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## Councilwoman Diaz Shines as Education Chair

**BOE President Lopez and Superintendent Quezada Help Parents with Back to School Questions**



**L-R-YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, BOE President Rev. Steve Lopez**

**By Dan Murphy**

At a Town Hall with City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz this week, Yonkers Public School Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada and BOE President Rev. Steve Lopez told parents and staff online and at the in person meeting, held with social distancing and masks at Yonkers Middle-High school that the district continues to move forward with a hybrid plan for educating the 27,000 YPS students starting September 8.

Councilwoman Diaz presided over the meeting as City Council Education Committee Chair, and was able to secure an additional \$1 Million in funding for Tablets for students that will be working from home at least 2 days per week.

"The Yonkers Public Schools has made sure that they are abiding by all of the CDC guideline and the Governor's instructions. Immediately after a positive COVID test, they must inform NY State and the Westchester County Department of Health and will use a contact tracing program," said Diaz, who was able to provide a wealth of information to parents and students who are deciding whether to return to a hybrid learning program of two days in school per week, or continue their learning at home.

"We were able to buy some electronic devices for the students. They won't cover every child, but we are still working to get more. To our teachers try to come into the building as much as possible so parents can speak with you. This is all new to us, so lets work together," said Diaz.

BOE President Rev. Lopez said, "Safety is our #1 priority in all of our plans. If we don't feel it will be safe on September 8 then our children won't come into school. We are still collecting data and getting information but we are going ahead with hybrid learning as of now.

Superintendent Quezada said, "The intent of the district is to utilize a hybrid model, with students coming to school 2 days per week. We have a robust plan and we want to work together to provide the best support to our children."

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## Come Back to Downtown Yonkers for Dinner



**From left, Yonkers Planning Commissioner Lou Albano; Councilwoman Shanae Williams; Councilwoman Tasha Diaz; Downtown BID Executive Director Sara Brody; Mayor Mike Spano; Blue Door Art Gallery Executive Director Julie Cousens, and Roberto Espiritu, co-owner of La Pinata Bakery**

Continuing the Generation Yonkers theme of Yonkers is Back to Business!, Mayor Mike Spano recently joined with Downtown BID Executive Director Sara Brody to launch the Downtown Summer Celebration to promote special discounts at local restaurants. The program, which runs through the end of August, will feature discounts to dine at restaurants located in the Yonkers Downtown BID.

"Continuing the Yonkers Back to Business campaign with the Downtown Summer Celebration is a great way to boost the local economy and allow residents and visitors to dine at some of their favorite restaurants at special discounts," said Mayor Mike Spano. "The newest iteration to the campaign is meant to spur our growing business community and show that Yonkers is stronger than ever."

"There are a wide variety of restaurants and businesses in the downtown area that been thriving for many years, so it is important to us at the Yonkers Downtown BID to support these staples of the community," said Sara Brody. "Partnering with Mayor Spano and the City of Yonkers on the back-to-business initiative has been great, joining forces to support local businesses is more important than ever before," she added.

Here's the most up-to-date list of restaurant specials for dine in only:

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## Yonkers Police to Begin Body Camera Pilot Program



**Two members of the Yonkers Police Department wearing Body Cameras that will be used in a pilot program. Photo by Maurice Mercado**

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller today announced the launch of the Yonkers Police Department's new police body-worn camera pilot program. Starting August 20, 16 members of the Yonkers Police will wear body-worn cameras during their patrol tours during a free three-month trial.

"Since 2012, our Yonkers Police Department has enacted over 100 reforms in the effort to reimagine how local law enforcement agencies interact with its communities," said Mayor Spano. "The implementation of a police body camera program is something we've long pursued, and now I am proud we've come to agreements with our police unions and City Council in sanctioning a program that will better serve and provide even more transparency for our residents and police officers."

Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, "I am both excited and hopeful for the upcoming body-worn camera program. I believe that this program is yet another of many steps, initiatives, and innovations that will further move us toward increased transparency with how the YPD interacts with residents. The implementation of body-worn cameras was at the top of the list of community input with regard to police reform and Mayor Spano's administration moved quickly and decisively to make the pilot program happen. We will be carefully assessing all aspects of the body-worn camera usage during the pilot program phase with the ultimate goal of implementing a protocol that protects both our officers and the residents we serve."

The City of Yonkers agreed to a free three-month pilot program with Axon, which includes the use and training for 16 cameras. Select members of the Yonkers Police Department in the Third and Fourth Precincts will

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## Have a Beer This Summer on Dutch!



**Dutch Schultz**

**By Dan Murphy**

This time every summer, we like to tell the tale of mobster Dutch Schultz and his connection to Westchester, and Yonkers. Schultz, who was known as "the beer baron" of New York City during the days of prohibition in the 1920s and 30s, worked his way into Yonkers and began secretly brewing real beer, not near beer, during the span when alcohol was illegal.

Schultz was able to purchase the Yonkers Brewery, which at the time was making non-alcoholic beer, also known as 'near beer' in the downtown location of Chicken Island, located next to City Hall. How Schultz was able to 'buy' the Yonkers brewery was told in the book, "Dutch Schultz" by Ted Addy.

"Dutch Schultz and the two Weinbergs, Bo and George, drove to Yonkers. Joe the brewer had agreed to an appointment, knowing full well that Schultz was in the beer business, and realized that without the trade of beer runners, his plant would not make a great deal of profit."

