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## Yonkers Opens New Outdoor Fitness Areas in City Parks: Style P. Accepts Key to the City



By Dan Murphy

On August 6, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined with Yonkers rap star Styles P for a celebration of a \$250,000 investment in state-of-the-art fitness equipment at City Parks. The new gyms are in support of a new City initiative promoting health and fitness among adults and children.

The new equipment, which includes workout ladders, parallel bars, jump steps and a combination street workout pro. "Public parks are the epicenters of our neighborhoods and by continually investing in them, we are creating healthier options and improving the quality of life for residents to enjoy," said Mayor Spano. "I am proud to partner with Styles P, who has been a long-time advocate for our community, in encouraging residents' young and old to be active and enjoy the newest amenities our city has to offer."

Styles P commented, "It's important to bring Yonkers, no matter age or background, together. The new fitness areas will provide healthy options and places to exercise at no cost. Families can bond with their kids. Youth and adults can learn from one another and maintain positive relationships through

## Cuomo Resigns, Lt. Gov Hochul to Take Over; Stewart-Cousins to Remain Senate Leader



*"I agree with Governor Cuomo's decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers. I am prepared to lead as New York State's 57th Governor."*

**New York's next Governor Kathy Hochul**

By Dan Murphy

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo resigned from his office on August 10 at 12 noon, effective August 24. Cuomo's decision comes just six days after an independent report from NY Attorney General Letitia James confirmed and validated sexual harassment allegations from 11 female employees in and around Cuomo

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said that he thanks the women "who came forward with sincere complaints." "It's not easy to step forward, but you did an important service. And you taught me and you taught others an important lesson. Personal boundaries must be expanded and must be protected," said Cuomo who added that he accepts "full responsibility."

"This is not to say that there are not 11 women I truly offended. There are. And for that, I deeply, deeply apologize. I thought a hug and putting my arm around a staff person while taking a picture was friendly, but she found it to be too forward. I kissed a woman on the cheek at a wedding and thought I was being nice, but she felt that it was too aggressive. I have slipped and called people 'honey,' 'sweetheart' and 'darling.' I meant it to be endearing. But women found it dated and offensive. I said on national TV to a doctor wearing PPE and giving me a Covid nasal swab, 'you make that gown look good.' I was joking. Obviously, otherwise, I wouldn't have said it on national TV. But she found it disrespectful. I take full responsibility for my actions.

"This situation and moment are not about the facts. It's not about the truth. It's not about thoughtful analysis. It's not about how do we make the system better. This is about politics and our political system today is too often driven by the extremes."

Talking about his hugging and kissing, Cuomo said, "I have done it all my life. It's who I have been since I can remember. In my mind, I have never crossed the line with anyone, but I didn't realize the extent to which the line has been redrawn," Cuomo said. "There are generational and cultural shifts that I just didn't fully appreciate - and I should have. No excuses."

"This situation by its current trajectory will generate months of political and legal controversy. That is what is going to happen. That is how the political wind is blowing. It will consume government. It will cost taxpayers millions of dollars," he added.

"I'm a New Yorker, born and bred. I'm a fighter and my instinct is to fight through this controversy because I truly believe it is politically moti-

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## Heroes Honored at City Hall for Saving Mother-Daughter Trapped Under Car



The City of Yonkers honored two Yonkers Police officers and three Good Samaritans at City Hall on August 4 for their heroism in saving a mother and daughter who were trapped under a car.

Officer Paul Samoyedny and Officer Rocco Fusco were presented with recognition for their heroic acts in the line of duty for their roles in the rescue of an infant trapped under a vehicle after an accident on July 23, 2021. Also honored were Good Samaritans Michael Lo Russo, Jose Suero, and Bart Castillo! These three civilians were bystanders to the accident who all jumped into action and played integral roles in the successful rescue that day.

Jorge Palacios, the father of the infant saved, also attended and expressed his heartfelt thanks to all who took part in the rescue. He wanted to make sure he passed on the GREAT NEWS that his daughter, baby Leslie, has been released from the hospital with an incredible prognosis on her recovery. Myrna, Leslie's mom, remains in the hospital but has made

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## Yonkers Police Arrest 14 Gang Members For Violent Assault on N. Broadway June 17

**300 BLOODHOUND BRIMS**

- Timothy WHITNEY - 22 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1  
Gang Assault 2  
Robbery 1  
Robbery 2  
Grand Larceny 4
- Jahnael McNEAL - 18 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1  
Gang Assault 2
- Develle COATES - 19 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2  
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4
- Jaylan REEVES - 18 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1
- Peter THOMPSON - 19 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2
- Vance MAJOR - 21 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2
- Dior MOORE - 18 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2
- Perryon McKENNY - 18 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2
- Darden THOMAS - 21 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1  
Gang Assault 2  
Robbery 1  
Robbery 2  
Grand Larceny 4
- Drayquan GREEN - 20 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1  
Gang Assault 2
- Latrell MURRAY - 21 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2  
Robbery 1 / Robbery 2  
Grand Larceny 4
- ADOLESCENT OFFENDER - 16 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1  
Gang Assault 2
- ADOLESCENT OFFENDER - 17 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1
- ADOLESCENT OFFENDER - 17 Y/O  
Gang Assault 1 / Gang Assault 2

