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NY Giants Name Yonkers Brave's Victor Chiappa Coach of the Week



Yonkers Brave Football Coach Victor Chiappa with family

The New York Giants and Gatorade have selected Mr. Victor Chiappa of the Yonkers Brave (Yonkers, NY) as the Lou Rettino High School Coach of the Week for Week 2 of the 2020 season. Coach Victor Chiappa is in his 3rd season as head coach of the Yonkers Brave.

The Lou Rettino High School Football Coach of the Week Award is part of the Giants' continuing effort to support local youth football programs. The Giants elected to name the award in memory of former Union High School (NJ) coach, Lou Rettino, for his fine commitment to the game of football, his community and the betterment of his athletes' lives. Each week during the high school football season, the Giants selected one area high school head coach as the Coach of the Week winner. The selection is based on the coach's continuing commitment towards promoting youth football, developing motivated student-athletes and his overall community involvement.

In recognition of Coach Chiappa's selection as Coach of the Week, a \$2,000 check will be granted to the school's football program from The Giants Foundation and Gatorade. He will also receive a certificate of recognition signed by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Giants head coach Joe Judge.

Coach Chiappa's credits his coaching pedigree to the other successful head coaches he has learned from an assistant coach at places like New Rochelle, Nyack, Clarkstown South, Harrison, and John Jay Cross River, where he has won 4 sectional championships. The Yonkers Brave football program is made up of students from Saunders, Lincoln, Riverside and Palisade Prep and is supported by the Yonkers Fire Department. "The partnership with the Fire Department goes beyond support with Friday night dinners," said Coach Chiappa. "They provide the boys with support to excel in school and prepare for life. I can't thank Lou Vellucci and the Yonkers

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Simplifying the Voting Process



By Verris Shako, Esq. Democrat for Yonkers City Court Judge

Do not assume your usual Election Day polling site will be open on November 3rd,- Election Day! With so many polling sites closed or changed due to the pandemic, knowing how, where and when to vote in the upcoming General Election is crucial.

If you voted in the Democratic Primary in June, Great! Now you will have to vote again in the General Election in November! The June primary determined the Democratic candidates on the ballot for the General election and the General election will determine who will be elected! If you did not vote in June, then start planning your vote now to ensure your vote is counted!

Citizens who will be eighteen years of age on Election Day November 3rd should immediately register to vote ONLINE at <https://voterreg.dmv.ny.gov/MotorVoter/> or complete a voter registration form at any public library.

Due to the pandemic there are three ways to vote in the General Election:

1. Early Voting from October 24 to November 1st at the Grinton I. Will Library at 1500 Central Park Avenue or the Riverfront Library at 1 Larkin Center, the hours to vote are: Saturday and Sundays 12 noon to 5pm, Monday-Wednesday-Friday 8am to 4pm and Tuesday & Thursday 12pm to 8pm for this nine day period. You will be able to cast your vote for all your chosen candidates from President to our local races. You will be able to cast your vote for your next Yonkers City Court Judge.

2. Vote on Election Day, November 3rd at your designated polling station.

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New Rochelle Man Attempts to Murder FBI Agent in Getty Square *Great Work by Yonkers Police*



Yonkers Police take down shooter in Getty Square

Last Friday, September 25, Yonkers Police officers and FBI agents, pulled over Darren Smith, of New Rochelle, in Getty Square, Yonkers. After law enforcement officers attempted to stop Smith's car, he fled on foot with a handgun.

As officers, including a FBI Task Force Officer, attempted to arrest him, Smith fired his handgun into Getty Square in Yonkers. As the FBI Task Force Officer attempted to control Smith's hand to prevent him firing again, Smith struggled to turn the gun in the Task Force Officer's direction and continued to fire.

Smith, 24, of New Rochelle, is charged with one count of attempting to murder a federal officer, one count of using a deadly weapon to interfere with the performance of a federal officer's official duties, and one count of discharging a firearm in the course of a crime of violence. If convicted, Smith could face life in prison.

Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller said: "As this was one of the most depraved and reckless acts I have witnessed in my 28 years in law enforcement, the response by our Yonkers Police Officers was also one of the most heroic and selfless acts I have witnessed in my career. We often hear how our police officers run toward danger, without consideration for their own well-being.

"In this incident, everyone who views the video can attest to the validity of this often used term. As Yonkers Police Commissioner, I could not be prouder of the officers and supervisors that God has blessed me to work with. Thank you also to the outpouring of support from our beloved community who have inundated the Yonkers Police with well wishes and gratitude."

Acting Manhattan U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: "As alleged, the defendant fired a handgun into a commercial hub in Yonkers and, in a further wanton disregard for human life, attempted to direct his fire at a federal law

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Artist Vinnie Bagwell Among Oct. Offerings at Hudson River Museum



Artist Vinnie Bagwell, with her sculpture of Ella Fitzgerald at the Yonkers Train Station, will be on HRM online Oct. 4