"I don't want to buy half barrels, I want the whole brewery," Schultz said pleasantly. "What are you offering," asked Joe. "We'll be generous, \$32,000 for the works," said Dutch.

"What? Said Joe in disbelief. "You have no idea what this brewery is worth." Upping the offer, Dutch said, "I'll buy the whole works for \$75,000."

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## CleanFresh Laundromat Offers Modern, Clean Convenience



Modern, immaculate interiors at CleanFresh Laundromat

By Dan Murphy

In today's age of COVID, Westchester residents demand that any place they shop be clean and safe. CleanFresh Laundromat, a modern, convenience-focused laundromat that services the greater Yonkers area, has accomplished that goal.

Customers can expect a wide variety of benefits when they step into their Central Park Avenue location, starting with a clean, sleek appearance reminiscent of today's popular fast-casual eateries. The cozy environment creates an appealing area to knock laundry off of your to-do list, which you can easily do in one of their 130 machines (making it the largest laundromat in Yonkers to boot).

CleanFresh also tries to find helpful ways to ensure your laundry isn't just a disruptive element of your day. Free wifi and ample seating makes it easy to justify a mid-day trip to the laundromat, as you can bring along your laptop to do some work or do some online shopping. Ample parking means you won't have to drive around the block a few times for an opening, and you won't have to haul your heavy clothes hamper too far.

If you're the trusting type that doesn't need to watch your laundry like a hawk, you can even run some errands with the knowledge that you'll get a text alert when your load is completed. Best of all, you likely won't have to wait that long (or suffer multiple washes and dries) thanks to the state of the art, high-efficiency machines in use. Convenience is key, and CleanFresh has it in spades.

For those who detest doing laundry themselves, CleanFresh also has offers for you — namely their industry-leading Wash Dry Fold service. Also known as drop off laundry services, all you have to do is just swing your clothes by and let the CleanFresh team take care of the rest. They'll take your preferences, including if you have any allergies to detergent fragrances, and take your clothes off of you for a fee. Then, you can come back a few days later to pick up your clothes, making this the easiest laundry day you'll ever have.

All things considered, if you're looking for a new place to do some laundry, CleanFresh is definitely worth a closer look. They really do try to think of everything you'll need when waiting for your laundry, and if something is missing you can always bring it up to an on-site employee or through an online message. It's hard not to love a less-disruptive laundry experience with a heavy focus on customer service, and this up-and-coming Yonkers staple gives exactly that.

The laudromat of the future is here, and its safe, clean and convenient. CleanFresh Laundromat is located at 1745 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers. Call (914) 361-1313, or visit, Clean-FreshLaundromat.com/, for more information.

## Some Teachers Not Ready to Go Back to School



Several Westchester school districts and teachers unions are calling for classes to begin online in September, with an October return to school

By Dan Murphy

With a back to school date in Westchester of September 8 for most school districts, several teachers unions have called on the first month of school to be held online, with in person learning beginning in October...hopefully.

In the New Rochelle School District, Superintendent Laura Feijoo wrote, "As difficult as this decision is, I feel it is my obligation as your Superintendent to place the health and well-being of teachers, staff, students and their families above all else. As much as I'd like students to learn in their classrooms, we do not know enough about the COVID virus at this time to be confident that people will be safe to return to our schools as a hybrid model would require."

In the Yonkers Public Schools (YPS), while the teachers union (Yonkers Federation of Teachers, YFT) has also called for online learning in September, YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, realizing the challenges that many of the districts 27,000 students have with online learning, has not yet agreed to cancel the opening of classrooms the day after Labor Day.

And most Westchester schools are sticking to their plans of holding a hybrid model of learning that has most students coming into schools 2 days per week, with online learning 3 days per week. With pressure mounting from teachers unions, most of who are uncomfortable returning to the classroom in three weeks, the change would have to be made by local Superintendents and their school boards as soon as possible, so that parents can plan their schedules for the fall.

In the YPS, the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, (YFT) and the other two bargaining units, in calling for remote learning in September, also claimed that they were not involved in the process of creating a back to school plan.

Some Yonkers parents and taxpayers in Yonkers were disappointed by the request by the YFT, and as a result, accusations of misconduct have come forward that many Yonkers teachers were not teaching their students in on-line classes in the spring. These accusations have come directly from parents on Social Media, but also from sources within the YPS administration and from educators who were disappointed in the unprofessional attitude of their colleagues.

The letter and statement from the YFT, CSEA and YCA reads in part, "Local unions representing educators and school staff in Yonkers Public Schools today demanded the district coordinate with staff on responsible safety protocols before schools reopen. To date, district officials have engaged in virtually no coordination with labor leaders on its reopening plan."

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### COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE BACK TO SCHOOL

VACCINES BY APPOINTMENT AUG 24 & 31

During National Immunization Awareness Month, the Westchester County Department of Health reminds parents and guardians that now is the right time to plan a visit with their child's healthcare provider. This will help ensure children have the vaccines they need for a healthy start in school, whether they are at home or in the classroom.

For families with no insurance, ChildHealth Plus or Medicaid, the Westchester County Health Department can help. Call the County Health Department at (914) 995-5800 to find out if you qualify for vaccines at no charge. Visits are by appointment only on Aug. 24 or 31 at the Health Department clinic at 134 Court St. in White Plains.