On August 8, Mayor Mike Spano, Police Commissioner John J. Mueller, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah, and members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force today announced the arrests and indictments of members of the violent 300 Bloodhound Brims street gang in connection with a brutal North Broadway gang assault captured on surveillance camera. Eleven adults and three adolescent offenders were arrested and or indicted on charges including felony gang assault and robbery in the attack which left a 33-year-old male victim with bleeding on the brain, several broken and missing teeth, and abrasions to his face, back, and arms. The incident was captured on video yielding significant evidence in support of the investigation, summarized here.

On Thursday, June 17th, 2021, a large social gathering was taking place in the area of North Broadway and Ashburton Avenue in memory of a deceased community member; the event was being monitored by police detectives as known gang members were present. Around 9 PM, detectives witnessed an assault in progress, where a large group of young men attacked a single victim, punching and kicking him on the ground to the point of unconsciousness and removing his property. At the same time, patrol units were called to the scene; as police arrived, multiple people began to flee the area. On scene police officers coordinated in real-time with detectives and engaged in multiple foot pursuits; five assailants were apprehended within

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## COVID Numbers Back on the Rise In Westchester: No Guidance Coming From State to School Districts for Back to School

## Westchester Housing Market Boom Continues in 2Q: New White Plains Condos Sell Out in 6 Weeks



*the quick sale of condos at The Centrale in White Plains, points to Westchester's booming housing market*



**By Dan Murphy**

Westchester County Executive George Latimer took to the podium on August 9 to give his COVID update and said, "These numbers are not encouraging. I have been happy to tell you encouraging news in the past, but in the world of straightforwardness the numbers are not good, but we are not yet in a crisis situation."

The numbers, as of August 8 were that Westchester County had 1827 active COVID cases, and 51 hospitalizations. In June, Westchester had 175 cases and 26 hospitalizations. In January, the number were 11,500 cases, ten times the number of cases on Aug 8.

Westchester County also has 80.9% of their population over the age of 18 vaccinated and 70% of all residents are vaccinated, including children who can't get vaccinated. Westchester County has the highest percentage of residents vaccinated then neighboring counties, including Putnam, Rockland and the Bronx.

"The COVID crisis has come back to the top of our concern. In June we were headed in a positive direction, that has now turned around significantly," said Latimer. "Within the month, children will be going back to school in some capacity, and in October we will be going back indoors for more activities."

Latimer said that he will be speaking with all of the 44 school districts in Westchester to discuss their reopening plans. This year, New York State Department of Health will not advise school districts on re-opening, leaving the decision up to each individual school district, who will consult with the Westchester County Health Department. "There is no mandate for school districts this year," said Latimer. "Vaccines and masks are at the top of the list of decisions to make."

Latimer also explained that the County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler, and the County Department of Health, have the power to mandate COVID policy for residents, but right now, Westchester County government is waiting to see what the next few weeks data provides. "We are looking at an increase in infection rates but we are only at one-tenth of prior peaks. We know that any mandate will have a pushback and some people don't want to be told what to do. We are not looking to create conflict in people's lives but there are times when individual rights have to be subordinated to others rights. We are not talking about lockdowns but the power does exist with with County Health Commissioner. If we see infections rise, then all options are on the table," said Latimer.

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## Former Yonkers Idol to Perform at Untermyer Aug 14, New EP Released



The Untermyer Performing Arts Council is proud to present Tori as our opening attraction at the 7pm program on August 14th at Untermyer Park; she will be followed by Calpulli Mexican Dance Company. A Yonkers native, Tori Israel attends The Los Angeles Film school. Her passion for music began at a young age, when fell in love with the first time she was introduced to Selena; this music legend still is her idol today. Tori's dream of becoming a successful singer and sharing her gift with the world has gotten off to a great start; Tori has won the titles of Yonkers Idol (2019) and Yonkers Junior Idol!

For the last few years she has performed at many events and ceremonies in Yonkers, Westchester County, New London, Connecticut and all 5 boroughs in New York City. Tori recently released her first EP (Extended Play) Tori, available on all streaming platforms such as Apple Music, Spotify, YouTube, etc.

Tori's performance is sure to be another "don't miss" Untermyer Performing Arts Council event!

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After Tori, the Calpulli Mexican Dance Company will be performing, giving those in attendance a double feature.