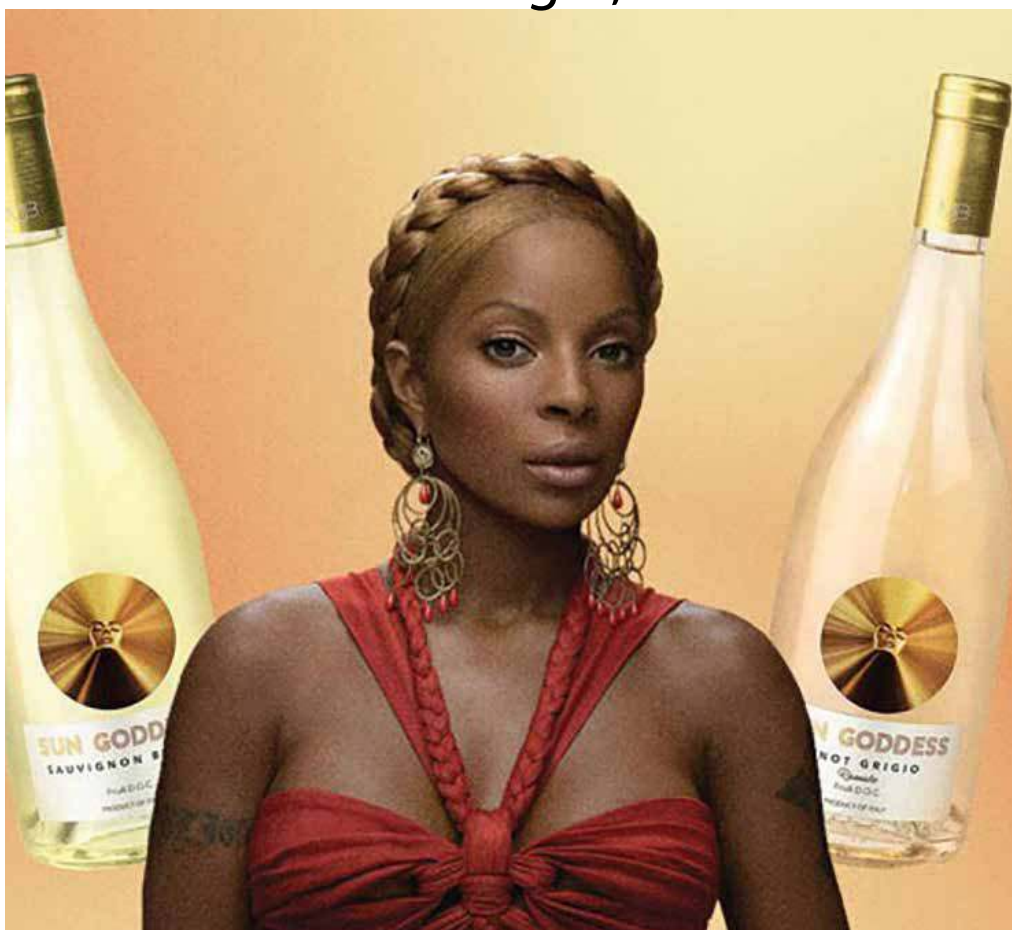
The Hudson River Museum is hosting a combination of virtual and onsite events throughout October. All events are free unless otherwise noted. Learn more at hrm.org/calendar.

Thursday, October 1, 8, 22, 29, 7pm, The Sky Tonight: Live-Streamed Planetarium Show. Join our science educators from the comfort of your home for this live-streamed "The Sky Tonight" show via Facebook Live. Through an online planetarium simulator, learn about the constellations of October, like Pegasus and the other constellations that figure into the Perseus legend, the planets currently gracing our evening skies, and even a "teenaged" star that is making a huge mess—and a lot of noise—in one corner of the heavens. We'll also cover the latest space news and exciting discoveries. Bring your questions! Recommended for general audiences, ages 8+.

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'Mary J. Blige Day' in Yonkers

New Wine from Singer, Actress



Iconic Grammy Award winning singer, songwriter, actress, producer and philanthropist, Mary J. Blige is a figure of inspiration, transformation and empowerment making her one of the defining voices of the contemporary music era. With a track record of eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards, two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations, a SAG nomination, and a BET Lifetime Achievement award, among many other accolades, Blige has cemented herself as a global superstar, with more than 50 million albums sold.

Blige, who recently released a new wine called "Sun Goddess", was honored at Stew Leonard's Yonkers with proclamations from Mayor Mike Spano and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Spano declared Sept. 17, Mary J. Blige Day. "Wine tasting is one of my passions. Wine is culture. Wine is community. Wine is lifestyle. Wine is emotion. The name SUN GODDESS evokes powerful childhood memories that I carry with me today. I've always loved the sun, and as a child I always tried to capture the sun's warmth and energy. It was magical to me, and it's with that spirit, that my mom began calling me "Sun Goddess," said Blige, who joined fans on Zoom and was unable to attend the event because she was quarantining at home after traveling overseas.

Although born in the Bronx, Mary J. Blige was raised in Yonkers, where her family resided in the Schlobohm Housing Projects; she attended Yonkers Public Schools and spent a short time with a Yonkers band, before being signed to Uptown Records, as the company's youngest and first female artist. Her mother Cara and brother Bruce, attended the event at Stew Leonard's. "Our team members are so excited to be honoring our hometown hero that is Mary J. Blige. We could not be more proud of her accomplishments and will be to come! I know that every wine lover will enjoy these special wines from a local icon," said Stew Leonard, Jr.

Life Is Hectic, Don't Put Off Your Breast Cancer Screening



Dr. Michelle Azu

In 2020, we've let nonessentials fall by the wayside to focus on surviving the pandemic. That's understandable ... but as we adjust to the challenges a new way of life, do not think of breast cancer screening as nonessential.

The American Cancer Society notes that many individuals are putting cancer screenings on hold this year. It is important to remember cancer doesn't take a break. One in eight women in the U.S. will receive a breast cancer diagnosis by her 75th birthday. That's why it's so important to keep up with routine mammograms.

"We understand fear associated with routine healthcare during a pandemic but want you to know it is safe to have screenings and routine care performed," said Michelle Azu, M.D., FACS, director of breast surgical services at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, associate director of the Breast Disease Management Team at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence and assistant professor of surgery at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. "We have taken the critical precautions necessary to continue keeping the health of our community as the top priority. We do not want to miss or delay a diagnosis so be sure to call to schedule your screenings as soon as possible. Our doors are open."

Community of Care

At the NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital Cancer Center, women can receive screening, biopsy and, if needed, a full range of breast cancer treatments under one roof. NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Cancer Center offers advanced therapies and supportive care for women at every stage of their cancer journey.

"Breast cancer care may include surgery, radiation oncology and/or medical oncology. For surgical decision-making, it's important to have a detailed conversation with your surgeon to understand your options are so you can make a really informed decision," Dr. Azu said.

"We are a community of specialists focused on providing the best care tailored to your exact circumstance. We can draw on our partnership with Columbia University to offer access to a range of clinical trials. We support our cancer community at every stage and will continue to advocate for early detection of breast cancer to begin exploring treatment possibilities as soon as possible."

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Senator Mayer Hold Census Outreach Deadline Extended to Oct 31 to Get Counted



Senator Shelley Mayer in Yonkers in front of the Aisling Community Center with members of her Youth Advisory Council and Census Bureau.

On Saturday, September 26th, Senator Shelley Mayer hosted three events—one in Port Chester, New Rochelle, and Yonkers—for Census outreach. Senator Mayer and her Youth Advisory Council partnered with the Census Bureau and local Complete Count Committees to help residents get counted on the spot. The three locations target Hard to Count communities in Westchester before the October 31st deadline to be counted. Completing the census is confidential, and information will not be shared with other agencies.