All parents and guardians should check on whether they or their children have missed any vaccines due to appointments postponed because of COVID-19 concerns. Some vaccines require more than one dose.

Navigators available through the Health Department can help families and individuals sign up for the health insurance they need. Those without a regular doctor can learn where to go for ongoing primary care. For more health insurance information, call (914) 995-6350.

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## County Election Task Force Makes Recommendations for Voting Improvements

Expanded early voting hours; a multimedia campaign to encourage early voting; multi-lingual video instructions for how to vote absentee; changes in procedures to increase the number of available workers; drop boxes for returning absentee ballots; necessary voting equipment; and information-sharing partnerships with community organizations -- these are just some of the recommendations for improving voting this November contained in a newly issued report from the Board of Legislators' Election Information Gathering Task Force.

The Task Force was created by Board Chairman Ben Boykin in response to voting challenges that emerged during the June 23 primary elections. The Task Force is co-chaired by Legislators Catherine Borgia and Vedat Gashi. The other Task Force members are Vice Chair Alfreda Williams and Majority Leader MaryJane Shimsky. The Task Force gathered information from more than 100 public comments and committee meetings with voter advocates and the Westchester County Board of Elections Commissioners.

The 21-page report details some of the things that went right and some of the things that went wrong during the June primaries, as election officials dealt with unprecedented events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Challenges included multiple State changes to deadlines and absentee voting procedures, difficulty in recruiting and training poll workers, and changes in the availability of many regularly used polling locations.

Other recommendations in the report include technology investments to help streamline opening and recording of mailed ballots and improvements to the Board of Elections website.

Taskforce Co-Chair Catherine Borgia said, "The Board of Elections faced an extremely difficult set of circumstances in June because of COVID. We have to assume the situation will be similar this fall, but voter turnout will be much higher. Although the Board of Elections has the sole power and responsibility over the conduct of elections, we hope the information and recommendations we've assembled will be helpful to the BOE. The Board of Legislators stands ready to be a partner to the BOE in making sure voters in Westchester have the greatest possible access this fall."

Taskforce Co-Chair Vedat Gashi said, "The impact of the pandemic on the June primaries was something no one could have been fully prepared for. However, we still have more than 10 weeks before early voting begins in the general election and the experiences of the June primaries to learn from. This report pulls together what we've learned since June and I hope the information and recommendations will be valuable to the Board of Elections going forward."

Read the full report at <https://westchesterlegislators.com/images/Newsroom/2020/eigt-final-report.pdf>.

County Executive George Latimer commented on Facebook, "Asking the Governor, when he issues an Exec Order to allow for mail-in ballots for the November Election, to also mandate every County BoE establish drop-boxes for mail-ins. If the Post Office is being underfunded on purpose to suppress mail in voting, we need an alternative in place. Our County Administration will provide the money for the boxes and the extra security to protect them if authorized by the State. "We cannot play Russian Roulette with the 2020 Election. The confidence people have in democracy hinges on a fair election not one rigged by those who want to maintain power. We're only one county, with limited authority, but we are making unprecedented outreach efforts where we can. Poll inspectors, polling sites, staff to handle mail-in ballots, establishing drop boxes, marketing early voting vigorously... that's what we're seeking to do."

## With COVID 19, Would Mom Send Me to School?



By Eric W. Schoen

My readers with children have difficult decisions to make over the next few weeks. Should they send their children back into the buildings of the Yonkers Public Schools or other area schools in September? Should the children distance learn via computer from home?

Should the students go to school 2 days and distance learn at home the other days. Should The students distance learn at home 5 days a week. Some parents are talking about home schooling. The wealthy are examining home schooling pods, in which groups of three to 10 students learn together in homes under the tutelage of the children's parents or a hired teacher.

This COVID 19 pandemic has sure screwed up our lives. Little children are asked to put on masks, and unlike Halloween most aren't colorful and they can't take them off all day. How many of remember going trick or treating or marching in the school parade with uncomfortable face masks that as soon as the activity was over would come right off.

But the masks children and adults are wearing in 2020 are not for fun. They are to keep us safe. How do you explain what's going on to a 5 year old? Or older children. You just can't. They have never experienced a pandemic before and neither have we.

So my sister and I on an outing discussed a simple question. With Covid 19 in our midst and so many people, mostly elderly and those with existing health condition falling ill, many of them dying, would our mom send us to school in September?

In our house these were the decisions mom for the most part made as she was a stay at home mother, finishing her teaching career when my sister and I came along. Dad earned a decent income, we weren't rich but she was able to stay home and care for us.

Maybe because of her education to be a teacher and the time she spent teaching the young grades, when school was in session we were expected to be in school. My parents never took us out of school for Disney vacations or other trips parents take their kids out of school for today. Not that our parents could afford some of the elaborate 'holidays' parents lavish their children with in the 21st Century.

We were content with spending the last week in August and Labor Day in the Catskill Mountains, eating the delicious food and playing Simon Says or learning how to do the Hustle. Just watch the movie Dirty Dancing and this was the life we and thousands of others capped off our summer with.

It's amazing that so many people because of COVID 19 are returning to escape the city to the fresh air and open space the Catskills provide. A real estate market that hasn't been hot for years, mainly due to the reluctance of the state to introduce Casino Gambling is now thriving. Houses, bungalows and 'cookaliens,' small shacks where families would spend the summer months are attracting city folk in bidding wars to obtain a place away from it all.

