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Yonkers Rising

Dep. Chief Chris Sapienza Named New Yonkers Police Commissioner

On April 29, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced his appointment of Yonkers Police Deputy Chief Chris Sapienza as the City’s new Police Commissioner. Sapienza will serve as acting commissioner, pending Yonkers City Council confirmation. Sapienza will replace outgoing Commissioner John Mueller, who retired from the position. “Police Commissioner Chris Sapienza has the temperament and keen ability to work effectively and collaboratively with the community and our officers to ensure they can all be the best versions of themselves,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Chris has been a linchpin star in the Department for years, and epitomizes the meaning of true leadership, demonstrating his in-depth knowledge, training, and dedication to the men and women of our police force. We look forward to advancing the progress we have made thus far to foster stronger community relationships and continuing to keep our residents safe.”

Sapienza’s commitment to public service began in 1987 when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving for over eight years. He is a Gulf War veteran and recipient of numerous awards, including the Combat Action Ribbon. After receiving an honorable discharge, Sapienza sustained that commitment to public service with a career in law enforcement in his hometown. A dedicated police professional with over twenty-seven years of service to the City of Yonkers, Sapienza recognizes the special relationship between the Yonkers Police Department and the community it serves and will continue working together to drive down crime and enhance the quality of life for Yonkers residents.

Police Commissioner Sapienza said, “I am deeply honored with the responsibility and privilege the Mayor has entrusted to me to guide the Yonkers Police Department. Our police officers and supervisors have done incredible work under the Spano Administration to drive crime down to historic lows while enhancing community relationships and improving our residents’ quality of life. I look forward to building on that progress by working together with the community, administration, and City Council.”

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Mayor Presents First Ever Yonkers Green City Leadership Awards

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano this week presented Yonkers’ first-ever Green City Leadership Awards, recognizing local community organizations and students for their contributions towards improving the environmental health and sustainability of the City.

“Yonkers has led the charge in sustainability for the last decade, working with our non-profits, schools, city agencies, businesses and residents,” said Mayor Spano. “I am continually impressed by our city’s vision, action and commitment to our environment. Congratulations to all our winners for your inspirational projects and being stewards of a healthier Yonkers.”

At a ceremony held on Monday at Yonkers City Hall, Untermyer Gardens Conservancy was awarded the Yonkers Green City Community Leadership Award and a $10,000 grant provided by the Yonkers IDA for its proposed Warburton Street tree improvement project. Congratulations to all of our Green City Leadership Award winners for your contributions towards improving the environmental health and sustainability of the City.

Yonkers to Receive More than $2 Million in Opioid Settlement Funds

By Dan Murphy

Before NY Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit against the major pharmaceutical companies for the sales of Opioids which led to addiction and drug abuse, Mayor Mike Spano in 2019 offered the City of Yonkers a $50 million dollar settlement against big pharma in an attempt to secure funds to help those in Yonkers affected by the Opioid epidemic.

Yonkers City Councilman John Rubbo not only supported the lawsuit, but has worked for the past four years to make sure that Yonkers gets its fair share to help in Opioid treatment and prevention. “When I first spoke to Mayor Spano about the possible lawsuit against big pharma, he was 100% in favor of it. He said that Yonkers needed to seek justice on behalf of all of Yonkers. This problem has touched communities all across the country and it is time we address its effects on our city.”

Millions of dollars each year are spent by taxpayers to provide and pay for health care, services, pharmaceutical care and other necessary services and programs on behalf of residents who are a dependent or otherwise eligible for services, including payments through services such as Medicaid for prescription opioids the federal government marketed, promoted and/or distributed by Purdue Pharma. The City of Yonkers also provides a wide range of other services to its residents, including law enforcement, services for families and children, and public assistance in a result of those addicted to opioids.

Rubbo explained that the City met with two different law firms and began the process of filing a lawsuit. "It was a big waiting game, waiting the courts and working towards a settlement.”

Eventually, Attorney James got all of the communities in NY State who had filed suit to join in New York State’s action against Big Pharma. “I am very proud that this was one of my first initiatives on the council. ‘We brought a lawsuit against Big Pharma to hold them accountable for the impact that opioid abuse has had in the City of Yonkers. I am overwhelmed and excited by this settlement,” said Rubbo.