“Census data determines funding for government programs that lift up our communities including for schools, roads, healthcare, housing, and so much more. I am so proud that my Youth Advisory Council spearheaded and staffed this event in the multiple communities at greatest risk of undercount. With the deadline only one month away, I am glad I was able to coordinate with local Complete Count Committees and the Census Bureau to get more residents counted in Hard to Count communities in Port Chester, New Rochelle, and Yonkers,” said Senator Mayer.

Senator Mayer’s office had tables at the Purdy Avenue Port Chester Housing Authority, Feeney Park in New Rochelle, and in front of the Aisling Irish Community Center in Yonkers. “There were unique challenges these communities faced this year to ensure residents were counted in the Census including allaying fears about confidentiality of information and not being able to do traditional, door-to-door outreach due to the threat of COVID-19. I am grateful to all of our partners for the Census outreach events, and we will continue to promote until the very last day of the deadline,” said Mayer.

There are over 50 government programs that rely on Census data for fund disbursement. Some of the largest government programs that allocate federal funding to states based on Census data include: Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Supplemental Medical Insurance (Medicare Part B), Federal Pell Grant Program, and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

Last week, a Federal Judge ruled that the Census needed more time to get an accurate count, and the original deadline of October 31, 2020 would stay in place. Everyone must be counted in the Census every ten years regardless of immigration status or age. Filling out the Census is safe and secure, and information provided will not be shared with immigration enforcement, law enforcement agencies, or used to determine eligibility for benefits. Visit my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to be counted.

Letter to the Editor: Mr. Murphy

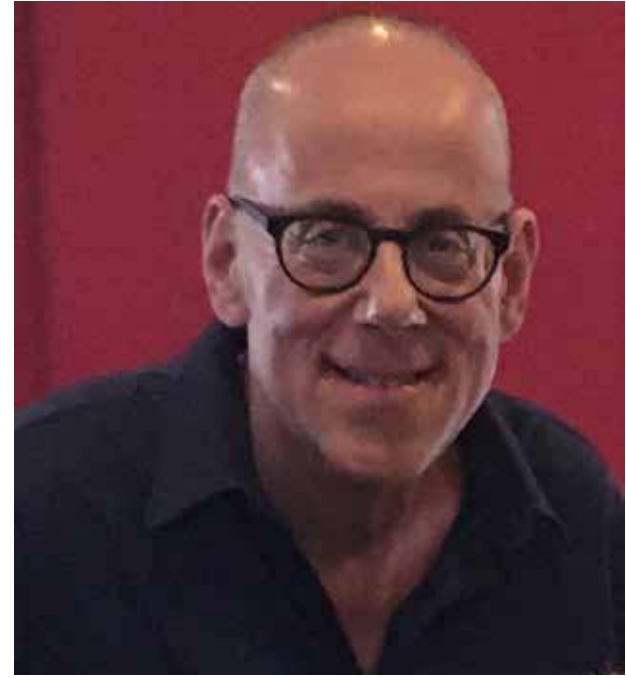
I agree that the BLM Mural is a disgrace. I’m very disappointed in Mayor Spano. There should have been an All Lives Matter or no mural at all.

We have 100 different ethnicities and 60 spoken languages in Yonkers. I was born and raised in Yonkers, got married in Yonkers, and raised my family here.

I worked in the Yonkers Public Schools for 25 years with administrators of all colors and religions. I was a democratic leader. I will say it again, “All Lives Matter.”

Sincerely, *Joan Bulitzer, Yonkers*

All I Want is a Cup of Coffee



By Eric Schoen

As we near by the end of the year my 500th column, you know my love for coffee. I’m not an all day coffee drinker but I like my morning jolt. Preference is 4 ristretto shots (a little stronger than espresso shots), venti (Starbucks terminology) cup, 5 Stevia and a splash of half and half and a splash of 2% milk. All over ice.

At the start of the Covid 19 pandemic a friend from Italy (who also owns a pizzeria so he has food credibility) told me to stop drinking the cold beverages. A hot beverage will kill Covid 19 when you drink it as it doesn’t like hot environments. Cold beverages don’t do that and let Covid 19 live in your throat.

So for 3 months I pretty much drank hot coffee everyday. My theory with hot coffee. The best hot coffee is sold at the places that have specials where they charge \$1 for any size. I don’t know if it’s the fact that the coffee is always fresh because they are brewing it constantly or if they hope that when you pay \$1 for coffee you will buy other accompaniments (bagels, pastries, sandwiches).

So with the 7-Eleven app I can get a large hot coffee for \$1 (I like their hazelnut), add a free espresso shot (they have them in little cups), my sweetener, splash of Hazelnut coffee creamer and splash of fat free half and half and be on my way, no Barista required.

Fast forward 3 months. I go to my doctor for a regular appointment, and my doctor who is of Italian descent tells me that what my Italian pizzeria owner friend told me is incorrect and I can go ahead and drink iced coffee. Gotta listen to your Doctor.

So lately when it comes to coffee I have been all over the place. The coffee is important to me, but the freedom to make it the way I like it is most important. Don’t get me wrong. I still love my Starbucks baristas, but I want to put my own condiments in my coffee. I like it perfect.

Mind you this whole coffee thing is based on limiting the ability for you to get Covid 19. And I have yet to figure out who is making the decision as to what condiments I can put in my coffee safely and what condiments the barista or store clerk needs to put in. And the condiment escapade is all over the place.

In terms of coffee freedom 7-Eleven gives you the most freedom and greatest choices all for a \$1 any size, free shot of espresso included. You take a cup, fill it with hot coffee of your choice, and add the milk and sweetener all by your self. You even have the freedom to taste it to make sure it’s just right. Put the lid on, pay and I am out of there.

Now Starbucks, a place I have been going to since the first one opened in Bronxville many years ago gives you the least freedom. The Barista prepares your beverage and you must tell him or her what condiments you want in it, sweetener and creamer. If they think they are going to spread Covid 19 by giving you the sweetener packets to put in yourself and the ability to add milk or cream, someone really needs to give the corporate guy or gal making this decision a psychological evaluation.

I have discovered Panera with several locations in Westchester and their coffee is good and their prep model is sorta of hybrid. They have a good deal now. For \$9 a month you can get any size iced or hot coffee you want every 2 hours everyday. You must tell the clerk how many packets and what kind of sweetener you want and they physically hand you the packets. No packets on the table where you dispense hot coffee yourself. Cold coffee is dispensed by the clerk behind the counter who gives you the sweetener packets and the creamer is on the counter for you to add as you please.