Not to digress, the only times we were not in school is when we were sick, back to school 24 hours after our fever broke. If we took off for any Jewish Holiday the Yonkers Public Schools were not closed, we had to be in our seats at Temple Emanu-El then on Rumsey Road, or participating in holiday related activities with our family and friends.

School was very important to my parents, both graduates of the Yonkers Public Schools. And to my grandparents, grandma also a Yonkers High School Class of 1918 graduate. The importance of school resonated with my parents friends and they never kept their kids out of school for Mexican vacations.

Since mom volunteered in the School 13 Office with her friend Antoinette Costantini, if I was a little sick she would take me to school and be there in case I got sicker and had to go home.

So my sister and I chatted just the other day if mom who believed when school was open we were to be in class would have let us go to school with COVID 19 pandemic affecting everything that we do from grocery shop to trying on clothes in a fitting room.

And we agreed mom nor dad would let us go near a classroom with so many unanswered questions about the Coronavirus that exist as I write this column. I heard the Superintendent of Schools, my friend Dr. Edwin Quezada talk about bidding wars for PPE (personal protection equipment) and the hope that sufficient quantities would be available by the opening of school on a ZOOM call where parents could learn about the plans for September and have their questions answered.

The ZOOM call had spaces for 500 callers to participate. Less than 300 parents and guardians participated. That's because many homes in Yonkers don't have computers. I heard the district was waiting for 4000 computers. That's not enough for 27,000 children. In 30 days New York City Public Schools got over half a million iPads for students to do distance learning at home. NYC found the money, why not Yonkers.

Now we have 5 year olds waiting for the school bus on Elm Street. We are busing so many children from West Side to East Side because the school buildings on the West Side can't accommodate the numbers of students who live on the West Side. With Covid 19, would you put your beloved child on a school bus wearing a mask, told to look forward and not talk with their friends.

We can never forget that Yonkers is over 4000 students on top of the number of students our classrooms can accommodate. Our buildings are old. Fancy filtration systems out of the picture. With more kids enrolling due to the heartless closure by the Archdiocese at the last minute of 2 Yonkers Catholic Schools, even more students are added to the equation.

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UPAC's World Fest 2020 Presents  
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**Barynya**

The Untermyer Performing Arts Council is presenting Barynya Music and Dance Ensemble 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 22nd at Untermyer Park. World-renowned Russian music, dance and song ensemble Barynya is the premier Russian folk ensemble outside of Russia. Barynya will present a selection of their traditional Russian, Cossack, Ukrainian, Jewish and Gypsy Roma dancing and songs at their performance at Untermyer Park.

Besides performing at the ceremony for President George H. Bush's presentation of the Liberty Medal to Mikhail Gorbachev, Barynya has performed in some of the most prestigious cultural venues in the United States, including Carnegie Hall, Philadelphia's Constitution Hall, the Smithsonian and the United Nations.

This definitely is another "don't miss" Untermyer Performing Arts Council World Fest 2020 event in the park! Although our events are admission free, our audience is limited to fifty people and reservations are needed. All audience members must wear masks at all times in the park, bring chairs and sit only in designated seating areas. To reserve your spot, call 914-375-3435 after 11 am on Tuesday, August 18th. Reservations are limited to four people per call, and will be allocated in the order they are received. No one without a reservation will be admitted to the park, and all attendees will be checked in and temperature scanned.

In case of rain, we have no rain site. Please call the Untermyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line, 914-375-3435, after 1 p.m. the day of the performance to confirm the program will go on.

The Untermyer Performing Arts Council is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to continuing the tradition of Minnie and Samuel Untermyer, bringing musical entertainment to our treasure of a park and the people of Yonkers.

This program, done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, also is made possible by ArtsWestchester with support from Westchester County Government and the City of Yonkers. Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, County Legislator Ruth Walter, and our generous supporters provide additional support for our programs.

For further information, please call the Untermyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line at 914-375-3435. For updates, visit our website [www.untermyerperformingarts.org](http://www.untermyerperformingarts.org), our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/upac1976/>.

**Dining Discounts in Downtown Yonkers, continued from pg 1-**

Guapo Restaurant-10% off food with \$20 minimum purchase-Excludes drinks.

Dos Marias-10% off food with \$50 minimum purchase- Excludes drinks.

X20 Xavier's on The Hudson-Free glass of sparkling wine with any dinner.

Zuppa Restaurant- Free dessert with \$50 minimum purchase.

Bougie Brews- Free Brownie with any drink or food purchase.

Giovanni's Restaurant- 15% off food with \$20 minimum purchase- Take out or Dine in.

For a complete list of participating restaurants as of August 12, go to [yonkersdowntown.com](http://yonkersdowntown.com)

**On this day in Yonkers history...**

*Mary Hoar, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society and recipient of the 2004 Key to History*



read about Yonkers boxer Roger Donoghue, left, and his tragedy in the ring.

Monday, August 24th

August 24, 1943: Reverend Robert Robinson, Westminster Presbyterian Church pastor, reported to his congregation on how he spent his summer vacation! He spent the month of July in Macon, Georgia, serving as civilian pastor at four large military bases. Standing outside the Werner Robins Air Base one day, a bus at the curb was labeled YONKERS in large black letters. The front destination display read "Rockaway Beach!" On its return trip from camp, the bus display read "Subway." Military area bus companies could not buy new buses; instead they purchased used buses from companies all over the country... including Yonkers.

