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Jada Pinkett Smith Talks Fentanyl Abuse with Westchester Mom; “An Urgent Warning for all”



Jada Pinkett Smith, center, with Despina, from Yonkers (seated), with Willow Smith, right and Adrienne Banfield Norris, left

By Dan Murphy

The latest episode of Actress Jada Pinkett Smith’s talk show, *Red Table Talk*, addresses a serious problem in the United States. “Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All,” and includes a conversation with a Yonkers mother who had to cope with the death of her 15-year-old daughter from a Fentanyl overdose.

The Emmy® Award-winning series, “Red Table Talk,” is hosted by Jada Pinkett Smith, her daughter Willow, a leading voice for her generation and her old-school mother Adrienne Banfield Norris. Each episode is shot at the Smith’s family home where these three passionate and opinionated women bring their unique perspectives to real issues affecting real people. “Red Table Talk” is filled with honest, intimate, and inspiring conversations on topics impacting each of our lives.

The latest episode, “Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All”, which will air on Facebook Watch at 12 noon ET on May 18, includes a discussion with Despina, the mother of Olivia Green from Yonkers, whose family has been impacted directly to the drug crisis facing our nation.

Despina tells Jada that on the evening of her daughter’s death, “she was supposed to be staying at her best friend’s house. But she lied to me. She went to go see a guy who was an adult. I think they met on Snapchat.

The 19-year-old male, and the 15-year-old Olivia, barely knew each other, according to detectives who investigated her death. “He gave her a Percocet, but it was a counterfeit and actually Fentanyl.”

The male called police when Oliva overdosed, but her life was over before it began.

Also, in this episode, “Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All”, for the first time, actor Michael K. Williams’ nephew, speaks out about losing his beloved uncle to

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What is Westchester’s #1 Visitor Attraction? Untermyer Gardens?



Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers had 100,000 visitors in 2021

By Dan Murphy

Thanks to ten years of dramatic improvements at Untermyer Gardens undertaken by the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy in cooperation with the City of Yonkers, visitorship exceeded 100,000 people for the first time in 2021. Noted by Mayor Spano in his State of the City address last week, the public garden is now the Number One visitor attraction in Westchester County.

The Conservancy activated all four of its water features on April 9: Walled Garden canals, Temple of Love, Rock and Stream Garden and Ruin Garden grotto. The new lower switchback fountain is being restored and should be operational by early May.

Continued improvements this year will be Phase One of the restoration of the Persian Pool in the Walled Garden. Installation of the mosaics will take place next year. The Conservancy also plans to rebuild the lost Sundial during the summer.

The gardening staff will be increased to nine workers this year, still a long way from the sixty full-time gardeners once employed by Samuel Untermyer in the 1920’s. 15,400 plugs and seedlings are now being grown in the municipal greenhouses, to be planted in the garden this spring.

With a new season upon us comes a real need for volunteers. The Conservancy is already blessed with devoted volunteers, but more are needed, especially to greet our many weekend visitors. If you are interested in knowing more about this important service, click here.

Springtime means it’s daffodil season. A ton of them are now blooming on Daffodil Hill, below the Temple of Love arbor. We’ve been dreaming up an engaging roster of tours and classes this year. Below is a look ahead at our events

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Who’s the Odd Congressman Out? Maloney, Mondaire or Bowman?



Rep. Sean Patrick-Maloney, left, and Rep. Mondaire Jones, right

By Dan Murphy

On Monday May 16, Special master Jonathan Cervas released his new Congressional district lines for New York State’s 26 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. Last month, an upstate Judge tossed out the boundaries crafted by Democrats after a compromise couldn’t be reached with republicans. And the NYS Court of Appeals upheld the decision to throw out the democratic lines and ordered a neutral party to come up with fairer Congressional lines.

The result, from Cervas, means that in Westchester, three members of Congress have two seats to fight over. The three members of Congress currently representing Westchester are: Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, Rep. Mondaire Jones and Rep. Jamaal Bowman.

Bowman represents the 16th district, which includes parts of the Bronx and most of lower Westchester. Cervas’ plan for Bowman means that his district will no longer run through the Bronx, Yonkers, Westchester and north into Putnam. Instead, the 16th will still have parts of the Bronx and all of Yonkers and most of lower Westchester.

The 17th District, currently represented by Mondaire Jones, now runs from Westchester and Rockland Counties north into Putnam and Dutchess counties.

Jones moved from Rockland County to White Plains last year, so technically he lives outside the 17th District and for the moment, lives in the 16th District. That is why many are speculating that Jones and Bowman would have to face off in a democratic primary to see who represents the 16th district.

But that’s not what we hear. Jones, who grew up in Rockland County is expected to move back and run for his seat again in the 17th.

Which brings us to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. Maloney currently represents the 18th District, which includes parts of northern Westchester, Putnam and north into the Hudson Valley. The newly drawn 18th moved Maloney’s district up further north into more republican parts of the state.

