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Vedat Gashi Elected New Chair of Westchester Board of Legislators



BOL Chair Vedat Gashi, his wife Vjosa, and their children, Leka and Hana

On May 15, the Westchester County Board of Legislators elected Vedat Gashi as the new Chairperson of the County legislature. Gashi, who represents District 4, was elected to the position by his fellow legislators in a vote of 17-0.

Gashi brings a unique set of life experiences to the position. Born in Kosovo, at the age of 4, he and his family fled the oppressive, socialist regime to the United States. Since then he has been a resident of Westchester County for over two decades. He earned a B.A. from Connecticut College, where he was invited to serve on the Board of Trustees as a Young Alumni Trustee. Next, Vedat earned his J.D. from Seton Hall University. During his studies, Vedat interned for Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, then at the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and Congressman Lee Hamilton on the House International Relations Committee.

Gashi takes over as Chair following the resignation of Catherine Borgia, who had served as Chairperson from January 2022 until late April 2023, and the interim leadership of Vice Chair Nancy Barr immediately thereafter. His election makes him the first person of Albanian-American descent and the first person of the Muslim faith to become Chair of the Board of Legislators in its three-hundred-year history.

In accepting the position, Gashi expressed his gratitude to his colleagues on the Board for their support. "I am honored to have been chosen to lead this distinguished body," he said. "I look forward to working with my fellow legislators to address the challenges facing our County, and to ensure that Westchester remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Gashi replaces former BOL Chair Catherine Borgia, who was forced to step down after a BOL staffer, Anand Singh, was caught in an online, internet sting attempting to have sex with an underage girl. Singh has since been arrested and charged by the US Attorney, but he remained on the county payroll for a period of three months. BOL Vice-Chair Nancy Barr was named temporarily Chair until the democratic caucus elected Gashi.

Ballyowen-- Treat Yourself to a Round of Golf You Will Never Forget



By Dan Murphy

Any of us who have played golf for more than a generation can recall our special and memorable rounds. It may be one that included a hole-in-one, or the first time breaking 90. Or that special round might be the chance to play a golf course that is distinctive and unforgettable.

May I suggest to golfers in Westchester who read this column to play a round at Ballyowen, a links-style course at the Crystal Springs Resort in Hamburg, NJ. My recent round at Ballyowen was a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Most Westchester golfers have heard about Ballyowen. It is always in the top 3 rankings of public courses that any of us can play in the area. Designed in 1998 by Robert Trent Jones Sr. associate Roger Rulewich, Ballyowen was designed in the spirit of the world's first golf courses, with a spectacular links-style layout that channels the heathland style landscapes of Ireland and Scotland.

Set on 250 acres of former farmland, Ballyowen is set amidst a tranquil atmosphere, with nothing but scenic vistas of the mountain ranges and open meadows. Not a home or roadway in your sight for your entire 18-hole round, giving you a peaceful opportunity to enjoy your round.

My round in early May found Ballyowen in immaculate condition. The bent grass greens were rolling true and the preparation of every fairway and tee box was superb. There are few if any trees that are in play on the course, giving it a true links style feel, with wide fairways that extend up to penalty areas that include natural fescue, which requires a chip out if you land there. Many different tee options—Black, Gold, Blue, White, and Red, give golfers like me, (18 handicap) a chance at a respectable score. There are 71 bunkers and four holes with water to add to your challenge.

The front nine at Ballyowen was the truer links style experience for my round. A mild wind gave me alternating shot requirements, especially on Holes 5,6,7, which wrap around a small lake. #5 was a par 5 into the wind, with the lake running along the right side of most of the hole.

The sixth hole was a par 3 that required a strong shot over the lake and into the wind. Hole #7 was a par 4 with the wind to your back.

The back nine started with a downhill par 5 at #10, and a par 3 over water on 11. The rest of the back nine takes you up and around the hillier parts of the course, with another par 3 on #15 over water, and two challenging long par 4's on 17 and 18 to finish.

Owen's pub gives you a chance to enjoy a pint or a fine glass of Scotch to

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38 Migrants Arrive in Westchester, at Ramada-Yonkers; NYC Looking for More Locations



two white minibuses, carrying 38 migrants, arrived at the Ramada Inn Yonkers on May 15

By Dan Murphy

On Monday May 15, 14 migrant families with 38 people overall, primarily consisting of women and young children, arrived at the Ramada Inn Yonkers. The hotel has capacity for 100 families, to be housed in 100 rooms, and while it is unclear if those rooms will be filled, NYC Mayor Eric Adams and his administration continue to search for more locations in Westchester and other neighboring suburbs to house the overflow number of 60,000 migrants that New York City cannot accommodate.

Before the migrants arrived in Yonkers, County Executive George Latimer commented broadly on the need for our state and country to come up with a plan. Latimer proposed a number of logical initiatives, including opening a temporary immigration court in Westchester and getting work permits for some of the migrants.

But the matter has now shifted to the reality of caring for the migrant families now coming to Yonkers. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano held a press conference on May 16, and explained to his residents what he knows.

"With no plan, very little notice, and no additional resources, we have received 14 families, mostly single women, with young children under school age. They are no our guests and Yonkers is an immigrant city and we will treat them with dignity," said Spano.

Spano explained that while NYC will pay for the room and board at the Ramada Inn, there will be other costs to care for the 38 now in Yonkers, and likely more to come. "The state provided New York City with \$1 Billion to help with this crisis. I can't believe that money was meant to be used to ship these families to other communities without provide assistance to City's like Yonkers that will be affected."

"We will continue to provide accountability from New York City and from State government. We call on the Governor to come up with a solution for local governments. The problem is not going away."

Spano said that in recently phone calls with NYC and State officials, while the Adams administration continues to look for other locations in Yonkers and in Westchester, "they said how expensive it is to find housing outside of Yonkers. Does that mean that families will only go to poorer communities?"

