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YPS Students Take the 182 Day Pledge to Attend School Every Day, Ready to Learn

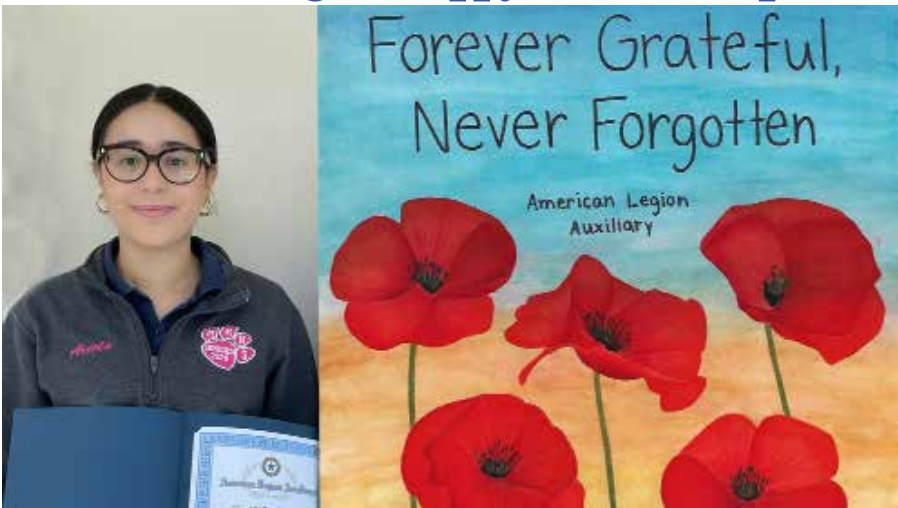


Mayor Mike Spano and YPS Superintendent, with student signing Pledge

In an effort to improve academic readiness, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Public Schools held an assembly at Yonkers Early Childhood Academy today and asked Yonkers students in grades 1-2 to participate in the Pledge 182 campaign, in which students commit to attend school every day and on time.

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Maria Regina Grad from Yonkers Wins American Legion Poppy Poster Competition



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Force Beat Brave 26-19 in Yonkers HS Football Win Superintendent's Cup



YPS
Superintendent
Anibal Soler, Jr.
with game MVP
Force QB
Nazir Fields

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Mayor Spano Endorses Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for Re-election



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Gillibrand & James Lead List of Big Name Dems Coming to Yonkers to Rally for Prop One

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Left: Big name Democrats are coming out for a rally in favor of Prop 1 on Sept 28 in Yonkers, including US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Attorney General Letitia James, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive and Congressional candidate George Latimer, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

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Houlihan Lawrence Commercial is proud to announce the sale of 612 E. Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, NY, for \$4,350,000.

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Both the seller and purchaser were represented by Garry Klein, Regional Manager of Houlihan Lawrence Commercial. Mr. Klein negotiated the transaction and consulted to the seller since 2019 to obtain the rezone and then the site plan and all municipal approvals.

"It was a long road to get this special and unique development site fully entitled and closed, but it is not unusual for these types of land deals to take multiple years," Mr. Klein said.

Mr. Klein holds a MS in City & Regional Planning from Pratt Institute and is well-versed in land use, zoning and municipal approvals.

Force Beat Brave 26-19 in Yonkers HS Football Win Superintendent's Cup

By Phil Foley

It was a beautiful day for a high school football game last Saturday September 21st at Roosevelt High School Field. The annual Superintendent's Cup was won this year by the Yonkers Force over the Yonkers Brave 26-19.

The game was a hard fought contest all the way to the very end when the Force's Bryant Easley had a key interception late in the 4th quarter to seal the win! The star of the game and also the game's MVP was Nazir Fields who ran for 162 yards with 2 rushing touchdowns and he threw 2 touchdown passes to Jacob Henry and Chris Diaz. (Nazir is a Senior at Gorton High School).

Congrats to Coach Joe Vernice who won his second victory of the year! The Force will play Ossining High School this Saturday at Roosevelt High School Field. Kickoff is at 1:30 pm.

For the Brave, Keba Cisse had a great game! He ran for 173 yards and had 1 touchdown in the game. Brave QB Zahir Wright threw two touchdown passes; one for 26-yards, and another for 36 yards. Justin Espinal scored a 95-yard touchdown for the Brave.

After the game, Brave Coach Dough Hogue said about Keba, "This kid will have the opportunity to play at the next level"!

Coach Hogue added, "This past weekend we lost the game but we learned a valuable lesson about being there for each other. This team has plenty of fight but we have to learn how to start fast. We have get down to basics. The Yonkers Force did a great job".

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Architect & Urban Planner Carolina Fonseca
Appointed Planning & Development Commissioner



Carolina Fonseca

On Sept. 20, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced his appointment of Carolina Fonseca as Yonkers' newest Planning & Development Commissioner. A seasoned international A.I.A. associate architect and urban planner, Fonseca will serve as acting commissioner, pending Yonkers City Council confirmation.

"Carolina joins our Administration with a unique skill set and expertise in project creations, New York State codes, planning and development," said Mayor Mike Spano. "I am confident she will take the momentum we've created over the last decade and build upon it to further expand our economic development efforts in a smart and measured way, serving all those in our community."

Commissioner Carolina Fonseca commented, "I am truly honored and humbled by the trust Mayor Spano and his team have placed in me with this incredible opportunity. Yonkers is a city rich in history and promise, and witnessing its transformation under the Mayor's leadership has been inspiring. The sense of unity and shared purpose that drives the city's development is a testament of his vision. I am eager to bring my creativity and experience to this flourishing chapter of growth. This is not just a professional milestone, but a unique chance to be a part of a community where equality and collaboration thrive. I look forward to joining the team on this exciting journey, helping shape the future of this remarkable city."

Fonseca joins the City of Yonkers with 27 years of experience, collaborating on diverse projects for municipalities and both national & international commercial clients. Most recently, Fonseca served as head of the Building Department in the Village of Mamaroneck. She also served as a consultant for the Village of Tuckahoe and the City of Mount Vernon in their respective Building Departments. Notably, Fonseca created the design concept for municipal projects including the Tuckahoe Public Library renovation, Tuckahoe Depot Square Plaza and hospital renovations. Fonseca holds a Bachelor Degree in Architecture & Urban Planning from Braz Cubas University, as is recognized as an International Associate by the American Institute of Architects. Commissioner Fonseca is also a New York State Code Enforcement Officer and received her LEED-AP status in 2008.

Donald, Blame Yourself and Not Jews if You Lose



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As you may have guessed from my column several weeks ago, I am still up in the air as to who to vote for President. Like many of you I am not thrilled by either candidate, and feel both political parties can do better. There has to be someone out there with the spark of a Kennedy, Reagan, or Roosevelt. (By the way, anti vaccine Bobby Kennedy is no Jack Kennedy, no pun intended.)

So in my playbook, my vote is one for a candidate to lose at this point as opposed to win. And people like myself throughout the country are going to decide who the next person to occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue will be. Let me start off by reminding you that even if you don't like the candidates the most important thing you must do is vote! People have died in our world over this precious right. Never forget that.

One thing as a columnist I like about the former President and current candidate Donald Trump is that within 15 minutes of a speech he has given you have your article. Forget about agreeing or disagreeing with him if you are on a tight deadline Trump is the candidate of your dreams. It is true that during the last presidential campaign 4 years ago newspaper subscriptions skyrocketed and more people tuned into television and radio news.

I know people who have waited hours to clear security to participate in a Trump rally not because they support him but basically it's better than a comedy show. And the bonus is if he has a band playing that you like. At one of his events you get a comedy show, a concert and all you need is his mother's recipe for meatloaf, slice it for cold meatloaf Sandwiches and you don't have to pay exorbitant prices for frankfurters, hamburgers and The works that venues charge. The night of entertainment is almost free.

Now let's get serious. Donald made a fool of himself when last week he said that if loses in November, 'Jewish People will have a lot to do with it.' I have never heard a candidate for public office make such a stupid statement. To start out with, he should run his speeches by his Jewish son in law and daughter. They would, I pray give him guidance so he doesn't alienate an important part of the electorate.