Maloney, like Jones, is no longer living in his redrawn district. Maloney lives in the 17th district, and immediately after the boundaries were announced, he posted. “While the process to draw these maps without the legislature is against the will of voters, if the newly announced maps are finalized, I will run in New York’s 17th Congressional District. NY-17 includes my home and many of the Hudson

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Former TV Reporter Says, “It’s Time for Change in Mamaroneck”



Democratic candidates for Mamaroneck village board, L-R, Manny Rawlings, Leilani Yizar-Reid, Lou Young

By Dan Murphy

This reporter’s interest in the politics of the Village of Mamaroneck began when Village Administrator Jerry Barberio filed a discrimination complaint with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, EEOC and the NYS Human Rights Commission in February. Barberio accuses Village Trustee Dan Natchez of inappropriate behavior, including threatening Barberio by saying, “I have the votes (on the Village Board) to fire you.”

Natchez is running for re-election, on a slate with Richard Litman and Andrew Spatz, three democrats who have been endorsed by the Mamaroneck Village Democratic Party.

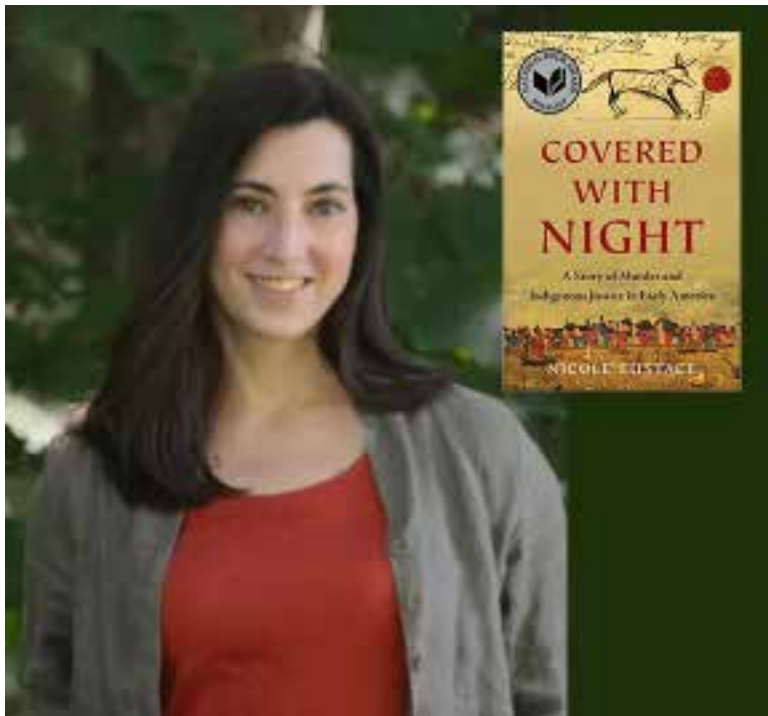
Another democrat on the Village Board running for re-election is Lou Young. You may remember Young as a former CBS NY news reporter who covered Westchester. Young is running with two other democratic candidates for Village Board: Leilani Yizar-Reid and Manny Rawlings.

A recent story in Black Westchester on the petitions of Young’s slate being challenged in court by the Mamaroneck Democratic Committee, sparked my interest. The Judge tossed out the challenge and a June 28 primary for Village

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Westchester Resident Wins Pulitzer Prize for Book on US History

Sixth Meeting of the Minds Regional Dementia Conference to be Held In Tarrytown May 25



Nicole Eustace and her book that won the Pulitzer Prize



Dr. Claire Sexton

On Monday, May 9, winners of the coveted Pulitzer Prize – awarded for excellence in journalism and the arts in the United States since 1917 – were announced. Prize recipients included local resident Nicole Eustace, a professor of history at NYU, who received a Pulitzer Prize in History “for a distinguished and appropriately documented book on the history of the United States.”

Ms. Eustace’s book, *Covered by Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*, is described as “a gripping account of Indigenous justice in early America, and how the aftermath of a settler’s murder led to the oldest continuously recognized treaty in the United States.” In making the award, the Pulitzer Prize Board called *Covered by Night* “a necessary work of historical reclamation, it ultimately revives a lost vision of crime and punishment that reverberates down into our own time.”

Covered by Night was also a 2021 National Book Award Finalist for Nonfiction and chosen one of the Best Books of the Year by TIME, Smithsonian, Boston Globe, and Kirkus Reviews.

Upon learning the news, Ms. Eustace reacted by saying “I am very surprised and grateful to have been announced as a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for history and that I hope that this award for the book will help bring attention to the issues of justice that it raises.”

Nicole Eustace lives in the Town of Mamaroneck with her husband, Dr. James M. Klancnik, Jr. and their two sons. A more detailed description of the book may be found here: <https://www.pulitzer.org/winners/nicole-eustace>.

The Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter will host its sixth Meeting of the Minds Dementia Conference on Wednesday, May 25, at the Sleepy Hollow Conference Center in Tarrytown. The event is intended primarily for people with early-stage dementia and their family caregivers, but professional caregivers and health care workers are also welcome to attend. The first 200 people with dementia and family caregivers who register will be admitted for the discounted rate of \$25.

“We’re excited to offer this discount to make it easier for caregivers and those in the early stages of the disease to attend. We hope people will take advantage of this great opportunity and look forward to having everyone gather in person at this conference for the first time since 2018,” said Meg Boyce, Vice President of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Claire Sexton, Director of Scientific Programs & Outreach for the Alzheimer’s Association, who will speak about the latest research advances into risk reduction, early diagnosis and treatment for Alzheimer’s and other dementia, highlighting how the Alzheimer’s Association is accelerating research through both its funding and convening of researchers.

