia Payne assistant principal, Putnam Valley High School., and a TSTT alum.

The prestigious national and international search firm of Phillips Oppenheim was engaged. It was founded in 1991 to diversify and strengthen the leadership of mission-driven nonprofits.

Dr. Perkins and the Board of Directors lauded the hard work, diligence and commitment of the selection committee members who volunteered their time and expertise in finding Dr. Beckford-Smart following the review of several top-level candidates. She noted that Dr. Beckford-Smart's background and expertise mirror TSTT's mission. "She is a transformational leader, forward-thinking visionary and equity -centered strategist who has a highly commendable track record in leading the staffs and devising and executing highly effective programs within the community to improve education, personal development and support systems."

Previously, Dr. Beckford-Smart, a first-generation college graduate, held leadership positions at New York Edge where she was Community School Director, Deputy Director of College Access/Supervisor and Director of Learning Labs/College Access. She also served as Teacher Development Manager for New York City Teaching Fellows and Assistant Director for Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai. At Columbia University Teachers College, for more than 20 years she was an Executive Director, Senior Researcher and a Pre-Service Teacher Supervisor.

Dr. Beckford-Smart holds a Ph.D. in Science Education from Columbia University; a Master's in teaching and Learning of Biology for 7 to 12 grades from New York University and a B.S. in Biology from Long Island University. (Note: The attached resume provides more details about Dr. Beckford-Smart)

In a strategic plan she created outlining the goals she has set during the first six months as TSTT's Executive Director, Dr. Beckford-Smart shared her personal mission statement. It reads:

"As a Not-for-Profit Executive Leader, I aim to empower the next generation of educators and learners by fostering an inclusive, innovative and collaborative educational environment. I am dedicated to enhancing the quality of teacher preparation through strategic leadership, community engagement and the development of cutting-edge initiatives that inspire lifelong learning and professional growth. With a commitment to integrity, excellence, and equity, I strive to create transformative learning experiences that equip students and teachers with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a dynamic and ever evolving world."

For more information visit: [www.tstt.org](http://www.tstt.org).

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## St. John’s Riverside Hospital Launches “Born to Read” Initiative with Yonkers Public Library

St. John’s Riverside Hospital is proud to announce a new partnership with Yonkers Public Library, “Born to Read: An Early Literacy Initiative” launched on September 12th at St. John’s Riverside Hospital. Founded in 1869, St. John’s Riverside Hospital is the only Maternity Services provider in the City of Yonkers. “Working with another long-standing and respected community organization was a natural opportunity for us,” said Ronald J. Corti, President & CEO of St. John’s. “What better way to help new parents get the best start for their children,” he said.

As part of Yonkers Public Library’s early literacy program 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, the Born to Read initiative gives every new parent a special care package with a board book, a Yonkers library card, early literacy development information, and additional resources to support families on their reading journey. The care packages are made possible in part from a generous gift from the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library.

This collaboration encourages parents to read aloud to their newborns, infants, and toddlers, and to make their local library a part of their child’s and family’s development. With progress charts, celebrations, and other gamified elements, the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program creates a manageable, trackable, and achievable goal for parents charting this progress. Reading one book a day to children means they enter kindergarten having read over 1800 books!

Studies have shown that 30 minutes of reading daily can lead to measurable improvements in physical health, such as reductions in blood pressure and heart rate. Overall, reading contributes to a healthier body. It is beneficial not only for the little ones but also for the parents, providing valuable bonding time, creating lasting memories and reinforcing the parent-child relationship. Other proven benefits include cognitive, social and emotional development, improved vocabulary and language skills, fostering imagination and love of learning, and future academic success.

Jesse Montero, Library Director states “We are thrilled about this partnership. As trusted experts in maternal child health, there is no better messenger on the value of reading in early childhood than the staff of St. John’s Riverside Hospital.”