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Hochul Comes to Yonkers, With More Education Funds for YPS

6th grade at Fortis school Keiley, with L-R Mayor Mike Spano, Assemblymember Nadia Soysag, Assemblymember Rubby Ruiz, Senator Shelley Mayer, Governor Kathy Hochul, Saint Mary Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quessa

By Dan Murphy

Governor Kathy Hochul visited Yonkers on April 28 and was welcomed to the Enrico Fermi School, where she highlighted the recently passed budget, and the record amount of education aid handed out to our school districts across the state, and to the Yonkers Public Schools.

Governor Hochul, “I’m so proud to have just signed a budget, supported a budget that has the highest investment in education in our state’s history. … $31.5 billion to help transform the lives of our children. Every penny is worth it.”

“The question we ask ourselves every single day, “What is best for New Yorkers, what is best for our children, and what is best for all of us?”, I believe this transformative budget accomplishes just that.”

“These investments include a statewide school aid increase of $2.1 billion, including a $1.5 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a $1.25 million increase in pre-kindergarten for four-year-old children. Additionally, the budget provides $150 million in matching funds to provide academic and mental health supports for students and educators.”

“We are very fortunate to be here. Also, in the home of our Majority Leader for the New York State Senate, a person of great courage and intellect and compassion. And that is our Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins.”

“I want to thank our school Superintendent, Superintendent for over seven years, making a difference every single day, Dr. Edwin Quessa, Dr. Quessa.”

“I have amazing partners at the state level as well, Senator Shelley Mayer, who is the Chair of the Senate Education Committee out there fighting for every single dollar that has shown up in our budget. As well as Nadia Soysag. We want to thank him for being such a friend and ally and a real fighter for your district, a true fighter."

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Yonkers Green City Student Leadership Award winners from Family School 32 with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and Councilman Anthony Merante

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, left, with New YPD Commissioner Chris Sapienza

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Senator Schumer, Congressman Bowman Bring $500,000 to Westhab for Affordable Housing

Continuing their strong partnership in delivering funding to address historic inequities in Westchester County, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Congressman Jamaal Bowman, said they have secured $500,000 in federal funding for Westhab, Inc. to make critical repairs to affordable housing and promote housing equity in Southwest Yonkers.

The funding was secured as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 end of the year spend- ing package. The lawmakers said that the funding will make critical repairs to nearly 80 units of affordable housing, immediately improving quality of life for dozens of Yonkers families.

"Every Westchester family deserves a safe and secure place to call home, but historic underinvestment has created a housing crisis in places like Southwest Yonkers. Access to affordable housing is a fundamental right, and this funding gets to the issue at its core by making critical upgrades and repairs so that Yonkers residents can have the quality of life they deserve," said Senator Schumer. "I am proud to have worked in lock step with Congressman Bowman to deliver this funding for Westhab and I will keep fighting to get every dollar of federal support needed to help lay the foundation here in Yonkers for a brighter, more equitable future for all residents.

"Safe, reliable affordable housing should be guaranteed for everyone," said Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D (NY-16). "In Yonkers many of our neighbors are experiencing housing insecurity and Westhab is perfectly positioned to address this crisis by offering affordable housing and fighting to end homelessness. I am honored to support Westhab and have worked alongside Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer to deliver $500,000 to Westhab as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Process. This money is critical to not only repair 79 units that house our neighbors, but also ensure the overall well-being and quality of life is improved for anyone living in those units. I am proud to deliver federal funding to uplift Westhab's work and support their mission to ensure people have the resources to thrive and I look forward to every opportunity to support their efforts further."

"While Westhab works to develop beautiful, new affordable housing, it is equally critical that we are preserving existing affordable housing so that all members of our community have a high-quality home. Westhab is grateful for the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman for delivering these critical funds to preserve nine multi-family buildings in Yonkers where Yonkers families call home," said Richard Nightingale, Westhab President & CEO.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "I want to thank Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman for their leadership in working toward forming the Westhab property in Yonkers into an affordable housing opportunity for 79 Westchester County families. It is our responsibility in government to make sure that accessible, affordable housing is always there, and that every resident has a safe and secure place to call home. As we continue to work to guide our residents through a transformative process, we transform when we move into a property into something new, and we are helping Westches- ter residents when we get them into a high-quality home at a price point they can afford."