And he made these remarks at an event denouncing antisemitism. Doesn't he realize that Jews make up only 2% of the United STATES population, hardy enough to win an election. Many of his supporters, particularly out in the cornfields don't know what a Jew is. Sadly in this day and age these people think that Jews are rich, rule the world, have big noses, go to the best colleges and have the biggest homes. Sad to inform them that is not the case. His remarks just stir up antisemitism and don't stop it. He should be ashamed of himself.

He claims the Democratic Party has 'a hold' on the Jewish people. Where does he get his information from. Locally many Jews recently voted against a black candidate for Congress. Many Jews vote all over the political ballot. The days of party loyalty Donald are over. And the old rumor was that blacks and Jews were always a solid block. I look at so many people like myself who are fed up with both political parties. Donald, you are wrong again.

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Assembly Candidate John Isaac: Save Girls Sports-Vote No on Proposition One

By Dan Murphy

One of the more important decisions that voters will make when they go to the polls on Nov. 5 and in early voting is on Proposition One. Assembly candidate John Isaac is calling on voters in Yonkers to vote no on Prop One.

“Proposition One has become symbolic of what is wrong with our state government in Albany. Originally, Prop One was a way to codify abortion law in New York, but now we learn that 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.

“I wouldn’t want my daughter to have to compete on girls’ high school sports teams with boys, and I have spoken to parents whose daughters would feel uncomfortable in the locker room, but also are concerned about the safety aspects involved with playing with much stronger boys on their teams. We have to save Girls sports on Nov. 5.”

Isaac has joined with other Yonkers residents, New Yorkers, and bi-partisan groups, including The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY, and State Senate candidate Gina Arena, in trying to inform voters about the dangers of Proposition One.

“I also agree with the state Athletic Administrators Association, who said that they are “adamantly opposed and rightfully concerned about the potential physical, mental, and liability implications for school districts, community members, families, and specifically, female athletes. These implications could include increased risk of injury, unfair competition, and potential loss of opportunities in their respective sports.”

“Our Athletic Directors at High Schools across the state know what is best for our female athletes. Let’s not inject politics into girls high school sports. My other fear is that some girls will lose their place on their high school team after being replaced by a boy.”

Isaac said that the issue of Prop One is an example of how out of touch many NY Democrats have become. “The supermajority of democrats in Albany has given us a \$5 Billion price tag to pay for migrants to have hotels rooms, debit cards and cell phones. They have given us the bail reforms that allow repeat offenders to walk out of court free. And now they want to pass Prop One without telling the public what it really means.

“My opponent is part of the problem. He has been a rubber stamp for all of the bad ideas and laws coming out of Albany. This should be a wake-up call for all of us to make a change. That is why I’m running for Assembly. I’m not a career politician but we can’t stand by anymore.

“They stuffed Prop One with radical social issues that take away the rights from parents. My neighbors are telling me enough is enough. We need a voice of reason speaking out for us in New York not a rubber stamp. We need more people saying NO to laws that don’t make sense.

“I think the more and more the people of Yonkers learn about Proposition One, the more they will be opposed to it, and opposed to the democrats supporting it, like my opponent.

That’s why I have created signs that say, “Save Girls Sports.” If you want a sign let us know. Let’s get hundreds of signs on our lawns across the city and show them how we really feel.

“Proposition One is based on a lie that a women’s abortion rights are in jeopardy in New York State. That right will never be overturned in New York State.

But what is in Prop One are new constitutional rights to gender identity or gender expression. High school students have to go to a nurse to get Tylenol, and they can’t go to a tanning salon without their parents permission. But we are going to allow our young children to make a life-changing decision about their gender without their parents knowledge or consent? I don’t think that a majority of voters in Yonkers want that to happen. My opponent supports Prop One—I am saying NO.

I also want the people of Yonkers to know that Prop One includes new rights based on “national origin,” which would give taxpayer benefits to illegal migrants. And New York City has enacted a law to grant noncitizens the right to vote. When is enough enough?

“I came to this country legally as an immigrant in 1986. I played by the rules because I wanted to live the American Dream. And Yonkers and New York State have given my family and I that opportunity; to work hard, raise a family, and live the American dream. That is why I am running, to give back and fix Albany so that the American dream is available to my children and grandchildren, and your children and grandchildren.

“There is a reason why opposition to Prop One has grown all over our State. This is a bad idea, that needs to be rejected on Nov. 5. Vote No on Proposition One, and Save Girls Sports,” said Isaac.

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Op-Ed: Ask your State Rep to End The Congestion Pricing Program

Shortly after Governor Hochul announced the indefinite suspension of Congestion Pricing, the Siena Poll showed New Yorkers supported the Governor’s pause by two to one. However, opponents continued to spread false narratives of a MTA doomsday. Instead of finding solutions to fund mass transit, they held publicity stunts by delivering hundreds of toy cars to the Governor’s Midtown office. An agency with an \$11.3B budget should have a plan B. In early June, MTA management said they didn’t have a Plan B. Three weeks after the Governor’s pause, the MTA board passed a resolution supporting the pause.

At the time of the installation of the license plate readers, (the gantries) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had not given the MTA a final approval and eight active outstanding lawsuits existed from both New York State and New Jersey. Regardless, they rushed ahead and the MTA leadership spent over \$500 million to install the gantries. The publicized June 30th start date was nothing but a myth to create the impression of a fait accompli. Congestion Pricing was passed along with the state budget in 2019 with the mandate to implement it no earlier than December 31, 2020-no start date was included. One of the lawsuits, filed by New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax [NYACPT] includes plaintiffs from New York City, Long Island, small-business owners and a bipartisan group of elected officials. The demand is for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed using pre-pandemic data and as we are all aware, New York City and the surrounding areas have faced many challenges. This suit is the only one that raises SAPA (NYS Administrative Procedure Act) under which socio-economic impacts and job retention must be evaluated.

Congestion Pricing is a regressive tax that is inequitable, unfair and unsustainable. Its implementation will increase the costs of everyday goods and services for businesses and all New Yorkers. It will hurt small businesses and incentivise workers to spend more time working from home further decreasing the tax base of NYC.

We all wish to improve the quality of the environment but we need to be very respectful of everyone’s needs in how we approach this aspiration. It is clear that some neighborhoods outside of the Central Business District would experience increased air pollution and traffic from vehicles by toll shopping seeking to avoid the tax. According to the MTA’s own Environmental Assessment, once Congestion Pricing goes into effect, as much as 700 additional trucks will be rerouted to the Cross Bronx Expressway. In that same report, MTA acknowledged that trucks would be diverted to routes on highways in Staten Island, in the South Bronx, along the approaches to the RFK Bridge, George Washington Bridge, and into northern New Jersey. The Lower East Side, an Environmental Justice Community, will also experience increased pollution and traffic in the areas alongside the FDR Drive. The threat of increased suffering from asthma and other respiratory illnesses ought to count. In acknowledgment of the anticipated increase in pollution in the Bronx, the federal government increased its spending on “mitigation” from \$100 million to over \$300 million. Traffic will merely be redistributed.

Many who travel into the district from outside New York City are those who work in essential services and they may seek to look for jobs elsewhere. These include workers in health care, restaurant workers, first responders and those who do not work nine-to-five shifts when mass transit is more reliable. Many workers have been displaced due to skyrocketing rents and are forced to have longer commutes from areas with scarce public transportation. The economic hardship will also be felt by tourist-dependent neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Little Italy and Times Square, which employ predominantly low-wage employees.

According to the re-evaluation, the revenue expected to be raised decreased to \$900 million from the initial estimates of \$1 billion -1.5 billion. The state legislation mandates Congestion Pricing to generate \$1B annually but with a projected revenue of \$900,000, the current tax of \$15 will undoubtedly increase. Any change to the original bill must go back to the legislators. If we are to see how this plays out, one can look at the London model where congestion charge was implemented in 2003 at £5. In the two decades since London implemented Congestion Charge, the cost to get into their Central Business District increased by 300%. Using the London example, in 20 years, the Congestion Pricing Tax will cost everyday New Yorkers \$45.

