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More Racial Slurs in the YFD?

Lawsuit Filed by Arab-American member of YFD

Lt. Kime, his supervisor, immediately responded, "He should have put down sand n-word" from Federal lawsuit against YFD

By Dan Murphy

A federal lawsuit filed last week in Federal court alleges that a Yonkers Firefighter, David Daoud, was wrongfully suspended for 35 days after speaking out and filing a complaint against another YFD Officer who used a racial slur in his presence.

The lawsuit, and the story behind it are a bit confusing, because more than one members of the YFD is involved and more than one slur is involved, painting a bad portrait of the Yonkers Fire Department only one year after similar allegations were made in the department.

The Yonkers Fire Department is the defendant in the suit. Daoud has been employed with the YFD since 2013.. He is an Arab-American and lives in Eastchester.

The timeline of events, which was filed as part of the lawsuit, is as follows: On October 12, 2018, Plaintiff was assigned to work the day tour at Yonkers Fire Station 13.

While Plaintiff was having lunch with his colleagues, including two supervisors, Lts. James Callahan and Daniel Kime, one of his colleagues asked Plaintiff how he identified his ethnicity on the entrance exam. Plaintiff responded that he selected Caucasian as he is Middle Eastern and that was

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Yonkers Artist Creates "The Legacy Model Mural at NCC



Artist Evan Bishop, with artist Katori Walker, in front of his mural at the NCC, photo by Donna Davis

Yonkers-based educator and artist Evan Bishop (IG @evanbishopart) was commissioned to paint a mural on the exterior wall of Nepperhan Community Center (NCC) this past June. He, along with fellow artist Katori Walker (IG @walkerkatori) and a few young people from the neighborhood, painted the mural, entitled, "The Legacy Model".

This mural features notable men and a woman that championed the causes of civil rights and racial equality worldwide. This mural was made possible by the partnership of Community Change, Inc. (CCI) and the Nepperhan Community Center with funding by ArtsWestchester.

The mural was the final phase of CCI's Legacy Model, where participating young people explored viable career paths and identified cultural icons that paved the way.

On the top portion of the mural Evan painted portraits of Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez, Barack Obama, Rosa Parks, Fred Hampton and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On the bottom portion of the mural, Katori and the young people decorated the wall with vibrant Adinkra symbols and patterns that are reminiscent of textile designs of West Africa. She allowed them to paint their favorite symbols and educated them of the meanings behind each.

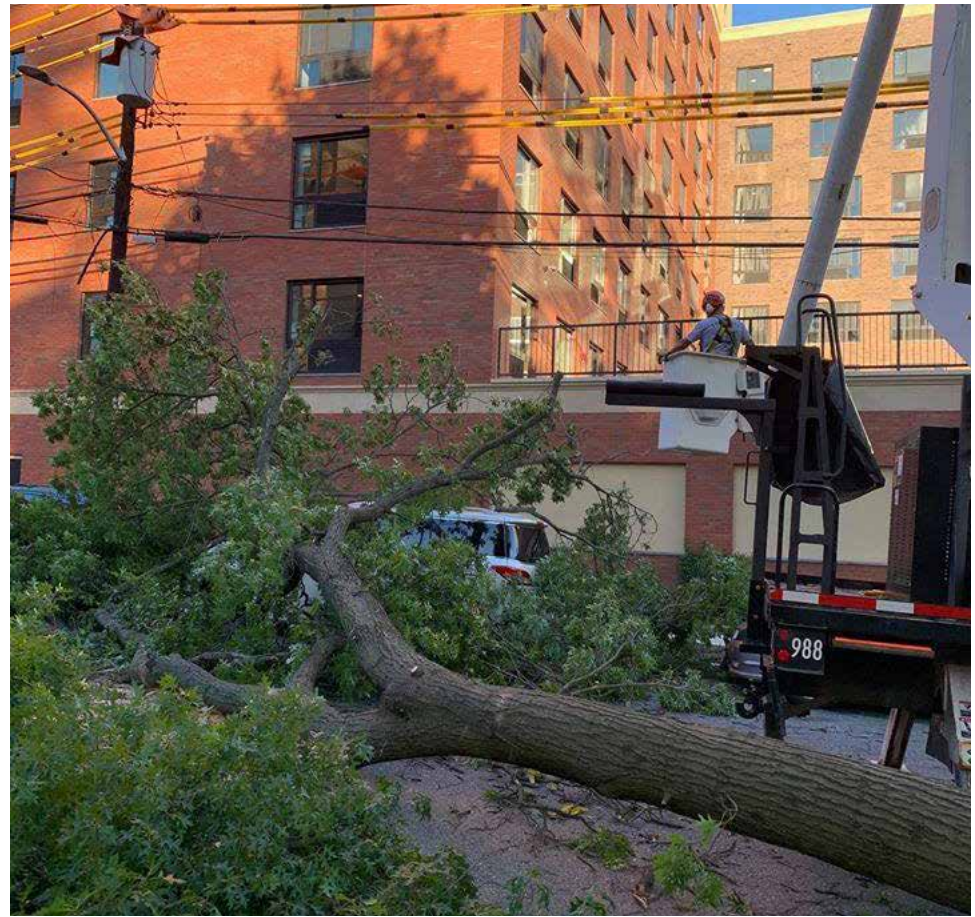
The NCC is located at 342 Warburton Ave. and has a long-standing reputation for providing quality programs for Yonkers residents. The mural is painted on the side of the center facing their parking lot.