Spano added that the Adams administration does not have plans to house additional migrants at another Yonkers location. "We don't know about their health care needs or their social service needs. Right now there are no school age

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President Biden's Westchester Visit: What You Need to Know



By Dan Murphy

President Joe Biden paid a visit to Westchester last week, with a stop at Westchester Community College on May 10. The President delivered his speech to a number of NY Democrats, including Governor Kathy Hochul, US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Jamaal Bowman, who all introduced the President.

Also in attendance was Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler, a republican. President Biden's speech was about reaching an agreement with congressional republicans on an increase to the debt ceiling, and Biden addressed Lawler in his speech.

"And Republican Congressman Mike Lawler is here as well. Mike is on the other team. But you know what? Mike is the kind of guy that when — when I was in the Congress, they're the kind of Republican I was used to dealing with. But he's not one of these MAGA Republicans, which I'm going to talk a little bit about.

"I don't want to get him in trouble by saying anything nice about him — (laughter) — or negative about him. But I — thanks for coming, Mike. Thanks for being here. This is the way we used to do it all the time. (Applause.)"

Lawler commented after Biden's speech, stating, "I have long said that I have 3 parameters in the debt ceiling that must be met — one, the President and Senator Schumer must negotiate with Speaker McCarthy in good faith, two, we must enact long-term spending reforms and reduce overall spending, and three, we must not default."

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Sound View Summit: Police Provide Tips on Personal Protection



By Nina Recio

On May 8 the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Local Summit hosted police officials from the three local municipalities to discuss the best ways for residents to ensure their personal safety and protection. The speakers included Lt. Jason Florkowski and Det. Amy LaRosa (Town of Mamaroneck), Lt. Ron Knudsen and Det. Danielle Lent (Village of Larchmont) and Lt. P.J. Trujillo (Village of Mamaroneck). The meeting was conducted via Zoom and co-hosted by LMCMedia.

The speakers focused on the types of crimes that are most common in the community and provided advice on how to avoid becoming a victim. The most common types of crimes that residents might fall victim to are financial scams, fraud, burglaries, and home invasions.

First to address the audience was Det. LaRosa who noted that “there will always be bad actors” and spoke about common scams residents should be aware of. The scams often begin with a phone call advising of a family emergency (accident, arrest, injury, etc.) accompanied by an urgent request to send money. The request generally includes a warning not to call anybody. Alternatively, the scammer might provide a number for the victim to call but on the other end is an accomplice to the scammer who is advancing the scam.

Scammers have become more sophisticated, the detective stated. In a newer trend, scammers will offer to send an Uber or another personal carrier service to collect the money from the victim. Det. LaRosa warned residents to immediately contact the police if anyone receives such a phone call and to check with family members about their safety.

Scams utilizing the internet can be particularly troublesome for consumers. These scams may involve the impersonation of a government official and a threat of legal action or fines if a request for money is not fulfilled. In another recent situation, the scammer advised the victim that a tax refund could not be finalized until additional personal information was provided. Det. LaRosa emphasized that the government will never ask for money or payment in this way and warned listeners never to provide personal or financial information.

Det. LaRosa further warned the audience to be wary of “phishing” scams and not to click on links. For further protection, internet users should activate firewalls and never hand over remote handling of a personal computer.

Lt. Trujillo focused on burglary prevention and provided tips to residents on how to protect their homes. On a very basic level he told the audience to keep windows and doors locked and to keep bushes and trees trimmed so that windows are not obscured. The lieutenant also urged residents to invest in a good home alarm system, a quality home camera system and motion detectors. He warned the audience never to leave ladders outside the home and always keep car doors locked. Det. Lent also warned the audience not to leave key fobs in the car or elsewhere visible, such as the house. In a recent local incident, the perpetrator saw a key fob through a house window, entered the home and stole the fob and the car.

Lt. Trujillo discussed various means to provide security and protection to a home while on vacation. He encouraged residents to refrain from posting photos or comments on Instagram, Snapchat or elsewhere while on vacation as this amounts to an announcement that the premises may be vacant and vulnerable. Have newspapers and the mail held while on vacation, he urged, or have a neighbor pick up these items or packages that are delivered. The lieutenant also recom-

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Harrison Library Presents: Meet the Authors: Allison Gilbert, Janice Kaplan and Betsy Prioleau



Meet three amazing authors writing about incredible women - Allison Gilbert, Janice Kaplan, and Betsy Prioleau. They will be discussing their latest books and taking questions from the audience.

On May 31, at 7pm, the Harrison Library will present Meet the Authors: Allison Gilbert, Janice Kaplan, & Betsy Prioleau. Copies of their books will be available for purchase from The Village Bookstore of Pleasantville, who will be selling books during the event.

This panel discussion was previously scheduled on March 13 in honor of Women’s History Month. Registration is recommended to reserve your spot. Allison Gilbert’s Listen World! How the Intrepid Elsie Robinson Became America’s Most-Read Woman is the first biography of Elsie Robinson, the most influential newspaper columnist you’ve never heard of. Told in cinematic detail, Listen, World! is the inspiring story of a timeless maverick, capturing what it means to take a gamble on self-fulfillment and find freedom along the way. Gilbert is host of “Women Journalists of 9/11: Their Stories,” a 20-part documentary series produced in collaboration with the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

The Genius of Women by Janice Kaplan sets out to determine why the extraordinary work of so many women has been brushed aside. In The Genius of Women, you’ll learn how they ignored obstacles and broke down seemingly unshakable barriers. Widely known as a writer, magazine editor, and keynote speaker, Janice Kaplan is the author of fifteen books, including the New York Times bestseller The Gratitude Diaries.