Many have requested an independent audit and accountability of how the MTA spends its money and ask what has become of the billions of federal subsidies already assigned to the MTA. Other revenue streams have been suggested that do not impose an additional tax on the working men and women who keep the city and state running. It is anticipated that it will lead to a loss of tax revenue that fuels the whole state. With the high vacancy rate of Manhattan office buildings, we need a solution that does not further harm businesses and the recovery in Manhattan.

It is time to contact your state legislators and tell them to let the pause become permanent. Many suggestions have been made as to how to raise additional revenue to fund the MTA that does not place the burden on the hard working people in the New York City vicinity. Funding for public transit must be considered a priority and funded by all levels of government. The cost must be spread throughout the area as everyone benefits from having a highly functioning public transit system. To place the burden to raise funds on one segment of society is clearly unfair.

Lucy Koteen, South Salem Resident, supporter of New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing Tax

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New County Law Imposes Stricter Penalties on Illegal Dumping in County Parks



BOL Parks & Environment Chair David Tubiolo

During its fourteenth meeting of the year, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a local law that enforces stricter penalties for unauthorized dumping on County-owned property. This legislation ensures that waste is disposed of properly, safeguarding the County's beautiful green spaces and keeping parks clean and safe for all residents to enjoy.

Parks & Environment Chair David Tubiolo (Yonkers, Mt. Vernon) said, "Parks are for people, not to be used as a landfill. Our residents deserve the right to have a clean and safe green space. With this new law, offending parties with a waste removal license would be referred to the Solid Waste Commission for licensure revocation if they do not comply with County regulations on waste disposal, especially if they try to use our parks as a dumpster. Families should not have to see piles of tires, stacks of sheetrock, or disposed mattresses when trying to enjoy time in our parks. Hopefully, these new measures serve as a deterrent as we strive to protect our environment and preserve quality of life."

Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (Mount Vernon) said, "We had a similar experience at Memorial Field before the County stepped in, where waste was being dumped illegally. This great, common-sense piece of Legislation is greatly needed and can serve as a template for local municipalities. I'm more than happy to support it."

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Donald says he hasn't been treated well his whole life by Jews. Pal, if you want to act like a bully you are going to get beat up in kindergarten or high school by people who won't put up with your crap or arrogance.

Donald's running mate in a porno video apparently said he was a 'black Nazi.' How do you think Jews feel about that? He said if someone said something about Israel or Jews that people didn't like they would be voted out of office. He lives in a time warp. Sadly a lot of politicians Make antisemitic remarks right down to the lowest level in the political spectrum

He makes these ridiculous remarks and he says Jews are disloyal to him? I'm sure many Jewish bankers financed many of his projects that made him millions. He keeps the company of a Nick Fuentes and Laura Loomer, individuals with long histories of making antisemitic comments. And Jews owe Donald loyalty? I think not.

Trump even goes to the point of proclaiming himself 'the protector of Jews and that he is our defender.' Either he is watching to many super hero cartoons or he needs psychiatrist help.

If he thinks he is quelling antisemitism that exists in this world by making these idiotic speeches, hate to tell you but pal, you are doing just the opposite.

Less than 50 days to Election Day. And as I always say, this election will be won by people looking at their pocketbooks and wallets. In the interim Donald please try to control yourself and stop saying the remarks that are stirring up more and more antisemitism in this country! Don't blame Jews for your loss. You need only Look in the mirror my friend!

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

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers resident Rear-Admiral Husband Kimmel Pearl Harbor Naval Commander on Dec. 7, 1941

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 30th

September 30, 1930: An 11-year-old boy, living in Yonkers just two weeks, was diagnosed with Infantile Paralysis by Dr. Waldron and Dr. Minervini, and brought to our Contagious Disease Hospital. was suffering from polio. They injected the lad with special serum brought up from NYC.

The Yonkers Medical Community was hopeful he would not be permanent crippled by polio since he received the new spinal serum, the first Yonkers test of the new preventative treatment.

Sept 30, 1944: The Empire City Racing Association donated \$7500 on Charity Day to the Yonkers Chapter of the American Red Cross, raising the organization's 1944 collection total to \$169,672.75. The Racing Association committed to donate the same amount to Yonkers' next Charity Day in November.

Tuesday, October 1st

October 1, 1942: To help conserve rubber, School Thirteen's Parent-Teacher Association created a boots and storm rubbers exchange! The exchange became be a clearinghouse for PTA members wanting to trade children's outgrown galoshes for different sizes. Mom Rose Tobias of Caryl Avenue was Chair of this project.

October 1, 1942: The City Council unexpectedly withdrew charges against suspended City Manager Raymond Whitey. He was suspended August 25th and planned to return to work immediately.

Wednesday, October 2nd

October 2, 1942: The Yonkers Salvage Committee announced the results of our first scrap metal collection. Citywide, 11,482 pounds were collected, with 70% coming from North Yonkers. South Yonkers contributed more than 2,000 pounds, and East Yonkers donated 1400 pounds. Because it was the first day, there were issues, mostly late collection starts and route confusion. Some areas weren't visited at all the first day. The office received more than 75 calls for special pickups because donations were too heavy; those pickups were done within two days. On the second day, Yonkers collected an additional 16,953 pounds of scrap, raising our total to 28,435 pounds. The Committee Office received one hundred more special collections calls on its second day.

Yonkers committed its citizens to donate 14,200,000 pounds, highly aware how vital scrap metal was for building tanks, guns, planes and ships as soon as possible.

October 2, 1942: Yonkers was buzzing after the Council's rescinding of charges against suspended City Manager Raymond Whitney. Rumor circulated he was starting a Federal job shortly and planned to resign.

Councilman Edith Welty, however, was shocked to learn she had voted to reinstate Whitney, stating, "We didn't withdraw the suspension, we merely withdrew the charges!"

According to The Herald Statesman, the resolution she voted on listed the reasons for the suspension, charges being the cause of his suspension... and stated revocation automatically retracted the suspension.

Thursday, October 3rd

October 3, 1942: City Manager Raymond Whitney admitted he was offered a federal executive position with the Office of Emergency Management.

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October 3, 1942: Henrietta LeVine and Sally Kaufman, legal secretaries in the Park Building, discovered hundreds of pounds of metal needed to win the war! They found corporate seals from defunct companies that “had died.” The two women suggested all law offices check their files and storage for obsolete metal seals to “spur victory.”

Friday, October 4th

October 4, 1942: Yonkers learned illuminated Christmas decorations were limited to indoors during the “dimout hours,” starting 30 minutes after sunset. Ordered by Second Service Command Major General Thomas Terry, they got the news listening to the radio; NYC Mayor Fiorello La Guardia revealed the news in his Sunday broadcast, labeling it “silly.”

Assistant Civilian Protection Director George Bell announced Yonkers would follow whatever restriction General Terry levied.

Saturday, October 5th

October 5, 1933: Although on vacation, YPD officer Frank Skowronski flew into action when he saw three teens committing a crime! He came on three boys siphoning gas from a car parked at Nepperhan and Lake Avenues and relieved the youths of a rubber hose and a five-gallon can. He then arranged for them to spend a night in jail.

October 5, 1942: Yonkers city-wide scrap metal collection soared to over 50,000 pounds; it was expected to grow faster since the collection procedure was being perfected! The Saturday collection brought in just under 22,000 pounds, making our total 50,375 pounds.

October 5, 1942: At 9:10 am, City Clerk Francis Heafy received a letter of resignation by messenger from City Manager Raymond Whitney, effective immediately. Whitney stated in the letter he was resigning to carry out an assignment from the Federal Government. Ten minutes later, Heafy received a second letter from Whitney in the regular mail. It read, “Any letter in the form of a resignation from me delivered to the City Clerk is hereby withdrawn and repudiated.”

At the Common Council meeting that night, member Curtiss Frank admitted he knew about the resignation before the council meeting clearing Whitney, saying he, with assistance from Councilmembers Thomas Sheridan and Edith Welty, helped the City Manager obtain a post in Washington. They could not take a vote as Council rules required members have at least twenty-four hours notice before votes could be taken.