"The funding provided by Senator Chuck Schumer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman will help to repair 79 units of affordable housing, spanning across 9 multi-family apartment buildings. Specifically, funding will allow for critical improvements to the roof, fire safety systems, window replacement, utility upgrades, and apartment renovation. This funding comes at a critical time when 65% of households - roughly 90,000 households in Westchester County, are deemed ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Em- ployed) households. This population earns more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living in their county. In 10701, 66% of 22,535 households are deemed ALICE, while in 10705, 64% of 14,260 households are also ALICE.

The ALICE County is the most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Westchester County, according to the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. The ALICE Competition Council’s 2021 report found that 9% of households in the county are ALICE.

"The opioids crisis has devastated communities in Yonkers, Westchester, and the Hudson Valley, but we are helping the communities hurt by distributing more than $16.7 million for opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery," said Attorney General James. "These funds will go to the people in Westchester County who are struggling with addiction get the support they need. While no amount of money will ever make up for the lives we’ve lost, this funding will be vital in helping to prevent future deaths and destruction.”

The first payments come from settlements with opioid distributors — Ameri- surePharma Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and McKesson Corporation.

Memento Mori Art Exhibit Opens at Riverfront Library

Memento Mori is a Latin term meaning to remember that death is a part of life. It is a reminder that life is fragile and can be fragile at any moment to any- one on all of us. Throughout the pandemic, we’ve needed to go old of ways of thinking and being in the world, to adopt new ways of living. Death, in all its forms, can be an opportunity to adapt, to appreciate, to honor and value the lives we are given, and to think about what will come after us. It is a reminder of the ways being present in the world. Death reminds us that each moment of life is sacred.

"Memento Mori" is a thinking exhibition that asks us to reflect on the fragility of life. The exhibit is divided into five display areas, each with its own theme. The displays include a photo essay of personal stories of individuals and families who have lost loved ones to addiction, a series of photographs of people of different ages and backgrounds who have died due to opioid overdose, and a collection of letters written by individuals who are currently living with addiction.

The exhibition will be on display at the Riverfront Library from May 6 through June 6. The library is located at 734 S. Broadway in Yonkers. For more information, please call (914) 964-0845.

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"We need to use this money and put it where its needed most, to those most in need, and not have these dollars go into the general fund.”

Yonkers has already received its first share of the settlement, in the amount of $336,844, with a total of over $20 million from the settlement going to Yonkers.

In 2022, the Hudson Valley will receive a total of $30.8 million and Westches- ter will receive a total of $5.8 million, with more than $380,000 going to Yonkers. These funds will go to the people in Westchester who are struggling with addiction get the support they need. While no amount of money will ever make up for the lives we’ve lost, these funds will be vital in helping to prevent future deaths and destruction.”

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Contemplation by Teresa Pereira

Exhibition at Riverfront Art Gallery, Riverfront Library 4th Floor Open Monday-Thursday, 9am-8pm, Friday-Saturday, 10am-8pm

Westchester County’s 2nd Household Recycling Day May 7 Sprain Ridge Park, Yonkers

Westchester County’s Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting its second Household Recycling Day (HRD) event at Sprain Ridge Park, 149 Jackson Avenue, Yonkers on May 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sprain Ridge Park, 149 Jackson Avenue, Yonkers. The upcoming HRD event in Yonkers will be the second HRD event of 2022, and gives residents across the County an opportunity to conveniently and safely dispose of their household waste.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, elec- tronics, appliances, special wastes found in a typical household, documents for recycling or call (914) 813-5425.
Brooklyn River Parkway Wrongway Task Force

Recommendations Include Approximately 160 New Signs Along Parkway

On April 29, the “Wrong Way Task Force,” established by Westchester County Executive George Latimer in 2020, finished its final report of the County reviewed and propelled Brooklyn River Parkway and related to accomplishments, including the advisement of installing approximately 160 new signs along the parkway.

Made up of Westchester citizens and elected officials, the group reconvened in July 2021, after the COVID-19 pandemic halted the review process. Since the formation of the Task Force, the Westchester County Department of Public Works has fabricated and installed approximately 160 signs on the Brooklyn River Parkway including: 15 – Do Not Enter, 130 – Wrong Way, 8 – No Left Turn, 3 – One Way, 4 – Parkways Entrance.