Calpulli Mexican Dance Company's performances are like the traditions of Mexico: colorful, passionate, and inviting. The Company has a vibrant repertoire of dance with live music featuring cherished dance traditions, lesser-known stories from across Mexico, and original works capturing the Mexican-American spirit. Glorious costumes, contagious rhythms, and captivating performers are the company's trademarks. Calpulli is a touring company that made its international debut in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2013. It has also been featured at Lincoln Center Out of Doors, Penn State, Dollywood Festival of Nations, CalTech University, Wortham Center in Houston, Texas, Jacob's Pillow, and Carnegie Hall in New York City.

A tribute to the heart and soul of Mexico and the Mexican American community in the United States, under the Artistic Direction of Alberto Lopez Herrera and Music Direction of George Saenz, the Company of 20 dancers and core of musicians will take audiences on a voyage through eras and ethnic communities that comprise Mexican traditions. For more than a decade, Calpulli has recreated folk dances celebrating Mexican traditions and new contemporary works.

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## The Lights Are Back on Broadway!



By Eric W. Schoen

A Note: Things lately just seem to be breaking as I approach the deadline for filing my column. Andrew Cuomo has resigned. His resignation is for the good of New York. But he must be held accountable for the things that he did. And the lives that were lost and the people he hurt. Without this, his resignation is meaningless!

But Let's think positive this week. I had a great weekend last weekend. On Friday night I attended the magnificent wedding of a family friend, postponed a year by the pandemic. Mazel Tov to Mariel and Jared, and in particular long time friend Wendy, mother of the bride. May the couple be inscribed for a blessing in the Book of Life and share many happy years together!

Saturday night I went to see my first Broadway play in over a year and a half. The play is Pass Over. Pass Over is Antoinette Chinonye Nwandu's "powerful and provocative" (Arifa Akbar, The Guardian) new play, currently the only play open on Broadway other than Bruce Springsteen's show.

Moses and Kitch talk smack, pass the time, and hope that maybe today will be different. As they dream of their promised land, a stranger wanders into their space and disrupts their plans. Evoking heartbreak, hope, and joy, PASS OVER crafts everyday profanities into poetic and humorous riffs, illuminating the unquestionable human spirit of young men looking for a way out.

The play is in previews now. It was wonderful. So glad that the first play to open on Broadway since the theaters were closed last year is a theatrical success. When the audience was seated and the curtain was ready to go up, the announcement 'Welcome to the August Wilson Theater' brought massive applause. Yes friends, the 'Lights are back on Broadway!' I hope you get the opportunity to see the play during its 9 week run.

But my purpose in discussing the play is not only to tell you how great it was but to comment on the whole experience of attending the theater as we continue to be in the midst of a pandemic. Hopefully I will encourage you to attend this play and the many that will open in September and following months.

First, the staff at the August Wilson Theater was truly welcoming and could not have been nicer as we lined up to enter the show. You could tell that they too were excited to be there. Their welcome was so refreshing as many people are nervous about attending large scale events.

Everyone entering lined up. Now this is a phenomenon that has only existed I would say for the last 10 years pre-pandemic. There use to be a mob of people in front of the theater and they would trickle in as curtain time approached. But now people queue up. I think it makes out of town folks feel more comfortable.

But lining up is now even more critical to the theatrical experience. The theater staff is checking your proof of vaccination, identification and the fact that you are masked. Many people had their laminated vaccination cards with them (Staples and other retailers were laminating the vaccination cards at one point free of charge.) Others showed the New York State Excelsior App on *the*

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# Yonkers Police Charge 16-Year Old Suspect in Ashburton Ave. Homicide



On Tuesday, October 27th, 2020, at approximately 9:35 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the Triangle Deli at 286 Ashburton Avenue on a report of a person shot inside the store. Upon arrival officers located an unresponsive male victim down inside the store with an apparent gunshot wound to the chest. First Responders rendered emergency medical aid to the victim; he was transported to a local area hospital where he subsequently died from his injuries. Officers cordoned-off the area and initiated a criminal investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene, interviewing subjects and witnesses, recovering surveillance video, and processing forensic and ballistic evidence. Investigation yielded that the victim was exiting the deli when he was approached by two suspects outside; one of the suspects produced a handgun and fired one time in the direction of the victim, striking him the chest. The victim collapsed at scene and the two suspects fled the area. Within days investigators developed information as to the identity of the alleged shooter; additionally, evidence was submitted for processing including an article of clothing believed to have been discarded by the suspect – that article of clothing yielded a DNA profile. Over the next several months Detectives worked continuously to enhance the investigation, follow-up leads, and make investigative progress, including matching the DNA profile to the same alleged shooter, identified as a 15-year-old (at the time of the incident) resident of the City of Dover, Delaware with familial ties to the City of Yonkers. Investigators believe that the suspect was visiting the City of Yonkers and may have had associations with local street gangs including the 300 Bloodhound Brims, and that the shooting was the result of an earlier dispute between the victim and those same groups.