Sunday, October 6th

October 6, 1942: The Yonkers Salvage Committee reported Crestwood’s Dunbar Post, American Legion, collected 49,340 pounds of scrap metal, two-thirds of Yonkers collection for the day. At that point, the grand total of scrap metal collected was 129,340 pounds!

October 6, 1945: Rear-Admiral Husband Kimmel, Bronxville Road, testified the Army “let down” the Navy in its radar detection of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. Kimmell revealed two enlisted men detected the flight, immediately reporting it to their officers; Navy officers asked the Army Information Center several times if the Army knew what direction the Japanese came from.

Kimmel was Pearl Harbor Naval Commander at the time of the attack; he was relieved of command soon after the attack.

Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson reported Colonel Theodore Wyman, Army Engineer in charge of Hawaiian Defense Construction, often attended lavish parties given by German Hans Wilhelm Rohl.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistorical-society.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

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

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

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5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7,8, 9,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA - *Adjourned until October 2024 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rndP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing

5854 – Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of P and B Yonkers LLC, owner, on Premises known as 37-43 Post Street, Block: 158, Lots: 66 & 68, Zone: M (B31035) *Adjourned until October 2024 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CD_9e4Guj-ufCACfnF18U_5fJkkwC9wT?usp=sharing

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, Owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: G (B32874) * Adjourned until October 2024 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5858 – Area Variance –James G. Dibbini Associates, P.C., Esq., on behalf of 1098 Yonkers Avenue Corp. LLC, owner, on premises known as 1098 Yonkers Ave, Block: 6301, Lots: 15& 18, Zone: BA (B0024594) * Adjourned until October 2024 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YY3Lq7CPKYQ017996QBBynveYcCwza0C?usp=sharing>

5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFAh0Iubtvx_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOpIzH?usp=sharing

#5860 – Area Variance – John J. Phelan, Esq. on behalf of MP Riverdale Associates, LLC, owner, on premises know as 58 Purser Place Block: 154, Lots: 55 & 67, Zone: MG (B0034771) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bKmrKt-KR xjSxSQceOBMOo1WsY9XhCF?usp=sharing>

#5862 - Non-Conforming- Nicholas Viazzo R.A. (TAYLOR VIAZZO ARCHITECTS PLLC) on behalf of Aimee Hernandez Colon owner of Premises know as 87 Shonnard Place, Block 2460, Lot:30, Zone: MG (B0034732) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xjs3vQ4v_KnrFVa5ciJ3GsJUmkIGH3h9?usp=shari ng

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

#5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvvmzVMblrm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

#5865 – Area Variance – Janet J. Giris , Esq., on behalf of NY Riverview Properties LLC, Owner, On premises known as 105-111 Vineyard Avenue , Block:2170 Lot: 72.77 & 71 Zone: M(B0034840) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1buGzAfkC2sGOWCz4kaXko13yEFQXzkbW?usp=sharing>

#5866 – Area Variance – Janet J. Giris , Esq., on behalf of Yonkers Properties LLC, Owner, On premises known as 23 Lincoln Terrace , Block:2150 Lot: 20 Zone: MG (B202202245) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TmLyJpKCbLvV3cy9NsE5hYMF7mPsH4OG?usp=sharing>

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

#5868 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of 221 Lake Ave , Block: 2179, Lot:02 Zone: A&I District; 22 Lake Partners LLC owner, on premises know as 222 Lake Ave https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mf7O9_0k7lCtg3VjstKmcYFc2p9cjd?usp=sharing

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Supporters and Opponents of Proposition One Make Their Case to Voters

By Dan Murphy

Supporters and opponents of Proposition One, which will be on the ballot November 5, and in early voting, continue to push opposite messages and narratives over the need to pass or reject this measure.

Part A of Prop One would amend Section 11 of Article 1 of the Constitution to add new classes: “No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed or, religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in his or her their civil rights ...”

Part B adds a new provision: “Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.”[3]

On Saturday September 28, at the Yonkers Train Station U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and New York State Attorney General Tish James are headlining a rally organized by Democrats in Support of Prop 1 at 4pm. Also attending will be State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive and Congressional candidate George Latimer, State Senator Shelley Mayer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

The event is designed to increase awareness about the November ballot initiative and to encourage voters to flip their ballot and vote “Yes” to the proposal, formerly known as the New York Equal Rights Amendment.

Here are two views on Proposition One.

Why New Yorkers Should Vote “Yes” on Proposal 1

By: Nora Brickner Equal Rights Amendment Campaign Director

Across the country, politicians are restricting people’s rights and freedoms, including the right to abortion and the right for all of us to be who we are.

Since Roe v. Wade was struck down by the Supreme Court, twenty-one states have either banned or restricted abortion care. There’s a full-blown assault on trans people’s rights, with hundreds of anti-trans bills introduced — and many passed — in state legislatures across the country just this year.

We might like to think we’re safe from these attacks here in New York, but the truth is there are dangerous loopholes in our state constitution that leave us vulnerable to the whims of politicians. And though we have strong laws protecting us from discrimination, we know that laws aren’t enough, because they can be easily changed, as we’ve seen time and again in recent years as political winds shift.

When we enshrine a right in the state constitution, we protect it from political attacks. In 2022, Lee Zeldin, a staunchly anti-abortion politician, came within six percentage points of becoming our governor. In the State legislature, pro-choice leaders have only controlled both chambers for eight of the past 58 years. In fact, it was only in 2019 that New York finally removed abortion from the homicide code and began to regulate it under health law.

That’s why we need Proposal 1, or what has been previously called the New York Equal Rights Amendment, which will protect our rights and reproductive freedoms — including the right to abortion. Proposal 1 will keep New Yorkers — not politicians — in charge of our personal decisions and will enshrine equal rights into our state constitution.

Prop 1 will be a critical tool for all New Yorkers to exercise their rights. That’s why powerful, well-funded, anti-abortion forces are working hard to defeat it, even before voters get a chance to pass it. We got good news in June when the New York Appellate Court overruled a baseless attempt by anti-abortion operatives to boot Prop 1 off the ballot.

But our opponents won’t stop trying to roll back our rights. They are dead set on doing everything they can to keep Proposal 1 from passing, and they will be back with more attacks soon.

This isn’t new: anti-abortion extremists are using the same playbook in New York that they are using across the country – using the court system to try to roll back our rights, because they know protecting abortion rights is popular at the ballot box.

Despite these attacks, we’re not backing down. In fact, we’re working even harder alongside New Yorkers for Equal Rights to make sure every New Yorker knows to vote YES for Prop 1 in November.

We are in the early stages of launching our massive voter contact effort. We will be out in communities across the state knocking on doors, phone banking, texting, emailing, and doing everything we possibly can to get Prop 1 across the finish line in November.

But to do all that, we need your help. Please join our campaign to pass Prop 1 and enshrine equal rights into our state constitution. This November, we must make sure all New Yorkers’ rights are protected.

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is leading a campaign against Proposition One

Let’s take a moment and ask ourselves some questions about what it means to be able to “discriminate” based on things like age and gender identity and what some possible legal ramifications might be.

Should the New York State government have more authority than parents in making medical and other important decisions for children? NO.

Should minors have the right to irreversible surgical and non-surgical transgender procedures without parental notice or consent? NO.

Should biological males be allowed to compete in female school sports without restrictions? NO.

Should laws that determine the legal age to purchase and/or consume alcohol or cannabis be weakened? NO

Should statutory rape laws that protect against sex with minors be weakened? NO.

In Westchester, two republican candidates are joining in the call to vote NO on PROP One; State Senate candidate Gina Arena, and Assembly candidate John

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Social Media Madness: Homestyle Bakery in Peekskill Gets Threats Over Presidential Cookies?



We Urge Our Readers to visit the Homestyle Bakery, on 23 South Water Street on the Peekskill Waterfront, and buy some Presidential cookies

By Dan Murphy

When Dan Scavino, Senior Advisor to former President Donald Trump, (and a Yorktown native), and State Senator Pete Harckham agree on anything, take notice. Both are coming out to support the Homestyle Bakery in Peekskill, and urging their supporters, friends and voters, to purchase some of the bakery’s Presidential cookies. The bakery has come under fire from the “Facebook Freaks,” who are so hostile that they attacked the bakery for what has been a 50-year tradition.

