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My Son Died From Fentanyl, So Did 100,000 Other Americans; What are We Doing About it?



Eriko Olivera

By Frank Spotorno with Dan Murphy

My wife Margarida and I lost our son, Eriko, seven months ago. We recently received his autopsy report, which found that he died from an overdose of Fentanyl.

Eriko had been struggling with drug addiction for many years, but he was not taking opioids and did not know that he was taking Fentanyl when he bought it on the street. We also know that he did not want to die; he had three daughters to live for and was always willing to go back into rehab and try to stay clean.

My family is not alone. Last year, more than 100,000 Americans died of Opioid abuse, and most of those deaths were from Fentanyl.

We have all heard this story, which has played out for the past 20 years, but nothing seems to change, and as a result 1.5 million Americans have died of opioid and fentanyl overdose. It starts with the over prescription of legal pain medications. But once the prescriptions run out, many Americans looked for that same high in illegal drugs like heroin and synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl, which is made in China and shipped across the border through Mexico.

What do we know about this poisonous drug? Most Fentanyl is made in China and smuggled into the US through Mexico. While some of the Fentanyl ending up on the streets of our cities comes in through smugglers crossing the border, the larger shipments are coming in through trucks and containers, with other goods. It is very hard to detect because such a small dose can be deadly.

We are sitting by as our fellow Americans are dying. This sad tale is another example of wasting our talent, our loved ones, our neighbors. I believe that another reason for the Fentanyl epidemic in our country is our bogus free trade agreements, which I have been fighting against for 30 years. I ran for Congress in 2016 to "Bring our Jobs Home," and we need those jobs now more than ever, because a lot of our friends and families fighting drug addiction could have found peace and stability in the manufacturing jobs that we sent overseas. But those same containers that come in from China and from Mexico with clothes and electronics, also contain Fentanyl.

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Pamela's Big Heart Foundation's 'Social Justice Warriors' Honored



L-R-Clark Scholar Kaeli Lewis; Clark Scholar Angela Artega; Clark Center Director Craig Donnelly; Manhattanville Interim President Louise Feroe; Manhattanville VP for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer Cindy Porter. Artega and Lewis are front Yonkers

At an event held at Manhattanville College on Sunday, August 21, Pamela's Big Heart Foundation honored Manhattanville's Clark Scholars with their Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of the work the students have done with the organization. New York State Senator Shelley Mayer also presented a proclamation to the students for this honor.

Pamela's Big Heart Foundation is a non-profit organization in Yonkers, NY, that works to better the lives of underserved youth. "Fellowship, mentorship, and faith are what this amazing group of human beings exemplifies every single day, and I am so proud to honor Manhattanville Clark Scholars as Volunteer of the Year at the first ever Big Heart Cocktail Gala," said Maddie Cheatham, chief executive officer of Pamela's Big Heart Foundation. "Thank you for being the change you wish to see in this world and the people you needed growing up."

As part of the presentation of the award, Cheatham also noted that, "Manhattanville Clark Scholars are a special group of social justice warriors... Compassionate, kind, and willing to go above and beyond, they not only give back within the Yonkers community, but these amazing young men and women speak up and advocate for social justice issues."

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I have the deepest respect for Pamela's Big Heart Foundation and the work they do for the community in Yonkers. It was a pleasure to recognize the evening's honorees, including Manhattanville's Clark

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Christella "Showtime" Cepeda Brings Golden Gloves Belt to Yonkers; Are the Olympics Next?



Christella Cepeda, with Boxing Coach John Morrison, both from Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Christella Cepeda, a Yonkers native and graduate of Saunders High School, for her recent victory in the National Golden Gloves boxing championship held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Cepeda, won four fights in a row to win the Golden Gloves National Championship (139 lbs.). The final match, against Texas state champion Briana Carrera, was tough but as Christella tells us "I jabbed her so many times, my arms were tired after for days."

The first match in Tulsa for Cepeda was a RSC (Referee Stops Contest) after having the ref come in to give four standing 8 counts to her opponent, after a few right hands and another few hooks.

Most of us boxing fans have heard about the Golden Gloves, which is now called Ringmaster in New York State. Cepeda won the NY State Ringmaster in her weight class to move onto Tulsa. She has fought before other New York State Ringmaster events, but recently she took a couple of years away from boxing during COVID.