Prosecutors with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office presented evidence to the Grand Jury; the suspect was indicted, and a county arrest warrant was issued. Last week, the suspect was apprehended by members of the United States Marshals Service in the City of Dover and brought back to the City of Yonkers. On August 9th the suspect was booked by the Yonkers Police on the criminal charge of Murder 2, a Class A-I Violent Felony in the New York State Penal; he is classified as a juvenile offender, as such no identifying information will be released. On August 10th he was arraigned in the Youth Part of Superior Court and remanded to a juvenile

## County Exec. Latimer Announces Terms of Affordable Housing Settlement

### County concludes Federal Civil Rights Case over Housing Segregation and Exclusionary Zoning

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced on August 4 that, "After 12 long years, Westchester County is finally able to book on the Affordable Housing Settlement. We recently received a decision from U.S. District Judge Denise Cote that Westchester County is in substantial compliance with the Consent Decree, and a federal court monitor was no longer needed. We did not do this alone, and we want to thank our non-profit housing organizations, the local municipalities, and many developers for all that they did to help get us here.

"I do not attempt to take credit for all of the affordable housing developed over the past 12 years. It was a long road, and much of it traveled before I walked in the door as County Executive. But, I believe we have proven time and again that fair and affordable housing is something we believe in. We consistently put significant money aside, we conducted a Housing Needs Study, and we understand fully how great that need is. More than 11,000 units are needed to satisfy the demand for young families and seniors on fixed incomes, and we want to see these projects come to life all across Westchester.

"We know that we have a long way to go, but I want to thank the Department of Justice for recognizing our commitment to this cause and every effort to satisfy the terms of the case, and I am thrilled that we can now put it behind us."

In 2006, the Anti-Discrimination Center filed a lawsuit against Westchester County over the lack of affordable housing in many of the wealthier communities in the county.

This resulted in a settlement between HUD, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Westchester County government. Former County Executive Andy Spano in 2009. The settlement called on the County to build 750 units of affordable housing spread out across the towns and village in Westchester.

Former County Executive Rob Astorino allowed the affordable housing to be built, while pushing back on some of the other demands of the settlement. Astorino appointed to oversee the settlement.

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# Excluded Workers Rally, Say They Can't Access \$2.1 B Relief Fund



Many of our readers may not know that New York State passed a \$2.1 Billion fund for excluded workers and undocumented residents who have not received any government relief or assistance during the pandemic. On July 30, excluded workers and elected officials—including NY State Senators Mayor and Harckham, and Assemblymember Burdick—rallied outside of the Dept. of Labor’s White Plains office to demand Governor Cuomo and the Dept. of Labor ensure that more of New York’s excluded workers can access much needed relief to ensure their family’s health and recovery.

When the Excluded Workers Fund was passed into law it was meant to provide financial relief to New Yorkers who have suffered income loss during the pandemic and were left out of the various federal relief programs, including unemployment and pandemic benefits.

The workers, who have received no government support during the more than 16 months of the pandemic, allies and electeds were responding to the recently released regulations regarding eligibility from New York State’s Department of Labor. The regulations will block thousands of workers from accessing any kind of relief from the \$2.1 Billion fund.

The Fund Excluded Workers Coalition (FEW) and elected officials raised key concerns about the DOL regulations, including

- 1) a requirement that workers must attest to a 50 percent income loss to qualify—a threshold more restrictive than other government relief programs like unemployment insurance, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and stimulus checks;
- 2) onerous employment documentation requirements that will likely leave workers in the cash economy with less ability to access either benefit tier or with minimal benefits; and
- 3) an overly narrow set of documents for proving prior employment, identity and residency.

The coalition urged the Cuomo administration to use all the policy tools at its disposal to ensure workers have full access to the fund, especially by expanding the list of qualifying work-related, identity, and residency documents and assigning higher point values to documents workers more readily have.

“I am pleased to stand with workers who were excluded from relief during the most difficult days of the pandemic and continue to struggle.&nbsp; My colleagues and I worked hard to pass this legislation, and we call on the Department of Labor to work to ensure as many eligible workers receive the benefits to which they are entitled,” said State Senator Shelley Mayer

“I proudly supported the State Senate’s Excluded Workers Fund in the state budget, and now I am adamant that the money be distributed to the workers and their families immediately. It is unconscionable to keep adding requirements and making our essential workers, who braved the pandemic to keep our country moving forward, wait one extra day for the money they deserve. Moreover, this is money that will help landlords, small businesses and local communities get back on track. They should not have to wait a day longer either,” said <strong>State Senator Peter Harckham.

“Thank you to the advocates for their tireless work in providing support for the most comprehensive program in the country for workers excluded from other forms of pandemic relief. This program is vital not only for the Excluded Workers themselves but also for the New York State economy. The New York state legislature intended for the program to provide verifiable eligibility but also multiple methods by which eligibility could be established. I’m very concerned that regulations of the department of labor are too restrictive for providing for such eligibility. While it is essential that eligibility be verified, it also is essential that multiple manners of eligibility be available. I am hopeful that the department of labor will act to provide a fair and verifiable program,” said Assemblymember Chris Burdick.