This mural was slated to be painted at the beginning of Spring. Due to the closing of schools because of COVID-19, the project was delayed. Evan commenced with the mural and completed it this past June.

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Con Ed Leaves Yonkers in the Dark!

Unacceptable, Outrageous, Disgraceful !



One of the many trees down in Yonkers that left residents without power for weeks after storm Isaias

By Dan Murphy

While Yonkers is the City of Hills, and has experienced many power outages over the last 20 years, the length of time it took Con Edison to restore power to thousands of Yonkers residents after Tropical Storm Isaias has left Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Mike Khader and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins using adjectives like "reckless", "unacceptable", "disgraceful" and "outrageous" and has resulted in a call for an investigation.

That investigation has also been called by Governor Andrew Cuomo and by Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, who will go to bat for her community in Albany. "I am well aware of the problems many of you

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New Voting Machines Questioned: Five County Legislators Vote No



The County BOL approved \$4 Million for the purchase of new voting machines, despite concerns from Indivisible and 5 legislators who voted no

By Dan Murphy

The County Board of Legislators voted 12-5 to purchased 280 new voting machines despite concerns raised by five legislators who voted no and members of Indivisible Westchester. The cost was \$4.7 Million and was requested by the Board of Elections to help serve disabled voters when they come to the polls in November.

The new machines purchased are very much like the old machines that Westchester voters have been using for more than a decade. Dominion Voting's ICE ImageCast Evolution machines, are the ballots used by voters, filled out and then scanned into the voting machine.

The new ICE voting machines approved by the BOL and requested by the BOE, have an added feature that will allow disabled voters, and all voters, to cast their ballots in the same way. For the 12 members of the BOL who voted yes to purchase the machines, the hope was that the new machines will help alleviate the long lines that many county voters faced when they voted in the June 23 Democratic Primary.

But those who spoke out against the \$4 Million in borrowing said that the current ICE machines work fine and that concerns about hacking into the ICE machines, and an inability to properly count ballots with the new machines, warranted a no vote.

Allegra Dengler, from Indivisible Rivertowns, wrote a letter to County Executive George Latimer, which outlines the opposition to the purchase.

"What if (Sen. Peter) Hareckham lost to (Rob) Astorino but one of the ICE machines showed strange results? What if they found 300 ballots that were invalidated because the ballots were marked for both Hareckham and Astorino? (Remember, the ICE can print on ballots after the voter casts

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Untermeyer Performing Arts Council's World Fest Presents American Pop Aug. 15



American Pop

The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council is presenting American Pop as the first program of World Fest 2020 at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 15th at Untermeyer Park, 945 North Broadway in Yonkers. This performance will be streamed live on Facebook.

Audience attendance is limited to fifty people, and must be reserved in advance. No more than four people per reservation are allowed. Reservations can be made by calling 914-375-3435 after 11 am on Tuesday, August 11th, and will be accepted in the order we receive them. All members of each registration group must sit together in one of our designated, socially distanced areas.

Registration for attendees will be checked at the gate from 4:30 pm that day; only those people with reservations will be admitted to the park. Attendees must wear masks, and bring whatever personal protective equipment they need. Every attendee must bring his or her own chair.

American Pop was created in Las Vegas by two transplanted "Yonkers boys" Chuck St. Troy and Herman Eng; they wanted to bring the sounds of the 60s, 70s, and 80s, the sounds we loved and miss, back to life. The act was highly successful, so Chuck decided to bring to his hometowns the magic of those exciting years in our musical history. He contacted seasoned professional musicians he had performed with in the past, and carefully put together an exciting program. The group decided to expand, and brought amazing vocalist performer Sheila Galilei into the group, incorporating her fantastic Tina Turner-Motown tribute into the program. Besides the remarkable talents of Ms. Galilei, other members of the group are: Chuck St. Troy, vocals, sax, bass; Rick Agosta, guitar and vocals; Mike Nunz, drums, percussion and vocals; and Ed Sabol, bass and vocals.

This definitely will be another "don't miss" Untermeyer Performing Arts Council World Fest 2020 evening under the stars! The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to continuing the tradition of Minnie and Samuel Untermeyer, bringing musical entertainment to our treasure of a park and the people of Yonkers.

In case of rain, call the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line, 914-375-3435, or visit our website at www.untermeyerperformingarts.org after 1 p.m. the day of the performance for confirmation of the program. Because of the pandemic, there is no rain site.

This program, done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, is made possible by ArtsWestchester with support from Westchester County Government and the City of Yonkers. Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, and Assemblymember Nader Sayegh.

For further information, please call the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line at 914-375-3435 or visit www.untermeyerperformingarts.org, follow us on Twitter @UntermeyerPAC, LinkedIn, Instagram, Pinterest or our Facebook page.

Chromebooks Needed for Mayor's Backpack to School Drive



Last week, Mayor Mike Spano today announced the launch of the City's annual "Backpack to School" school supply donation drive. The 9th Annual Donation Drive provides backpacks and school supplies to Yonkers Public School students most in need. However, due to COVID-19, this upcoming school year may include distance learning, and an estimated 27,000 students will also need Chromebooks, laptops, and tablets in order to continue learning online and join their classmates.