Diamonds and Deadlines: A Tale of Greed, Deceit, and a Female Tycoon of the Gilded Age by Betsy Prioleau is the first major biography of the glamorous and scandalous Miriam Leslie—a titan of publishing and an unsung hero of women’s suffrage. Prioleau is an author and cultural historian. She received her PhD in American Literature at Duke University, then taught English and world literature at Manhattan College where she was a tenured associate professor. To register, visit <https://www.harrisonpl.org/events/10515117>. The event will take place at the Halperin Building - Community Room2 Bruce Avenue Harrison, NY 10528.



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DiNapoli: NYC Has Recovered Nearly All Private Sector Jobs

Sector	Pre-Pandemic Jobs (March 2019)	Current Jobs (March 2023)	Percent Change
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	93,200	79,600	-14.59%
Tourism	284,396	243,153	-14.50%
Retail	343,900	300,400	-12.65%
Construction	158,700	145,900	-8.07%
Restaurants	312,900	298,700	-4.54%
Transportation and Warehousing	130,200	130,300	.08%
Office	1,458,900	1,513,100	3.72%
Securities	181,100	192,700	6.41%
Total Private Sector Jobs	4,035,500	4,078,300	1.06%

Arts, Tourism, Retail Lagging but 4 Million Jobs Total in 2023, Same as 2019

New York City has recovered 99.4% of private sector jobs it lost in the pandemic, but unevenly across key industries, according to an analysis released by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

“The city’s job recovery is good news,” DiNapoli said. “We are seeing strength in the securities, transportation and warehousing and office sectors, but retail, restaurants, construction and tourism continue to lag the national recovery. We need these sectors, which employ hundreds of thousands of workers, to also regain their full pre-pandemic strength to ensure the city’s economic recovery is more robust and inclusive of all New Yorkers.”

Comptroller DiNapoli monitors several industries vital to the city’s comeback and provides monthly updates on the New York City Industry Sector Dashboards, which he launched last year. Key findings across the arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, office, restaurants, retail, securities, tourism and transportation and warehousing sectors include:

Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

The arts, entertainment and recreation sector saw an uptick in employment in March of 2023. The sector has recovered only about 85% of pre-pandemic jobs, lagging the national job recovery rate for the sector of 96.4%. Broadway reopened in September 2021 and makes up one of the largest shares of arts jobs but has been slow to come back. Attendance exceeded pre-pandemic levels for the first time in January of 2023, but has since remained below pre-pandemic levels.

Restaurants

As of March 2023, the restaurant sector has recovered 95.5% of pre-pandemic jobs, slightly below the rest of the state at 97.3%, and the nation, which has already fully recovered. At the height of the pandemic, restaurants lost 73% of jobs compared to 22% in the rest of the private sector.

Retail

Retailers have only regained 87.4% of jobs in New York City compared to the nation which fully recovered its retail jobs as of March 2023.

The retail sector saw a 33% drop in jobs between March and April 2020 due to pandemic and mandatory closures of non-essential retail businesses. The city’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 financial plan does not expect the sector to recover its pandemic job losses before 2027.

Tourism

The sector has yet to recovery nationally, and tourism employment in the city is still nearly 15% below the pre-pandemic level at the end of the third quarter in 2022. Hotel occupancy was about 74% in 2022, far below pre-pandemic levels.

Construction

As of March 2023, the construction sector has yet to regain 8% of its pre-pandemic jobs. Year-to-date activity in 2023 lags the same period last year, although construction activity was strong in 2022. At the onset of the pandemic, the construction sector lost 46% of its jobs compared to only 22% for the private sector, as New York State paused nonessential construction. Over the last year, the sector has been hit by the rising interest rate environment influenced by the Federal Reserve’s actions to combat high levels of inflation.

Securities

The securities sector did not see a notable drop in employment at the onset of the pandemic, as employees were able to shift to remote work. While the sector has experienced fluctuations in employment, job growth in the city continues to surpass that of the rest of the state. The sector is currently 6.4% larger than in 2019. Sector profits reached \$25.8 billion in 2022, 55.8% less than the prior year. Transportation and Warehousing

The sector has recovered pandemic job losses despite being hard hit at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Employment growth was especially strong in warehousing and storage, and courier and messenger services, due to increased demand for e-commerce.

The Port of New York and New Jersey surpassed Los Angeles and Long Beach, California to become the biggest port by number of large shipping containers.

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St. John’s Hospital: A Yonkers Gem



by Eric Wolf Schoen

It all started out with trying to get the cat into the carrier to take him to the vet. Though the carrier is big, it’s no easy task. So this gentle, chubby friendly cat decided to bite its owner.

At first it wasn’t so bad but as the weekend progressed the bite under the wrist got worse. It spread up the arm and the arm got swollen, red, let’s just say it looked ugly. A doctor friend said ‘get yourself to the hospital’ and so began a 7 day journey to our wonderful St. John’s Hospital in Yonkers.

No hospital is perfect. And no one wants to be in the hospital. It all starts in the emergency room. That sets the tone for the hospital. What Emergency Room would set the patient up in a bed with a television set so she could watch her favorite game show, JEOPARDY on the television as she was being triaged. Maybe the patient got there at the right time but there was no wait to be seen.

The Emergency Room at St. John’s is highly recommended when Urgent Care won’t be enough. The specially trained doctors and nurses work very hard to make the patient and their family comfortable. None of those hours to wait to be seen those in New York City hospitals have to put up with.

One thing about St. John’s Hospital is that the place is spotless. The cleaning staff is constantly dusting and mopping the floor. And if they should miss a spot, bring it to their attention and the area will be spotless momentarily.

The Radiation Department is so gentle that even an infected arm is handled with care. The results are presented promptly and in easy to understand language for the patient.

The doctor assigned to handle the case was extremely professional as were the orthopedic and infectious disease doctors. Nursing care is always extra special at St. John’s. Whether it be an RN or an Aide they go out of their way to address the patients needs promptly, even in the rare occasion that they are short handed.