“Let’s give our full support to these workers and their families, who become so important to and deeply imbedded in our local economy and in our communities,” said<strong> Westchester County Legislator Damon Maher.

“The point of the long awaited Essential Workers Relief Fund was to provide the workers who had previously been overlooked for Covid Relief with financial support, along the lines of what was provided to other workers in New York State.&nbsp; So the fact that many of those same essential workers are now ineligible for the relief that they fought for is untenable. These workers put their lives and their families’ lives on the line so the rest of us could stay safely at home. We cannot and will not turn our backs on them now,” said Westchester County Legislator Nancy Barr.

“It’s utterly shameful and immoral that hundreds of thousands of immigrant New Yorkers and essential workers continue to be shut out of all relief --- and shut out of the very fund they helped create. At a time when so many families are struggling to pay their bills and feed their families, Governor Cuomo should be prioritizing the health and well-being of every New York family by ensuring all excluded workers have access to the funds they need to get through these difficult times. Our families have waited over a year for help and can’t wait any longer. We urge Governor Cuomo and the Department of Labor to act quickly to rectify this wrong, expand accessibility to the Excluded Worker Fund and get New York back on the road to recovery,” said Vanessa Agudelo, Manager of Member Engagement, Hudson Valley, New York Immigration Coalition and Peekskill Council member.

“The DOL’s Excluded Worker Fund eligibility requirements restrict our ability (Day Laborers) to apply for these critical funds. We urge DOL to revisit the eligibility criteria to help reach the essential and excluded workers,”Obreros Unidos de Yonkers Day Laborers.

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telephones. Others had taken pictures of their vaccination cards and were pulling them up from the photos section of their smartphones.

Everyone attending the show had to be vaccinated and have proof of it. That will be standard procedure for the time being on Broadway. Frankly, no one was complaining.

Staff were also checking for masks. Now I have decorative masks as you do but if I were you, going into an environment with a large group of people you don't know, I would mask up with the 3 ply surgical masks or a KN95 mask. It's for your safety and the safety of those around you. (By the way and I am no doctor, even if you are vaccinated I would mask up when going into a CVS, Walgreens, a drug store or a place where you know sick people may be.)

Wearing the mask during the show was no big deal. Most of the Broadway theaters are old, and they have installed sophisticated ventilation systems for your safety. These systems allow air to circulate better in the theater. I noticed the theater was a bit colder than usual. I suggest that ladies bring a sweater or a wrap and men wear a long sleeve shirt when attending a show. These new ventilation systems do a super job with air circulation, but just to be on the safe side make sure you have something to put on in case it gets cold.

It was such a pleasant experience to see the hustle and bustle on 52nd street where the August Wilson Theater is located. It reminded me of the good old pre-Pandemic days. I've had the occasion over the last year and a half to be in the theater district and the area was eerily quiet.

Sadly, some restaurants where I would go for a quick lite bite to eat prior to the theater (I hate going to the theater after eating a big meal) have shuttered. Many Starbucks in New York, the place where you would meet your friends for coffee prior to the theater close their doors at 7:00 p.m. But there are still plenty of restaurants at all price ranges that are open before and after the theater for a good New York meal.

My advice on dressing warm for the theater applies to movie theaters too. There is nothing better than going to the movies and seeing a flick in the company of an enthusiastic audience. Gets you out of the house too, something we all need to do.

Another thing about the movies. If you are planning on eating at the theater (frankfurters, chicken fingers, movie noshes, etc.) make sure that the concession stand at the movie theater you are going to is open and serving food. Many movie theaters have limited menus, and you don't want to be surprised and have to fill up on candy and other non nutritional offerings.

The Lights are Back on Broadway! If you see me please say hello. I might even buy you a drink, or of course you can buy me a drink and we can celebrate together!

**HOT TOPICS:** Shame on the Governor and State Health Commissioner for their refusal to give local school districts guidance on reopening. The local school districts do not have the resources the state has at its disposal. Kudos to the State Education Commissioner for calling the New York State Health Department out for their refusal to offer guidance.

What rocket scientist came up with the idea of changing all the exit numbers on the Hutchinson River Parkway without telling anybody and barely no notification. Aligning the numbers with mile markers makes sense, but do you see mile marker signs along the Hutch as you do along the New Jersey Turnpike and other area roadways? I'm sure someone got paid big bucks to come up with this idea but sadly no one thought about its implementation.

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vated, I believe it is unfair and it is untruthful and I believe it demonizes behavior that is unsustainable for society,” he said.

Cuomo continued: “New York tough means New York loving, and I love New York, and I love you. I would never want to be unhelpful in any way.”