August 24, 1946: Local merchants created displays to celebrate the Yonkers Fire Department's 50th Anniversary! One of the most dramatic was at the French Wine and Liquor Store, an exhibit of photos of the Park Hill Ruins fire. They showed the Hendrick Hudson Hotel burning to the ground shortly before it was to open. Built in Park Hill to resemble Quebec's Hotel Frontenac, it was high above the railroad tracks with a tunnel and elevator entrance from the tracks, and had a spectacular view of the Hudson.

Tuesday, August 25th

August 25, 1916: A Prospect Street poultry market owner filed a claim for \$75 to replace chickens missing from his store. He claimed firefighters let them out while fighting a fire around the corner; as soon as they entered his store, the chickens absconded.

August 25, 1937: As a first step for an organized protest to the Common Council, Anna May Peabody of High Street led a group of women to the City Pound. Armed with umbrellas in pouring rain, the women went to investigate the unsheltered corral for stray animals, to make sure they had proper care.

Wednesday, August 26th

August 26, 1934: Firemen from five companies rushed to a Yonkers home to battle a fire, and instead found an irate neighbor. The man had pulled the alarm to stop a neighbor's party that was keeping him from falling asleep.

August 26, 1943: George Pisacano, owner of the Pisacano's Market on South Broadway, announced he bought the biggest swordfish ever sold wholesale in a Manhattan market. It weighed in at 750 pounds at purchase; when cleaned and dressed, the final weight was 530 pounds!

Thursday, August 27th

August 27, 1921: Franklin Woodruff of Sherman Avenue, an announced candidate for state convention delegate on the Wiesendanger ticket, happened to be running against Jessie Woodruff, candidate on the Lynch ticket... and his wife! Both Franklin and Jessie went to White Plains and filed declinations of office with the Board of Election.

August 27, 1942: Right after the officials and the color guard in the parade of Yonkers selectees on their way to serve, a gentleman proudly held the sign "School Street" up high for all to see! He carried the sign from Draft Board 735 to City Hall, where he placed it on a desk during Yonkers' farewell ceremonies for the men. He then carried it from City Hall to the train

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## Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

station, until a police officer took it for safekeeping... and then lost it! Yonkers men wanted the fellows at camp to know exactly where they came from!

Friday, August 28th

August 28, 1942: Seventy-nine Yonkers secondary teachers started an action against the Board of Education. The action contended the Board had "no right to reduce" the salaries of tenured teachers or those who have stellar reports; the teachers wanted the 12½ per cent salary reduction rescinded the trustees had imposed the previous year.

August 28, 1942: When suspended City Manager Raymond Whitney was notified the Common Council intended to "remove" him from office, he blamed The Herald Statesman, saying it published "lying propaganda and a lot of bunk." Needless to say, the paper defended its reputation, stating it was willing to let the people of Yonkers make their own judgment on its fairness. The paper stated it would continue to "present the news fully, accurately and without suppression, so that the people may know."

Saturday, August 29th

August 29, 1935: Captain Dennis Cooper and acting Captain John Ryer commanded a corps of YPD guards for the Hip Sing Tong headquarters on Herriot Street. A war had broken out between the Hip Sings and the On Leongs in Manhattan; our local police force wanted to prevent any spillover of the conflict in Yonkers.

August 29, 1951: Yonkers prizefighter Roger Donoghue fought his first bout in Madison Square Garden. Scheduled to fight George Flores, Donoghue did not want to fight him as he already had knocked Flores out. He again knocked him out, but this time the injured man did not regain consciousness. Diagnosed with a severe concussion and a possible fractured skull, Flores died two weeks later. After giving all his prize money to the Flores family, Donoghue quit boxing. The Yonkers man went on to work as a Hollywood consultant; he taught Marlin Brando how to fight for his role in "On the Waterfront," and trained James Dean for "Rebel Without a Cause."

Sunday, August 30th

August 30, 1918: NYS Assessors C. R. Hall and E. M. Hart reported the City of Yonkers administration was "earnestly and effectively working to promote economy and efficiency" in the report they submitted to NYS Comptroller Travis.

August 30, 1944: The Herald Statesman received a letter from a young GI serving overseas praising one of Yonkers' men! Corporal Meyer Goldman wrote the man had no idea the letter was written, and was someone who did not brag about his heroism. Goldman said the Office of War Information would not allow him to share the details, but he felt people in Yonkers should know about the soldier's achievements, bravery, fidelity and just plain hard work. Staff Sergeant Samuel Martirano of Cowles Avenue had only been in the South Pacific for a few months, yet his actions had earned him another stripe, the Good Conduct medal and the Southwest Pacific campaign ribbon with a bronze star!

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## Westchester's Glamour Couple's 2012 Plantation Wedding Criticized



**Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds live in Pound Ridge.**

By Dan Murphy

One of Westchester's most attractive couples, Hollywood stars Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds, have come under criticism for the location of their 2012 wedding. The couple exchanged vows at the Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens in South Carolina.

The 330 year old Plantation, located in Mt. Pleasant, SC, a few miles from Charleston, is aware of the controversy surrounding Lively & Reynolds wedding and the owners are concerned. "We treasure all our relationships with couples that have chosen to get married at Boone Hall, and, when needed, respond to them in private, honest, and personal discussions to address any concerns they may have. The discussions are heartfelt as we want to listen and put love and respect at the center of any issues that arise. We will always work to be a part of the solution for our couples, not a part of the problem," wrote the plantations owners. .