All of this coffee craziness is done with the goal of stopping any Coronavirus spread. Who are they kidding!

Same mishegas (Yiddish word for craziness) goes for fountain soda, the soda water that is mixed with syrup when it enters your cup vs. bottles or cans pre-made and sealed. I don’t drink this stuff often, but again 7-Eleven gives you the most freedom. Pour away your fountain soda into your cup, put the lid on and you are set to go. Target cafes have eliminated fountain soda, Panera let’s you pour your own, and many McDonalds have eliminated fountain soda period.

All of this craziness with the hope of stopping the spread of Covid-19. Are you kidding me! These policies are not written down anywhere in the laws of the land. It’s just some high paid corporate executive without a medical degree probably making a lot of money making these stupid decisions instead of focusing on customer service.

Now after you drink the hot coffee, cold coffee or fountain soda you have to go to the bathroom. And some places (like the Burger King on Central Avenue in Yonkers across from Cross County Center) have either closed their bathrooms or closed sinks or stalls. And the federal, state and local governments keep saying wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds? How do they expect you to do this when the bathroom is closed.

The sinks with the water dispensers where you push down and your get 5 seconds of water need to be adjusted to 20 seconds. Soap must be available. And to properly preform the hand washing procedure, you need real paper towels not those stupid hand drying machines. The towels allow you to turn on the water without touching anything with your bare hands,

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Remembering Journalist, Author Richard Blassberg



Westchester journalist and author Richard Blassberg died last week at the age of 79. Blassberg, who worked for the former owners of this newspaper 15 years ago, is best known for his passionate critiques of Westchester District Attorney Jeanine Pirro, that resulted in his book "The Jeanine Machine."

One of Blassberg's friends was attorney Tony Castro. "In reflecting on the life of my friend Richard Blassberg, the first thought that comes to mind is the idiom, "God threw the mold away when he made him." There was no one like Richard, as those who knew him will attest to.

"I met Richard in 2001 when I first ran for Westchester County District Attorney. I remember how he stormed into the County Democratic Committee office in White Plains and asked then executive director Rocky Richard if I was for "real." If I was, he was determined to do all that he could to support me and try to bring real change to Westchester County politics. And, that he did.

"He worked tirelessly to bring about change in the criminal justice system, with his passion and dedication. When he was most productive he did the work of a team of Budweiser Clydesdales. However, Richard being Richard, there were times when he was not so productive and his blind intensity had more the effect of a horse running amuck a corn field. It was not easy, if not impossible, to control Richard. He had the best of intentions but his actions were not always perceived as such.

"Richard had no filter and certainly spoke his mind. I did not always agree with his methods but realized that he meant well. He was totally dedicated to making the criminal justice system more just and was relentless in defending worthy causes such as those of the wrongfully convicted. He did it as a reporter for the Martinelli newspapers, as the editor of The Guardian, and as a legal analyst for the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation.

"Richard and I remained friends till the end. I mostly appreciated his strong sense of loyalty and honor; attributes that are a rarity in the world of politics. He feared no one and was afraid of nothing. My wife Rose would sometimes tell me, "Richard would take a bullet for you."

"He was incorruptible and wanted nothing for himself. Rather, he just wanted a better world where the average citizen would be treated justly before the eyes of the law.

"When I attended Boston College Law School I had the opportunity to play on a soccer team called the Maccabees. I confess that I was unfamiliar with the term. But soon, I learned its significance. The Maccabees were Jewish warriors who took control of Judea in the 2nd century BC. They were known for their fighting spirit and courageous behavior.

"Often, I thought of Richard as a true Maccabee. He fought the hard fight and gave all of himself. Along the way he made many friends but, like any true warrior, he also made some enemies. Richard had no regrets, undoubtedly.

"He was true to the end. Whenever we spoke recently, in his weakened physical state, he always ended the conversation by saying how much he loved me and my family. I reassured him the feeling was mutual. Richard left an indelible mark and will never be forgotten.

"So now my brother, it is time for me to say, "Hamakom y'nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar avilai tziyon ee yerushalayim." May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem," writes Castro.

Richard Blassberg was born on January 13, 1941 in Bronx, NY son of the late Joseph and Sylvia (Marsey) Blassberg. He graduated from Hicksville High School, Adelphi College receiving his bachelors and continuing his education at Pace receiving his Doctorate.

Richard was the founder and operator of Blassberg Veterans Care Home in Brewster, NY from 1968- 1986. Richard was a trainer, driver and owner for Harness Horse Racing from 1975-1992. He was the founder and editor of Westchester Guardian Newspaper from 2006-2010. Richard was also an advocate for the wrongfully convicted and exonerated and author of "The Jeanine Machine". He was a member of the Brewster School board and the Zoning board of the Town of Southeast.

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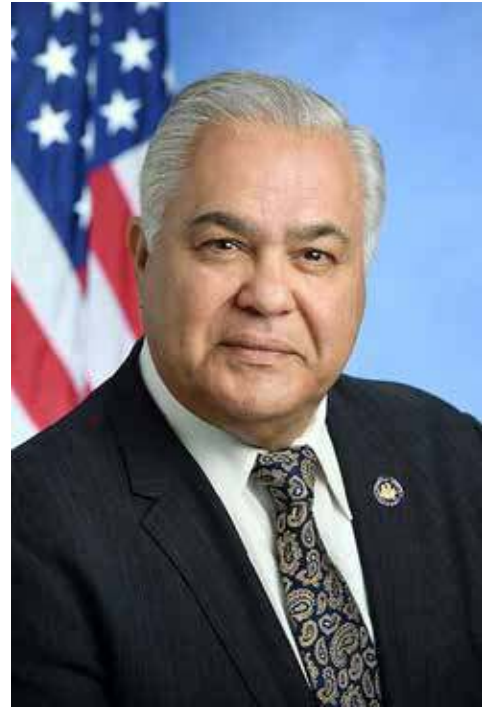
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Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Urges Congress to Protect Integrity of Census



Assemblyman Nader Sayegh

While a Federal District Court ruling blocks efforts by the Trump Administration to shut down Census fieldwork by September 30, Yonkers State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh and fellow State Legislators are calling on Congress to act quickly to preserve the integrity of the 2020 Census.