The keynote address will be followed by five breakout sessions on dementia-related topics: A panel discussion on “Understanding Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Insurance” featuring three experts in the field; a talk on “Family Dynamics in Dementia Care” exploring how family roles, emotions and expectations can change when a loved one has dementia; a talk on “Communicating Clearly,” that explores modified communication techniques for interacting with the elderly and memory-impaired; a presentation on “Dementia, Delirium and Depression”; and a talk on “Making Difficult Decisions” that offer tips for making the difficult decisions faced by dementia caregivers and when these decisions should be made.

After this, lunch will be served, featuring a panel discussion on legal and financial issues by three experts in the field. This will be followed by an educational program, “Healthy Living for the Brain and Body,” before the event closes at around 3 p.m. For more details or to register, visit AlzDementiaConference.org. To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

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County Executive Latimer Suggests Wearing a Mask Indoors as COVID Numbers Increase

On May 16, Westchester County Executive George Latimer suggested that people “that have a compromised immune system or that have some underlying health issues, should go back to wearing masks.”

Latimer added that there is no mandate from the State or from the county to wear a mask, and that the only mandate the county can give regarding masks is to wear one on county property. “If we take action, it would probably be along the lines of what happens at the airport, what happens within county office buildings and facilities, and then masking requirements for our recreation facilities. Because our pool, our parks, beaches are all outdoor facilities we haven’t gotten to the point to do that because obviously when your outdoors there’s less likelihood of virus spread because of the open air and air movement,” said Latimer.

Latimer said that the county continues to monitor the positivity rates of Westchester residents but is encouraged that while the positivity rates are high, seriously ill persons from COVID and hospitalizations remain low.

School districts are also reviewing COVID rates in their communities, and without any directive from the state, each school district will make their own decision, with the hopes that the end of the school year in June will come without a masking requirement for students and staff.

Babies to Grownups



By Eric W. Schoen

So where do we begin? The most serious crisis is with Baby formula. There are many questions. Why do we have such a small number of baby formula manufacturers in this country. Instead of Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature giving billions to the Buffalo Football team which is already making tons of money, why not give some of that money to startup companies that can produce baby formula?

You see we love to concentrate production in this country in the hands of a few. So when one part of the supply chain breaks down, we are up the you know what creek. And how come if you go on Amazon you can get baby formula if you live in our neighbor Canada but not the United States. It has taken months for the Biden administration to figure out we need to ease the restrictions for individuals getting government vouchers for baby formula. And a very long time to start the process of importing formula from other countries with similar formula products and standards close to ours!

Jewelry store Robbery. Thursday 5:30 p.m. In Getty Square?

I must admit that I have never thought of robbing a Jewelry store. Maybe a couple of Sweet and Low packets or crushed red pepper packets from Starbucks or Pizza Hut. Cheapest bottle of crushed red pepper a whopping \$6 at Stop and Shop. It use to be \$1 or \$2 for the \$6 bottle.

But thoughts of robbing a jewelry store by smashing in the front window? Not in my playbook. If I was a crook the last place I would do it would be on New Year’s Eve in Times Square surrounded by thousands of police officers.

Second dumbest place to rob a jewelry store? Getty Square 5 or 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday. Most buses in Westchester run through Getty Square. People get out of work at that time so many people rushing through the Square to catch their buses or Metro North trains at the Yonkers Station. Plenty of Police Officers around at that time, and statistics over the years have shown that Getty Square is pretty safe.

So why would 4, yes 4 men try to smash the windows of Golden Square Jewelry Store with so many people and law enforcement around. Did they think they would not get caught? The only word I can think of is dumb!

Thank god no one in the store was injured and Yonkers Police caught 3 of the 4 thieves. Bottom line. If you can support the Golden Square store please do. No merchant should have to put up with thefts, particularly of \$100,000 of merchandise!

You never know what you will find in Getty Square at the various stores. I’ve been telling you about my saga trying to get appropriate size bags of 9 Lives Cat Food for my sister’s cat. Finally found it at the Shop Fair on Main Street in Getty Square. This after visiting over 10 retailers including the big ones!

Buffalo Supermarket Massacre

Terrible tragedy. My question. And probably yours. Online postings suggests months of preparation and planning before Saturday’s racist massacre in Buffalo. They show how the suspect evaded a state law that could have prevented him from owning a gun. New York’s red-flag law took effect in 2019, allowing judges to bar people believed to be dangerous from possessing firearms.

Yet the 18-year-old man accused of killing 10 people at a supermarket on Saturday was able to buy an assault-style weapon despite having been held for a mental health-evaluation last year after making a threatening remark at his high school. He described the remark in response to a school project question by writing that he wanted to commit a murder-suicide as a joke, and was released.

But postings that came to light earlier this week make it evident that the suspect was lying. “I got out of it because I stuck with the story that I was getting out of class and I just stupidly wrote that down,” he wrote. “That is the reason I believe I am still able to purchase guns. It was not a joke, I wrote that down because that’s what I was planning to do.”

On Monday, state police confirmed that they did not seek a red-flag order against the suspect, who is now charged with one of the deadliest racist massacres in recent American history. Our question? Why was no red-flag order obtained by state police?

Still Stealing from the Supermarkets!