I Have to compliment Dietary. When something is left off the tray by mistake or the wrong item is on the tray (I.e. regular pancake syrup vs. sugar free) Dietary within minutes brings up the proper item.

The excellent care patients receive at St. John’s is nothing new. During a visit in 2014-15 the care was excellent and my moms many visits during late 1980s and early 1990s were met with tender loving care. Even years ago when Lyme disease first came out and it was a mystery when no symptoms were visible, the staff went out of their way to do everything in their power to address the problem and make this writer comfortable.

Residents in Yonkers and WESTCHESTER are fortunate to have such a good hospital as St. John’s Riverside Andrus Pavilion and the Cochran Nursing School. And the hospital is bringing on new doctors and new services for the community every day.

I noticed that every other patient I observed was receiving the same fine care even as demanding as some people who are ill can be.

That cat is ok, after 7 days in the hospital the patient is ok, and it’s heart-warming to know when you need medical services St. John’s in Yonkers is there!

Briefs:

-Migrants, woman and children are being housed at the Ramada Inn on Tuckahoe road in Yonkers. They were bussed up from New York City where they came from on long treks from our borders.

We have a responsibility to take care of our brothers and sisters, but I believe Mayor Spano in that he did not know they were coming and they came with no resources from the state, New York City or the Federal Government.

How can this be. Is Mayor Adams so heartless to send bus loads to Yonkers without any resources. Does the State feel no obligation to those entering the Yonkers borders? How about the Federal Government. Don’t they have some responsibility here? Sadly, everyone throws their hands up in the air and does nothing.

Hey wait a minute. Where are all the New York liberals who vote candidates of their persuasion into office. Why can’t they be generous and kind and invite the migrants into their homes. Many of George Soros’ buddies live in big mansions with plenty of rooms. Why not house the migrants in these palatial palaces?

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Mount Vernon Man Charged for Murder of 14-Year Old Zyaire Fernandez



Zyaire Fernandez

A second defendant also charged for allegedly concealing murder weapon

On May 12, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that two men were arraigned on an indictment charging them in connection with the March 2023 murder of 14-year-old Zyaire Fernandez in Mount Vernon.

DA Rocah said: "Our hearts are with the family of Zyaire Fernandez and the Mount Vernon community traumatized by this senseless gun violence that took a young life. I am grateful to our law enforcement partners who worked closely with us to investigate this case and ensure that the defendants will face charges in a court of law."

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted Tyrese Coghiel, 21, of Mount Vernon, for Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, both felonies, and Phillip Ferrell, 46, of Yonkers, for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, three counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree, Hindering Prosecution in the Second Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence, all felonies. Coghiel was arraigned in Westchester County Court on May 5, 2023, and remanded, and Ferrell was arraigned on May 12, 2023. Bail was previously set and Ferrell remains in custody at the Westchester County Jail.

On March 9, 2023, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Coghiel allegedly used a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol to shoot the victim in the back on South 7th Avenue in Mount Vernon. The victim was transported to Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital, where he died. Ferrell is charged with allegedly possessing the murder weapon and attempting to conceal it, as well as possessing two explosive devices in his Yonkers home.

The defendants were arrested – Coghiel in Brooklyn and Ferrell in Yonkers - on March 14, 2023, following an investigation conducted by the Mount Vernon Police Department, the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The Westchester County Department of Public Safety's Real Time Crime Center and Bomb Squad assisted with the investigation.

The case is before Judge Robert Prisco in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Homicide Bureau Chief Lana Hochheiser and Assistant District Attorney Adrian Murphy, both of the Trials and Investigations Division.

The charges against the defendants are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Westchester Legislators Pass Landmark Access to Counsel Bill for Households Facing Eviction

The Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a landmark Access to Counsel bill, offering legal representation to households facing eviction and other covered proceedings whose annual income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty-line or 60% of the county's Area Median Income (AMI), whichever is higher. The bill was approved by unanimous vote on Monday night.

Across the country, a number of jurisdictions have enacted Access to Counsel laws, otherwise known as Right to Counsel, ensuring tenants facing eviction proceedings are provided with an attorney. This law provides for access to legal representation for tenants facing eviction and/or specified covered proceedings, including challenges to an unlawful rent increase, instances where a tenant has been illegally locked out by their landlord, and tenants seeking the restoration of essential services. The law is a critical step towards creating a more just and equitable society, particularly for those who have historically been forced to navigate the complexities of housing court without legal representation.

Vice Chair Nancy Barr highlighted the importance of ensuring fairness and justice for all tenants, regardless of their income or background. "For too long, low-income tenants have faced a legal system that is stacked against them, leaving them vulnerable to displacement and homelessness," said Barr. "Homelessness leads to other problems, such as joblessness, disruptions in children's education, and stigma. Programs that provide legal counsel to low income tenants have proven to be very successful in keeping people in their homes."

With the end of the eviction moratorium in early 2022, eviction filings in New York State have climbed sharply, leaving tens of thousands of tenants without legal representation. Despite warnings from housing advocates and legal professionals, the state has yet to adopt a statewide Right to Counsel law, leaving vulnerable communities at risk of displacement and homelessness. This is where Westchester's bill bridges the divide.

From 2020 to 2021, New York was able to hold off a sharp increase in evictions with rental assistance programs and the eviction moratorium. However, with the end of the moratorium, the New York State Unified Court System sped up the processes leading to a significant rise in eviction filings. This has left many struggling tenants facing eviction without the legal support they need.

The Access to Counsel bill establishes an Office of Housing Counsel. Once a director is hired, they will have six months to establish a plan to provide eligible tenants with legal assistance at no cost. With access to legal support, tenants will be better equipped to navigate the complex housing court process and defend their rights.