As part of this exciting partnership, every new parent will receive a special care package that includes: Diapers & bib, A board book, A Yonkers Public Library card, Early literacy development information, Additional resources to support your family’s reading journey. The care packages are a gift from the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 67747/2023 U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Wilmington Trust Company, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Bank Of America National Association, As Trustee, Successor By Merger To Lasalle Bank National Association, As Trustee For Lehman Xs Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-6 Plaintiff, vs Desmond Dunchie If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Dorothea Shepherd Aka Dorothea Leslie, Alicia Leslie Aka Alicia Leslie Dunchie, Mooi River LLC, Ocwen Loan Servicing, Llc Successor By Merger Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 439 Homestead Avenue Mount Vernon, Ny 10553 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Desmond Dunchie Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Paul I. Marx of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Thirteenth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated January 31 ,2007 executed by Desmond Dunchie and Dorothea Shepherd AKA Dorothea Leslie to secure the sum of \$472,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 470540230 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on March 7, 2007. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 14, 2008 and recorded on March 25, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 480740250. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 5, 2012 and recorded on December 26, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 522433224. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 7, 2013. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 1, 2015 and recorded on February 5, 2016, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 560333308. The mortgage was subsequently modified on September 5, 2018. The property in question is described as follows: 439 Homestead Avenue, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 14, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82202



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*Lovers Triangle, continued from pg 1-*

when he entered Reed's house in Yonkers in 2018. Reed and Nazario were shot multiple times by Quinoy but survived. Quinoy shot himself and died.

Reed and Nazario filed a lawsuit against Westchester County in 2020, alleging that the Westchester Department of Corrections were negligent in allowing Quinoy to continue to serve as a corrections officer and to continue to have a weapon.

According to NY Supreme Court Judge Nancy Koba order, "Nazario and Quinoy dated for 5 years. 2013 until 2018, and Nazario testified that Quinoy was never abusive towards her. Prior to the Nazario-Quinoy relationship, Quinoy had been in a romantic relationship with B. Smith, the daughter of a retired correction officer.

"During their relationship, B. Smith experienced physical, mental, and emotional abuse by Quinoy. At the end of the relationship in 2013, B. Smith told her mother, T. Smith, a WCDOC correction officer at that time, about Quinoy's abusive behavior. T. Smith reported said allegations to the WCDOC.

"B. Smith testified that she sustained various injuries, including a black eye, chipped teeth, a dislocated jaw, a sprained wrist, and a fractured sternum. At least one of these episodes was witnessed by WCDOC correction officers during a non-work-related social event. Further, during their relationship, Quinoy threatened to harm B. Smith and her son, he threatened her with a 9-millimeter firearm, and he threatened to kill her with a firearm.

"Quinoy had several nicknames, including "Captain 13," which refers to an altercation between a correction officer and an inmate under Code 13.

"In July of 2013, T. Smith made a formal statement about B. Smith's allegations to the WCDOC's Special Investigation Unit, SIU. Several Correction Dept. Superior officers testified that no action was taken against Quinoy for the allegations.

"Cusma indicated the information should have been forwarded to the WCDOC firearms review board, which would determine whether or not to suspend or revoke the correction officer's firearms privileges.

"According to Cusma, T. Smith's allegation that Quinoy threatened to use his firearm against himself, and others should have resulted in the suspension or revocation of Quinoy's firearms privileges.

"The SIU did not investigate T. Smith's 2013 allegations against Quinoy....Cusma stated that it would have been a dereliction of duty for the investigating sergeant not to follow up on the matter."

In a letter dated September 10, Westchester County Attorney John Nonna wrote to the BOL, requesting authority to settle this case for \$5 Million, with \$3 Million for Reed and \$2 Million for Nazario. "Plaintiffs claim that Quinoy had a propensity for violence and that the County was aware of the claimed propensity and failed to investigate such allegations. Plaintiffs claim retired Correction Officer Smith reported to WCDOC Special Investigations Unit, allegations that Quinoy had a history of domestic violence and threatened to shoot Officer Smith's daughter and take his own life. Plaintiffs claim that the County failed to conduct any investigation into the reported allegations. Plaintiffs further claim that had the County investigated the domestic violence claims, Quinoy's license to carry a weapon would have been suspended and he would have been disciplined. Finally, Plaintiffs claim that it was the County's failure to take appropriate corrective measures with respect to Quinoy that was the proximate cause of the plaintiffs' injuries. The County has denied these allegations. The settlement takes into consideration the uncertainty of litigation and the potential costs of trial, the exposure to a substantial jury verdict, subsequent proceedings and potential appeal," writes Nonna.

If the \$5 Million were paid out by the County in a lump sum, based on the County's total annual real estate tax levy of \$542M, this settlement payment equals almost a 1% increase on all homeowners' County tax bills.