Acme McLean Avenue in Yonkers. 7:30 p.m. Saturday night. Man goes to the deli, gets some cold cuts and walks passed me as I enter the store. I tell the manager. He tells me this goes on all day long.

There is no excuse for this. However, stores in 2022 need to have security people stationed at entrances and exits to prevent this. And keep as few doors as possible open. Otherwise your food bill will continue to go up. I was shocked at the prices of food at Stop and Shop when I went Monday.

According to store managers I speak with, this ‘bring your own bag’ save the environment deal has led to an increase in thefts. People just walk in the store whether it be Acme or CVS, fill up their bags and run out of the store. Some stores have signs up that tell shoppers not to shop in their personal bags. It doesn’t work.

Westchester is a Covid High Transmission County. New York City on High Covid Alert

I went to get my second Covid booster over the weekend. Arm a little sorer this time than before. And on Monday Westchester was declared a High Transmission County. As I get ready to file this column New York City has been put on High Covid Alert. Normally I would have started this column with the breaking news.

I decided not to start off with Covid news this week. At this point we are going to have to live with it. I read more and more stories of unvaccinated people getting ill. One million people have died. You have a doctor. Ask him or her if you have any questions regarding the vaccinations you need. As for testing, you can get tests by mail, at pharmacies, even at the Yonkers Public Library for free.

Early on when tests were scarce, my doctor said only test if you have symptoms. I just wanted to be sure that protocol was still in place. Bottom line? If you feel more comfortable use one of the home kits. Just know they give off many false positives.

If you get a positive, don’t panic. Go for the more extensive tests to determine whether or not you truly have Covid. If your health indicates a mask should be worn, wear it. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask wear it. Just don’t be judgmental of others.

Briefs:

It was so nice to wear a suit and tie twice last week. The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library Fundraiser and a dinner on a beautiful night for Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El honoring Rabbi Jeff Brown for 10 years of service and Julie Glick, a very active congregant who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Even with the new Congressional Maps released Monday, Jamaal Bowman will represent Yonkers and most of Westchester. Sure would be nice to see him around town. But you can usually catch him on MSNBC. Would be nice if he put a collared shirt on when he is representing our district on National television!

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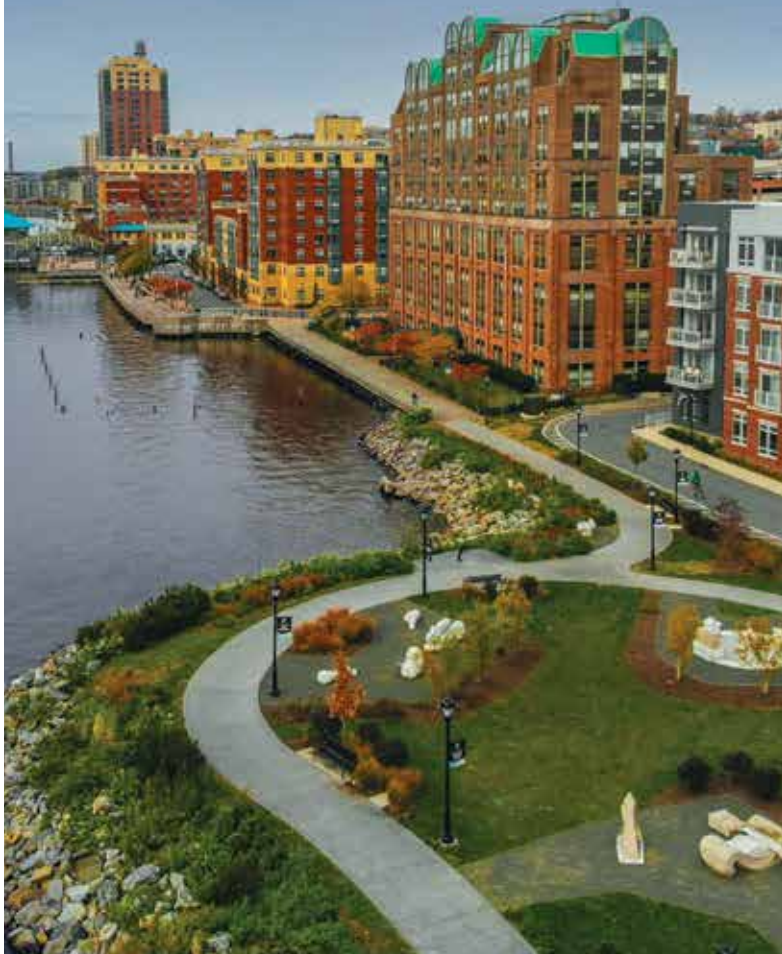
Building on a nearly decade-long economic renaissance, the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano has been instrumental in providing financial incentives for development projects representing nearly \$5 billion in private investment and more than 9,100 multifamily units planned, completed, under construction and approved for development.

To learn more about the financial incentives provided by the Yonkers IDA, visit yonkersida.com or call (914) 509-8651.

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Yorktown Schools Propose Adding Resource Officer



The Yorktown Central School District is proposing to add a school resource officer who will alternate among the district's three elementary schools. Should voters approve the district's proposed budget later this month, the new school resource officer is expected to arrive at the schools in September, and they will become the eighth school resource officer in Yorktown's two school districts.