I decided to visit the bakery and lend our support to their bi-partisan election treats. The problems began when the bakery posted sales of their Presidential cookies on social media. Both Vice-President Harris and former President Trump cookies are available, same price-\$3 a piece.

This is a 30-year + business that started when George Pataki was Mayor of Peekskill and then a State Senator. There’s a photo on the wall of Pataki at the bakery.

For more than two decades, the bakery has been selling its butter cookies with photos of the Presidential candidates. In 2016 it was Trump and Hillary; in 2020 it was Biden and Trump.

And this year its Harris and Trump. But for the first time, Homestyle Bakery began to receive hateful threats against them for their cookies. Some called the bakery horrible for selling cookies, and called for a boycott.

Most of the nastiness back and forth were against the Trump cookies, but then Harris cookie negative comments appeared. Over the top phone calls and emails also came in.

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Family Fun Day at Untermyer Gardens is back Sunday, September 29, and it's better than ever!

New Torah Dedication at Chabad of Yonkers



With your ticket purchase (\$10 children under 12, \$20 adults) you'll be treated to the Magic Show presented by Flavors of Magic, Picnic in the Walled Garden (bring your own food and blanket), Scavenger Hunt, Sea Creature Tattoo, and more!

SCHEDULE:

12:00 noon -- Arrive early to enjoy a picnic inside the Walled Garden starting at 12:00 noon. Bring your own food and beverages, and a blanket or folding chairs. This is the only day of the year that picnicking is allowed in the Walled Garden! No balls or other sports equipment. As always, no pets.

1:00-1:45 p.m. -- Flavors of Magic returns with an exciting new magic show by Zach Alexander, who will amaze and delight the whole family.

12:00-1:00 & 2:00-4:00 PM -- Take part in a Scavenger Hunt to discover unique plants, vibrant mosaics, and intriguing sculptures, and don't miss out on getting a temporary sea creature tattoo.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. We do not use physical tickets. Your name will be added to the door list. Please check in at the reservation table the day of the event.

RAIN OR SHINE: In case of inclement weather, the events will move indoors to the Community Room of the Cola Center at Untermyer Park and Gardens.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets for the a la carte events from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM are additional. Hayride (\$10 per person), Rubber Ducky Decoration and Stream Journey (\$5 per duck), Fly a Kite (\$10 per kite), and Learn a Magic Trick (\$10 per prop) Visit, <https://www.untermyergardens.org/family-fun-day-2024.html>, for more information.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins Provides Shames JCC With After School Bus



New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins secured a \$50,000 state grant to provide the Shames Jewish Community Center (JCC) on the Hudson with a new bus for their "Almost Home" after school program.

The new vehicle has been in use since the start of the school year, helping the JCC to provide safe and reliable transportation for students from several Tarrytown schools to the center, offering a vital resource for working families in need of after school care. "We are incredibly grateful to State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for providing the Shames JCC with the funding needed to purchase a bus to transport local students to our after-school program," said Adam Weiss, CEO of Shames JCC. "When local families and the JCC needed her, she responded with quick action. The JCC would not be the same without her partnership and commitment to our community."

The new bus expands the JCC's ability to accommodate students in the program, which offers academic support and recreational activities in a safe environment. Senator Stewart-Cousins visited the JCC in Tarrytown this month

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Above: Jason and his father Bob Friedman, 81, close the doors of the new aron displaying the new Torah

Left: Joel Lieber carries the new Torah into the Greystone Jewish Center

Story and Photos (c) Robert Kalfus

Bob Friedman of Friedman Realty grew up in Yonkers and as a teenager attended Greystone Jewish Center, on North Broadway. Last year he returned to visit, and wanted to contribute his talents to refurbish and improve the synagogue. Over many months, plans were made for a new carpet for the stage in front of the Torah; new stairs to walk up to the stage to replace the rickety ones; and a beautiful new light brown oak in which the Torahs are enclosed prior to their use. Mr. Friedman's wife Sheila designed and commissioned a new Parochet embroidered curtain to cover the aron when the aron's doors are closed, "in loving memory of Bea and Arthur Friedland", Bob's parents. The new blue cover for the new Torah cover was written "in loving memory of Herb Lebowitz" a former member of the Greystone Jewish Center, who while in hospice care bequeathed it before he passed away was in hospice care.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh presented a proclamation honoring Bob Friedman for "achieving his BA in physics for Bard College; an MBA for Adelphia, and has pursued graduate studies in physics from the University of Connecticut. In 1971 he established Friedland Realty as a one-man operation from the basement of an office building, and over the course of 45 years, built it into a prominent commercial real estate company with 25 brokers, across Rockland, Westchester and Bronx Counties; and has been a tireless philanthropist and community leader, a devoted husband to Sheila Friedland for 56 years, a father of three sons, devoted father-in-law to three daughters, and grandfather to eleven cherished grandchildren."

A Torah scroll is written entirely in Biblical Hebrew, containing 304,805 letters, all of which must be written precisely by a trained scribe, "sofer" and can take as long as 18 months. Each of the letters are inscribed with a turkey feather quill dipped in specially prepared ink. It is a positive commandment for each and every Jewish male to write their own Sefer Torah and to contribute to the writing and the completion of the Torah. The last few letters have open spaces so each of the persons at the Torah completion can have the merit of completing the Torah writing, usually by holding the sofer's hand as he writes and fills in the last few letters.

Various people held the Torah aloft during a grand possession celebrating the completion of writing the Torah, with many hakafot (circle dances) and songs, before the new Torah was placed in the Greystone Jewish Center's new aron. Bob Friedman, his wife Sheila, and their son Jason were recognized and thanked, followed by a generous and ample kosher buffet luncheon for the more than 200 people attending.

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- Nader Sayegh

SAFER COMMUNITIES

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

INFLATION RELIEF

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

BETTER SCHOOLS

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

PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

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

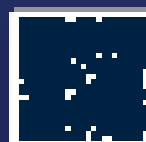


A family man, Nader Sayegh has always called Yonkers home, growing up in Southwest Yonkers with his seven siblings. He and his wife, Sama, built their life together here, raising their five daughters, all who attended Yonkers public schools, achieving successful careers.



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

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Forget the Constitution and You Will Lose Your Freedom

Op-Ed by Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

Tuesday, September 17th was Constitution Day but it was largely ignored—to our peril. If you don't review your rights and its constraints on government and insist that government stay within its bounds, you enable it to seize power it has no right to. This is shameful when we are about to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our independence.

On Tuesday, politicians flew the flags of other nations and gleefully taking pictures of themselves, but no one locally publicly celebrated our genius Constitution, which formed a government based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence: protecting the God given unalienable rights of the American people.

Politicians, how could you forget? Or perhaps you didn't forget, but chose to ignore it, because you intend, once elected, to do whatever you want, ignoring the law and the rights of the people. You failed in your duty, to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. To preserve it, you must study it, understand it, live up to it, and demand your colleagues do so also. Your ideas and proposals should be measured by that standard.

Our Constitution is the practical structure, the framework for a government that protects the God endowed rights of the smallest minority, the individual. Written by men who understood that power is addictive and men easily fall into that lust for power, the Constitution delegates only certain powers to the government, and separates and checks and balances them. It requires that government officials, elected or not, be public servants of, not rulers over, the people. The Constitution outlines certain things they are allowed to do—incorporating a Bill of Rights—an in your face reminder of some of the rights and powers of the people government may not interfere with. Criticize government? Absolutely—that is what the first amendment is for. It's not up to Hilary or anyone else to decide what you may say. But the Constitution is not self enforcing.

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary. ... In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself." James Madison, Federalist 51.

The Constitution opens with "We the people." Not we the government, not we the party members. "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

To establish justice, the standard must apply to all with no special favors for one party, no early release nor more severe punishment for any group. Variation can come in individual cases—not by pandering to groups for political expediency. Free speech is not only for some who agree with what the government promotes. The Bill of Rights prohibits government from interfering with citizens' right to speak as they wish—whether it's to publicly proclaim religious beliefs, criticize government policies, call the President an idiot or the mayor a money grubber.