The alleged lack of Corrections Dept's oversight is the cornerstone of the theory of the County liability in this case. The large pay-out assumes the high likelihood that a jury would find the County liable and that such finding would have been sustained by the trial judge and any appellate court.

"The alleged facts laid out in the court documents are hair-raising. Once again, this illustrates the need for independent oversight of law enforcement agencies, including the County jail. Proposed legislation for an independent police accountability board (like a "Civilian Control Review Board") has been stalled somewhere between the BOL and the County Executive's office since it was recommended by the Westchester County Police Reform and Reimagining Task Force in 2021.

"Also, as budget season arrives, consideration should be given to charging such settlement outlays and judgments against the responsible department. As I have stated many times, this particular department has been over-budgeted for years in view of the substantial reduction in the average daily population at the County jail with no reduction in personnel employed there," said former County Legislator Damon Maher.

**SAXON WOODS GARAGE SALE RETURNS SATURDAY, SEPT. 21**

Residents are invited to shop pre-owned treasures at the annual event.

One of Westchester County's favorite traditions, the Saxon Woods Garage Sale, returns, Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saxon Woods Park in White Plains.

Attendees will have the opportunity to browse second-hand treasures like clothing, household items, furniture, toys, sports equipment, books and more. Parking and admission for shoppers are free. Rain location is the Westchester County Center in White Plains; same date and time. Parking and admission will also be free if the event is moved to the County Center.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "The Saxon Woods Garage Sale is a beloved Westchester County tradition that residents look forward to year-round. It's a great opportunity for families to find items in their homes that no longer serve a purpose and offer it to others who may find it useful."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "The Recreation Division and staff at Saxon Woods go above and beyond year after year to ensure the Saxon Woods Garage Sale runs smoothly for our vendors and that shoppers also enjoy the experience."

Saxon Woods Park is located at 1800 Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains. Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Ave. in White Plains.



Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 58236/2023 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A Plaintiff, vs WILLIAM D. NYE AKA WILLIAM NYE, DEBORAH A. NYE AKA DEBBIE NYE, BARBARA A. MCEVOY, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NA, SOUND SHORE MED CTR OF WESTCHESTER, CITIBANK SOUTH DAKOTA NA, PAULA JACKSON AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, HEATHER J. ARMINIO AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, DENISE J. MACDONALD AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JPM-ORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA (THE "SAVINGS BANK"), FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DIME SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNION SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE UNION SAVINGS BANK OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT, 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1821 D, BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 31, 1992-B, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 11 Winans Street Larchmont, NY 10538 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Patricia F. Haviland AKA Patricia H Sayles Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by William D. Nye AKA William Nye and Deborah A. Nye AKA Debbie Nye dated the February 26, 2008, to secure the sum of \$102,041.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 480850572 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 3, 2008. The property in question is described as follows: 11 Winans Street, Larchmont, NY 10538 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 8, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82085

that she was sexually abused by Louis DiRienzo, a teacher and coach at Lincoln HS during the same time. For more details on Adamchek's suit, read our old story at this link-

After our story ran, we were contacted by Andrew Quinn, attorney for Louis DiRienzo. Quinn submitted the following statement on behalf of Louis DiRienzo:

"Coach DiRienzo is not now nor ever has been a party to the plaintiff's lawsuit, which was filed solely against the Yonkers School District. The allegations leveled by the plaintiff allege behavior which purportedly occurred in 1986. When first made aware of these allegations in approximately 2020, Coach DiRienzo emphatically and unequivocally denied any claim of abuse or misconduct involving this plaintiff or any other student in his decades-long teaching career. He steadfastly denies all the allegations contained in the complaint.

Importantly, Coach DiRienzo was never deposed as a witness in the lawsuit, and played no role in the decision to settle it. The City of Yonkers, undoubtedly concerned with the difficult task of defending against a thirty-five-year-old claim, made the tactical decision to settle. There has been no trial on the facts, and the salacious allegations in the complaint remain only allegations: unproven, untested and categorically denied by Coach DiRienzo". End of statement-

DiRienzo went onto work in the New Rochelle School District where he was the Varsity Football coach for the State Championship team in 2019. Days before the lawsuit was filed, DiRienzo was suspended from his position as New Rochelle High School Football Head Coach by the New Rochelle Board of Education on November 13, 2019. He resigned later that year.