The Westchester County Department of Public Works also painted 30 new pavement arrows on exit ramps and at traffic signals with an additional 22 22 planned for installation this year.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “This task force is in its fourth mission of reviewing the existing inventory and examining the entire Brooklyn River Parkway in our great County, which runs roughly over 13 miles. From the Kensico Dam to Yonkers, their meticulous work has resulted in a safer parkway for motorists here at home and for visitors so safely get to their destination. I also want to thank– our Westchester County Police ‘Baker 1’ patrol who are out there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

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Westchester County Commissioner Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., PE said, “With the issuance of Bronx River Parkway Wrongway Task Force’s final report, this Department is proud to play a critical role in the implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations. I would also like to express my gratitude for all the work undertaken by the Task Force. The Task Force conducted several field visits, during which every intersection and entrance/exit ramp along the Brooklyn River Parkway was studied, resulting in a Final Report containing recommendations that we believe, if implemented, will increase safety and cause a reduction in wrong-way driving incidents along the Brooklyn River Parkway. We are grateful to County Executive Latimer for establishing this Task Force and are proud to have been part of such an important initiative.”

Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation Commissioner Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., PE said, “With the issuance of Bronx River Parkway Wrong Way Task Force Final Report, this Department is proud to play a critical role in the implementation of the Task Force’s recommendations. I would also like to express my gratitude for all the hard work undertaken by our Traffic Engineering, Road Maintenance and Sign shop staff to make the Task’s vision a reality.”

The Wrong Way Task Force also made further recommendations including the advisement of installing “Wrong Way” signs at the backs of existing “Speed Limit” signs that would go into effect 2008 East and would provide additional warning to errant drivers if they pass all of the signs at the ramps and intersections. The group also suggested the addition of enhanced street lighting, including the advisement of installing approximately 160 new signs along the parkway.

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Leaks, Voting, The Circus, Bathrooms And More!

By Eric W. Schoen

Seems like every week right before I am ready to file my column a big story breaks. This week there has been a serious leak from the United States Supreme Court of a ‘draft’ opinion from earlier this year on a case before the court regarding Roe v. Wade.

Now I am not going to, no pun intended wade into the abortion issue. Most people in this country have their minds made up. Nothing I could say will change your opinion. But here is a serious problem when draft opinions are released from the Court. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts said the leak will be investigated. It should be. From leaks from the highest court in the land are unacceptable.

No matter what your position is on the issue, it is a reminder of how important it is to vote. We need to cast our votes and make our voices heard. And not just on a national level but the voices most important to you. Are you registered to vote? Have you moved and need to register at a new address? Did you get a card from the Board of Elections confirming your registration? Will anyone in your family turn 18 prior to Election Day? Have you applied for an Absentee Ballot if you can’t make it to your local polling loca-

New York State has made it easy to do all these things with a computer and without leaving your house. There is no reason why if you are eligible, you are not registered to vote. But remember. Registering is just the first step. Whether you go in person, go for early voting available at sites throughout Westchester or vote by absentee ballot, this is your way to influence not only what is going on in your home-

town but what is happening throughout our country.

Now be prepared this year. The redistricting process that takes place every 10 years after the Census was challenged in the court. This might mean that you may need to cast ballots in June, August and finally in November. June and November were already on the Election calendar. The returning of the redistricting for Congressional and State Senate seats has put the August date on the ‘tentative’ calendar. And there are probably going to be attempts to overturn the State Assembly lines before this process is concluded.

August. Atine, if you’re thinking of asking your brothers and sisters what they think about elections. A special master has been appointed to come up with lines for the Congressional and State Senate seats that in the current plan have been ruled to favor Democrats. His report is due later this month. Congresswoman. But stay tuned. The situation changes every day.

Let me repeat myself. The way you can influence the system is to vote. For can-

didates who share your views. If your responsibility to press candidates for public office for their opinions on important issues to you and follow them to be sure they keep their promises. So many people in the world don’t have the right to vote. You do.

On to the many other issues before us. So nice to have the Flip Circus at Cross County Shopping Center for two weeks. Large crowds show that people still like a circus, even without live animals. I hope this becomes an annual tradition. It gave me a chance to do it with the kids, something I’ve been wanting to do for years. The next two days of Passover. These days are always family is something for doing together. March is said to be the month of public restrooms. You might have to pay a small fee or tip the person in charge of the upkeep of the restroom. ‘Ya gotta go, ya gotta go.’

