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ICE

phone interview.

“He has complied with every requirement asked of him. He has no criminal history, no pending charges, no deportation order, and no reason to be detained,” Mufleh wrote in a GoFundMe set up to help pay lawyers to represent Andres.

The recent high school graduate was arrested anyway.

Mufleh was in shock. She knew Andres had legal documents to be in the country.

“I thought they would realize they made a mistake and will release him,” Mufleh said. “Now, we can’t get him out.”

Andres’ arrest comes as President Donald Trump’s administration has ramped-up efforts to arrest and deport immigrants who are not in the country legally. White House Deputy Chief

of Staff Stephen Miller told Fox News May 29 the White House has set a new goal of 3,000 arrests a day.

The Trump administration’s efforts to increase arrests has also sparked widespread protests in California.

Advocates have scrambled to find Andres within the ICE system.

He has been moved three different times since he was detained June 4, advocates said. He is currently in an ICE detention facility in Monroe, Louisiana, according to an ICE database.

Andres was able to contact officials with Fugees and his school while he was detained at the Grayson County Detention Center last week, which holds ICE detainees in Kentucky.

“We had people who went to Grayson County to check on him,” Mufleh said.

But ICE moves fast. Andres was moved from Grayson County at 6:30

a.m. in the days after his detention.

“Our people were there at 8:30 a.m.,” Mufleh said. He was not able to talk to a lawyer until Monday shortly after 4 p.m. and that only happened after pressure from officials and groups in Louisiana, Mufleh said.

Mufleh said Andres is scared and worried. He also doesn’t understand why ICE agents ignored the documents he showed them.

Mufleh and others in Bowling Green are now raising money to help pay for Andres’ legal fees.

Andres has not been given documents to show the charges against him. ICE is supposed to provide that information within 72 hours, Mufleh said. Lawyers had been told Andres may have a June 18 court date in Indianapolis.

Neither he nor his lawyers have been given any paperwork. He could be released on bail after a hearing. It’s also possible

a judge could dismiss the case.

“His due process rights are being violated,” Mufleh said. “He is being held without a charge.”

Bowling Green has been a longtime refugee resettlement area. Since 1981, Kentucky’s third-largest city has welcomed more than 10,000 refugees, according to the International Center of Kentucky in Bowling Green, a refugee resettlement agency.

The city was the subject of a 2023 Emmy-nominated documentary produced, written and directed by Lisa Renze, the former student media adviser at Ball State University. “Fleeing to Flyover Country” captured and celebrated the vibrant diversity that permeates Bowling Green’s business, educational and family circles.

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Lexington Women’s Club supporting community since 1948

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Editor’s Note: *As Lexington celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding, the Herald-Leader and kentucky.com each day throughout 2025 will share interesting facts about our hometown. Compiled by Liz Carey, all are notable moments in the city’s history — some funny, some sad, others heartbreaking or celebratory, and some just downright strange.*

For more than 75 years the Lexington Women’s Club has worked to make the city a better place to live.

On March 12, 1948, a group of young women met at the home of Mrs. H.T. Greathouse to organize the Lexington Younger Women’s Club. Within a month, the group was given a charter with the Kentucky Federation of Women’s Clubs, and each of the original 20 charter members was allowed to extend membership to one friend.

With 40 members, the group set to work in 1948 and 1949. The club officially became known as the Lexington Women’s Club in 1950.

The club’s goal since its inception has been to “promote social, educational and cultural growth,” and it has done that through its improvement projects.

Starting in 1948, the club organized a clothing



bank at the Ashland School, and helped dress 175 school children the first year. Since then, the project has grown, and the Clothing Center has moved downtown, helping to clothe more than 70,000 children, the organization said.

The organization also sponsors scholarships for nontraditional female undergraduate students at a Kentucky public university, and for a high school senior from Fayette County who has exemplified community service through their volunteer work.

Its signature event, Bids for Kids, is its biggest fundraising event and features a luncheon, a fashion show, a bake sale, vendor tables and lots of shopping live and silent auctions of items donated by local businesses. Funds raised from the event go toward the Clothing Center, scholarships and other projects.

Have a question or story idea related to Lexington’s 250-year history? Let us know at 250LexKy@gmail.com.

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How long the special examination will take “will be directly informed by the scope of the examination, which is still to be determined,” she added.

Ball is also conducting audits of the Kentucky Department of Education and Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville.

House Bill 825, which was passed by the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly, required an audit of the state’s education department. The last budget bill, House Bill 6 in 2024, provided an appropriation to complete the Jefferson County audit.

The Fayette school district has a \$16 million budget shortfall and held a May 27 vote to increase the occupational license

tax for schools that Republican Attorney General Russell Coleman said was unlawful.

According to Coleman’s opinion, the vote by Fayette school board chair Tyler Murphy, vice-chair Amy Green and board member Penny Christian to ask the fiscal court to increase the occupational license tax rates for schools from 0.5 % to 0.75 % was not handled properly.

Proper notice was not given and a public hearing was not held.