Adamchek filed a criminal complaint with the Yonkers Police Department on November 19, 2019. But "Due to the nature of the allegations and the amount of time elapsed, any potential criminal charges would not be eligible for prosecution," stated the YPD.

Some are also asking why did the city settle a lawsuit made against a teacher who has denied the allegations? And for \$800,000?

While the City could have moved forward to a trial in this case, the usual explanation from Corporation Counsel on settling cases is that it is in the best interest of the city and the taxpayers to settle, instead of risking an even larger jury award.

The City of Yonkers, and school district across the state, have had to pay out many settlements based on filings as a result of the Child Victims Act. The settlements are found in the City Council agendas. We have been asked to review other settlements and compile the total amount paid out but have yet to do so.

One of our readers wrote, "I read your story on Coach DiRienzo, and I cannot comment on the allegations made against him because I have no evidence or idea if they happened or not. And that is the problem. How do you defend against these decades' old accusations?"

"Where are the rights of DiRienzo? That is the purpose of the statute of limitations, to avoid having someone accused of wrongdoing from 35 year ago. It's impossible to remember details, assemble evidence, find witnesses and prove your innocence."

Noted law professor Alan Dershowitz said, "How do you expect people to remember details of something that happened or didn't happen?"

One of the sponsors of the Child Victims Act, State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal said, "there haven't been any examples of false claims being filed."

Coach DiRienzo has stated that his case is one example of just that.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 69679/2023 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs PAUL MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, KATHLEEN OAKES-MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 23 Tatomuck Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Paul McGrath, Kathleen Oakes-McGrath Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Paul McGrath and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated the August 26, 2006, to secure the sum of \$405,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462830253 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 21, 2006. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 27, 2008 and recorded on June 30, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 481720016. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated April 24, 2008 executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath to secure the sum of \$19,653.77 and recorded at Instrument Number 41720024 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on June 30, 2008. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Instrument No: 462830253 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated April 24, 2008 and recorded June 30, 2008 at Instrument Number 481720032 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$417,000.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2012 and recorded on June 15, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 521643051. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 9, 2015 and recorded on March 6, 2015, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 550483378. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 18, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 592003133. The property in question is described as follows: 23 Tatomuck Road, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82100

## *USSC Justice Sotomayor Comes to Yonkers to Open School Named in Her Honor*

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Anibal Soler, Jr. along with local and state officials today welcomed U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to celebrate the opening of the Yonkers Public School District's newly constructed school named in her honor. Located at 121 McLean Avenue, the community school will serve over 600 students from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade and the local community. The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School is the first of three new schools to be constructed by the City of Yonkers in its efforts to rebuild the aging infrastructure of the Yonkers Public Schools.

Designed as a community school, the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School features multi-functional spaces that are accessible evenings and weekends without the need to open the entire school building. Special amenities include a multi-purpose gymnasium and meeting room with stage; a full-sized basketball court and locker rooms; a cafeteria and meeting room with full kitchen; and a health suite with two exam rooms and a dental exam room. It is also the District's first school to be constructed in accordance with the Yonkers green building standards.

"The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School is the first of its kind in our District and is a model moving forward as we continue to rebuild our schools," said Mayor Spano. "Our local schools are the heart of our neighborhoods and should be made accessible not only for educational enrichment, but also for the benefit of the families who live in the area. We are fortunate for the opportunity to welcome and dedicate a new school in recognition of the positive change Justice Sotomayor represents to our students and District."

The Justice School is the first phase in implementing the Yonkers Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Plan, which began in 2016. The average age of a Yonkers Public School is 75 years old with many as old as 100 years old, making them some of the oldest in New York State. New York State passed legislation that enabled the creation of the Yonkers Joint Schools Construction Board, which bonded for the cost of the new \$75.6 million, 96,000 square foot facility. New York State allocated \$53 million of the project's total cost.

Mayor Spano added, "Today would not be possible without the commitment of the Yonkers State Delegation, our State leaders and school stakeholders in supporting our efforts to improve the environments in which our children learn. Let's keep up the momentum in fighting for the needs our students and their families deserve."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School will also serve as a new Dual Language school that provides students with a rigorous academic program of instruction affirming multilingualism and multiculturalism, as well as the social, emotional, and intellectual development of each child. Dual language schools are designed for native and nonnative English speakers to achieve bilingualism, biliteracy, cross-cultural competence, and academic proficiency equal to the levels achieved by students in non-English Language Learning programs. The school's instructional program, provided in both English and the home/primary language, aligns with New York State and Yonkers Learning Standards. Students will embark on a journey to earn the New York State Seal of Biliteracy when graduating from high school.