In New York City and most of Westchester if you need a restroom you have to go to Starbucks, CVS, Panera, McDonald’s or one of the few places where you can ‘sneak’ in. Why not have one of those self-cleaning restrooms that were the talk of the town several years ago where you pay 25 or 50 cents to use a properly sanitized toilet. Getty Square in Yonkers, Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains are two places that come to mind with many large numbers of people passing through in need of a restroom. One public restroom per zip code. I think we need a few more than that!

Speaking of restrooms, New York State Health officials are again encouraging people in our area to mask up when indoors. Lots of people wearing masks at Panera at Cross County Tuesday morning. Covid and its variants are still here. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with it. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with it. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with it. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with it. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with it.

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Paulin Bills Passes, Delgado Named Lt. Gov.; Astorino on the Ballot, Rainey Off the ballot

On May 2, the New York State legislature passed, and Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law Chapter 178, which amends the State Constitution’s legislation which permits a candidate on a primary or general election ballot who is charged or convicted of a violent crime to withdraw from the ballot.

“This outcome is in the best interests of everyone who votes in New York – on both sides of the aisle,” said Assemblymember Amy Paulin. “Under previous election law a candidate would have had to die, move out of state, or run for another office in order to remove themselves from the ballot. This situation highlighted an antiquated provision in election law which kept someone on a ballot even though they were no longer running for the office. It doesn’t make sense to keep someone on a ballot who has been indicted, has resigned from office, and has had to be removed from the ballot.”

“It’s also not fair to voters who may end up voting for a candidate who isn’t running for the office just because their name is on the ballot,” continued Paulin. “We need to put a ballot in front of voters that properly reflects who is running. This update to election law will correct what should have already been done. I’m thankful that the changes that have been made in this for election, and will be in place for future elections.”

This bill was sponsored in the New York State Senate by Senator Liz Krueger.

Later Gov. Letitia James announced that she is reappointing Representative Antonio Delgado to serve as Lieutenant Governor of New York. Representative Delgado currently represents New York’s 19th Congressional District, which includes the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Delgado is Afro-Latino, the first African American elected to Congress in New York. He was first elected to Congress in 2018. Delgado’s role will be to serve as Lieutenant Governor, and he will join the re-elected Governor Kathy Hochul.

“The key is to listen to New Yorkers from all walks of life and to deliver on both sides of the aisle,” said Assemblymember Amy Paulin. “Under previous election law, a candidate can no longer run for the office if they are no longer running for the office. It doesn’t make sense to keep someone on a ballot who has been indicted, has resigned from office, and has had to be removed from the ballot.”

“With Antonio Delgado by my side serving as Lieutenant Governor, we will both make history – and make a difference.”

The implementation of this change will align with the State Constitution and will ensure that the change has been made in time for this election, and will be in place for future elections.

Delgado was elected to Congress in 2018, and re-elected in 2020. He was facenamed one of the House’s most influential Democrats. Delgado grew up in Schenectady, New York, and is a native of Upstate New York.

A collaboratively curated exhibition featuring a wide-range of diverse artists who responded to the city-wide call for art, “This is the World of Frida” and “Frida Kahlo in Context” and the thriving arts in Yonkers. Visitors are invited to enjoy FREE admission to the museum and family-friendly activities such as games and demonstrations will take place in the Hudson River Park, a Photographic Graffiti Wall and the 19th Annual YOHO Open Studios. Enjoy LIVE musical performances (Jazz Showcase, Jam Session, R&B Showcase and the 19th Annual YOHO Open Studios)

Don’t miss this opportunity to experience the artistic energy of Yonkers and the celebration of its history and culture! For specific times and locations, visit https://www.yaw.org/

The focus is to show how one can elevate trash and turn it into art while helping to provide opportunities for self-expression.

The City of Yonkers Welcomes 2022 YAW Festival!

The Arts Center will clock in the bid and then contact Purchasing to pick up the bid. Sealed Bids will continue to be opened and read on the dates below, however, there will not be a reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 363877.