The only thing the federal government is required to provide is the common defense, which includes securing the borders—on land and on sea. To refuse to do so, to allow millions to rush in illegally is dereliction of duty at the least and treason at its worst. It also violates the responsibility to insure domestic tranquility, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Our God given rights include altering or abolishing a government when it fails to protect our rights. Yet New York state does not allow the people to recall a corrupt official. A handful of local politicians gave themselves additional terms, defying as totalitarians do, citizens who twice passed term limits. Worse, when citizens petitioned to put term limits on the ballot again, they simply called on their boy to invalidate the petition. Democratic? Only in that these abuses were all done by democrats, exposing what they mean by democracy—that they get to rule regardless of our founding principles and long established tradition of limited government with temporary citizen legislators and executives.

No man is a means to another man's end. While we share common needs and desires, we are not a collective. History shows time and again, collectives are tools of the government to empower itself and suppress the sacred rights of the individual. The lust for power is a never satisfied addiction. History's evidence: German Socialist Workers' party (Nazis), Russia under Lenin and Stalin and everyone up to Putin. One hundred seventy-five countries have fewer people than the Chi coms murdered.

General welfare does NOT mean government can take from one group and hand it to another. That is robbery and often bribery in principle if not directly illegal. General welfare means federal projects that help everyone—such as interstate highways. Social services were largely handled by religious groups and private organizations—as seen in the numerous hospitals, nursing homes and schools founded by them. Alexis de Tocqueville, in his tour of America to find out how a real democracy worked (since the French Revolution was so communistic and murderous), noted that Americans did not depend on government for everything but formed voluntary organizations to meet needs. Name a disease and you will likely find a private group organizing to fund research and provide information. This, De Tocqueville said, in *Democracy in America*, made America exceptional.

During the Founding period, the two most read authors were John Locke, from whom we developed much of the philosophy articulated in our Declaration of Independence and Montesquieu, whose practical knowledge of government became a key part of our Constitution. Locke's principles were derived from the Bible, in which only God could be king, lawgiver and judge. (Isaiah 33:22) For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us." God could be all three, but no man on earth could be trusted with that much power—but men who crave to rule over all constantly aim to grab more power to themselves. Men who don't pay for their own cars and gas make rules that raise costs for the rest of us—and then tax us more, building their wealth while we struggle. Our governor tells the crafters of the best pizza in the country that they can't have gas or wood ovens that contribute greatly to making their legendary product. That power is not granted in any constitution. So she has no right—but does have a duty to protect our rights. Want fewer of these problems? Put more time into studying the Constitution and require public officials to adhere to it. No one can claim rights he doesn't know about, or doesn't understand well enough to apply to everyday situations. God gave you rights, but governments constantly erode them.

Montesquieu's most important and best known principle was "power must check power." So Madison separated the delegated powers of the federal government and constructed the federalist system of decentralized powers and functions to make government more accountable to the people. But the people must do their job. Recall that Covid death rates were lower even in high population states like Florida that did not shut down people's businesses and close schools—as other did in some cases—for more than a year. Federalism enables us to see what works without forcing the whole nation to suffer under damaging policies. What may be necessary, temporarily in New York City, is often completely unnecessary in the rest of the state. Governors often mandated things they had no authority for—and way too many people badgered their neighbors or even strangers in a store to comply with mandates now proven to be useless.

So how did it get to the point where government is telling us how to cook, what kind of cars we must have, how efficient our toilets can be, how we get our electricity? Nothing in the Constitution authorizes this. How did they usurp the power? Because you let them. Instead of watching over the power hungry, you let them run wild. You let them be your rulers instead of your servants.

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As has been the case in instances where a boycott is proposed for a business that is unwarranted, a movement has begun to support the bakery and buy the Presidential cookies.

A recent LoHud.com story piqued our interest, and that of many others, so we decided to go the bakery and lend our support.

And others lent their support. State Senator Pete Harekham posted an X video where he comments "Proud to stand with my friends at Homestyle Bakery. Sometimes a cookie is just a cookie!"

"For the past couple of decades, they have been making these wonderful Presidential cookies, and now some have taken exception to that. I know that we are divided and polarized, but cookies? Really?"

If you are passionate about your candidate, threatening your candidate is not a productive way to help your candidate. Get involved and volunteer with your candidate, but don't threaten a bakery," said Harekham.

Dan Scavino, a Yorktown High School graduate and advisor to former President Trump, posted on X, "Westchester bakery faces threats for selling presidential cookies (mostly from one side)" HEY MAGA! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, IF ABLE! THEY SHIP NATIONWIDE-HATS OFF TO THIS BUSINESS FOR NOT GIVING IN.

And co-owner Laura Timmons is not giving in. "This is America, where everyone has the right to freedom of speech. It's not good business to favor one side, and our family has always been politically neutral. Our employees and friends hold different political views, but they do it without spreading hate or making threats. We're not favoring anyone. We never have. We're just doing what we always do."

The Bakery posted the following message. "Over the past few days, we've received hateful messages, posts, and phone calls about one candidate's photos," read the post. "We have made these cookies in the past, and we will not stop now. Anyone who threatens our employees or family members because they believe we should only print a specific type of cookie will be reported to the police. We do not condone hate or violence. Homestyle Desserts will continue to represent a diverse and welcoming environment for all people from all walks of life. Thank you to the community we so humbly serve. We appreciate you."

For now, the social media haters appear to have moved on to something else. Some of the recent positive posts include, "I love how much business you've drummed up from the haters, in all honesty they did you a favor," and "It shouldn't be this way—I hope this family-owned bakery, in business for more than 50 years, needs bigger ovens now!"

Kudos to Senator Harekham for buying a box of cookies with both candidates. And to others who have bought a dozen Harris cookies. Despite the unhealthy social media rage, the cookies are a fun way to have a treat and laugh about the upcoming election.

Stewart-Cousins, JCC Bus, continued from pg 8-

to see the bus in action and met with staff and students who are benefiting from the program.

"I am proud to have delivered state funding to purchase a bus for the Shames JCC Almost Home after school program," said Senator Stewart-Cousins. "This grant will help ensure that students have the transportation they need, allowing parents to focus on their work knowing their children are in good hands. Supporting families and working parents in our community is one of my top priorities, and I'm thrilled to see these funds making a difference."

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Isaac.

NY Republican John Faso recently wrote an Op-Ed stating that the ballot measure is "based on a lie" "Proposal 1 on New York's ballot this year, dubbed by its proponents as the Equal Rights Amendment, is based on the lie that abortion rights are somehow in jeopardy in New York. The state Legislature adopted New York's abortion law in 1970, and regardless of one's position on the topic, there is no genuine threat to these laws. Prop 1 would seriously erode parental rights, undermine girls' sports and create new rights to taxpayer benefits for noncitizens. The amendment doesn't even mention the term "abortion." Instead, the amendment amends Section 11 of the New York Constitution, which currently prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, creed or color, and adds new categories of protections. These include age, disability, ethnicity, national origin and sex.

A school nurse cannot administer Tylenol to a student without parental consent. Minors can't receive tanning treatments without a parent's OK. A new constitutional right to gender identity or gender expression will overcome statutory protections for parental control over medical treatments for their minor children. When courts consider a minor's demand for transgender treatments like puberty blockers or surgeries, Prop 1 will be used to deny parental authority.

Similarly, this new right will allow biological males to insist upon their ability to participate on female sports teams.

Already, New York government is consciously eroding parental authority. A 2023 guidance from the state Education Department told school districts that they do not need to inform parents of a child's desire to change genders. Parents of a child in central New York have brought a federal lawsuit alleging that their daughter's middle school actively conspired for three years to hide the student's desire to be treated as a boy.

And new rights granted based on "national origin" will create a constitutional basis to argue for taxpayer benefits for illegal migrants," writes Faso.

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Maybe you were one of those who wanted government to take by force what others earned and give it to you – and then wondered why things cost more and are harder to get. Maybe you just didn't bother to learn how the Constitution of the greatest, freest, wealthiest and most powerful nation in history is supposed to function to protect our rights, property, and freedom.

Let's look at the 9th and 10th amendments.

Amendment IX The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. We the people have more rights than the federal government is specifically warned not to touch.