The Southern estate, founded by Englishman John Boone in 1681, has stood for 339 years -and in addition to hosting high priced private affairs, also operates educational programs about its role in the history of slavery. Included on the grounds are cabins and other historical item.

Rumblings about the plantation wedding of Lively and Reynolds began in 2018 after Reynolds made positive comments about the Movie Black Panther, resulting in online attacks calling him a hypocrite for his plantation wedding.

And in 2019, an effort was underway to have their wedding photos removed from Pinterest. Comments like, "for me having a wedding at a plantation is like having a wedding at a concentration camp just bad taste, i dont even understand the desire to have it there."

After the outcry, Online wedding services including The Knot removed the plantation from their photos and possible wedding locations.

Color of Change, a civil rights group, wrote --"The wedding industry makes hundreds of millions of dollars in profit by promoting plantations as romantic places to marry, and in doing so, routinely denies the violent conditions Black people faced under chattel slavery," wrote Arisha Hatch, Color of Change Vice President. "Plantations are physical reminders of one of the most horrific human rights abuses the world has ever seen, which, over the course of the Atlantic Slave Trade, enslaved 10.7 million Black people in the Americas."

Last month, the couple posted the following statement - We're ashamed that in the past we've allowed ourselves to be uninformed about how deeply rooted systematic racism is We've been teaching our kids differently than the way our parents taught us. "We want to educate ourselves about other people's experiences and talk to our kids about everything, all of it...especially our own complicity." The couple has three children together.

Reynolds added in an interview, "It's something we'll always be deeply and unreservedly sorry for," Reynolds told Fast Company about the wedding. "It's impossible to reconcile. "Years ago we got married again at home—but shame works in weird ways,"

The couple has donated \$1.2 million to both the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights. They live in Pound Ridge, with their three childrenxx, on a 1.8 acre garden estate. Prior to that, they lived in Reynolds home in Bedford, so the Westchester lifestyle suits them.

Like all Hollywood stars, they prefer their privacy, which they get on the quiet back roads of Pound Ridge and Bedford. And when they travel into town for groceries or Ice Cream for the kids, they remain undercover and most of the towns residents respects their privacy.

One favorite spot is The Inn at Pound Ridge, where chef Jean-Georges' has created a restaurant -attraction that includes the Reynolds-Lively family and their neighbor, Ralph Lauren,

Lively ran a website called Preserve, which sold handmade and historic items, some of which came from Bedford, until 2014.

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## Back to school, continued from pg 1-

YFT President Samantha Rosado-Ciriello stated, “Yonkers Public Schools officials refused to share their plan with any of the three unions representing district employees until after it was submitted to the State and posted on their website. That is completely unacceptable. Our members and the students we serve deserve better than this. We have less than four weeks to work things out and then we will have to consider what our options are.”

Superintendent Quezada, in his letter, provided evidence that all of the unions were involved in the reopening plan and that Rosdao Ciriello’s claim was “inaccurate.” “From mid-June through July there were 9 meetings with our union officials, 3 with the YFT, 4 with the CSEA and 2 with the YCA. Clearly, there was no refusal to share information. Given its scope, comprehensiveness and only 3 weeks from the time school districts received the NYSED and Department of Health guidelines and assurances to develop plans, The Plan was not finalized until the July 31 deadline. Therefore, it was not feasible to provide it beforehand,” writes Quezada, who reminds the unions that a planning committee made up of six stakeholders was created in May, that included all three unions and that fact is included in the final Re-opening plan submitted to the State Department of Education, on pg. 10.

“On May 12, 2020, Dr. Edwin Quezada, Superintendent of Schools, announced the creation of six stakeholder planning committees to collaboratively research, discuss, and construct the best approach to address concerns and implement strategies to reopen schools. The six committees [Academic, Operations, Emotional Support, Health and Safety, Special Populations and Communication] completed their research and work between May 18 and June 9, 2020.” Each committee included representation from every key stakeholder group. This highly inclusive approach included participants selected by the official organization/union representing those stakeholders: 7 Trustees, 18 Central Office administrators, 18 School/YCA administrators, 36 Teachers/YFT, 18 CSEA, 18 Parents/Yonkers Council of PTAs and 40 students. These committees met a total of 38.5 hours over 26 days. The feedback gathered was disseminated to each committee member. The Plan was developed with this feedback.”

Quezada added in his letter that the plan came from stakeholders “equally across all stakeholder groups. The issues and concerns of parents and families, or those of unrepresented employees, are just as valid and compelling as the concerns of staff represented by unions. It is not in the formulation of a reopening plan, but in its implementation, given its potential effect on terms and conditions of employment, that labor unions status must be recognized through impact bargaining. That status has and will continue to be duly recognized. Multiple meetings with our unions have already been scheduled,” wrote Quezada.

The YFT, CSEA, and YCA submitted a four phase approach to reopening: Keep student learning online and bring back staff in September, have teachers meet with families and students before opening, welcome back students in October, and continue to reassess.