"Back to school supplies can be a financial burden for families, especially for families who have more than one child in school," said Mayor Spano. "Distance learning will also be the main focus for many of our parents and students. Without remote access, many students are unable to connect with virtual learning, assignments, and other essential resources to stay on track with their education. By working together as a whole, we will continue to support the students of Yonkers."

"These are extraordinarily challenging times for so many of our students and families, both financially and emotionally," noted Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools. "This year more than ever, our children need not only backpacks and school supplies, they also need laptops and tablets for learning from home. For our students, we must remain committed to the success of the District's September Reopening that relies on strong partnerships with individuals, business, and community members."

Board of Education President Steve Lopez stated, "The Mayor's annual backpack drive has provided thousands of our students with valuable resources to support their progress. The enormous generosity offered by our community brings hope and a promise for a great school year."

Backpacks and school supply donations may be made at the following Backpack to School drop-off locations until Friday, August 21:

Yonkers Riverfront Library - 1 Larkin Center
Grinton I. Will Library - 1500 Central Park Avenue
Crestwood Library - 16 Thompson Street

All four Police Precincts
PCT 1 - 730 E. Grassy Sprain Road
PCT 2 - 441 Central Park Avenue
PCT 3 - 435 Riverdale Avenue
PCT 4 - 53 Shonnard Place

Suggested supply packages for donation include new backpacks filled with the usual school supplies, and hand sanitizer, masks/face coverings

To ensure that no student is left without a fighting chance to obtain a proper education, businesses and individuals throughout our community were asked to help provide Chromebooks [HP Chromebook 11A G8; Education Edition - 11.6"; A4 9120C - 4 GB Ram - 32; #16W64UT#ABA] to those in need during these unprecedented times.

For more information about the program, please contact the City of Yonkers Communications Office at 914-377-6300 or visit www.yonkersny.gov/backpack

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County's 9/11 Ceremony to be Held Virtually

Family Members of those lost on 9/11 and in the years following asked to participate in Ceremony

Westchester County's 2020 September 11th Ceremony will be held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The online ceremony will honor the thousands of lives lost during the September 11th attacks, and all those we have lost in the years following.

In an effort to pay tribute to those who have died, Westchester County Government is asking family members of those who were killed on 9/11, or those who have died of 9/11 related illnesses to read the names of those who have passed during the virtual ceremony. If you would like to participate, please send an email to Communications@WestchesterGov.com with your full name and contact information. The deadline to volunteer to read names is Monday, August 17.

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Upcoming Hudson River Museum Free Amphitheater Events



Magician Benjamin Levy

Upcoming events at the Hudson River Museum Amphitheater include:

Saturday, August 15--Diverse Concert Artists: Music of the American City
This quartet of string musicians is committed to changing the face of classical and crossover music through diversity. Diverse Concert Artists have collaborated with major artists including Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus, Mark Ronson, Solange, Tony Bennett and Bebe Rexha, and have performed on the stages of Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, Royal Opera House of Muscat, Merkin Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Plaza, on Broadway in Jagged Little Pill, and many more. Their repertoire includes standard classical works to the latest tunes on the top of the charts. Support provided by Art Bridges.

Saturday, August 22--Benjamin Levy: Magic & Mind Reading
Prepare yourself to be mesmerized! Benjamin Levy is a unique, multi-talented magician, memory expert, and speaker, who is the favorite of CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and who has performed for President Obama and Muhammad Ali. His programs are memorable, entertaining, audience-involving, highly personalized, sophisticated, and filled with humor and a special charm.

Saturday, August 29-Dynamic Rockers: Champions
Dynamic Rockers, the seminal NYC Hip Hop group, returns to HRM to perform Champions, their latest original theater piece about the journey of a youth who took advantage of a movement to create a legacy that had an impact on many lives around the world and, in the process, changed him. Support provided by Art Bridges.

Visit HRM.org for more information.

Gramatan Village & NYP-Lawrence Hospital Launches Free Falls Prevention Workshop

On Wednesday, August 19th from 10:30am-11:30am, Gramatan Village will present in conjunction with New York-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital a virtual workshop on Falls Prevention led by licensed physical therapist Grace Kulinski. This event is free and open to the public. To register for the workshop, please call Gramatan Village at (914) 337-1338 or visit <https://gramatan.z2systems.com/np/clients/gramatan/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1055&>

The Falls Prevention Workshop is the first in a monthly series of Vitality Initiative Presentations with NY-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital professionals. Upcoming Vitality Initiatives will include informative workshops by physicians, nurse practitioners, and dieticians on a variety of topics including heart health, dementia, diabetes prevention and education. "Gramatan Village is so appreciative to NY-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital for their generosity in collaborating with us on this important educational endeavor to help our entire community and all older adults," stated Gramatan Village Executive Director Sherry Saturno.

Stormy Weather, Keeps Raining All Time



By Eric W. Schoen

'Con Ed, Your franchise can be revoked.' 'I'm as serious as a heart attack.' 'We'll pull the plug.'

'State Public Service Commission will investigate.' 'There aren't enough crews on the ground.' 'We will dismantle Con Edison!' 'I'm not bluffing, I don't bluff!' 'State probes utilities over outages.' 'Next week the State Senate and Assembly will hold hearings on why a week later power has not been restored.' 'Bury the cables underground.'

Friends, doesn't it sound like a broken record. Every time we have one of these bad storms that takes down power lines, poles and trees we hear the same statements from the mouths of our elected officials. And nothing, nothing ever changes.