Amendment X The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

In other words, if the federal government is not specifically told in the Constitution that it may do something, that power belongs to the people or the states. Hence, the people in each state now get to vote on their abortion laws—but in New York, the people were not allowed to vote on it. The Democrat legislature made the decision. Other states debated proposals and put them on the ballot. This, and your right to drive the car that best suits you, choose the heating method that works best for you and cook your food the way you please is your right to decide. ** Nowhere is government—at any level given the right to intrude into your home life unless you are committing a crime. Dump any public official that presumes to do so.

Get a copy of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence and read some every day. (You can get them free from many places like Hillsdale College and the Bill of Rights Institute) Make notes. Write down questions. Read the Federalist Papers, starting with Federalist 51. Read The Founders' Constitution. Rise up to your duty as a self governing citizen. If you don't, politicians will continue to grab more of the power that rightfully belongs to us and run more and more of our lives. Many have little job experience and are not experts in anything. No one else is an expert on your life, certainly not a bunch of politicians in DC or Albany nor even in City Hall. The more you understand the Constitution, the more you can keep government from violating your rights. It's a lot less stressful and expensive than having to sue all the way to the Supreme Court.

Make your politicians show you how their proposals fit with the Constitution. No one can keep track of everything, so recruit your friends and neighbors to do the same. Take back YOUR power before you have none.

-Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

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 MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC VS.

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

PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA

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

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proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment
 may be entered and you can lose your home.

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

Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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 ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING
 THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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

Westchester County is designated as the place of
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Mayor Spano Endorses Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for Re-Election

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano endorsed Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for re-election on Sept 22.

Mayor Spano said, "This year there's an election for State Assembly, and we have an opportunity to return one of our greats, Nader Sayegh. Someone who was born and raised here in our city. He's an educator, an attorney, and he's someone who fights for us at the state capital. That's why I'm endorsing his candidacy for re-election and I hope you will do the same. On election day November 5, support Nader Sayegh for re-election."

Assemblyman Sayegh said, "I'm honored to have the support of Mayor Mike Spano as I run for re-election as your NYS Assemblyman. Mayor Spano's words remind me why I continue to fight hard for the people of Yonkers."

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
INDEX NO: 70289/2023
D/O/F: 11/03/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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

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

BRITE FAMILY LLC,
-against- Plaintiff,

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

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

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

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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

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

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

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

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

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

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11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

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

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

Dated: _____

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Ariela Franco Wins NYS Poppy Poster Contest

Her Creative Poster Previously Won the 2024 Valhalla American Legion Post 1038 and New York State Poppy Poster Contests

Ariela Franco of Yonkers, a graduate of Maria Regina High School (Class of '24) who recently began the next chapter in her education as a freshman at Syracuse University, learned recently she had won first place in the annual American Legion National Poppy Poster Competition.

In so doing, she achieved the honor of having won all three levels (local, state and national) for the poppy poster she created and initially submitted for the Annual Valhalla American Legion Post 1038 contest. After winning the top prize in Valhalla, her poster came in first place in the state ALA Class VI category and was then submitted to the American Legion's national poster contest held during the group's 105th Convention in New Orleans.

Maria Carozza-McCaffrey (Class of '99), Principal, said: "We are so proud of Ariela for her very notable achievement in winning all three prize levels for her distinctively creative poppy poster that honors the devoted service of America's veterans. We wish Ariela continued success as she embarks on her post-secondary journey."

The talented Ariela had been enrolled in Maria Regina's acclaimed Visual Arts program. She was one of five Maria Regina artists who won top honors in the Poppy Poster Contest sponsored by the Valhalla Post. The other winners from the renowned all-girls Catholic high school are:

Ciara Leddy of Bronxville and Carmella Alcantara of Mount Vernon who respectively won first and second prizes as juniors in the ALA Class V category; Isabella Schneeberg, of Yonkers, who won second prize honors as a senior in the ALA Class VI category and Keitumetse Rankoe of New Rochelle, an international student originally from South Africa and the daughter of a diplomat, who won the Commander's Award as a sophomore in the ALA Class V category. The students showcased their talents on a 11" X 14" poster board using the poppy, an enduring symbol of remembrance of World War I that is strongly linked with Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918 which came to be celebrated as Veterans Day.

Democratic Congressional Candidate George Latimer on Safeguarding Reproductive Rights



In light of House Republicans blocking – for the second time – the passing of the Right to IVF Act, which protects the right to IVF nationally and lowers the cost of IVF for millions of families, Democrat George Latimer, Congressional Candidate for the 16th District in New York and a decades-long leader of reproductive rights fortified his commitment to family planning shared the following statement:

"Access to reproductive health care, whether it's abortion, contraception, or IVF is a personal decision to be made without restriction or intimidation – and I am committed to safeguarding these rights in New York and working to make access to abortion care available across the nation once again," said NY-16 Congressional Candidate George Latimer. "But, this cannot be possible without electing Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz, as well as a Democratic majority in both the House and Senate. With Democratic control of the Presidency and Congress, we will succeed in ensuring safe and legal reproductive options, and repair the damage that the repeal of Roe has caused. Your vote on Tuesday, November 5th is paramount to the future of reproductive rights, and the individual freedom to make your own reproductive healthcare decisions."

If elected to Congress, Latimer will work tirelessly to oppose the forces that are turning reproductive healthcare into a dystopian nightmare. Starting with opposing any national ban on abortion rights and supporting legislation making abortion, contraception, and other forms of reproductive healthcare protected under law and a civil right, including:

Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 12 of 2023) – Establishes a statutory right for healthcare professionals to provide abortion, and the right for their patients to receive care, free from bans and medically unnecessary restrictions that single out abortion.

Right to Contraception Act (H.R. 4121 of 2023) – Sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access, and a healthcare provider's right to provide, multiple forms of contraception and related information.

Access to Family Building Act (H.R. 7056 of 2024) – Provides a statutory right to access fertility treatments without prohibitions and unreasonable restrictions.

Latimer has a strong progressive record protecting women's reproductive rights. Under his leadership as County Executive, Westchester County enacted the Safe Time Leave Law, which provided victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking protected time off to testify in court and relocate to a safe place. In 2022, he signed the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act, which created a no-harassment zone around reproductive healthcare clinics to prevent patients' and healthcare workers' entry from being obstructed. This year, Latimer started the Black Maternal Child Health Initiative, the county's first maternal child health equity program, to reduce racial healthcare inequality.

As a Retired Family Physician and Environmental Educator in Yonkers, I See the Health Impacts of Air Pollution – Here’s How You Can Act Now

OP-ED By Dr. Bob Morrow

As a member of the Beczak Environmental Education Center in Yonkers, and a retired family physician, I’ve seen how air pollution affects our community’s health. We see daily that the air we breathe in Yonkers is making us sick.

On Wednesday, September 25, at 6 PM, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will present the results of its air quality monitoring in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and Yonkers. The event will be at the Doles Center in Mount Vernon and pre-registration is not required. Please attend this important event.

The Reality: Air Pollution Is Hurting Us

Air pollution is a public health crisis. Westchester County has received failing grades for air quality from the American Lung Association, especially high ozone levels. These pollutants worsen respiratory conditions like asthma and COPD and increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes, especially in children, seniors, and those with pre-existing conditions.

When I moved to Southwest Yonkers in 1977, near a new sewage treatment plant, I quickly learned that odors don’t kill—it’s the particles and volatile organic compounds that do. Over time, alarming data has shown just how harmful our air is. This data started to be uncovered by scientists worldwide 20 years after opening, and now we have this astounding data, thanks to citizen action, a NYS voter-forced analytic with teeth. Our census tract has some of the worst health outcomes for sudden death in New York State, despite ranking lower for older populations.

The results of the DEC data are clear and you can see for yourself. Low-income neighborhoods and communities of color are disproportionately exposed to pollution that makes us sick. It is worst for those living near high-traffic roads and industrial zones, as well as other major emitters of microparticles (pm 2.5s particularly) and volatile organic compounds.

More Data and Better Solutions Are Needed

The DEC’s air quality monitoring provides valuable insights into the pollution levels across our communities, and it’s essential that we fully utilize this state data as we work toward solutions. This includes full use of the methane data, an important volatile organic compound.