"We believe it is the most of any town," said Supervisor Matt Slater. "We recognize that the SRO program that Chief Noble and the Yorktown Police Department have developed is incredibly high-standard, high-quality and really is a model for municipalities and communities across the state."

The police officer will be a full-time school resource officer at the Crompond Elementary School and will be a member of the Brookside and Mohansic schools' building emergency response teams. The district's middle and high schools each have a school resource officer.

"Students learn best when they feel safe," said Chief Robert Noble. "Our school resource officers are specially trained professionals who play an important role in the schools, where they reassure, counsel and sometimes mentor students. They continue to build positive relationships with students, parents, and staff."

Supervisor Slater also announced last night that the Town and the Yorktown Central School District are working on an agreement to lease the Downing Park Commuter Lot to the district so that high school students can park there in a more supervised manner.

For years, the lot has been informally used as an overflow parking area for high school students. The new agreement allows the district to institute rules of conduct, permits, and staff oversight. There may also be a new prohibition on left turns out of the lot.

"Turning left on Route 202 out of that lot can be pretty dangerous, especially for young and inexperienced drivers," said Supervisor Slater.

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during the next six weeks. It is not too early to buy tickets, as events often sell out. Public tours every Sunday at 11 am. This will be a history tour, part 1. This year, because there is now so much more to see than can be covered in 90 minutes, the docent led tours have been divided into part I and part 2 which will be given in different weeks, again subdivided into history and horticulture. Part 1 features the Walled Garden, Lower Terrace and top of the Vista steps. More talking, less walking. Part 2 features Color Gardens, Vegetable Garden, Rhododendron Walk, Ruin Garden, Woodland Walk, Temple of Love and Rock and Stream Garden. Lots of walking. Regular public tours are \$12, President's tours are \$25. Advance registration is required for all at untermyergardens.org

And something that I hope you will share with your readers: we always welcome volunteers, but we especially need more Greeters. The weekly Greeter program will start the weekend of April 16: four 2 hour shifts from 10-6 both Saturday and Sunday through the end of October, 2 people per shift. That's 16 people needed per weekend. Sit under a tent, say hello to visitors, answer questions about the garden, collect donations. Come with a friend. It's fun, helpful and a major source of fund raising for the Conservancy. There will be multiple Zoom training sessions. Go to untermyergardens.org then go to Support and then to Volunteer to contact the Volunteer Program coordinators.

With springtime upon us, anyone in Westchester who loves to garden, or visit the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, should pay a visit to Untermeyer Gardens. You will not be disappointed.

Open Door Medical: Teen Mental Health is in Downward Slide

Behavioral health therapists at Open Door Family Medical Center viewed Marilyn (not her real name) as "a child with really, really significant mental health needs." The 14-year-old, however, who lives with her mother in a multi-family apartment in Westchester County, needed advanced care but couldn't be hospitalized for several weeks because she had Covid-19.

"In the meantime, we were sweating bullets trying to contain the mental health needs of this child in an outpatient setting," said Shonny Capodilupo, Senior Director of Behavioral Health Services at the 50-year-old federally qualified health care center. "The anxiety level of her mom, of trying to keep it all under wraps because she didn't want to get kicked out of the apartment, was sky high. Meanwhile, at the same time, this child was literally falling apart. Marilyn was doing extremely high-risk behaviors that were dangerous not only to her, but the entire house. These are the kind of scenarios that have been happening."

Mental health disorders among teens have surged in recent years. In 2019, 13 percent of adolescents nation-wide reported having a major depressive episode, a 60 percent increase from 2007. Suicide rates among teens during this time jumped nearly 60 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a good time to look at the increase in the mental health of teens locally. While the mental health status of teens has become more precarious and even predated Covid-19, the pandemic has greatly exacerbated the situation.

"We're seeing this it in national data and we're also seeing it locally," said Karen Fink, Executive President of Clinical Services at Family Services of Westchester (FSW). "We're seeing an increase in referrals, while hospital beds are filled with adolescents." These referrals, she said, are teens with depression and anxiety, with suicidal ideation and non-suicidal self-harm behavior. As an example, Behavioral Health Services at Open Door Family Medical Center had 10 high-need, high-risk adolescents referred to hospitals in 2019. In 2021, that number skyrocketed to 66.

Capodilupo blames this on the disconnect teens have experienced from their peer systems and structure of school due to the pandemic. Many teens, particularly those living in communities of color, have also experienced a high level of grief from the death of family members (many more so than those in more affluent communities). This was due, at least in some part, to smaller living quarters and the inability for many of their parents to work from home.

"You had kids that were anxious about school to begin with and that anxiety level just blew up," she said. "You pulled them out of school and then put them back in and then pulled them back out again. All their extracurriculars were eliminated. You are doing academics remotely and kids are making fun of each other online. All of that pressure is like a powder keg. And now we're seeing the consequences of that."

Added Fink, "There was the loneliness factor and the disconnect factor that we haven't seen before. So even kids who were healthy and didn't have a family member die, are having mental health struggles now."

Resources remain tight as waiting lists to see a therapist or be admitted to a hospital, are long. Telehealth has provided a silver lining of sorts, bringing down the barriers for many to receive treatment – alleviating needs for transportation, parents missing work, childcare – but is not the same as an in-person visit, acknowledged Capodilupo. "Although not the same as in-person care, telehealth often allows for services to be accessed when otherwise they would not be possible. As such, it can lead to improved outcomes through more consistent treatment adherence."