Why? Is Con Ed too big a tiger to reign in? Do they have such political clout that nothing can be done either to pull the plug on them or award their franchise to another company ending their monopoly? Does Con Ed and it's officers and those affiliated with them contribute campaign cash to our elected officials making their investigative screams a sham?

I can't figure out for the life of me why this mess goes on and on and has never stopped for most of the time I've been on this planet. Are our leaders afraid to pull the dam plug from Con Edison fearing that the replacement will be much worse?

I've gone through this information with you dear friends so many times in the past but it is worth repeating. Even if one of you without power as we go to press, a week from the time Isaias hit this region and caused chaos in our lives, if one person gets what going on here from my simple but important explanation I will be a happy camper.

Let's start out with the storm that's sets everything off. It's not caused by Governor Cuomo or Senate Leader Stewart-Cousins or State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. Even the powerful political dynasty of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano does not cause the storm, it's rain and winds barreling down on us causing us to pull out the flashlights, candles and electric generators.

The storm is caused by God. He or she doesn't, as far as I know, make this mess to make my life or your life miserable. Storms, rain, sunshine, hurricanes, viruses are all under his or her jurisdiction, certainly not caused by Con Edison and the good people who work for this gigantic company. Con Ed doesn't like to see storms because, no pun intended which ever way the winds blow they will be criticized.

Storms happen. When they do we hope and pray that they will not affect our lives. Quite often they do. Look at all the old trees that line our streets, rarely manicured and if not the whole tree branches ready to come down. Look at all those wires dangling from the poles for years, ready to come down with a little bit of wind. Look at the poles very few standing tall. Add to this mixture wires that provide us with internet and cable services, again loosely attached to the same poles our power lines are on and you have an accident waiting to happen.

'Let's bury all the power lines underground. Like Manhattan.' Sounds great. Makes us feel wonderful. Our problems are solved! Does anyone ever tell you how much this will cost? Nope. Never. So that is not a solution unless we come up with a lot of money. It ain't happening.

Just like governments don't keep enough people on staff to deal with every emergency that may occur and our medical system wasn't prepared for a once in a lifetime pandemic, extra crews and staff need to be called in. When it snows Public Works calls in men to man the snow plows and clean the streets. With storms you need very specialized equipment and quite often a lot of it, so crews have to be called in from all over the country. They come with the trucks they need to do the work, and trucks don't fly. It can take 24 hours for a utility truck from Florida to get here. From Indiana those calculations are beyond my pay scale.

Bottom line: just like it took time to deal with a pandemic and get our ducks in order with this mysterious virus, it takes time to deal with the aftermath of a storm. Since we have more storms than pandemics we should be better prepared for them, and Con Ed has mutual assistance agreements with utility companies around the United States. But that doesn't mean that when trees and poles and wires come tumbling down your lights and computers will be back up and running as fast as the plows clear your streets.

Another thing to remember is just like the snow plows clear the major streets first particularly those leading up to hospitals and schools. Just like our government now that in New York the pandemic has calmed down is dealing with clusters where they see increased virus infection rates. The utility companies are dealing first with the areas where large numbers of people have no electrical service. Chances are if your house is the only house on the block without power, Con Ed crews will reach you last. Simply they deal with large area outages first and then with smaller ones

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ANNUAL NEWS RELEASE - PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Charter School for Educational Excellence today announced a free and reduced price meal (Free Milk) policy for Westchester, NYC, and Rockland county area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility:

**2020-2021 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK**

Free Eligibility Scale						Reduced Price Eligibility Scale					
Free Lunch, Breakfast, Milk						Reduced Price Lunch, Breakfast					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 16,588	\$ 1,383	\$ 692	\$ 638	\$ 319	1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 984	\$ 908	\$ 454
2	\$ 22,412	\$ 1,868	\$ 934	\$ 862	\$ 431	2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,227	\$ 614
3	\$ 28,236	\$ 2,353	\$ 1,177	\$ 1,086	\$ 543	3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,546	\$ 773
4	\$ 34,060	\$ 2,839	\$ 1,420	\$ 1,310	\$ 655	4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,865	\$ 933
5	\$ 39,884	\$ 3,324	\$ 1,662	\$ 1,534	\$ 767	5	\$ 56,758	\$ 4,730	\$ 2,365	\$ 2,183	\$ 1,092
6	\$ 45,708	\$ 3,809	\$ 1,905	\$ 1,758	\$ 879	6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,502	\$ 1,251
7	\$ 51,532	\$ 4,295	\$ 2,148	\$ 1,982	\$ 991	7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 3,056	\$ 2,821	\$ 1,411
8	\$ 57,356	\$ 4,780	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,206	\$ 1,103	8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,140	\$ 1,570
Each Add'l person add	\$ 5,824	\$ 486	\$ 243	\$ 224	\$ 112	Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 346	\$ 319	\$ 160

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households that currently include children who receive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but who are not found during the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP), or households that currently receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a valid SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meal benefits based on participation in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR is extended to all children in the household. When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in the SNAP, TANF or the FDPIR programs. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Other Source Categorical Eligibility: When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program.

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the School Food Authority of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Other Households: Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals (or free milk). They may do so by completing the application sent home with the letter to parents. One application for all children in the household should be submitted. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to [Maria Morel](#). Please contact her at 914-476-5070 ext. 6 with any questions regarding the application process.