New York Lieutenant Gov. Kathy Hochul, 62, will soon become the state’s first female governor, replacing Gov. Andrew Cuomo. A Buffalo native, she was first elected lieutenant governor of New York in 2014 as Cuomo’s running mate and won reelection alongside him in 2018. Hochul served in Congress for two years, 2011-2013.

“I agree with Governor Cuomo’s decision to step down. It is the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers. As someone who has served at all levels of government and is next in the line of succession, I am prepared to lead as New York State’s 57th Governor,” said Hochul.

There has been some confusion about what role State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins will play in the days ahead, after the announcement on August 10 that NY Governor Andrew Cuomo will resign.

We reached out to Senator Stewart-Cousins office and were told, “After Kathy Hochul becomes Governor, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins will remain the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate but will also take on the duties of Lieutenant Governor, until the time when the Governor appoints a new Lieutenant Governor.”

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins commented on the Governor’s resignation, stating “Today is a somber day for the state of New York, but one that demonstrates our ability to build a more accountable system of government. Governor Cuomo’s resignation opens the door to a restorative future. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the courageous women who came forward and helped pave the way for safer and more inclusive work spaces.”

“Working with Governor Kathy Hochul, the first woman Governor of New York State, we will continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic, rebuild our economy and face our challenges standing together. Governor Hochul is a dedicated leader, and united, we will get the people’s work done.”

State Senator Shelley Mayer, “Governor Cuomo made the right decision in the best interest of the people of New York today when he announced his resignation. New York State remains in a difficult and perilous moment given the ongoing challenges of COVID and economic recovery. I look forward to working closely with Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul as she takes leadership of our state and I have full confidence in her.”

Assembly member Amy Paulin said, “Governor Cuomo’s decision to resign is for the good of New York. Over the past decade, the work done by Governor Cuomo has in many ways improved the lives of New Yorkers, but the evidence has made it clear that he cannot continue in office. The Governor’s resignation is a necessary step that will allow the State government to function effectively, and it sets the precedent that sexual harassment will not be tolerated at any level.

“This ends a sordid chapter in New York’s history, but I hope it opens a new one, in which people in positions of power finally understand that sexual harassment is not okay and has profound consequences. What Andrew Cuomo did to 11 women is still happening in our society. So if this resignation leads to more abusers thinking twice, and to more victims deciding to fight back, then New York will be the better for it. I would like to thank the women who came forward and shared their stories. Their bravery will not be forgotten. When she is sworn in, Kathy Hochul will be the first woman to hold the office of Governor of New York. She is capable and prepared to take the position, and I look forward to working with her office to help the people of this State,” said Paulin.

State Senator Allesandra Biaggi, “Today, Governor Andrew Cuomo has finally put New Yorkers first and announced his resignation. I am forever grateful for the eleven women who risked everything to speak out about their experience of sexual misconduct. New York will be a better and safer place because of them. While further accountability is necessary, this moment reflects the hard work of survivors who have been striving for an end to workplace harassment for decades. New York State can now move forward and address the needs of the people we were elected to serve. I look forward to working under Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul’s leadership. Let this next chapter for New York be one of integrity, optimism, and progress.”

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, “Westchester County, and my administration, stand ready to work with incoming Governor Kathy Hochul when she assumes the governorship later this month. For years, incoming Governor Hochul has been a welcomed presence in Westchester County. She is well qualified to lead New York State in this immediate crisis. Also, for all New Yorkers, let us recognize this historic moment – that New York will for the first time in our history have a female Governor. Times have changed – as they should. We welcome incoming Governor Hochul, and look forward to cooperation between Westchester County and New York State in moving together in the right direction.”

Mayor Mike Spano said, “It is a historic day in our State’s history – we open a new chapter, welcoming New York’s first female Governor. I look forward to working with incoming Governor Kathy Hochul and building on the progress New York has made.

Governor Hochul is an experienced leader and should be well equipped to lead New York through the challenges that lay ahead, and working with her, we will champion the issues facing our communities.”

***Heroes Honored, continued from pg 1-***

REMARKABLE progress and is expected to be released in the coming weeks!

We are proud to have such amazing people in our Police Department and in our community and we were honored to recognize all involved for their heroic acts that saved lives!

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minutes of the incident. The victim was transported to a regional medical center with initially life-threatening injuries but was ultimately stabilized. The area was cordoned off and a criminal investigation was initiated.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Gang Unit, and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to interview subjects and witnesses, recover additional surveillance video, and process forensic evidence. Within hours investigators identified multiple persons of interest in addition to the five apprehended suspects. Local area video surveillance, in addition to video captured on personal electronic devices, yielded important evidence in support of identifying many of the individuals responsible for the assault. Working together with the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and the Westchester County Department of Labs and Research, detectives and investigators spent the next several weeks meticulously reviewing the video evidence, frame by frame, in an effort to identify the perpetrators and establish probable cause for criminal charges.