However, we also need more granular and continuous data to capture how pollution fluctuates throughout the day and across seasons. While the current state data offer a solid foundation, expanding monitoring efforts with localized, real-time data will give us a clearer picture of the daily air pollution. By combining both existing state data and new data collection efforts, we can acquire the most accurate and **comprehensive information possible**.

Empowering the Community Through Citizen Science

At Beczak, we’re leading a citizen science air monitoring program where we’re training local youth to track air quality themselves. We already have hard evidence of peak loads of pm2.5 particles around midnight and early morning producing a 25 fold increase in toxic emissions. This hands-on approach not only provides supplemental data to what the state collects, but also empowers young people to learn about and advocate for cleaner air.

The Right to Clean Air and the Time to Act

New York’s Green Rights Amendment guarantees us the right to clean air, water, and a healthy environment. But rights alone don’t solve problems—action does. Our Climate Act requires that climate funding be directed to frontline communities.

Funding resources, like those included in the Environmental Bond Act can support the development of zero-emission transportation, green infrastructure, and community health programs. Now is the time for us to work together—residents, educators, policymakers, and local governments—to develop solutions that benefit all of us.

What We Need to Do

To protect the health of Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and New Rochelle, we must demand solutions including:

Zero-emission buses to replace diesel vehicles and reduce emissions in high-traffic areas.

Noise barriers and stricter construction regulations to reduce the impact of traffic and development.

Green infrastructure, such as vegetative buffers along highways, to filter pollutants.

Real-time air quality monitoring to track pollution and respond quickly to health risks.

Community health programs to address health disparities caused by pollution, focusing on asthma prevention and respiratory care.

Controls on the diesel trucking in our communities, and modernization of our sewage treatment plants.

Together, we can ensure that the DEC’s air monitoring leads to real action and cleaner air for all of us. Clean air isn’t just a right—it’s essential for the health and well-being of our children and future generations, and all of us right now.

About Air of Truth: The Air of Truth is a campaign from The Energy Justice Law & Policy Center to increase awareness about air quality. www.AirofTruth.org. www.EJLPC.org.

New York State is releasing its Yonkers, New Rochelle, and Mt. Vernon environmental justice air quality data to the community on Wednesday, September 25 at the Doles Center in Mt. Vernon.

Perfect Attendance Challenge, continued from pg 1-

“Education is fundamental to our future, and each day a student misses school is a lost chance for development,” said Mayor Spano. “In Yonkers, we are committed to fostering the potential of every child. Together, let’s make sure every child in Yonkers has the chance to thrive by emphasizing the importance of school attendance.”

To increase the school’s attendance rate, Yonkers Early Childhood Academy Principal Stefanie Felidi will continue to incorporate monthly incentives and encourage family involvement by sending students and families a letter informing them of their accomplishments, along with a personalized certificate.

Research has shown that students who miss 10% of the school year (18 days or two days per month) are not as academically successful through their school years and have a more difficult time graduating. Starting as early as Kindergarten, chronic absenteeism can cause a student to fall behind in school. In fact, chronic absenteeism, missing 18 days or more, can make it more difficult for children to learn to read and develop fundamental math skills.

“Attendance is the foundation for student success. Each day in the classroom is an opportunity to learn, grow, and reach new goals. With Pledge 182, we are empowering our students to take an active role in their education by committing to show up every day,” noted Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. “With the partnership of Mayor Spano, and the commitment of our families, we can reduce chronic absenteeism and ensure that every child has the support they need to succeed.”

Yonkers Public Schools prioritizes reducing chronic absenteeism and is committed to supporting students and families, by decreasing chronic absenteeism Districtwide. Since the 2023-2024 school year, chronic absenteeism has decreased by approximately 13%, with the current Districtwide percentage now at 35.78%.

In conjunction with professional development, Yonkers Public Schools continues to promote best and promising practices to reduce chronic absenteeism across the district by offering incentives and rewards, engaging families, establishing Attendance Teams, mentoring, and partnering with mental health professionals to support students and families.

Mayor Spano challenged the students of Yonkers Early Childhood Academy, urging them to sign the pledge and promised to return in June and give a pizza party to the students who achieve a perfect attendance during the 2024-2025 academic school year.

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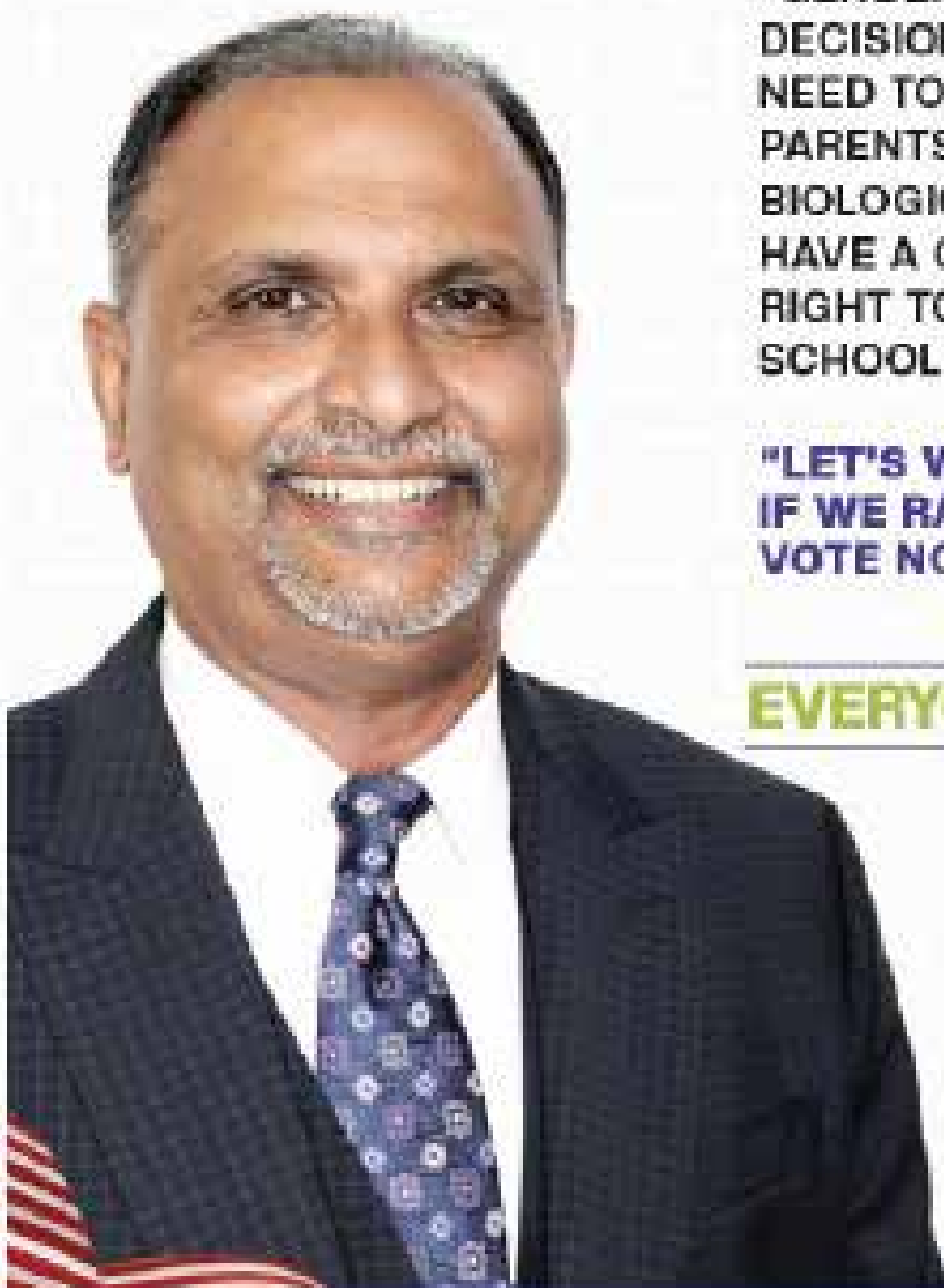
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