Dr. Rosalba Corrado DelVecchio, Yonkers Board of Education President said, "The naming of a school is an awesome task for a community and we chose to name this school in honor of Justice Sonia Sotomayor because her legacy is an extraordinary example of resilience, of rising above adversity, of breaking barriers and lifting others as she rises. This school stands as a tribute to her unwavering commitment to justice, education, and community. It will not only serve as a place to inspire academic excellence in two languages, but also as a center for the entire community, where students and families come together to thrive. Thanks to the leadership of Mayor Spano with the Trustees, and the dedication of everyone involved, we have created a lasting foundation for the future, where generations of Yonkers students will be educated to empower themselves and to make their own mark on the world."

Superintendent of School Anibal Soler, Jr. commented, "The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School represents more than just a new building – it symbolizes the promise of opportunity and achievement for our students and the entire Yonkers community. Justice Sotomayor's incredible journey from a neighborhood like ours to the highest court in the land serves as a powerful example of what can be achieved through hard work, resilience, and a passion for learning. This school will be a place where students and families alike can gather, learn, and grow. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Spano for his vision and to all the stakeholders who made this dream a reality."

"When we invest in public education, the children of New York reap the benefits. Today, we celebrate the results of that investment, and thank United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor for joining us here in Yonkers to cut the ribbon on a school named in her honor," said New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "Our kids deserve to receive the best education we can provide, and to receive it in schools which facilitate and enhance that educational experience. The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School will both provide an education which meets the needs of our children and enrich our Yonkers community. I was happy to work with Senate Education Chair Shelley Mayer and the entire Yonkers state delegation to deliver on legislation and substantial funding to support quality education, and the building of new schools."

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am deeply honored to join Mayor Mike Spano and the leadership of Yonkers Public Schools in welcoming U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to Westchester for the opening ceremony of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School. This community school will provide hundreds of Yonkers students and community members with opportunities and resources they need to thrive. I am proud to have been involved in the process in the State Legislature that has helped make this new school come to life and I thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, my colleagues in the Yonkers Senate and Assembly delegation, and all those who had a part in ensuring this incredible school is open to our Yonkers children."

New York Assemblyman Nader Sayegh commented, "The Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School reflects a new page for Yonkers Public Schools. This state of the art facility will serve as a pillar in the community for a diverse student body. As a former Principal and School Board Trustee, I look forward to seeing the amazing work done by our Yonkers School staff in this new school."

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy commented, "It was an emotional and deeply humbling experience to stand alongside U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor for the ribbon-cutting of this remarkable new school. Having a Yonkers Public Schools in our community named after her is a great honor, and I'm proud that future generations will be inspired by her legacy of justice, integrity and service."

Built on the site of the former St. Denis Catholic School, the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School is the first Yonkers Public School constructed since 2000 and is designed in accordance to the Yonkers green building standards. The school's sustainable features include photo voltaic solar panels, green roofs, high-efficiency electric heat pumps (no fossil fuels used for heating), extensive natural daylighting with sunshades, low water use plumbing fixtures, fresh air ventilation with MERV 13 filtration, LED light fixtures, recycled content in materials and low VOC interior finishes and furnishings.

The new Yonkers Public School is dedicated to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and receiving the Pyne Prize, the highest academic honor Princeton awards to an undergraduate. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. In 1997, she was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit where she served from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 71686/2023 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs William J Rudy, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of William J Rudy Sr. Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Rita J. Rudy, Unknown Heirs Of William J. Rudy, Sr. If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development "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, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 1 Oakhill Road Ardsley, NY 10502 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of William J. Rudy, SR. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Rita J. Rudy (who died on November 1, 2022, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and William J. Rudy, Sr. (who died on June 19, 2023, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$675,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 513253555 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on November 28, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 22, 2018 and recorded on February 13, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 580433468. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 17, 2021 and recorded on September 24, 2021, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 612673299. The property in question is described as follows: 1 Oakhill Road, Ardsley, NY 10502 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82120

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