Investigation yielded that the victim entered the convenience store located at 171 North Broadway and was followed inside by three of the suspects, identified as Vance MAJOR, Latrell MURRAY, and Perryon MCKENNY. Therein MAJOR, MURRAY, and MCKENNY accosted the victim and engaged in a verbal dispute. The victim exited the store, followed again by MAJOR, MURRAY, and MCKENNY, at which point MAJOR struck the victim in the back with a liquor bottle. The victim turned towards MAJOR at which point another suspect, identified as Develle COATES, ran up to the victim from behind and struck him in the head, knocking him to the ground. Multiple other suspects, identified in the video and named below, join in the melee and began punching and kicking the victim as he lay unconscious, resulting in multiple serious physical injuries; the suspects also searched the victim and removed his property, including two gold chains and a wristwatch, before fleeing as police started to arrive.

Thirteen of the subjects arrested, charged, and or indicted in this investigation are members of the violent 300 Bloodhound Brims street gang aka “the hounds”. This gang is responsible for or involved in numerous violent activities in the City of Yonkers and surrounding municipalities, including felony assaults, robberies, and multiple acts of gun violence and criminal possession of a weapon (firearm); and most recently, believed to be associated with the public space shooting of a six-year-old child on Ash Street on April 30th and the drive-by shooting of four victims on Elm Street on June 10th. The fourteenth suspect, Peter THOMPSON, is a known member of the Mak Balla Bloods street gang.

“Great work again by our Yonkers Police in removing these gang members off our streets,” said Yonkers Mayor Spano. “Gang violence is quickly becoming another pandemic affecting our urban centers, and by apprehending these repeat offenders who cause such destruction in our neighborhoods, residents can begin to feel safe again in their homes and communities.”

Police Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, “It has always been a priority of the Yonkers Police Department to combat gangs and gang violence in this City. From the moment this heinous act took place, we set out to bring those responsible to justice. After a lengthy investigation involving Yonkers Detectives and Police Officers along with our partners in law enforcement at the County and Federal levels, we were able to identify fourteen individuals who took part in this crime. This collaboration continued as we effected the arrests of these perpetrators and dismantled a violent street gang with a serious and lengthy criminal history. Let this be a warning to those who wish to take part in gang activity: the Yonkers Police will find you, arrest you, and deliver you in to the Criminal Justice System.”

“This was a shockingly brutal attack. These charges demonstrate our commitment to aggressively prosecute all violence, including gang violence, and to seek justice for victims of brutal attacks such as this one,” DA Rocah said. “The people of Yonkers deserve safe streets and we will work closely with our law enforcement partners to ensure that everyone feels secure in their community. I am very grateful for the collaboration and partnership of all of our law enforcement partners, including the Yonkers Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, the Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research and the United States Office of Probation.”

The following defendants were arrested, charged, and or indicted as a result of this multi-agency investigation:

Vance MAJOR – Age 21 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on June 17th; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Develle COATES – Age 19 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on June 17th; indicted on Gang Assault 1, Gang Assault 2, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4.

Jaylen REEVES – Age 18 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on June 17th; charged with Gang Assault 1 in Yonkers Criminal Court.

Peter THOMPSON – Age 19 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on June 17th; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Drayquan GREEN – Age 20 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on June 17th; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Latrell MURRAY – Age 21 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 21st; indicted on Gang Assault 1, Gang Assault 2, Robbery 1, Robbery 2, and Grand Larceny 4.

Dior MOORE – Age 18 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 21st; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Timothy WHITNEY – Age 22 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 22nd in Port Chester, New York; indicted on Gang Assault 1, Gang Assault 2, Robbery 1, Robbery 2, and Grand Larceny 4.

Darden THOMAS – Age 21 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 22nd in New Rochelle, New York; indicted on Gang Assault 1, Gang Assault 2, Robbery 1, Robbery 2, and Grand Larceny 4.

Jahnai MCNEAL – Age 18 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 22nd; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Adolescent Offender 1 – Age 17 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 22nd; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Adolescent Offender 2 – Age 16 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 22nd; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Adolescent Offender 3 – Age 17 – arrested by members of the Yonkers Police Department on July 29th; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

Perryon MCKENNY – Age 18 – arrested by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Westchester Safe Streets Task Force on July 29th in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; indicted on Gang Assault 1 and Gang Assault 2.

The indicted defendants were arraigned on August 6th in the County Court of Westchester County in the presence of Judge David S. Zuckerman. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

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exercise. I’m so proud of the work Mayor Spano and Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone have done to make this happen. We don’t have enough spaces like these, so our goal is to do more in the future.”