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Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the School Food Authority if they choose to decline the free meal benefits. Households may apply for benefits at any time throughout the school year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk at any point during the school year. For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same SFA. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the SFA is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School Food Authority does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals (free milk). Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may be listed on the application as a member of the family where they reside. Applications must include the foster child's name and personal use income. Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The Superintendent, whose address is 260 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application, the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

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On This Day in Yonkers History



Miss Yonkers 1924, Carol Kreisler

By Mary Hoar, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, August 17th

August 17, 1807: The North River Steamboat, known as the Clermont, passed Yonkers on its first trip from New York to Albany, the era of river steamboats. Inventor Robert Fulton, aided by investor Robert Livingston, built the Clermont; it was the world's first ship to successfully use steam propulsion for water transportation

August 17, 1933: The NY Public Service Commission singled out Yonkers as the only community in the metropolitan area that was NOT entitled to an emergency reduction in gas and electric rates.

August 17, 1934: Charging Yonkers with pay irregularities, unfair treatment and total rejection of their rights to collective bargaining under the NRA, Yonkers High School teachers refused to sign the payroll and prepared a major storm of protest.

Tuesday, August 18th

August 18, 1934: With a staff of six unemployed veterans, Harold Thibault, Director of the Yonkers Veterans' Bureau, began recording the graves of the more than 5,000 war veterans buried in our local cemeteries.

August 18, 1944: The year long mystery of Al Detra's missing golf club was solved! While playing a round of golf with friends at the Hudson River Golf Club, Westchester Lighting Company Manager H. Fred Stoeckel casually asked fellow players what kind of golf clubs they used. Detra, Manager of Sears, Roebuck and Company, answered, "Mohawk." A huge smile broke out on Fred's face; he pulled a club from his bag, and said, "Like this one?" It was Al's missing club! Stoeckel found the club a year earlier, and tried many times to find the owner; having no luck, he began carrying it in his golf bag, just in case! Detra was thrilled since he could not to replace the club.

Wednesday, August 19th

August 19, 1930: After failing twice to hijack a Government truck loaded with 200+ kegs of beer, two Yonkers men were arrested. Federal agents had seized the beer from a Chicken Island bottling plant and warehouse.

August 19, 1931: Dr. Clarence Buckmaster, Yonkers Health Commissioner, announced schools would not open in September if the number of infantile paralysis cases continued to rise. He echoed Westchester's Deputy Health Commissioner Richard Slee's announcement, that the rising number of polio cases in the county potentially could delay Fall school openings.

Thursday, August 20th

August 20, 1944: Many years ago, Yonkers courts were lit with gas lamps, including two that flanked both sides of the judge's bench. When electricity became more prevalent, the lights were taken down, but not the gas pipes; they were just plugged. The stems remained, sticking out from the wall. Attorney Francis Duffy started sniffing, then started fiddling with one of the capped up pipes. He announced, "Judge, I believe there's gas escaping from this old jet! We all might be overcome!" Judge Gerald Nolan, sniffed and retorted, "Guess I'm immune. I'm so used to gas escaping from you attorneys that I ever noticed it!"

August 20, 1947: Sol Gelb, Special Council to the Yonkers Common Council's investigation of the Labor Temple gambling scandal, was profiled in a New Yorker magazine article. A few years earlier, Gelb had interviewed prominent New York underworld figure Lepke Buchalter the afternoon he was to be executed in the Sing Sing death house. Although he promised to give solid evidence on Murder, Inc., he added nothing new.

Friday, August 21st

August 21, 1924: American Legion Post 7 announced a new contest for "Miss Yonkers" to represent our city at the Atlantic City pageant. The new contest was called to clear up disputes following the disqualification of winner Carol Kreisler because she was under age. Runner up Emma Soltis was denied the title because the judges had not really chosen her for second place; they had selected Kreisler's older sister Florence, but did not want to have two people from the same family in the top two places. At the second competition, Florence Kreisler was selected to represent our fair city!

August 21, 1947: Yonkers City Judge Charles Boote left mouths hanging open in his court after sentencing a convicted gambler, his fourth conviction for gambling. Boote told the miscreant he deserved to go to jail, but because the Herald Statesman editorially favored jail for convicted gamblers, he would let him escape the proper punishment! According to the daily, further judicial comments indicated it was done to spite the paper.

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Yonkers College Student News

Loyola University Maryland has announced the members of its spring 2020 Dean's List. In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must achieve a minimum QPA of at least 3.500 for the term, provided that, in the term they have successfully completed courses totaling a minimum of 15 credits.

The following Yonkers students were named to the Dean's List: Joshua Felice, Michael Purce, Catherine O'Donoghue, Julianne Raniolo, Christina Majdanski, Alaina Alfasi, Alexandra Hasselt, Pablo Rivera, Christian Alvarez, Grace Magrino.

Sam Houston State University also announced their summer 2020 Graduates. Amanda Baboolal, from Yonkers, received Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writ, Publish, & Edit.

Historic Washington Irving's Sunnyside Opens to the Public

Enjoy the picturesque grounds surrounding the home of "America's Founding Father of Literature" Historic Hudson Valley is excited to welcome visitors back to Washington Irving's Sunnyside for a special outdoor-only experience beginning on August 7, 2020.