Dr. Quezada responded to each of the four phases, stating that the unions, “four-phase approach to reopening Yonkers’ school buildings, offers some insightful recommendations and some insurmountable challenges.” Phase I-Bring Back Staff in September—“The District is in total agreement that all staff should be in their assigned school building on September 1. The Superintendent’s Conference Days are built into the school calendar for this purpose. As outlined in The Plan’s Hybrid and Online Remote Instruction models, staff in school buildings is essential. It ensures efficient and effective student instruction across content area subjects and coursework and the delivery of student services,” writes Quezada.

It is important to note this part of Quezada’s letter, which was underscored by other stakeholders to Yonkers Rising. “The teachers will be coming back to school in September, with or without students,” said one educator. “While a great many of Yonkers teachers did their job online from home, others took advantage and either didn’t work with the students in a productive way online or didn’t choose to learn or educate themselves about online learning. Some did not show up for work online and because of that, they should have to come back to school on September 8 and work online from in school.”

Phase 2-Proposal: Teachers and students and family meet individually to discuss the school year. “To “individually” meet students and families may be desirable during these challenging times. Unfortunately, it is impractical and inequitable for our families without technology and/or connectivity or the resources to physically come to a school. As noted in The Plan, this outreach will be accomplished daily by school personnel. Hybrid Instruction, which is how we plan to begin on September 8, has Flex Day Wednesday built into the students and teachers weekly schedules to accommodate this work,” writes Quezada.

Quezada’s reasoning that teachers cannot meet with 27,000 students and one of their parents, in two weeks or two months, underscores the rationale for returning students to school in September. “I understand that some Yonkers teachers are hesitant to come back, but many parents in Yonkers need the help. Their children aren’t learning, and the family is stressed out. Many have not participated at all in online learning. The parents are too busy working and trying to keep a roof over their heads,” said one Yonkers teacher.

Phase 3-Proposal: Welcome back students to school in October. “According to the unions, they are suggesting phasing in in-person instruction by providing only Online Remote Instruction in September and Hybrid Instruction beginning in October. This approach would exacerbate the existing detrimental impact on our students resulting from the loss of three months without in-person instruction coupled with the adverse impact on their social-emotional growth and development.”

Quezada also explained that the YPS must get approval by the NYS Education Department, whether they would approve phasing in in-person instruction as suggested by the unions. Currently 180 instructional days are required for students, and online learning at home for September could impact the number of holidays and the Foundation Aid received by the State. “Possible furloughing of dedicated hardworking school-based CSEA employees because children are not in school. This may include nurses, school safety officers, clericals, aides, bus monitors, food service workers, among others. Many of these employees reside in the City of Yonkers,” writes Quezada.

While the YFT letter points to a poll in which 40% of parents don’t want their students to go back to school, the majority of parents and students in the Yonkers Public Schools want to go back and have accepted Quezada and Lopez’s plan. And a Supermajority of Taxpayers in Yonkers want teachers to go back to school with students in September. You can also include several Police officers and other city personnel that we have spoke to, who are considered “essential workers” and have been working on the front line for more than six months.

They also want the teachers to come back. “It’s time for them to come back. Our COVID numbers are way down. We’ve been out in the streets for six months, and the kids need to be in school,” said one Yonkers cop.

The one way in which the YFT could be successful is if Governor Andrew Cuomo decides to implement a month of online learning for every school in New York State. Some school districts, and teachers’ unions, here in Westchester, (New Rochelle for one), and in New York City, have suggested the same. And the powerful NY State Teachers United Teachers, NYSUT, certainly has the Governor’s ear.

And for any family who wants to keep their children home this fall for complete online learning, all school districts will provide that option.

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## Dutch Schultz, continued from pg 1-

Editor’s Note: Joe the brewer should have taken the \$75k and got out of the business. Instead he said “Go buy yourself a popcorn wagon. I’ll be broke if I sell at these prices,”

“We’ll give you 24 hours to think it over,” said Dutch, who left and instructed his attorney, Dixie Davis (who is rumored to be the author of this book under the pseudonym Ted Addy) to set up a dummy corporation, leaving Schultz entirely out of the matter. Controlling interest was placed in Davis’ name.

Two men took Joe the brewer to the Dutchman’s office in the Bronx. At that meeting, Schultz and his thugs beat up Joe until he agreed to sell the brewery, but for much less than the \$75,000 he was offered a few days ago. “My stock is in the safe at the plant.” Joe called his brother at the plant and told him to sign the shares away.

“What about the money, the 32,000,” asked Joe. “There was some expense bringin’ you here pal. You just picked up the tab. Here’s your change.”

Schultz tossed Joe a half dollar,” end of book excerpt. So the Yonkers Brewery, according to the book, was stolen by Dutch Shultz for 50 cents.

The more interesting parts of the story, come when Schultz was somehow able to run tubes through the water and sewer lines in Yonkers, so that his beer trucks could pick up the beer at locations away from the brewery and away from the eyes of the public and law enforcement. How Schultz was able to get the tubes installed had to involve someone on the inside of Yonkers government, either from City Hall, or the Police Department, or both.

The biggest figure in Yonkers politics for more than 50 years was Tom Brogan, who served as the Yonkers Democratic Chairman, and served as a “Boss Tweed” figure in the City, controlling every job and anyone who wanted to run for office. In last year’s story, we put two and two together, and speculated that Brogan had to approve any deal to run beer through the pipes of Yonkers. But our speculation was met with a denial by a member of the Brogan family who reads Yonkers Rising.