In a letter to the leaders of the House and Senate in Washington, Sayegh and 38 members of the New York State Senate and Assembly urge legislative action to protect the Constitutionally mandated Census. "It is exceedingly clear that a complete count has not been conducted resulting in a dramatic undercount especially in urban areas of New York," said Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh. "This undercount will lead to grave consequences for our residents in every neighborhood across the State of New York."

The call for Congress to act comes as the Federal District Court for Northern California has issued a preliminary injunction preventing the Trump Administration from shutting down Census field operations September 30. Assemblyman Sayegh praised the ruling of the court as a victory for Yonkers and other hard-to-count communities.

The letter was sent to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, The New York State Congressional delegation and Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, whose department oversees the Census.

On behalf of my colleagues in the New York State Legislature, we urge you to pass legislation to extend the deadline for a count in accordance with the responsibilities enumerated to Congress in Article 1 of the United States Constitution. In this extraordinarily difficult time, coordinated effective action on all levels of government has made a difference in the lives of millions of Americans. We hope that you can continue to deliver for New Yorkers and all Americans by protecting the integrity of the Decennial Census," states the letter, signed by Sayegh.

Westchester's First Stand-Alone IV Vitamin Spa Opens in Yonkers



a patient getting an infusion of vitamins

Westchester County's first stand-alone IV vitamin spa led by Dr. Annie Negrin, MD, opened in Yonkers earlier this summer. Offering both in-store and concierge services, prosper IV's variety of vitamin infusions allow customers to customize their drip their specific health goals—from building immunity support, reducing inflammation, and alleviating pain, to boosting energy and providing hydration—in a spa-like environment.

"IV infusions deliver vital amino acids, vitamins, and minerals intravenously, bypassing the digestive track which means there is 100% absorption rate," Dr. Negrin said. "Clients leave feeling better almost immediately with benefits lasting up to several weeks."

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Mayor Spano Announces Creation of Police Reform Committee



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the appointment and convening of the City of Yonkers Police Reform Committee. In accordance with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 203 urging New York's more than 500 police agencies to rebuild police-community relations, the Yonkers Police Reform Committee will meet over the next four months for a fact-based, open dialogue about the public safety needs of the city.

"Recent events across our nation have shed light on the need to reimagine how our local police agencies engage with the communities they protect," said Mayor Spano. "In Yonkers, I am very proud of the reforms we've made together over the last eight years, becoming a model for other departments, but I also know we can always do better. We welcome the opportunity to continue transparent conversations with our residents to ensure Yonkers moves forward in a positive direction."

Mayor Spano appointed a 21-member committee ranging in backgrounds and experiences to best reflect the concerns and opinions of how law enforcement is handled in Yonkers. Consisting of local community members, law enforcement, clergy and elected officials, the City of Yonkers Police Reform Committee includes:

- Gail Baxter Hudson River Community Association
- Dr. Jim Bostic, TH. D. Nepperhan Community Center, Exe. Dir.
- Daniel Campanini Yonkers Police Dept, Deputy Chief
- Rev. Frank Coleman NAACP, Yonkers Chapter, President
- Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Esq. Yonkers BOE Trustee/Attorney
- Hon. Tasha Diaz Yonkers City Council, Third District
- Autumn Edwards Yonkers Police Department, Officer
- Pauline Galvin, Esq. Yonkers Civil Service Comm/Attorney
- Carmen Goldberg Charter School Educational Excellence
- Rev. James Hassell Kingdom Christian Cultural Center
- Charlie Knight YWCA, CEO/Executive Director
- Doreen Lloyd, Esq. Yonkers Bureau Chief, Westchester DA
- Darryl Mack Yonkers Public Schools, Asst.Principal
- Donnell McCall Community member
- Carlos Moran Mayor's Representative (Chair)
- Keith Olson Yonkers PBA President
- Lucia Ortiz YMCA, CEO/President
- Hon. Michael Sabatino LGBTQIA community member
- Vincent Tyler Yonkers Police Department, Ret. Det.
- Lt. Charles Walker YPD Yonkers Guardians Assoc Pres.
- Cecilia Zuniga-Espiritu La Piñata, business owner

Police Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, "I believe that the formation of this committee and the important work it will undertake only advances the already strong commitment the Yonkers Police has to its communities. We welcome the opportunity for a comprehensive, evidenced-based evaluation and look forward to working together with the committee to the benefit of our residents, police officers, and City of Yonkers."

Tasha Diaz, Yonkers City Council, Third District, commented, "I want to thank Mayor Mike Spano for including me in this historical committee. Police reform is needed everywhere, but so is building the relationships between our law enforcement and Yonkers residents. As a lifelong Yonkers resident, I know what Yonkers was in the past, what it is now, and the potential greatness that it has in the future. I know we can do amazing things with this committee for the betterment of the community."

The Committee is scheduled to meet weekly, starting September 24, and host three public forums where residents are welcome to present questions and comments to the Committee for consideration. The Reform Committee will culminate later this year and present a Final Report with police reform recommendations specific to Yonkers. According to the Governor's Executive Order, the Report then will be presented to the Yonkers City Council for ratification, to be adopted and signed by Mayor Spano and sent to the Governor's Office for review by April 1, 2021.

In August 2020, Governor Cuomo released the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative as a resource and guide for local public officials and citizens to assist them in discussions to develop policies that protect the public, while meeting the local communities' acceptance. The Governor's Order authorizes the Director of the State Division of the Budget to condition State aid to localities on the adoption of the Report.

For more information on the City of Yonkers Police Reform Committee, visit www.yonkersny.gov/YPRC.

Coach of the Week, continued from pg 1-

Fire Department enough for all they do for my players and program. If I ask Lou for something, he says 'no problem Coach.' I'm very grateful for the partnership that was created. It's another way for my players to see a positive role model in their life and their community."

James Rose, Yonkers Athletic Director, commented "Coach Chiappa is a goal-oriented coach with vision he created from his past experiences and a plan for his team to be successful"

Due to COVID, high school football in New York State has been delayed until 2021.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Singer-actor Gene Autry came to Yonkers two times for the PAL

Mary Hoar, Member Landmarks Preservation Board, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, October 5th

October 5, 1927: Justice Joseph Morschauer denied the motion to recount the Eldredge-Fiero Primary, or have a "do over" of the vote. The gentlemen ran for the Republican nomination for Eleventh Ward Alderman; Alderman Joshua Fiero received 351 votes, and Frank Eldredge received 338, a difference of only 14 votes.