Sealed Bids will be opened and read via Conference Call. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in line with the directives issued by the Mayor of Yonkers regarding public safety, there is limited access to One Larkin Plaza.

The Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station will be open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages.

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1. Bid 6798 - Opening date: 6/3/2022: Purchase of various food products as needed (10 schedules, approximately 190 items) for the 2022-2023 school year (JB).
2. Bid 6800 - Opening date: 5/20/2022: Purchase of 12 Dollamur, or equal, wrestling mats for our two schools in our gymnasium.
3. Bid 6801 - Opening date: 6/3/2022: Purchase of Luxor, or equal, CPR systems and posters as necessary for our two schools.
5. Bid 6803 - Opening date: 6/3/2022: Purchase of 10 Minute Poulsens, or equal, light fixtures with custom finishing (NG).
7. Bid 6801 - Opening date: 6/2/2022: One-time purchase of 12 Master Poles, or equal, light fixtures with custom finishing.

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Yonkers High School Lady Bulldogs Win City Tournament

Ariana Garcia from Yonkers High was the named the tournament MVP.

For the 4th straight season, the Lady Bulldogs of Yonkers High School faced off against the YMA Eagles for the Yonkers City Tournament title. YMA took the crown in 2018 and 2021 and Yonkers High won the 2019 title (there was no tournament in 2020).

This year it was the Lady Bulldogs turn for the title. Trailing 5-3 entering the top of the fourth, some unlikely mistake filled fielding by YMA led to the Lady Bulldogs pulling away for the victory. Sabrina Iacoveta went the distance for the win for Yonkers High School.

Congratulations Lady Bulldogs!

Remembering Bobby Martin

Yonkers Police Officer

Bobby Martin

By Phil Foley-

I just received word that a good friend of mine passed away on April 14 in Florida. Bobby Martin was a real trailblazer in community relations with the Yonkers Police Department while working at the Yonkers Police Athletic League along side of Chris Palandra and Bobby Blair.

I spent many Saturdays volunteering my time with the Youth basketball program at Yonkers HS with them. The positive effect of Police officers working with young disadvantaged kids was overwhelming!

Bobby Martin was born on March 23, 1939 in Yonkers New York. He at attended PS 14 and graduated from Commerce HS in 1957. Following his graduation he joined the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1959. After working for the New York Central Railroad Bobby was appointed to the Yonkers Police Force on March 23, 1965. He was assigned to the 2nd Precinct.

In the 70’s Bob was active with the PBA basketball team as well as other sports. In 1971 Bob was appointed to the Community Relations unit and October 6, 1972 Bob was appointed to the Yonkers PAL, where he would serve 13 years until his retirement on June 28, 1985.

Bob retired to Florida where he and his wife Mary enjoyed the Sunshine and Bobby the Golf! Unfortunately Bob became ill a while back and lost his Scottish heritage, and served as president of the Yonkers Kilty Band, past Chief of Clan MacGregor 10th, and member of Thistle Lodge. He later was named Honorary President and Life Member of Kilty.

May 10, 1946: City Manager Montgomery and Mayor Frank asked Yonkers residents to join a “voluntary brownout”, and make cuts in our use of gas and electricity. Because of the dwindling coal reserves, they feared our “health and safety would be jeopardized.” They asked operators of electric signs, billboards, theaters and stores to start immediately. Postmaster Cronin reminded postal customers mailed packages could not weigh more than 11 pounds, a restriction instituted because train service was reduced because of the coal shortage.

Wednesday, May 11th

May 11, 1946: Local engineer Louis Hoff of Nepperhan Avenue appealed to City Manager Montgomery, Mayor Frank, and Councilman Welty to clean up Nepperhan Creek. Hoff had reported some of the items he saw in the river between the Ann Street bridge and Elm Street bridge. Hoff wanted hot water boilers, hot water heaters, car seats, stoves, chairs, and oil cans. He stressed the importance of cleaning the creek to prevent damage to the aqueduct system. Town officials suggested trash cans be placed on the Ann Street bridge to suggest people to stop dumping into the Creek, and requested Yonkers plan a program to reduce pollution.

The Ludlow Marina

By Mary Horr, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council Monday, May 9th

May 9, 1940: In an effort to rid Yonkers of the unlicensed peddlers causing problems in the Yonkers, the Common Council passed an ordinance increasing license fees on peddlers; it also required them not remain on a block longer than ten minutes.