The benefits with school-based health centers, which have always played a critical role in monitoring the physical and mental health of children were compromised when schools went remote. This was especially important in places like Ossining and Port Chester, where Open Door runs the Nita M. Lowey Centers for Health in Schools.

"The school-based health centers have always reached kids where they are," said Fink. "They treat the whole child and provide a wider lens. If you are worried about someone, you wait outside the classroom to make sure they are okay. You have the ability to do those check-ins for kids or see if they are absent. It makes it so much easier for the parent. There are eyes on them."

Both behavioral health specialists say parents can make a difference in their child's health by recognizing any changes. "Knowing your child, having that relationship foundation with your child, is an enormous protective factor," said Capodilupo. "Are they isolating? Do they have somatic complaints (about their stomach or head hurting)? Are they sleeping too much or too little? Are they avoiding family interactions? Are they avoiding school? These are the red flags that a parent should pay attention to."

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Feds Make Arrest in 2018 Daylight Murder in Mount Vernon



Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced the unsealing of a federal Indictment charging JAMES BAZEMORE, a/k/a "TJ," with the broad daylight murder of Tasheen Williams (pictured left) on April 30, 2018 in Mount Vernon, New York. The Indictment also charges JARED MUJAAHID, a/k/a "Jay," with aiding and abetting assault with a deadly weapon by providing BAZEMORE with the gun BAZEMORE used to commit the murder. The Indictment also charges BAZEMORE and MUJAAHID with racketeering conspiracy. BAZEMORE is detained pending trial on other federal charges brought by this Office and MUJAAHID is serving a sentence from a prior federal conviction.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "In April 2018, Tasheen Williams was shot dead in broad daylight just as a local school was letting out, the victim of senseless gang-related violence. As alleged in the Indictment, James Bazemore is responsible for that murder, and Jared Mujaahid gave him the murder weapon. Thanks to the work of our remarkable law enforcement partners, Bazemore and Mujaahid now stand charged in federal court for this terrible crime."

MVPD Commissioner Glenn Scott said: "This arrest again shows that Mount Vernon continues to benefit from the partnership the MVPD has formed with its Federal Law Enforcement partners. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, NY Field Office has shown how dedicated they are to assisting the MVPD with closing violent crime investigations. Mount Vernon Police has had Detectives assigned as Task Force Officers with the ATF for several years and this is just one of the many violent crimes that has been solved as a result of the hard work of the Detectives and the Special Agents from ATF. In cases of this magnitude the MVPD always strives to bring justice to the families effected by violence and we will utilize any and all resources and partnerships that we can do achieve that goal."

According to the allegations in the Indictment BAZEMORE and MUJAAHID were members or associates of a racketeering enterprise known as Big Paper. In order to fund the enterprise, protect and expand its interests, and promote its standing, members and associates of Big Paper committed, conspired, attempted, and threatened to commit acts of violence against rivals, including murder and assault; conspired to distribute and possess with intent to distribute narcotics; and obtained, possessed and used firearms, including by brandishing and discharging them.

On or about April 30, 2018, BAZEMORE acquired a gun from MUJAAHID, and then BAZEMORE stalked and shot Tasheen Williams dead in Mount Vernon, New York.

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Board is still on.

We spoke to Young to try and find out more about this election and some of the characters involved. First Young explained that he is supportive of the Mayor of Mamaroneck, democrat Tom Murphy (no relation), and does not blame him for what he sees as, "a do-nothing majority of the Village Board."

Young also supports Village Manager Barberio, saying that "Jerry has done a spectacular job," and added that the allegations made against Natchez in the employment complaint are "Tampering with the job of a Village manager. It is a key allegation," adding that the tampering allegations against Barberio stemmed from the unauthorized used of overtime by a Village employee.

Young explained that "Six democrats presented themselves to the Village Democratic Committee and we all made our pitch. I knew that I wanted to run with Leilani and Manny, who are such good candidates. I'm an incumbent trustee, and I'm running with two terrific African Americans with deep roots in Mamaroneck."

The ongoing problem of flooding, and integrity, are the two primary issues that Young and his running on with Yizar-Reid and Rawlings. Young claims that the democratic majority) on the Village Board have failed in their elected duty to maintain Village property and have not attempted to rectify the major issue that befalls the village every time a superstorm comes to Westchester.

"The Old Mamaroneck Village Hall is falling apart. There is mold in the Police Department and the courthouse, and they have known about it for years. Two years ago, the board sent the Village Manager back to get more bids for renovations and forgot about it. Then the big floods came from Superstorm IDA. Jerry declared an emergency and took \$2 million to stabilize Village Hall. He is doing that job well, but the flooding in some parts of the Village continues," said Young.

"I recently found out that the Village has a river maintenance line in the budget that hasn't been used in 8 years and nobody can explain it. Apparently, some neighbors complained about the work (flood remediation) being done and the board wouldn't back the staff. So, they stopped doing work in a flood zone, with no reason why.

"The Village Manager declared another emergency from the storm and had crews have removed debris from the Mamaroneck River. The cost for this project is \$1.36 Million. Federal funding to pay for an \$88 million Army Corp of Engineers cleanup and dredging of the river will also happen soon. One solution will not solve the problem of flooding. We need to be working on different solutions.