Majority Leader Christopher Johnson exclaimed, "The passage of an Access to Counsel bill is not just a legal victory, but a moral imperative. It is a crucial step towards creating a more equitable and just society, particularly for vulnerable communities who have historically been denied access to legal representation. By providing a level playing field, we can empower individuals when they need it most."

Housing Committee Chair Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels said, "The data speaks for itself: Access to Counsel programs have a proven track record of success across the country. Studies have shown that tenants with legal representation are much more likely to prevail in eviction cases, and are far less likely to face homelessness or displacement as a result. By passing an Access to Counsel bill, we can ensure that everyone has access to these critical legal resources, regardless of their income or background, and create a more just and equitable society for all."

Legislator Catherine Borgia added, "The importance of passing an Access to Counsel bill cannot be overstated. Studies have consistently shown that access to legal representation dramatically increases the chances of success for individuals facing a range of legal issues, including eviction, immigration, and family court. I've worked on this bill for over 4 years, after visiting local courts and witnessing how tenants without representation rarely fared well against landlords who largely had attorneys representing them. I hope this new legislation sets a standard for other counties and New York State to follow."

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children, but that can change. We have families who don't speak English and will need special education services. We want to do our part but it has to be shared by NYC and the state. We implore the Governor to come up with a plan."

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said, "We hear the voices from the residents who elected us. And as we are in the midst of finalizing our budget and looking to cut costs, we are also mindful that we are a migrant city and the city of immigrants who encourage people to be open to other diverse communities. We are calling on NYC and NYS to contribute to ensure we have the resources available for health care and education. We won't stop until we get the help we need."

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada said, "We need an action plan that shows support for the residents while at the same time giving empathy and care to our new guests. We are preparing for the academic and social support that may be required and looking at where do we have the capacity? The fact is they are now members of this community and we are a caring community and we will be ready to support them. We have asked the State Education Department to provide funding for these young people."

Any 3 year old child in the hotel is entitled to Pre-k services, but it is voluntary. At age 4, attendance become required in Pre-K. The Yonkers Public Schools also provides adult education services, which would be available to the women who arrived.

Mayor Spano said that so far, the conversations with NYC and State government "have been good and fruitful. We are expecting to hear more out of Albany. Now that they are here we will be good neighbors."

Several City Councilmembers commented on the migrant women and children who arrived at the Ramada on Tuckahoe Road. City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen stated, "Since Friday, May 12th, the City of Yonkers has made repeated attempts to obtain information from New York City Mayor Eric Adams in relation to the migrants possibly being sent to Yonkers. Unfortunately, all of those calls went unanswered and the failed policies of President Biden, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Mayor Adams has made it to Yonkers. On Monday, May 15th, 14 families of migrants (38 individuals) arrived in our City with nothing more than the clothes on their backs to be housed in a Yonkers hotel paid for with some of the over \$1 billion Mayor Adams received to care for the migrants his city received. These funds were NOT given to Mayor Adams to export the migrants to neighboring cities. I am calling on every level of government who authorized sending the migrants to Yonkers be responsible for the full expense of them being here. That would include any housing, education, medical and any other unforeseen expenses incurred. The process must begin now to return the migrants to NYC. The cost of them being here cannot be borne by the Yonkers taxpayer," said Breen.

City Councilman and Mayoral candidate Anthony Merante stated, "Without giving any notice of his intentions Adams decided to ship his migrants to Yonkers with no coordination with the City. This is a complete outrage! Adams was given one billion dollars by New York State to resolve his problem and he dumps it on Yonkers with no long-term plan or statement on the numbers of migrants coming or how long they will be staying. There are way too many inconsistencies in what is dripping out of Adams office. As the Councilmember in District 6 where the Ramada is located, I'm urging Mayor Spano to take forceful action and file a lawsuit to seek an injunction against the Ramada based on City code and certificate of occupancy violations. The hotel is permitted for temporary shelter not permanent housing. Furthermore, these new arrivals must be identified, this is a security issue. We must know who they are and their whereabouts to protect our community."

In a joint statement, County Legislator James Nolan and Assemblyman Matt Slater stated, "New York City Government have told state and municipal leaders that they plan to relocate over 100 migrants to the city of Yonkers. They are all families and children but no other information has been provided. The lack of details is unacceptable for the residents of Yonkers. This is a failure of President Biden, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Adams -not the hardworking taxpayers of Yonkers and Westchester County. We urge Mayor Adams to reconsider this decision. Too many questions remain unanswered for this to be accepted."

Mayor Spano said the alternative shelter was being made for two homeless families who were staying at the Ramada. The question remains, what available and affordable locations are there in Yonkers and in Westchester County to house the migrant population?

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George Latimer and Rod Stewart



Rod Stewart has been helping Ukrainian families relocate for the past year

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Things that are on my mind this morning include: Ben Shapiro diminishing a Jew contrary to Jewish law, the Nakba, Zionism, compulsory education laws, and more than that. But I have chosen to write about two things totally different that I have read about in the last 24 hours or so.

Two people and two things. George Latimer and Rod Stewart because the former wrote about supporting immigrants in Westchester County, New York where he is the county executive, and he clearly opposes the viewpoints of the executives in Rockland and Orange. My outreach there has grown, and people now know my effort to try to help and persuasion is an integral part of that effort. Leadership is critical as it always is and always will be.

Rod Stewart is supporting Ukraine and Ukrainians in various ways. He is probably doing much more than almost all entertainers in the world. He wears Ukrainian colors, and he should visit The White House right now being himself. He has supported Ukraine with supplies during the war and rescued people. He belongs in The White House telling the world that Putin-Hitler-Trump must be stopped. He wants Putin to be stopped.

Maybe my reader has not had the time to read the things that I have read in the last 24 hours? Am I right?