October 5, 1942: City Clerk Francis Heafy received a letter of resignation from City Manager Raymond Whitney, effective immediately, at 9:10 am, delivered by messenger. The letter stated he was resigning to carry out an assignment from the Federal Government. Ten minutes later, Heafy received a second letter from Whitney in the regular mail. It read, "Any letter in the form of a resignation from me delivered to the City Clerk... is hereby withdrawn and repudiated."

October 5, 1946: Famed western movie star Gene Autry visited Yonkers to entertain new members of the PAL at Saunders High School. He attracted thousands of excited fans, and needed the help of Yonkers Police to enter the school.

Tuesday, October 6th

October 6, 1918: French Flying Ace Lieutenant Ferdinand Thetlot offered his Croix de Guerre to the person purchasing the largest amount of Liberty Bonds at the Liberty Loan rally held at Proctor's Theater.

October 6, 1922: American golf champion Gene Sarazen, underwent emergency surgery for appendicitis at St. John's Hospital. He was visited by many sports luminaries, who stopped by his hospital room to wish him well.

October 6, 1927: After losing his court fight for the Republican nomination for Eleventh Ward Alderman, Frank Eldridge filed to become an independent candidate.

Wednesday, October 7th

October 7, 1908: Yonkers Police Chief Daniel Wolff announced the "golden rule" would be followed in making arrests. The new policy required "reasonableness" with suspects, instead of immediately arresting them.

October 7, 1943: Herald Statesman reporter Eileen Campion had the task of dousing an incendiary bomb as part of an Army demonstration in Getty Square; Deputy Civilian Protector George Bell told her, "You have the honor of having put out the first incendiary bomb in Yonkers." Her response? "I hope it's also the last."

October 7, 1943: The editors of the Herald Statesman were immediately impressed by a letter they received from John Whalen, President of the Moquette Service Club... not by the content, but by how he wrote the date. He wrote,

"October 7, 1943 , One Day Nearer Victory"

Thursday, October 8th

October 8, 1999: The cornerstone of the building on Elm Street for the new headquarters of Turn Verein was laid. The finished building had a banquet hall, auditorium, club rooms, gym and bowling alley.

October 8, 1918: Yonkers continued to be ravaged by the Spanish Influenza, according to the Dr. Clarence Buckmaster, Yonkers' Health Officer, Buckmaster made an appeal for volunteer nurses as doctors were reporting an average of 200 new cases each day.

October 8, 1952: Grasslands Hospital psychiatrists told the court that Aurio De Jesus, facing a second-degree murder charge for killing Yonkers Veteran John Pondixter, had become insane while waiting in jail. He later was committed to the Matteawan State Prison for the Criminally Insane at Beacon.

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Yonkers Vitamin Spa, continued from pg 4-

Before arriving at prosper IV, customers answer a series of questions outlining their health history and current goals. The answers are reviewed by Dr. Negrin, who combines her medical expertise and passion to help patients reach their optimal levels while promoting advancement in vitamin infusion.

Upon arrival, one of the registered nurses reviews the medical history again, takes vitals, and places a small needle in the customer's arm. The fluid from the drip is administered in 45 to 60 minutes.

After the vitamin infusion, most customers experience significant overall improvements including increased energy, improved mental clarity, deeper sleep, and a feeling of overall well being.

Founder and CEO Christina Broccoli, MBA, opened prosper IV after receiving prescribed vitamin infusions after suffering from mononucleosis. Her treatments not only alleviated her symptoms, but also quickened the healing process.

"Personally seeing the benefits of vitamin infusion and the lack of locations in Westchester, I decided to create a business that focused on making these treatments available to everyone," Broccoli said.

Broccoli joined forces with Dr. Negrin and Marie OConnor, DNP, RN, to bring prosper IV to life. "With a heightened awareness on our healthy day to day health practices, opening prosper IV is important now, more than ever. IV vitamin infusions work to keep people healthy, but also looking and feeling their best," Broccoli said.

The Immunity Drip, just one of the IV drips available at prosper IV, offers the highest dose of Vitamin C and selenium to beat the cold or flu with increased immunity support.

"To be the most effective, the frequency of IV vitamin infusion is determined on an individual basis to best suit your needs," Dr. Negrin said. "For preventative health and wellness, we recommend two IV drips per month to help balance out any vitamin deficiencies or less than ideal eating habits. In some cases, with people who suffer from autoimmune diseases or conditions continued IV vitamin infusion may be necessary for nutritional support."

While there are several combinations available, customers can customize their drip by adding IV push add-ons, including Vitamin B12 for a natural energy boost or Biotin for healthy skin, hair, and nails. Those with an upcoming special occasion may add Glutathione to give skin a brighter, more radiant glow.

In order to keep clients comfortable and safe during COVID-19, prosper IV is currently taking clients in-store and through concierge service by appointment only. Services can be booked online at theprosperiv.com. or by calling 914-401-8324. They are located at 1955 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers.

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and take a fresh towel to dry your hands and if need be turn the water off.

By the way, if the bathroom is closed and they claim it's because of the pandemic, tell them to open the damn doors and stop being stupid. Do they tell their employees they can't go to the bathroom and wash their hands? If they do the employees should call the Department of Labor. And don't eat there, even drink a cup of coffee!

We are all going a bit crazy during this pandemic, yours truly included. Time to get back in touch with reality!

SOME CLOSING NOTES: We lost a giant with the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Don't like the Judge the president appointed to replace her? Picketing in Yonkers won't work. Take yourself to a state where a Senator is up for re-election who supports the candidate and put pressure on that Senator either not to vote for her or to hold off the appointment until after a new President is sworn in. 2 more votes is all that is needed to block the appointment!

CENSUS numbers are low in Yonkers. Community groups and individuals should be devoting their time to getting people to complete the census and register to vote. Instead of blasting noise from a stupid truck about the census as they are doing in Yonkers, put people in key locations to have folks fill out census forms and register to vote!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. 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.