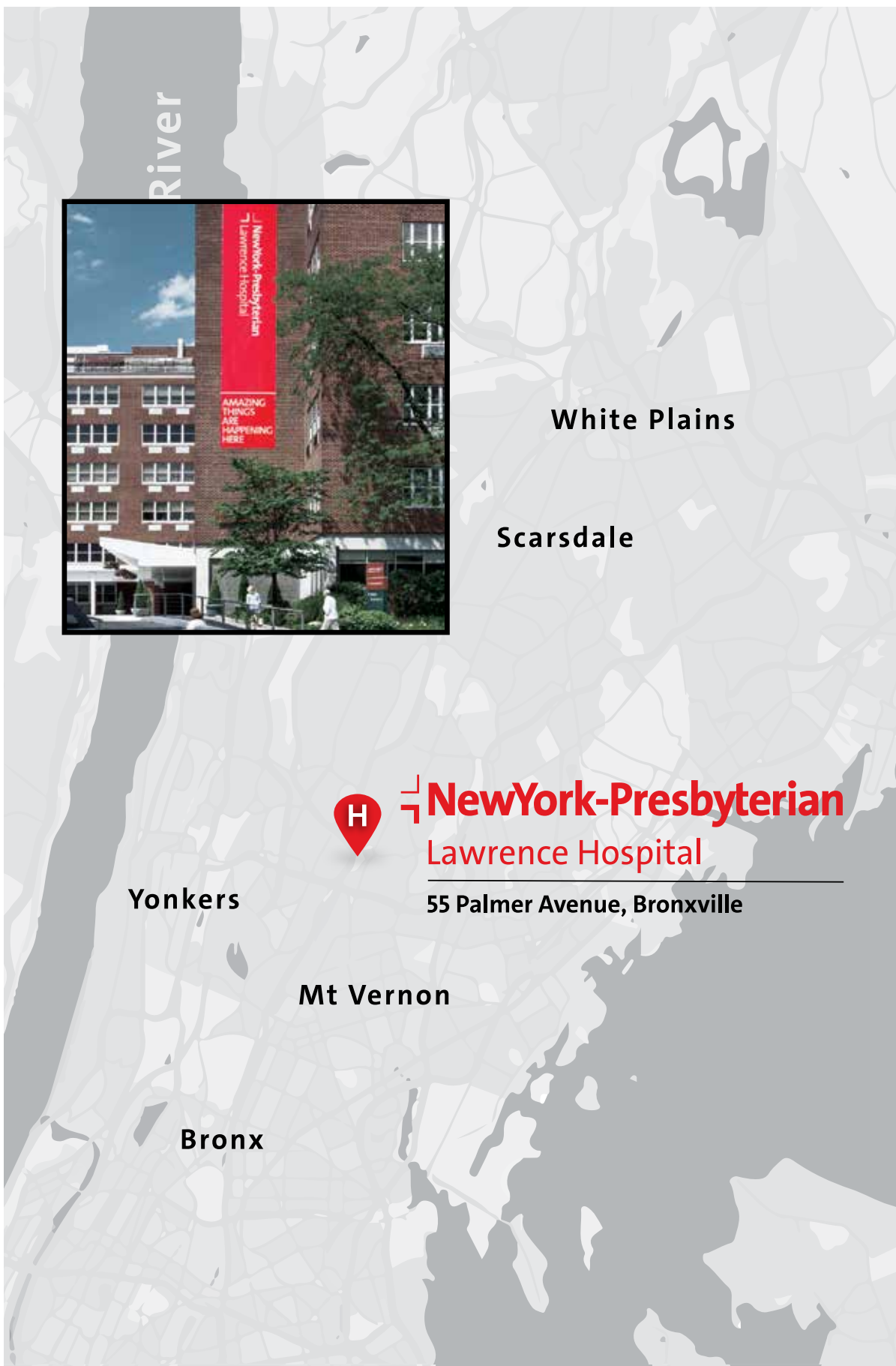
The event was at Stefanik Park on Nepperhan Avenue, but the City’s parks department also improved fitness areas at Coyne, Singlak-Keehan, O’Boyle and Barton Parks. Coyne Park, which features senior-friendly workout equipment, such as stationary bike, arm bike, cross trainer, plyometric stepper and a leg station, is expected to open in the coming months

At the event, Styes P was given a Key to the City from Mayor Spano. Styes accepted on behalf of Jadakiss and Sheek Louch, the two other members of the hip hop group The LOX, which formed in 1994 in Yonkers. Styes, Jada and Sheek Louch later shared a video publicly thanking the people of Yonkers and the mayor for honoring them are their many contributions.

“Honored to have the KEY TO THE CITY! Another park with another workout station up and running in the inner city of Yonkers. We have accomplished a lot and have a lot more to accomplish!! But working together we will most certainly get it done. The key to this whole thing is making a Better and brighter future for the youth! They are the true keys to city,” Styes captioned on Instagram.

The LOX opened a juice bar in Yonkers in 2011 called Juices for Life, at 211 Nepperhan Avenue.

The parks event was held two days after The LOX appeared at a rap battle at the MSG theater on August 4, called The Verzuz showcase More on this event next week.



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