George Latimer's effort is principally spiritual, which reveals a major error on the part of the other county executives in the news and should be a lesson to other county executives across the state of New York and our nation. He, too, belongs in The White House alongside President Biden. Trump, I mentioned again yesterday, belongs in Hebron.

The Yonkers Times covered much of it. It stated how Latimer read from The Bible from The Book of Mathew. So you see that great ideas are coming forth as Repugnicians try to persuade people against Biden by using other texts that hail from xenophobia, antisemitism, racism, conservatism, and more. I have written that Hitler would have been proud of their efforts. And I have seen the conservative media ask would you put one of those immigrants in your home as it tries to deflect attention from The Bible and bring people toward other repugnant ideas. I am not going to take the immigrant into my home, but I want my government to be supportive and not act like Hitler who kept Jews from going where they wanted to go. That is what freedom is about. Even back in the days of George Washington, he wrote a letter protecting Jews. So from Washington to Latimer, there was and is a basis for protecting people which did not occur in the 1930s when "nobody would take the Jews."

I would like to see Latimer and Stewart in The White House by Friday and not by late September. Anyone that knows Maggie knows this

Wake up, Maggie
I think I got something to say to you
All I needed was a friend
To lend a guiding hand

Help the immigrants whether they be Ukrainian, Hispanic, African, Israeli, etc. The world is exploding before our eyes and Repugnicians do not have answers and they trick Americans into believing that the people wish to "move on" from the problems that they have caused including January 6, 2021. Trumpism must die now!

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mended that residents rotate the use of indoor timers on their lights and notify the police when the house will be vacant. Finally, he warned that, if upon returning home after vacation it appears that things have been moved, one should immediately contact the police and not tamper with the potential crime scene. Lt. Knudsen added that residents should not wait or hesitate to call the police if they see suspicious activity and said that it may be better to use the phone number of the local police department (and keep it on "speed dial") rather than calling 911.

Each police department representative underscored the close working relationship among the three local police departments as well as their tight relationships with county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. They ended by stating that police resources are available to help the community and community members should not hesitate to contact them.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. The next meeting will be in September. Visit the Local Summit online: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/> LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

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review your scorecard. Caddies are available if you want the true feel of walking Ballyowen, but on the front nine, there is a distance between some of the holes.

The greens are large and inviting but beware of a three-putt. Bump and run chip shots are also preferred on several holes. The staff were friendly and inviting. The greens fees were reasonable, and the pro shop has whatever you wish to remember your round.

As I walked away after shooting my usual 94, I found Ballyowen to be tough but fair. I was not frustrated with my round, as may be the case with some special courses that are difficult or impossible to score on.

Crystal Springs resort offers several other courses, which I have played and enjoyed. The resort features two hotels, which most golfers stay at. I saw many old friends getting together for a golf round and an overnight stay. I also saw many families enjoying the resort and all the amenities offered.

My wife and I stayed at the Grand Cascade Lodge and loved it. More on the resort and all that it offers, in our next story.

As I drove off the course, I placed Ballyowen at the top of my golf course memories. It is truly one of the best courses that you can play in our tri-state region, and only 90 minutes from most of Westchester. It is a destination golf course that doesn't require a six-figure initiation fee to join and play.

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NYPD Cop Arrested at Yonkers Shoprite Facial Recognition Gets Him 2nd Time

Surveillance Facial Recognition Used; Suspended from NYPD Pending

A New York City police officer has been charged with two counts of petit larceny for stealing \$1200 worth of food from the Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. The thefts are alleged to have occurred on two occasions; one on April 29 (\$690) and the other on May 7 (\$500).

The officer, Aaron Cataquet of Cortlandt was caught with facial recognition surveillance. The NYPD suspended Cataquet pending the outcome of this case.

On his return trip to Shoprite, store security was able to ID Cataquet and call the Yonkers Police.

Many retailers are using this same form of Artificial Intelligence to catch repeat offenders. Some businesses have placed signs at their entrance which reads, "This Business collects, retains, converts, stores, or shares customers' biometric identifier information, which is information that can be used to identify or help identify you."

While this sign is not place at the Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road, other supermarkets like Fairway and large retailers like Walmart have promoted their use of AI to help reduce shoplifting and deter shoplifters.

The Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road is the largest drop location of Yonkers Rising, with more than 1,200 copies every week.

Police officers we spoke to were beyond disappointed with no sympathy for what happened.

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"In meeting with President Biden today, I conveyed my thoughts on the debt ceiling discussion and encouraged him to continue meeting with Speaker McCarthy to find common ground. We both agreed on the need to avoid default and the importance of working together," continued Congressman Lawler. "While I disagree with his overall assessment of the Limit, Save, and Grow Act and strongly oppose the White House's messaging on it, I believe there is common ground to be found in negotiations as we move forward in capping long-term spending and lifting the debt ceiling."

"Another item I raised with the President is the crisis at our Southern Border and I was heartened to hear he recognizes it's an issue that must be addressed as well," concluded Congressman Lawler. "With the expiration of Title 42 happening tonight at midnight, it is imperative that the President work with House Republicans to identify a solution to this immediately."

The auditorium at WCC where Biden spoke is not among the larger venues available in the county. But it was packed with many local democrats, and members of the Westchester Democratic Party.

"I made it clear: America is a not a deadbeat nation. We pay our bills. (Applause.)....And I was pleased but not surprised by the Republican Leader in the United States Senate, McConnell, who said after the meeting in the White House — and he went to the press — he said, "The United States is not going to default. It never has and it never will," said Biden.

The President was also able to highlight some of the positive things his administration has been able to accomplish, including:

"We said the price of insulin and other drugs — the price of insulin would be reduced to \$35. Well, guess what? The price of insulin went from four, five, six hundred bucks a month down to \$35 a month — (applause) — for those on Medicare.