On Monday, Murphy suggested to the superintendent and board that they “pause” raising the occupational license tax for schools. The Fayette County school board agreed and canceled a June 23 public hearing and vote on increasing the tax.

The school board reached a consensus to

convene a committee — a broad-cross section of people, including students and staff, community members, business leaders, faith leaders and others - to dive into budget issues. That is separate from Ball’s examination.

Murphy said the district committee could look at what it takes to run a district the size of Fayette County and review revenue sources and spending patterns.

Committee members would work closely with district officials, Murphy said, and make recommendations for the 2025-2026 working budget and for the long term that are focused on students.

District officials said previously they plan a 20% cut in each department.

District officials blame the shortfall on several factors:

- More than a decade of

- flat state funding.
- The expiration of temporary federal relief.
- Inflationary pressures that have significantly increased operating costs.
- Historic compensation increases for staff that were long overdue.

Some Lexington residents have expressed concerns about a lack of transparency in how the school board handled the tax increase process.

Notice of the May 27 vote was made known to the public only when it was attached to an online meeting agenda on the Memorial Day weekend before the scheduled meeting.

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Dr. Victor George Lawson (nee Lewonuk) June 3rd, 1936 - June 5th, 2025

generosity to all was appreciated. He was a brilliant, kind, reserved, private, and yet passionate man. All of us who knew Victor Lawson had the rare opportunity of encountering a human being of immense qualities, a man of incredible energy and intellect, and an extraordinary individual whom we will always continue to love and admire.

An avid runner and member of Joe's Joggers at the Granite Club, he ran the New York City, Washington Marine Corps, Ottawa, and Bermuda marathons. He delighted in classic cars having owned a Porsche 911, Maserati Ghibli, Jaguar, Panther Turbo Lima, a Lincoln, Fiat Cabriolets, BMW 's, and a Peugeot. His favorite readings included Hemmings Motor News and Classic Car as well as daily newspapers from front-to-back,

Vic enjoyed the finer things in life and beautiful objects. One of his passions included collecting antiques and artwork. He accumulated numerous original paintings of Corbett barns, Louis Taylor pencil sketches of Victorian Houses, and original paintings by Ted Harrison. Glassware & crystal (Cranberry Glass, Champagne Flutes, depression and pressed glass, Moser, Steuben, Lalique, Baccarat), and fine English porcelain.

Victor is survived by the love of his life Joanne Chesney of 32 years whom he cherished, his two sons David, and Andrew (Jennifer Stewart), his daughter Susie, his daughter-in-law Lori, his grandchildren Adam, Kaitlyn, Rebecca, Alexander, and Isla, and the mother of his children, Sandy. He leaves behind nieces and nephews Carol Malinas, Kathy (Val) Steffan, Jennifer Brooy, Lorri Brooy, Karen Kristine (Stephen Graham), Robert Rennick (Adrienne Trent), and Lianne Rennick (Tom Barker), and sixteen great nieces and nephews and 13 great great nieces/nephews. His Goddaughter Jessica Gilmore and Great Nephew Drew Pahapill held a special place in his heart. Additionally, he is also survived by his cousins Susan (Matt) Kairis of Dallas TX, and John (Heidi) Remchick of Olmsted Falls, OH and their families as well as his in-laws Victoria & John (D.2015) Chesney, Carolyn Chesney (Robert Drost) and Veronica Chesney.

He was predeceased by his parents Christina (Nikolaychuk) and Onufry Lewonuk who immigrated to Canada from Poland, his sisters Patricia (Walter) Brooy, and Alexandra (Walter) Rennick, tragically his beloved son Geoffrey in an automobile accident at the age of 33 (2001), his great niece Nicole Steffan of breast cancer at the age of 38 (2023), his nephew Kent Rennick of cancer (2024) and his beloved cousin Thomas Remchick (2016) of Columbus OH.

Vic as he was referred to by his sisters and extended family was born in Toronto (the only person to be so in his family) and grew up on Bathurst Street attending Harbord Collegiate. He was adored by his older sisters, learned to play the accordion, and loved listening in on conversations his dad had with friends about politics. Vic cherished the family road trips to visit aunts, uncles and cousins in the United States. He was part of a tight knit group of boys that played hockey and football many of whom would eventually go to U of T together. He had an appreciation for the raw beauty of Canada which he shared with his children at both the cottage on Balsam Lake and nearby Northridge farm with its many animals including his beloved donkey Carmen, trout pond, and huge vegetable garden. Flying on Bearskin Airways to Big Trout Lake was a fond memory. Like many Torontonians he was an avid Blue Jays fan, an affliction he passed onto his children and grandchildren, attending many a cold wet Spring game with family and friends at Exhibition Stadium and relishing in the Jays later success as World Champions following their move to the Skydome.

Dr. Lawson completed his Medical Degree at the University of Toronto and was one of the youngest in his class. He furthered his Studies with a Residency in Otolaryngology at the University of Toronto, a

Lawson (nee Lewonuk), Victor George MD, FRCS(C), FACS Board Certified Otolaryngologist-Head & Neck Surgeon, Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon passed away at Liberty Ridge Memory Care at the age of 89 years on Thursday June 5, 2025 in Lexington KY.