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Historic site experiences and procedures have been modified to help safeguard the health and safety of visitors, employees, and the community. This includes significantly reducing capacity, requiring face masks or coverings, enhancing cleaning protocols, and implementing advanced timed tickets with no tickets sold on site. Visitors also agree to follow Historic Hudson Valley's COVID Courtesy Code (more information available here).

Reduced capacity 2-hour time slots are available Friday-Sunday at 10 AM, 12 PM, and 2 PM. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit hudsonvalley.org.

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The Legacy Model program encourages young people to explore career and life choices that are aligned with their beliefs, talents and areas of interest. The participants use their cultural heritage to guide them to professionals that share the same background. The mural was created with spray paint and exterior latex paint.

Evan and Katori have remained active during this time of quarantine and social distancing. Since late March of this year, they have hosted interactive online children's art workshops, via Zoom, for art institutions and educational organizations and libraries.

Due to the mandatory nationwide stay at home orders, they, along with fellow Yonkers-based artist Luisa Baptista, felt the need to support other artists. So they co-founded ART 4 WELLNESS (IG @art4_wellness), a weekly videoconferencing event where artists create art live while enjoying the sounds of DJs from Uptown Vinyl Supreme playing upbeat and inspirational music. For 19 consecutive weeks they have welcomed artists into this free event on Zoom. Artists from Yonkers, Westchester County, NYC, Georgia, Florida, San Francisco and Germany log in on a regular basis. Artists from Africa, Australia, Mexico and Canada have use this space to also gain inspiration.

Evan and Katori are passionate about using art as a tool to educate, empower and celebrate people in and around the city of Yonkers.

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computers will be back up and running as fast as the plows clears your streets.

Another thing to remember is just like the snow plows clear the major streets first particularly those leading up to hospitals and schools. Just like our government now that in New York the pandemic has calmed down is dealing with clusters where they see increased virus infection rates. The utility companies are dealing first with the areas where large numbers of people have no electrical service. Chances are if your house is the only house on the block without power, Con Ed crews will reach you last. Simply they deal with large area outages first and then with smaller ones later. Same goes for the restoration of Optimum cable service which needs electricity to allow you to pull up this column on your iPads.

By this time those of you with no power are ready to throw a skillet at me because no matter what I say no power is no power. Just make sure the skillet is filled with someone delicious for me to eat!

I see a Con Edison Information Truck open at Cross County Center most days of the week. No lines but then if you can't get your car out of your driveway how are you going to get there? Another truck also without lines must be housing dry ice. Since no one is picking it up I thought I might get some. Don't know what I would do with it (give it to a neighbor in need of course) but the dry ice would remind me of the machine the Spano family had on Riverdale Avenue that dispensed dry ice for a dollar or so for picnics where beverages or ice cream would be stored for long periods of time.

The Solution to our problem is to send electricity directly to consumers via a mode of transmission that doesn't use wires or cables to send power. That's a long way off. Con Ed is reimbursing consumers \$235 for items spoiled in your freezer or refrigerator and if you have pictures and get receipts you can get \$540. I always wonder where they get these odd numbers from. But if you lost anything put in for reimbursement.

I've seen people outside the library or in their cars by Starbucks or other places with working WiFi. With the hot weather the libraries serve as cooling centers though capacity is limited. And please don't get mad at me if things go haywire with the next storm and I write the same column with the same information. I doubt over the next 10-15 years anything will change.

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

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Saturday, August 22nd

August 22, 1928: With several aspects of the Mayoral/Common Council Presidency question undecided, Mayor Fogarty announced he would preside over the Common Council meetings until January 1st to avoid any legal entanglements.

August 22, 1936: Mayor Joseph Loehr killed the Board of Education's chances to apply for more than \$4,000,000 in PWA (Public Works Administration) federal money to build new school buildings. The mayor refused to call a special session of the Board of Estimate to grant the Board of Ed permission to apply for the grant.

August 22, 1937: Thomas L. Cotton, District Supervisor of the WPA (Works Progress Administration), heard charges of racial discrimination against Yonkers WPA workers.

Sunday, August 23rd

August 23, 1926: Thanks to good citizen Anna Powers, police were able to capture two men who were robbing the refreshment booth at Glen Park. Powers happened to look out her window, and saw the two men going into the booth, and immediately called the police. The two men ran through the dark park when she saw the three policemen—Patrolmen James Morrissey, Henry Schade and William Walsh—but they were caught after several hundred yards and several shots fired. Nearby Detective William Daly heard the shots, ran to the scene and assisted in the arrests. The two men were held for further investigation..

August 23, 1931: As part of their efforts to keep the budget for the approaching year the same as the last year, Superintendent Lamont Hodge reported no new salary increases and no new teachers would be hired unless there was an unforeseen emergency.

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are still facing due to Con Ed's failure to restore power in a timely manner. Con Ed's response to the storm is outrageous and will be investigated. In fact, the Senate and the Assembly will be holding a joint hearing in the upcoming weeks on the outages and the response. I will keep you informed. I have been aggressively seeking information about where and when the power will be restored, and I am not happy with what I have heard," said Stewart-Cousins.

Mayor Spano went to Social Media to Tweet and Post of Facebook his anger at Con Ed. "This week I toured the city and spoke to a number of residents, and we all find ourselves asking the same question, 'Where is Con Ed?'"