"Look, I proposed a billionaire minimum tax... The average tax paid by the thousand billionaires in America — individual — the average tax paid is 8 percent. E-I-G-H-T. Eight percent. No billionaire should be paying a lower tax rate than a schoolteacher or a firefighter. (Applause.)

"And there's nothing radical about this. That's why my budget also fully funds the Internal Revenue Service. You know, and it's kind of interesting: Republicans have been consistent for the last 10 years, cutting the number of IRS agents. I wonder why. (Laughter.) So we now have legislation that passed that's going to — that's in our budget — that says we're going to beef up the number of IRS agents to thoroughly look at the taxes of billionaires in America. According to the Congressional Budget Office, a bipartisan office, they estimate that just that alone would raise another \$200 billion a year.

"Unemployment is at 3.4 percent, the lowest in 50 years. (Applause.) We've made enormous progress. Just look at what we've done so far. Over the past two years, we've created a record 12.7 million new jobs — (applause) — more than ever in that period of time — including 800,000 manufacturing jobs.

"I signed the CHIPS and Science Act, which I felt very strongly about — (applause) — to bring back key parts of our supply chain back to America...we went from producing up to 40 percent of the world's chips to producing only 10 percent, despite leading the world in research and design. Now we're turning that around. (Applause.)

Understanding that the President's speech was about the Debt ceiling and the economy, Biden made no comments about the migrant crisis in New York City, and how it is affecting Westchester.

And after watching the speech, and speaking to those in attendance, the President was "sharp" and "mentally on his game." Westchester County Democratic Party Chair Suzanne Berger said, "President Biden was enjoying himself in delivering this speech. He added some local lines and he it was clear to me that he is more aware than the other guy."

One correction to the President's speech. Federal spending over the past three years has produced, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, deficits of 3.1 Trillion in 2020 (COVID), 2.8 Trillion in 2021, and 1.4 Trillion in 2022, and an expected deficit of 1.5 Trillion this year 2023.

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Office

The office sector, which includes the information, financial and real estate, and professional and business services industries regained pandemic job losses by January 2022. As of March 2023, jobs in the sector were almost 4% above the pre-pandemic level in 2019. Workers continue to return to the office, with the latest data showing an office occupancy rate of nearly 60% on peak days such as Tuesdays. However, concerns over commercial office space linger as vacancy rates remained at 22.2% in the first quarter of 2023.

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NY Presbyterian Launches The Community Fund Program



NewYork-Presbyterian has launched the Community Fund Program, a new grant program to invest in the communities that it serves. The program seeks to support work that tackles community-identified social determinants of health (SDOH) – the social and economic conditions and environmental factors that affect people’s lives and their health. NewYork-Presbyterian aims to support both targeted, scaled programs that support New Yorkers’ immediate and longer-term needs, as well as work that seeks to change the underlying conditions shaping health disparities.

The grants will be awarded to community-based organizations in New York City and Westchester County. This approach, which is innovative among health care systems, will allow NYP to help communities address social determinants of health, specifically in the categories of social isolation, housing insecurity and unemployment and economic recovery. NewYork-Presbyterian expects applicants to represent a range of expertise and capacities, as well as experience in the proposed work. NewYork-Presbyterian encourages applicants to be innovative, even if the project represents an untested area of work for the organization.

The Fund will award grants of \$80,000 – \$150,000 a year for up to two years, with a maximum award of \$300,000 in New York City and Westchester County. To be eligible for renewal in the second year, awardees must meet their pre-determined process measures to receive full funding.

NewYork-Presbyterian’s 2022 CHNA identified the following communities as a high priority; as such, there will be one awardee for each of those neighborhoods, which are:

- Washington Heights, Manhattan
- Lower East Side & Chinatown, Manhattan
- Corona, Queens
- Crown Heights, Brooklyn
- Peekskill, Westchester
- Mt. Vernon, Westchester

Social determinants of health identified included:

- Social Isolation
 - Housing Insecurity
 - Unemployment & Economic Recovery
- Qualifying criteria include but are not limited to:

Applicant must be a not-for-profit, religious, or government agency with a community service mission. Applicants must demonstrate they have the infrastructure to meet the goals of the grant. The grant must primarily benefit residents of one or more of the priority communities (Washington Heights, Lower East Side & Chinatown, Corona, Crown Heights, Peekskill, Mt. Vernon).

The Letter of Inquiry Deadline is Friday, June 2, 2023

NewYork-Presbyterian’s 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment identified the following communities as high priority: Washington Heights, Manhattan; Lower East Side & Chinatown, Manhattan; Corona, Queens; Crown Heights, Brooklyn; Peekskill, Westchester and Mt. Vernon, Westchester. Although projects do not need to solely benefit one or more of these communities, awards will be limited to projects that impact one or more of these local neighborhoods in a demonstrable way. It is the aim of the program to select a minimum of one award for each community. To note, current or past recipients of NewYork-Presbyterian funding are eligible to apply, and current funding will be taken into consideration. An applicant’s organization may be headquartered outside of the priority community, as long as the project is designed to benefit one or more of the identified priority communities.

Applicants can submit their LOI’s by following the instruction form found here and sending them to nypcommunityfund@nyp.org by the deadline.

Cortlandt Man Arrested for Harrassing, Groping Woman in Mahopac

29 Year Old Brandon Parks was arrested last month for harassing a 50-year old woman at Planet Fitness in Mahopac. The Carmel Police arrested Parks after an investigation, which found that Parks, of Cortland Manor, had been harassing the unidentified woman inside the gym.

The interaction escalated in the gym parking lot where Park is accused of groping the woman, who then called police. Parks is also accused of following the woman in her vehicle.

Last month, Parks was arraigned by Carmel Town Justice Thomas Jacobellis, and charged with stalking, forcible touching and harassment. An order of protection was issued for the victim.