"I have only been on the board for four months. Some of the concerns have been studied to death and for the residents whose homes gets flooded every storm, nothing gets done. Mayor Murphy has been working with an incompetent board and its time for change."

Recently, Young and Natchez got into a back and forth, with Natchez claiming that Young is trying to take credit for the flooding remediation currently underway. "Without me it wouldn't be happening. I found out they weren't spending money cleaning up the river. I reached out to the village manager and said this is an emergency and it can't wait. He decided to declare an emergency and the board voted for the work. Trustee Natchez voted for my initiative. If you want to take credit for something do something and we will give you credit. Let's get rid of these guys," said Young in a Facebook video post.

Young said that the additional allegations against Natchez in Barberio's complaint, which can be read at, www.themamaroneckproject.com/_files/ugd/782b32_21bf4ac8e42045cbb0cc1efc0a59eb0e.pdf

is "a terrible situation. Even if he is able to fight these charges or they are unproven, he should leave the board. But the leaders of the democratic party in the village seem so invested in him and I don't know why. I'm running on this ticket because we have board members who don't know what their job is. There job is not to tinker with professional staff. Their refusal to set proper guidelines creates a vacuum that the Village Manager and the Mayor have had to fill."

Natchez has publicly said that he will be "fully vindicated" of all charges made against him.

Early voting in this election will begin on June 18-June 26, at Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543.

Westchester Cultural Heritage Celebration Return for Summer 2022

Leave your passport home! Westchester County Parks would like you and your family to travel around the world without leaving Westchester County.

The 43rd Annual Polish Heritage Day last week kicked off the 2022 Cultural Heritage Celebrations from Westchester County government.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "This celebration kicks off one of our most popular events - our series of ethnic festivals - held in person in our parks. For the first time in two years, thousands of residents will get to travel the world this spring and summer without leaving Westchester. The festivals offer the perfect opportunity to learn about our diverse neighbors and strengthen relationships working towards the enhancement of community solidarity."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "As a community, Westchester County strives to foster diversity, equity and inclusion by educating young and old alike through our Westchester County Parks Programs. I am excited that we can come together in person once again at the Kensico Dam Plaza for the 2022 Cultural Heritage Celebrations."

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free.

The other heritage festivals in the series are:

Asian-American, Saturday, June 4, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Albanian, Sunday, June 5, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Irish-American, Saturday, June 25, Noon to 6 p.m., Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale (Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under)

African-American, Sunday, June 26, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Hispanic, Sunday, July 10, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Italian, Sunday, July 24, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

India, Sunday, Aug. 7, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 21, Noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 28, Noon to 6 p.m.,

Interested vendors can email amo517@aol.com. Go to parks.westchester.gov or call (914) 864-PARK for more information.

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Did you hear that Congress Spent it's' day Tuesday discussing UFOs? With everything else going on in the world this is their priority? What's wrong with this picture?

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericsonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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fantanyl. And comic Kate Quigley reveals how she was the lone survivor of a fentanyl poisoning that killed three of her friends including comedian Fuquan Johnson

This is a life-saving Red Table that every family must watch. Find this episode at the following link: "https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Ffredtabletalk%2Fvideos%2F416378863343039%2F&show_text=0&width=560"

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Northwell Health Walk Set for May 22 at FDR Park, Yorktown

The Northwell Health Walk will be on Sunday, May 22, at 10 a.m. at the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown Heights and will unite thousands of people across five different New York locations who believe in supporting quality health care that's close to home. And for the first time since 2018, the Northwell Health Walk is back in Westchester County.

The festival will feature an opening ceremony celebrating our heroic doctors, nurses and staff—and the caring community members dedicated to keeping Westchester healthy, supporting quality health care. Walkers will enjoy a scenic, wheelchair accessible and dog-friendly 2.5 mile walk on a paved road through the park, as well as: Music and fresh fare from local favorites like Black Cow Coffee, Ben & Jerry's and Stonefire Pizza, Fun lawn games and free giveaways, Warm-up activities from chair yoga to martial arts, Free health screenings and activities, Arts and crafts, an ambulance tour, bubble machine, Playland surprises, and other kid's activities.

Gates opens at 8:30 am. Walk begins at 10:00 am. Register at <https://northwell-healthwalk.com/westchester>. For more information, visit [Northwell.edu](https://northwell.edu).

Who's the Odd Congressman Out, continued from pg. 1-

Valley communities I currently represent.”

That announcement drew angry responses from many NY democrats, who believe that Maloney should run in the newly drawn 18th district. Rep. Maloney also serves as the chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC.

His job is to elect democrats to the House this fall, and the backlash against Maloney comes in two forms. One for neglecting his job to try and take away a seat from another democrat (Jones), and two that Maloney had input into the democratic party's redrawn lines for Congress in NY that were tossed out by the courts as too partisan.

Rep. Jones responded after Maloney tweeting, “Sean Patrick Maloney did not even give me a heads up before he went on Twitter to make that announcement. And I think that tells you everything you need know about Sean Patrick Maloney”

Comments against Maloney included, “How can Sean Patrick Maloney ensure Dems keep the house when he doesn't even care about the members he claims to be defending?”

And “Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a centrist white Dem, says he would abandon his 18th District & run in the new 17th held by Rep. Mondaire Jones, a progressive Black Dem. But 71% of the new 18th comes from Maloney's current 18th District & 73% of the new 17th is Jones' current 17th.”