Notice of Formation of Walking Dunes Consulting, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 3 Hidden Spring Lane, Rye, NY 10508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Sale

Supreme Court: Westchester County T11 Funding v Manuel Pereira et al. Defts 51986/2019 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered January 24, 2020, I will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on October 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. premises located in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1, Block 463 Lot(s) 25. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price, No Cash Accepted. Leticia Arzu, Esq. Referee

Notice of Formation of Eva Phillips-Rogers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/14/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Eva PhillipsRogers, 16 Lehman Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 09/11

Notice of formation of RIVERTON WARBURDALE LLC Footwear & Apparel. Filed with the SSNY on 07/31/2020 office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 353 Warburton Ave, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.-09/11

Notice of Formation of JMINS, LLC, filed with SSNY on June 23, 2020. Location: Westchester County.. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy process to 65 Homecrest Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful purpose.09/25

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Friday, October 9th

October 9, 1915: Republican candidate for Mayor Gideon Peck announced his campaign slogan would be, "Are you satisfied?" He ran against incumbent mayor James Lennon, and lost.

October 9, 1923: While tearing down the timeworn St. Joseph's Parochial School to make way for a new one, the cornerstone of the old St. Joseph's Church was removed and opened. Inside the sealed box was found an account of the laying of the cornerstone in 1871 and a newspaper with mentions of President Ulysses S. Grant, and Robert Parkhill Getty, then President of the Village of Yonkers.

Saturday, October 10th

October 10, 1699: Merchant Frederick Felipe of New York City sold fifty acres of land known as Georges Point, 1.5 acres of meadow and 25 acres of upland within the limits and bounds of the Yonkers plantation in the County of Westchester, to Jacobus van Cortlandt.

October 10, 1927: Chief Designing Engineer of New York City Joseph Collyer, a consulting engineer on Yonkers' flume, declared the flume carrying the Nepperhan River from Warburton Avenue to the Hudson under Yonkers' million dollar plaza was large enough to carry any amount of water that possibly could come from the watershed.

October 10, 1941: The Reverend Alexander Leedie of St. Peter's Church was ordained a Catholic priest; he was the first African American Catholic Priest from Yonkers and Westchester County, and had served as a sanctuary boy at St. Peter's.

Sunday, October 11th

October 11, 1942: Mrs. Herold Robinson of Pondfield Road West and Chief Petty Officer Bert Rothing, USN, of Ravine Avenue, shared the honor of being the first people to donate their bumpers to the "Bumpers for Victory" drive in Larkin Plaza.

October 11, 1944: Mrs. Charles Sax of South Broadway received a letter from her son-in-law Lieutenant Wallace Shaw. He told her his Medical Corps unit assigned to a hospital in England was "disgusted by the plans to close store and factories and just have a great big party for a few days," when Germany was defeated. His thoughts reflected his experience in the hospital. The lieutenant continued, "Sure, it will be a big day, but the war won't be over and the boys won't be home, and there will be tons more Allied blood spilled before the war is over." He wanted the day to be spent in prayer of thanksgiving, and a quick finish to their work, adding war production should be doubled on that day.

October 11, 1947: Gene Autry, a leading radio, motion picture and rodeo star, and his horse Champion appeared in Yonkers at Glen Park under the auspices of the Police Athletic League. Autry was a big supporter of PAL!

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood *House and our upcoming events, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety. We also are on LinkedIn and Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in the Yonkers Historical Society, please call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.*

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Saturday, October 3, 11:30am–12pm NEW DAY & TIME!

Virtual Planetarium Show for Kids: The Sea Goat in the Stars Did you know there are goats in the sky? Capricornus the sea goat is a very old constellation made of very dim stars, with plenty of things to discover about it. Join us for our Virtual Planetarium Show for Kids, now at a new day and time. We'll be using a planetarium simulator to view Capricornus and other sights in the night sky. Please bring your questions for our science educators. Recommended for ages 6–10. Registration required.

Saturday, October 3, 1:30–2:15pm. Salsa Takes You There!

Salsa has its roots in the Cuban and American jazz dance styles of the 1950s, with a distinctly Puerto Rican sound blended with the Latin hustle. It can be practiced with or without a partner, but for this lesson in the Museum's Courtyard, prepare to dance solo. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and take part in a special lesson with Dariusz Horvath-Krol of "Dancing with Dariusz." Horvath-Krol is a highly skilled practitioner of international dance styles, who has been dancing and competing for twenty years, performed and worked with Dancing With The Stars professionals, and received multiple Top Pro and Top Teacher awards. Participation is limited to first come, first served. Free with Museum admission.

Sunday, October 4, 11am. Virtual Artist Talk: Vinnie Bagwell on Victory Beyond Sims

One year ago this month, Yonkers artist Vinnie Bagwell was selected by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs to create a sculpture in Central Park to replace a statue of J. Marion Sims, the 19th-century gynecologist who experimented on enslaved black women to achieve his medical breakthroughs. The maquette of Bagwell's winning design, entitled Victory Beyond Sims, is currently on view in HRM's exhibition Women to the Fore. Join the artist in conversation with HRM Director and CEO, Masha Turchinsky, on Instagram Live for a close look at the monument and a discussion about its historical context and plan for its future installation. Virtual broadcast live from the Museum's exhibition galleries. Visit HRM.org for more information.

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Shots Fired at FBI, continued from pg 1-
enforcement officer. Our Office will work to ensure that those who put our law enforcement partners in danger are held to account.”

FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: “When this subject allegedly fired his gun wildly into a public square to prevent his arrest, police officers, including a task force officer from our Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, took immediate action. We take our oath seriously, and we won’t back away from our pursuit of holding criminals accountable for their actions.”

Yonkers PBA President Keith Olson said, “Today, once again, I was reminded of how fortunate and blessed I am to work for, and alongside, the absolute best cops on the planet. My brothers and sisters unparalleled heroism and restraint was on full display in Getty Square today as they safely and courageously apprehended a dangerous and armed felon who was hell bent on killing them. They accomplished this without firing a single shot and while using minimal force. Once again they risked their lives to protect the lives of innocent bystanders. I am profoundly moved by their courage and dedication in doing what is all too often a thankless job.”

Olson raised another point. That the officers had to take down the shooter by placing a knee on his back in order to handcuff him and take away his gun. “If you watch the video you can clearly see that officers could have been charged if the incident occurred in NYC.”

The law in NYC is, “This bill establishes a misdemeanor for restraining an individual in a manner that restricts the flow of air or blood by compressing the windpipe or the carotid arteries on each side of the neck, or sitting, kneeling, or standing on the chest or back in a manner that compresses the diaphragm, in the course of effecting or attempting to effect an arrest.”