May 9, 1946: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Muntzer of Crestwood ran away from home and moved to a NY hotel! The couple created a beautiful and unusual terraced hillside garden on the side of their Brookdale Drive home, one that attracted a lot of attention. Such a constant line of cars and pedestrians streamed by their home, a police detail was assigned to monitor the traffic, and temporarily turned Brookdale into a one-way street to eliminate traffic issues.

Tuesday, May 10th

May 10, 1937: Prescott Street’s Alexander McKechnie won the Westchester Poetry Society’s first prize for his poem “A Highland Maid.” McKechnie was a color chemist for Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company, former President of the Manhattan Literary Society, and a member of the Westchester Poetry Club, publishing for many years under the pseudonym “A. McLean.” The Scottish native was devoted to his Scottish heritage, and served as president of the Yonkers Kilty Band, past Chief of Clan MacGregor 10th, and member of Thistle Lodge. He later was named Honorary President and Life Member of Kilty.

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May 11, 1946: Local engineer Louis Hoff of Nepperhan Avenue appealed to City Manager Montgomery, Mayor Frank and Councilman Welty to clean up Nepperhan Creek. Hoff reported some of the items he saw in the river between the Ann Street bridge and Elm Street bridge. Hoff wanted hot water boilers, hot water heaters, car seats, stoves, chairs, and oil cans. He stressed the importance of cleaning the creek to prevent damage to the aqueduct system. Town officials suggested trash cans be placed on the Ann Street bridge to suggest people to stop dumping into the Creek, and requested Yonkers plan a program to reduce pollution.
Eric Schoen, continued from pg. 3—

because you don’t know if the person has a gun or other instrument that could be used against you.

I was standing at the self-checkout at CVS on Bronx River Road at Fleetwood Plaza when a young man ran out of the store with a hand gun. He yelled to store personnel, “Don’t touch me.” CVST staff apparently are not told to do anything. This has got to stop. Otherwise, high prices will go higher. What’s going on in the world?

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I salute the many teachers out there including English teacher Bill DeBartolo who gave me the skills to write these columns and encouraged students not to use contractions when writing. I think of him every time I write a column and am tempted to use a contraction. This is Nurses Appreciation Week.

I’m reminded that NASW is celebrating its 125th birthday this year. Any nurse who has a reasonable chance of being selected for an award. After evaluation of the proposal revisions, if any, Housing Assistance Monthly (HAM) benefits are disqualifying for a proposal. In fairness to all firms, during the RFP process MHACY will not meet in person with any firm that is a potential proposer for this solicitation.

MHACY officers and employees other than the contact person shown above, prior to the execution of a HAP contract could result in disqualification of a proposal. Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be held with the selected proposer(s) to develop a proposal. Any information provided to a prospective applicant about this solicitation will be furnished to all other prospective applicants as a written amendment to this RFP.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Color It Black, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/30/2022. Located: Yonkers. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Fourth Precinct Community Council

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM Thursday, May 19 in the meeting room of the Fourth Police Precinct, 35 Shonnard Place. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Precinct is welcome to attend. Captain Messer and Lieutenant Curtis will be available to hear your concerns.

Hochul visits Yonkers, continued from pg 1-

--but also traveling this community has just been a high honor and no matter where I go, when I hear about Westchester, there is a huge sense of pride about Yonkers. It is a city that is built on a foundation of diversity and strength,

Hochul spoke about students trying to learn during the pandemic. "You strip

Throughout the school district our students are encouraged to be active citi

and a member of the school’s A-Team Autism Program, with the Yonkers Green

Mayor Spano also presented Devan Eldridge, a senior at Roosevelt High School

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Suzie, an 8th Grade student at Fermi, Kelsey, introduced the Governor and made

Would you take that? All right thought you would. $360 million, that's an increase

Sapienza, new Police Commissioner, continued from pg 1-

Sapienza began his career with the Yonkers Police Department in 1995 as a

Sapienza serves as Commissioner of Support Services Bureau, overseeing multiple divisions and units responsible for

Sapienza holds a Masters from Mercy College and is a graduate of the 245th

Sapienza will serve as the City of Yonkers’ 23rd police commissioner.
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