Progressive democrats were almost unanimous in their support for Jones over Maloney. “I support Mondaire Jones against Sean Patrick Maloney in #NY17. One is a non-corporate progressive & the other is the DCCC Chair. This race is at the heart of what we're fighting for: The Working Class vs. The Donor Class.”

Sean Patrick Maloney's job is to protect and expand the Democratic majority. But when his personal interests are concerned, he's abandoning a winnable light blue seat (he represents a LOT of) in favor of the bluer seat next door, currently held by Mondaire Jones. Stunning

And “The DCCC chair, instead of focusing on maintaining the House majority—the literal job of the DCCC chair! — is big footing a rising star in the party, @MondaireJones. This is not a political party, it's a collection of class presidents just jockeying for titles on the titanic!

And “Sean Patrick Maloney's literal job is to reelect a lot of members running in districts that are tougher turf than NY-18. How can he lead the DCCC when he turns and runs at the first sign of a fight?

And “A note on geography. Maloney says he's the only member who lives in the proposed #NY17. But Mondaire Jones was born in Nyack, grew up in Spring Valley, and lived in South Nyack until a couple of years ago—all towns in Rockland County, all in the 17th District

A few politicois think that Jones will stay in his White Plains residence and challenge Bowman in the 16th. The 16th district now does not include parts of Northern Westchester including Yorktown, the home of County Legislator Vedat Gashi. While Gashi has not made any public comment, all indications are that he is ending his campaign, which raised almost \$500,000.

Other news from Cervas' new lines: The 3rd District, which was to include parts of Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island, and many Sound Shore communities in Westchester, now does not include any part of Long Island. State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, from Pelham, was running for Congress in the 3rd but will likely not be a candidate.

Another question from the redistricting mess. What happens to candidates like Biaggi, who ran for Congress, gave up their state senate seat, and are now redistricted out of their race? Is her political career over?

Congressman Bowman tweeted about the new lines, and the fact that his 16th District lost a democratic stronghold of Co-op City. “Unfortunately, the map created by the special master splits NY-16's historically low-income Bronx communities into three congressional districts and decreases...the Black voter population by 17%. The Black voting power in NY-16 cannot be diluted in favor of more compact but less fair maps.”

The Working Families Party also blasted Maloney and supported Jones in District 17. “The voters of the 17th Congressional District chose Rep. Mondaire Jones for a reason. He has been an exceptional leader in Congress, serving his constituents with his fierce commitment to voting rights, fixing the Supreme Court to work in the people's interests, and protecting the climate. He's earned the right to seek re-election in his home district.

“That's what makes Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's announcement that he intends to run in that district so troubling—a district which includes Rep. Mondaire Jones's hometown in Rockland County and is mostly composed of the electorate that Mondaire currently serves.

“Rep. Maloney seemingly wants to avoid having to run in the 18th Congressional District—a slightly more competitive, but still very winnable seat, composed mostly of voters he already represents. His decision to jump into a neighboring district and challenge a fellow incumbent is self-serving and unbecoming of the leader of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

“Rep. Maloney should seek re-election in the 18th district. Instead, he seems to want to defeat a fellow Democratic member of Congress, or else force Mondaire out of the district he represents and bully him into a race that would pit two Black progressive Democrats in the New York delegation against each other.

“We strongly urge Rep. Maloney to take a different path and look forward to supporting Rep. Jones's re-election bid in CD-17,” wrote the WFP.

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on June 17, 2022 at 3:30 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.
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CCLC Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 440 N Broadway 20, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Yorktown Launches Baby Formula Drive



Left to right—Yorktown Town Board members Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout, Supervisor Matt Slater and Ed Lachterman

On May 17, Yorktown launched an emergency baby formula collection drive to help local food pantries accommodate demand. Residents may bring formula donations to collection sites at Town Hall, St. Mary’s Food Pantry or First Presbyterian Church through May 31.

“We have a serious need here,” said Supervisor Matt Slater. “When we talk to our food pantries, they tell us that they are completely out of baby formula.”

Formula with expired best-by dates will also be accepted. “We’re actually teaching a course on the expiration of food because there is so much food waste based on dates that are actually fictional,” said Councilwoman Luciana Haughwout, who works with Yorktown’s food security task force.

Councilman Ed Lachterman asked residents who don’t have infants to buy formula if they see it. “It’s a tough situation right now and until it gets better, we’re all going to have to figure out a way to help those in need,” said Lachterman.

Addresses for the collection sites are:

Town Hall: 363 Underhill Ave., Yorktown Heights

St. Mary’s Food Pantry: 1836 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake

First Presbyterian Church: 2880 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights

“The problem with the food shortages has shed some light on many of us who really don’t realize that there are people that have these shortages or maybe can’t afford it,” said Councilman Sergio Esposito.

American Pickers Coming Back to New York, Looking for Leads



Mike and Danielle from American Pickers

The American Pickers are excited to return to New York! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in August 2022. AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GotAPick.

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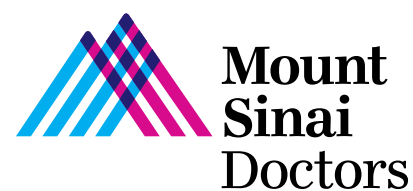
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