While most of the comments on social media were positive and thankful of the YPD, a few comments were negative, in which Olson responded, “you think it’s ok that if a cop has just stopped a mass shooting, disarming a suspect with a loaded .40 cal handgun as the suspect fired 5 rounds trying to kill the cops, with the cops not firing a single round, that they should be charged with a misdemeanor just because they may have compressed the suspects diaphragm for a moment, knowing the suspect was not harmed?”

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You can find and review your polling site at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> or call the

Board of Elections (BOE) at (914) 995-5700 to inquire.
3. Vote by Absentee Ballot if you absolutely cannot vote in person. Request your absentee ballot ONLINE immediately at <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/>. This online request tool only requires your county of residence, name, date of birth and zip code to request your absentee ballot to vote by mail.

THERE IS NO ONLINE VOTING. You can request your ballot electronically, but you cannot submit your vote electronically. If you are unable to request your ballot online, then you can pick up a copy of the paper absentee ballot application at your local public library or request a copy by calling the BOE at (914) 995-5700.

Once you complete the application, mail it to the Westchester Board of Elections (25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601) immediately as your application must be postmarked by October 27. The actual ballot (that you vote on) must be postmarked by November 3 for your vote to be counted. Voting in person is always ideal as you will not have to worry about your ballot getting lost in the mail or arriving at the BOE by the deadline date.

This year presents a unique opportunity to vote on candidates that bring the daily perspective of Yonkers residents to the bench. Attorney Verris Shako is a Democratic Nominee for Yonkers City Court Judge who has practiced in this Court for fifteen years and has over a decade of experience in family court. SHAKO understands that people want to be treated qually and fairly on their legal matters.

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Later in the day, CCP Khader, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz and County Legislature Jose Alvarado delivered fresh produce and dairy to seniors who could not make it to the distribution. “We must always make sure our seniors are eating healthy and being taken care of. I want to thank all the volunteers for showing up and helping out, including Michael Sabatino, Nancy Khader-Maldonado, Hayley Ayala, Dwayne Cloud, David Sanchez,” said Khader.



Council President Khader with volunteers at Chicken Island



Council President Khader, with Councilwoman Tasha Diaz & volunteers providing food boxes for seniors

An advertisement for Homeowner Funding. It features a photo of an elderly man sitting at a table with a white mug and a newspaper. The text reads: "When you need a new roof, windows or doors and need help paying for them, call Homeowner Funding." Below the photo is the Homeowner Funding logo, the phone number 800-736-9629, the website NYImprovementFund.com, and a list of services: Roofing | Windows | Siding | Insulation | Walk-In Tubs.

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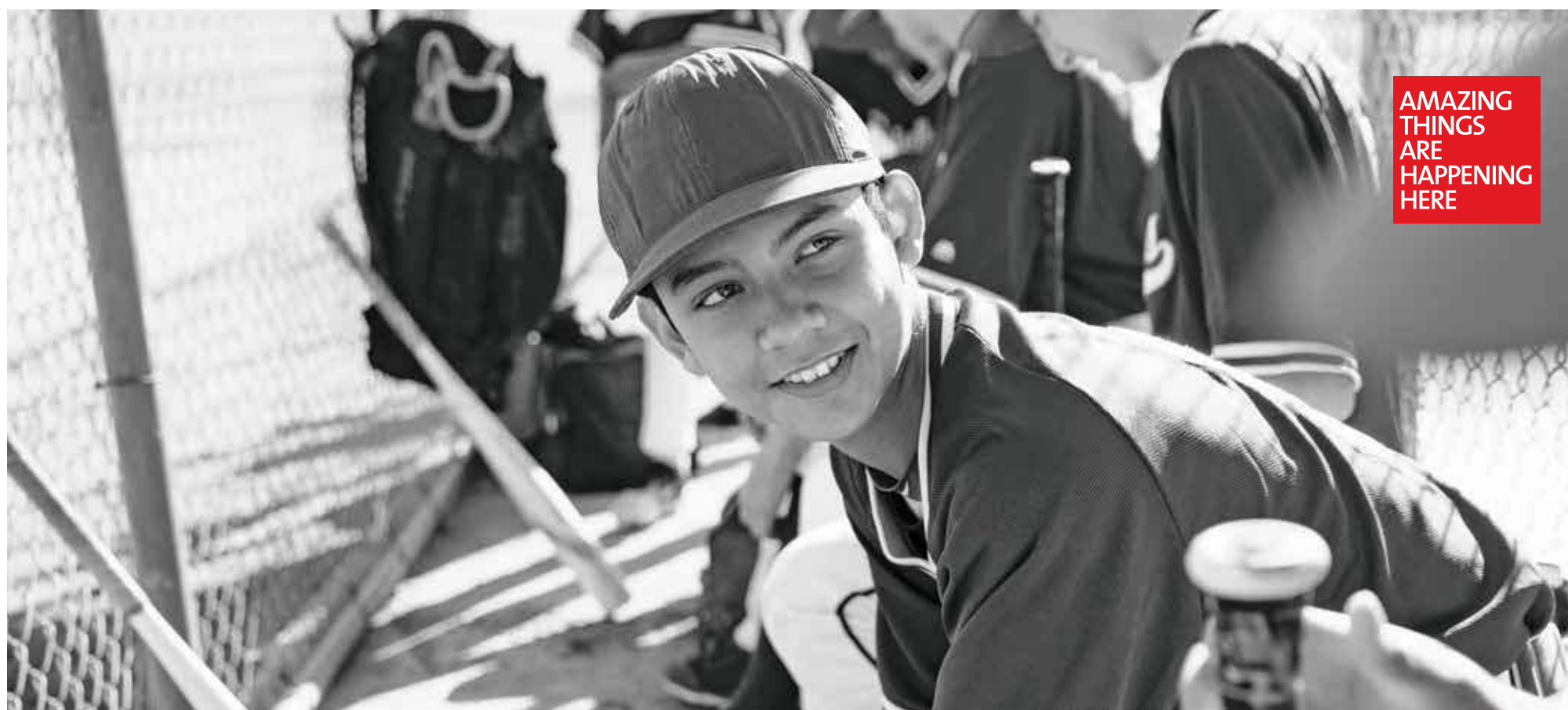
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