"It is abundantly clear, Yonkers has once again been overlooked by Con Ed in its restoration efforts. They have been moving at a snail's pace here in Yonkers and it is time we hold them accountable.

"It is time for Con Ed to step it up. After Hurricane Sandy, you would think utility companies would have come to terms and realize that this is a new climate we are facing. Simply put, Con Ed was not prepared for Tropical Storm Isaias, and Yonkers is left to feel the devastating effects it's had on our communities.

As a result, I am in complete support of Governor Cuomo's call for an investigation by the Department of Public Service into the utility companies and I urge them to impose significant financial penalties on Con Ed as a result of their negligence," said Spano.

Council President Khader said, "Khader-- Two years ago after a big storm I spoke out against the disappointing response by ConEd and called for an investigation in to the matter. Fast forward to today and Yonkers has once again been left in the dark by the utility company. This is not acceptable. Folks are understandably frustrated. I will be looking into what the City Council can do to bring accountability at a local level. We need quicker response times and more crews on the ground. The people of Yonkers deserve better."

DPW Sanitation and Street Maintenance Crews have been out over the past 10 days picking up residential storm debris such as organic yard waste, twigs, branches and small tree clippings, small cut up logs (3-4 foot in length tied in a bundle), and raked debris (preferably tied). The Organic Yard will also operate under extended hours this to give residents another opportunity to dispose of storm debris.

YFD Racial Slurs, continued from pg 1-

listed under Caucasian.

Lt. Kime, his supervisor, immediately responded, "He should have put down sand nigger." Plaintiff was shocked and appalled by his supervisor's use of a racist slur in front of his colleagues and another supervisor. Lt. Kime went on to say words to the effect that Plaintiff should not be sensitive about his use of the slur because there are firefighters in Plaintiff's firehouse who brag about having killed Arabs while they were in military service.

Upon information and belief, Lt. Kime subsequently went on to relay the incidents to Plaintiff's colleagues and supervisors in a way that misrepresented events and damaged Plaintiff's reputation by claiming that Plaintiff had instigated an argument with Lt. Kime and had been insubordinate. Plaintiff complained to Deputy Chief of Personnel Daniel Flynn about the deeply humiliating discriminatory incident. On or about January 18, 2019, Callahan, told Plaintiff that Kime was merely "ribbing" him.

In January 2019, Firefighter Union President, Barry McGoey shared a memorandum via text with Plaintiff in which Lt. Kime merely received a written reprimand as discipline for his discriminatory actions.

Upon information and belief, instead of investigating the incident promptly and taking appropriate disciplinary action, Defendant delayed the investigation and prolonged the disciplinary process in order to allow Kime to retire with no discipline as planned in March of 2020.

On August 27, 2019, Plaintiff was summoned to meet with the Inspector General of Yonkers for an alleged egregious offense on the part of Plaintiff. A complaint against Plaintiff had apparently been lodged two to three weeks before.

Plaintiff was told that he is being investigated for using the slang term "nigga" on a social media platform. The complaint against Plaintiff was investigated by the Inspector General. This is out of the ordinary since all investigations of an employee of Defendant's takes place internally within the Fire Department.

Upon information and belief, the investigation was conducted by the Inspector General rather than internally in retaliation for Plaintiff complaining about the discrimination that he had endured. On or about September 10, 2019, Plaintiff complained that he is being retaliated against.

In a Notice of Discipline dated December 16, 2019, Plaintiff was informed that he would be suspended without pay for thirty-five days causing him and his family undue financial hardship.

City Council President Mike Khader said, "Disheartened to read about the alleged retaliatory actions of our fire department toward one of its own. We have a great city workforce, however today I renew my call for the implementation of mandatory implicit bias and sensitivity training. There is no room for racism or discrimination in the city of Yonkers, this culture must change. If we continue to ignore this problem, these issues will become systemic in every department."

Any comments on this story please email dmurphy@risingmedia-group.com.

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them). What law could Hareckham appeal to get over-voted ballots counted for him? writes Allegra Dengler, from Indivisible Rivertowns, in a letter to County Executive George Latimer.

"Election Commissioners Reggie LaFayette and Doug Colety stonewalled, lied, bullied and threatened the legislators to get them to bond the expensive Dominion ICE voting machines produced by a privately owned secretive corporation that US Senators are investigating.

"Instead of listening to the science, legislators bowed to the commissioners and narrowly approved the bond, with the exception of five dedicated public servants who read the testimony of independent experts in cybersecurity and voting machine technology. They believed the science instead of the talking points in the Dominion sales pitch, as channeled by the two election commissioners. In this regard, the other twelve legislators resembled climate change deniers listening to Exxon Mobil.

"Outside of New York City, in all the 61 counties in New York, Westchester was the ONLY county that experienced the lines and other extensive problems experienced by voters in the primary. Instead of preparing for the primary, the BOE was badgering the Legislature for these voting machines. Almost all of the other New York counties ran their primaries on existing equipment, but only Westchester, using the ICE, had the problems.

"Did the BOE create the problems in order to force the Legislators to buy the machines they wanted? Why have they been so determined to buy these machines? Is there more to their cozy relationship with the vendors and Dominion in particular?"