Vic will be remembered as classy, outstandingly well-dressed (Mr. GQ), and an elegant Renaissance Man. His

Fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Toronto, and a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Otolaryngology at UCLA in the Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Surgery later becoming the Chief of Otolaryngology and Chief of Staff at the Toronto Western. He actively pursued continued learning and growth throughout his life and in the latter part of his career was on the forefront of the introduction and broad acceptance of the Harmonic Scalpel and LandmarX Image Guidance System for sinus surgery. He was a consummate professional who held firm to accurate disease diagnosis, definitive treatment, and consistent skill. He was not tolerant of joviality, slipshod standards/training, or inattention to detail in the Operating Room. As much as Dr. Lawson enjoyed learning his real passion was in teaching others. Dr. Lawson delighted when his students acknowledged his contribution to their learning and success.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He was a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery, the American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, and the American Society for Head & Neck Surgery as well as a Member of the Royal Society of Medicine (UK).

He presented at international symposiums in Japan, Hong Kong, and Pakistan. He was a visiting Professor Pro Tempore at the Cleveland Clinic and was interviewed by CNN for “Health Watch”. Dr. Lawson was proud to be invited to lecture and teach in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. Better yet, he was recognized by a former student in Las Vegas who respectfully recalled every lecture Dr. Lawson had given almost 30 years earlier. Dr. Lawson produced a steady research output between 1976 and 1992 advancing surgical techniques and through his published work he acquired and maintained international recognition over nearly as long a period. In the sense that this can be said of only a small fraction of medical researchers (and of a yet smaller fraction of practicing physicians), Dr. Lawson occupied an unusually high position of recognition and accomplishment in the field of Otolaryngology.

Dr. Lawson later practiced throughout central Kentucky including Lexington, Cynthiana, Flemingsburg, Paris, Georgetown, Owenton, Versailles, Richmond, Pineville, and Manchester. He was a very proud Kentucky Colonel. Upon his retirement in 2021 he received countless cards, gifts, and calls from appreciative patients. He was overwhelmed with the expressions of gratitude for his outstanding and respectful care.

Professionally he relished in the support and loyalty he received from Kathy Sowder who worked with him from 1999 until his retirement, Nancy Curtis (Transcriptionist), Sharon Maclean (Nova Scotia) and Colleagues Dr. Shane Gainey, Dr. Don (Jeanne) McDaniels, Dr. Dana and Angel Edwards, Dr. Gerry (Cassie) Harpel, Dr. Bill Moran, Jeff Taylor CNRA, Dr. Glenn Womack, Dr. Doug Crutcher, Dr. Sandy Archer, Dr. Bill Dymon (Toronto), and Dr. Jeffrey Weinberger (Israel).

His Griffin Gate neighbors (both current & former) were lovely. Special thanks to Mary & Lee Partin, Sharon & Gary Stewart, Robin & Mike Owens, Donna & John Delpont, Glenda & David Huff, Becky & Larry Stull, Dr. Laura Hummel, and Chris McCarron. Also, Susan & Dr. Norman Plovnick, and Mary & Phil (D.2019) Puddington. Victor always appreciated the friendship and generosity of Vickie & Lennie (D. 2015) House. The sudden passing of his close friend Dr. David Ison (Tracy) in 2020 was a profound loss.

Sincere thanks to Dr. John Ross (University Health Network Toronto, ON), Dr. Justin Penttuccoff of Central Baptist Urology, and Dr. John Richard Bluegrass Extended Care who were brilliant in their care of Vic. As Vic struggled with advanced Memory loss we were blessed to have Marie Smart formerly of the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging as an outstanding resource and guide. Additionally, Meredith Plant, of the Lexington Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, and Amber Lakyn and Carla Guthrie of Silver Lexington. The staff at Liberty Ridge foster an environment of compassion and fun. Words cannot convey the profound gratitude for the care by Paula D., Paula L., Martasha, Samantha, Darla, Cathy Swain (Manager) and Suzanne Schroerlucke (Administrator).

Our real shining light was Sandy Carlton who was Victor’s amazing caregiver prior to Liberty Ridge. It takes a village to support not only the person with a Memory Disease but also the spouse. Joanne deeply appreciated the texts/calls of encouragement, support, and check-ins on Victor from her sister Carolyn Chesney, and Vic’s family Jennifer Brooy, Jessica Gilmore, Lori Lawson, Dr. Kaitlyn Lawson, and Lianne Rennick. Additionally, Kathy Sowder, Cassie & Dr. Gerry Harpel, Angel & Dr. Dana Edwards, Robin Dahl Owens, Sharon Stewart, Tracy Ison, and Wesley Wood.

Should you desire, the Family would be grateful for Donations to the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life is planned for September 20, 2025, at the Albany Club in Toronto. View and sign the guest book at www.warefuneralhome.com.

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