“I read your article regarding the above with interest as Thomas A. Brogan was my grandfather. I do remember hearing that Pop had, briefly, owned the building which had housed the brewery and sold it soon after. As to the implication that he’d been somehow involved in anything nefarious and/or alcoholic does seem far fetched as he was a lifelong teetotaler and held that belief rather strongly. He did know a good real estate opportunity however. Did your investigation include the ownership of Mr. Schultz’s widow’s residence on White Plains Rd? I believe that property is now part of Concordia College,” writes the relative of Brogan.

Former Yonkers City Judge Richard Sweeney wrote about Dutch for Yonkers Rising a few years ago. “On Sept. 29, 1930, city workers discovered a series of hoses throughout the sewer system that carried beer from the Yonkers Brewery. Schultz was killed in 1935 by Murder, Inc., because they were afraid that Schultz was going to have prosecutor Thomas Dewey killed. Thomas Brogan purchased the Yonkers Brewery in 1936. In 1938, the brewery declared bankruptcy. Frances Flegenheimer, Schultz widow, sued Brogan to recover the value of cash loans, stock and a mortgage made to the prior owners of the Yonkers Brewery.”

That lawsuit was eventually thrown out of Westchester court because Frances was attempting to secure monies made through an illegal transaction. But that lawsuit, which was covered extensively in the papers, deserves a story of its own.

Another twist to the Dutch Schultz story comes from former FBI Director James Comey, who grew up in Yonkers and whose family members served in the Yonkers Police Department. Comey, in an interview last year with Irish Times, said that his family told a story about how his grandfather William Comey rose to become Yonkers police commissioner and how he battled with bootleggers, who were funneling contraband beer in hoses between Yonkers and the Bronx.

“Even though my grandfather liked beer, he ordered his men to cut the hoses with axes and let the beer run into the sewers” – a move that prompted death threats and an armed guard on the family home. The moral of the story is, the rule of law and integrity matter more than friendship, your love of beer or anything else. My grandfather is as an early hero of mine because of a commitment to higher values,” said Comey. whose story is disputed by some of our friends in the YPD, who claim that Comey’s grandfather didn’t rise to Chief until the 1940’s, long after the beer stopped flowing underground.

Anyone with information about Dutch, or Brogan, or the Comeys of the Yonkers Police Department, may contact me at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com, so that we can tell the entire story.

And if you want to raise a glass and have a beer in Dutch’s name this summer in Yonkers, what better place to do so than at Yonkers Brewing Co., located in downtown Yonkers, a block or two away from where the Dutchman’s trucks moved the bootleg beer.

## Body Cameras, YPD, continued from pg 1-

will transmit high definition video and audio when activated by the officer and will be uploaded after each tour to a secure cloud system at evidence.com. After the 90-day trial, the City will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to purchase approximately 400 body-worn cameras for long-term use. The initial cost of the system is estimated to be \$1.7 million, and \$1.2 million each subsequent year. Axon currently provides service and cameras to the police departments in New York City, White Plains, NY and Westchester County.

“I am looking forward to the implementation of this three month pilot body camera program. When I first introduced this back in 2015, I understood then the importance of body cameras and what it meant for our community. Body cameras would mean added trust between our community and law enforcement, but it would also mean transparency and protections for those on our police force,” stated Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac. “In the wake of recent events taking place throughout our country, the time to move forward with body cameras is even more pressing. Body cameras would not only hold our police officers accountable when on patrol, but they would protect them as well from potentially frivolous complaints lodged against them. It’s a win-win for the police department as well as for the residents of our City”.

According to the latest FBI statistics, the City of Yonkers is ranked the safest city of its size (200,000-250,000 residents). Since 2011, excessive force complaints against the Yonkers Police Department have decreased by nearly 80%, with currently no reported excessive force complaints against the Department in 2020.

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## Protests Against UPS Expansion on Tuckahoe Road Continue to Get Larger

### City Hall Rally and Bi-Partisan Opposition

By Dan Murphy

Councilmember Anthony Merante Joined Clare Gallagher, Community Leader, Founder Stopups.Org, and Nick Plakas, Vice President Of Winchester Village Along With Other Community Members to demand Yonkers Planning Board stay their vote on UPS expansion plans till community concerns are addressed.

“Today we are making our final request of the Yonkers Planning Board to not approve the requested revisions by the United Parcel Service to the property known as 555 Tuckahoe Road without significant conditions. The project that was presented in the fall was to help alleviate overcapacity at four nearby facilities. It has now morphed into their largest retail distribution center in Westchester and the Bronx. First and foremost, we demand that no fuel tanks be included on this development. This presents an unnecessary additional environmental and safety hazard. We are talking about 24,000 gallons of gasoline,” said Merante.

Joining StopUPS.org in support of the resident’s interest are Mike Breen, Minority Leader, Yonkers City Council, Shanae V. Williams, Councilmember, 1st District Ruth Walter, Westchester County Legislator District 15 and Nader J. Sayegh, NYS Assemblyman, District 90.

Anthony Merante said, “I was pleased to be joined by my partners in government who are standing behind this grassroots movement to protect this community.”



Councilman Anthony Merante, at a rally against UPS Fuel Tanks at City Hall



L-R Councilwoman Shanae Williams, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, and County Legislator Ruth Walter at rally against UPS Fuel Tanks on Tuckahoe Road.



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