"Four years ago, in the 2016 primary, New York City and Westchester (and again ONLY Westchester) were investigated by NYS Attorney General Schneiderman for problems with that primary. A report was issued and nothing was done. What's going on at the Westchester County Board of Elections? Both Commissioners should be fired and replaced with competent professionals who are not party bosses or party hacks. I urge you to veto this Bond and give us a chance to have our votes accurately counted." The five county legislators that voted no were Damon Maher, Jose Alvarado, David Tubiolo, Catherine Parker, and Ruth Walter. Parker and Maher expressed concerns about hacking and the desire to pursue a more hi-tech voting machine in the future," wrote Dengler.

Instead of buying more ICE + machines, most leading experts in election security recommend having a hard copied, marked ballot for each voter. The current ICE machines provide that, while the new machines open up the possibility of being marked again if a hacker chose to infiltrate the system.

The same election security experts all agree that all election equipment that uses software can be hacked, regardless of some comments made by the BOE to the contrary. The back door to election troubles would come when machines are programmed by hackers to add additional marks, or votes, to ballots, after it's been inspected and the vote cast. That would make those votes invalid when attempting a recount.

For more information on this topic, read How New Voting Machines Could Hack Our Democracy, by Jennifer Cohn, <https://www.ny-books.com/daily/2019/12/17/how-new-voting-machines-could-hack-our-democracy/>.

The new ICE machines are also called ballot-marking devices. While they are good for assisting disabled voters cast their vote, but as some legislators have suggested, they should be used only for those who need assistance, and will do little to help alleviate the long lines at the polls expected November 3.

During the debate, Legislator Damon Maher said, "We don't need to buy all of these new ICE machines. Even if we did, we are buying too many. They're too expensive. They have a serious security flaw according to many experts in the field. Because of that there are federal and State bills pending to outlaw the machines, which may be may obsolete soon by a change in technology and/or the trending preference in the future to vote by mail."

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who represents Pelham and the Bronx, also opposed the purchases. "As we approach the most consequential election of our lifetimes, ensuring the safety and security of our elections is paramount. That is why I am disappointed that the Westchester County Board of Legislators gave the Board of Elections the green light to move ahead with their plan to purchase Dominion ICE voting machines. These hybrid machines pose an unnecessary risk that our election system can ill afford as it adapts to the challenges of COVID-19. I urge the Westchester Board of Elections to reconsider their decision and purchase machines that will protect residents' votes without question.

But we need to extend this conversation beyond Westchester, and achieve state-wide reform to voting machine certification criteria. I will continue to advocate for Senator Myrie's bill, S6733, to bar the State Board of Elections from certifying hybrid voting machines that allow ballots to be altered once submitted. All New Yorkers deserve incontrovertible confidence when they cast their ballot that their voice will be heard."

Finally, Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner has made a good suggestion to those of us who will be voting by mail in November. "Many voters complained during the June primary that they did not receive absentee ballots in a timely manner after they submitted the requests. And, other voters worry that the postal service may lose the absentee ballots in the mail -depriving voters of their right to vote. Or, that the ballots arrive after the deadline passed. Our postal service is not reliable - many letters are lost, sent to the wrong address. President Trump has attacked our mail service -sowing voting fears. There is an alternative to an unreliable postal service. "Since we can't count on the Postal Service to send ballots to the right address in time and since voting by mail is important and we want to encourage maximum participation, I have a suggestion: The Board of Elections should place a secure and safe box (similar to a mail box) at each Town, Village and City Hall. If voters don't trust the post office- voters could drop off their ballots at the municipal building. If people apply for a ballot and do not receive one before the primary each municipal building should have extra ballots that the voter can obtain and send in.

"This recommendation, if followed, will increase voter participation and help make sure that everyone who wants to vote actually does vote. In June - in one legislative district in Brooklyn, about 20% of the ballots cast by absentee ballot were thrown out. Other states that have mail in ballots also don't count ballots that arrive too late," said Feiner. The other option is to hand deliver your completed ballot to the BOE.

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A Tale of Two Trees



Damage from the recent storm. photo by Sandy Hesselbacher

By Ken Hesselbacher

On July 1, 2020 I was walking on Pondfield Road in Bronxville on my way to the Bronxville Library. Diagonally across from the library is the Reformed Church of Bronxville. As I approached the church I noticed a large crane and truck blocking the sidewalk. There was a landscaping company in the process of removing a large oak tree from the lawn in front of the church.

Although I was saddened to see this magnificent tree being cut down and removed, I said to myself that there must be a good reason that this was being done. Returning from the library I looked across the street and saw standing on the front lawn of the church an even larger oak tree about 30 feet away from where the tree that had been removed.

The Tree looked so sad and forlorn. Although I am not a tree therapist, I believed the tree was mourning his fallen fellow oak tree. Life however goes on and so I too went on. And then on August 5th, the day after the Isiasis storm, I was driving along Pondfield Road with my wife, Sandra when we saw that remaining oak tree split in half and lying on his side. We parked the car and Sandra took the photo.

Although the passing of these two old oak trees is so sad, I wanted to end the tale on a more positive note, so I offer these two quotes: The first would be from the final line from the classic 1933 movie "King Kong", "Oh no, it wasn't the airplanes, it was beauty that killed the beast!"

And the second quote is from me, "Wear your mask, maintain six foot social distance, and vote!"

And then on August 7th, as I was walking past the spot, the second oak tree had been removed except for the stump. As I paused and looked up I noticed that there was one remaining oak tree, standing as much as an oak tree can stand at attention, next to the American flag flying at half mast.

Farewell old Oaks!



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