YORKTOWN SCHOOLS EXPANDING RESOURCE OFFICERS PROGRAM

School resource officers will be stationed at all the district’s schools in September.

The Yorktown Central School District has contracted with the Yorktown Police Department to add two resource officer positions for the Brookside and Mohansic elementary schools. A school resource officer is a sworn law-enforcement officer with arrest powers who works, either full or part time, in a school setting.

“The safety of our children is a top concern for parents, elected officials and school administrators,” said Supervisor Tom Diana. “These officers serve as deterrents to violence, while building trust with the general student population and making vital connections with at-risk children.”

Last year, the district hired a full-time school resource officer at the Crompond Elementary School. That officer also served on the Brookside and Mohansic schools’ building emergency response teams. The addition of the two resource officers means that all three of the district’s elementary schools will have full-time police coverage.

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My guess is we haven’t seen the last of migrants coming into Yonkers hotels and motels. These hotels are not doing it out of the goodness of their hearts. For a hotel like Ramada on Tuckahoe to be guaranteed the income for these rooms is a big deal for a lengthy period of time. And I would guess that the migrants were not simply ‘placed’ at the Ramada but that Ramada Management at the hotel has a deal with the city or state to occupy the rooms for X NUMBER of days at X price. I sincerely doubt New York City picked the Ramada at random.

Housing the migrants in New York City public school gyms is not the answer. These gyms are not equipped with proper toileting facilities.

What happened to the big ships and portable housing set up during Covid? And the Javits Center?

-Hip Hip Hooray ‘Congressman’ George Santos’ has finally been indicted!

-When is WESTCHESTER and New York State going to do something about the perennial problem of too high Trucks attempting to go under too low bridges on our area roadways? Again we had a run in causing traffic delays and damage on the Hutchinson River Parkway this week.

-New York is 98 out of 150 best places to live in the United States. Blame it on the high level of taxation.

-And finally our former President is guilty of sexual abuse. And his attorney has just been accused of drunken sexual rampages by a graphic artist who worked for him. When will these pigs ever stop!

Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday’s from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at thistooisyonkers@aol.com.

A Healthy Mind is Money in the Bank: Panel Discussion on Mental Health Treatment and Resources.



Riverfront Library Community A/B Room

1 Larkln Center, Yonkers 10701

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm

Topics to include:

- What are some resources available to me with/without insurance?
- What are some mental health trends since COVID?
- What role does government play?
- What role can constituents play?
- What are treatment options?
- Questions from the audience.

Register:



Information:

Yonkersawarenessproject@gmail.com

Panelists:

- Michael Orth, MSW**
(Commissioner Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health)
- Dr William "Drew" Mullane**
(WJCS Director of Innovation, Integration, and Community Partnerships)
- Audrey McInerney**
(President NAMI Westchester)
- Jason Duncan, PhD**
(President of CBTAAA & SANITY Podcast)
- Suzanne Schwartzberg**
(Author)
- Moderator: Joseph Pinion**
(CEO Pinion Media Group)

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Spanish Language Interpretation Olga Gonzalez

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TOWN OF EASTCHESTER PUBLIC AUCTION OF IN REM PROPERTY

June 15, 2023

Registration opens at 1:00 p.m.

Auction to commence promptly at 2:00 p.m.

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Two-story colonial with three bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, dining room, living room with a fireplace, patio/deck and one-car garage.

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Music at Asbury Presents Regimental Brass Quintet of West Point June 10



Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church is delighted to present the Regimental Brass Quintet of West Point in a free outdoor concert, produced under the auspices of the church's professional concert series, Music at Asbury, on June 10 at 4pm.

Comprised of graduates from America's finest music schools, the professional musicians of the West Point Band provide world-class music and support to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the United States Military Academy and the Army for local, national, and international communities. The West Point Band's chamber ensembles perform for official military functions, social occasions, formal concerts, public service and educational youth clinics and concerts. The Regimental Brass was formed in 2003 and presents a diverse repertoire from Renaissance to modern works to its audiences. In addition to its performances for military functions, the ensemble has been featured on concert series throughout the country, recently including performances in Florida, Oregon, Connecticut, South Dakota, Utah, and Iowa.

This is a 70-minute program with no intermission, held outdoors in the open air chapel at Asbury United Methodist Church. Reservations are recommended for concert seating; lawn seating and "bring your own chair" seating available in the rear of the parking lot. Ample parking. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Reservations can be made online at www.musicatasbury.com or by calling the church office 914-779-3722 and leaving a message with name, phone number, email address, and number in your party.

Music at Asbury was launched in November of 2014 by Lu Gmoser, founding producer of Asbury Summer Theatre, and Dr. Earl F. Groner. As a program of Asbury-Crestwood United Methodist Church, Music at Asbury is designed to serve as a social service to the community, offering free performances by some of New York City and the Hudson Valley's finest musical artists.

The Rev. Jason Radmacher is pastor of Asbury Church and Mary Thombs is Minister of Music and Chair of Music at Asbury.

Mayor Mike Spano
Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Untermyer Performing Arts Council
Another free Untermyer Performing Arts Council program!



Yonkers Arts Weekend
Jazz in the Park & Art in the Park
in the Untermyer Park Amphitheater
Saturday, May 20th
1:00 pm: The Joe Giglio Trio
2:00 pm: Art in the Park
International Graffiti Art Expert
Ken Davis
YPD Detective Rtd.

Sit, wander, explore, photograph, relax and dream while enjoying our beautiful Untermyer Park, an artistic experience heightened by the beautiful sounds of music under the soft blue skies of spring!

Our events are admission free and open to the public.

Please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, as we don't provide seating.

This program is presented in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, the City of Yonkers, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

In case of inclement weather, please call the UPAC Arts Line at 914-375-3435 or visit our website www.untermyerperformingarts.org after 12 pm the day of the performance.

Funding also is received from Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our many loyal arts patrons.



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