But her boxing career is a true Yonkers success story. I came into the YMCA

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Bowman Wins in a Blowout! Congressman Easily Wins Dem Primary



Congressman Jamaal Bowman, center, easily won his democratic primary

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Congressman Jamaal Bowman easily won the first step towards re-election in the democratic primary on August 23. Rep. Bowman defeated County Legislator Vedat Gashi and County Legislator Catherine Parker in the 16th Congressional district in NY, which includes Yonkers, parts of the Bronx, Mt. Vernon and all of southern Westchester north to White Plains.

Bowman received 57% of the vote, with Gashi second with 23% and Parker 18%. What is impressive about Bowman's victory is that if you combine his two opponents vote totals, he still wins handily.

After his victory, Rep. Bowman said, "Tonight, we proved to the world that if you lead with peace and with love, you win. Because when we got to D.C. two years ago — just days before the first attack on the Capitol since the War of 1812 — that is how we led. We introduced the Green New Deal for Public Schools to invest in young people. We brought back resources to support the elderly and children in our communities. We fought back against hate, racism, and anti-semitism. Tonight we will celebrate this win for our movement. And tomorrow, we'll get back to work fighting for the people of this district, and back to work building a district, a country, and a world that centers equity, human rights, and justice for all."

Sochie Nnaemeka, Director of the New York Working Families Party, said, "Jamaal Bowman has been a courageous fighter for our children and families in Congress. He introduced the visionary Green New Deal for Public Schools legislation, protected families from unjust eviction, and fought to defend our democracy. We're thrilled to continue partnering with Jamaal to ensure that working families in NY-16 can truly thrive."

The question that many political observers had was if Bowman's progressive views would impact the support he received from Westchester democrats. The answer to that question, and to the many critics of some of his stances and vote, is that Westchester democrats have clearly spoken, and it is a vote of confidence for Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

Less than 30,000 democrats voted in a primary that was confusing and in the middle of the summer. Rep. Bowman moves on to face republican Dr. Miriam Flisler, the former Mayor of Scarsdale in November. But the "Bowmentum", as he likes to call it, is with him.

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Groundbreaking Held for ‘Unique Design’ Apartment Building Downtown



On August 19, city officials joined with developers from Azorim to break ground on Miroza on the Hudson, a 25-story residential building on the vacant property of 44 Hudson Street. Miroza on the Hudson will include 250 apartments (including 25 affordable rental units), a fitness center, a library, a rooftop garden and plenty more outstanding amenities.

“Miroza on the Hudson is a shining example of the great innovations we see blossoming here in Yonkers. It will be a superb place for families as well as younger millennials who are looking for quality and convenience. I’m extremely eager to see the completion of this project which will be a fitting addition to our already graceful Yonkers skyline,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Its unique design spurs a transformative development along the Yonkers waterfront.”

City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said, “The Council appreciates Azorim’s continued commitment to the City of Yonkers.”

Mayor Spano Presents Joe Cianciulli With Key to the City for 53 Years of Service



Mayor Mike Spano presents the Key to the City of Yonkers to Joe Cianciulli

Joe Cianciulli, one of Yonkers Icon’s retired this week, after serving the City as the Chairman of the Yonkers Zoning Board of Appeals for 53 years. Yes that is not a error, Joe gave a half century to the City that he loves.

Here are some highlights from Joe Cianciulli’s long-lasting career: Under his leadership, the ZBA has handled 3500+ cases from all sections of Yonkers. Joe helped bring back a remnant of steel to Yonkers from the 9/11 World Trade Center which is now part of our “Yonkers World Trade Center Steel Monument” at Conor Park.

Joe Donated “AJ” the Police Dog to the Yonkers Police Department K-9 Unit and donated Crane Equipment and Labor to the City of Yonkers. And every year, Joe helps erect the Christmas Tree in Getty Square.

“Joe’s 53-year career as a member of the Yonkers Zoning Board of Appeals is part of the many reasons Yonkers has become what it is today. Congratulations on your retirement Joe. Your extreme generosity, tenacity and long-standing commitment to this city makes you a true Yonkers icon,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

City Councilman Mike Breen said, “Congratulations on Chairman Joseph Cianciulli’s retirement from the Zoning Board of Appeals. After over 50 years of serving the City of Yonkers, I was honored to be at the final meeting Joe presided over. To my friend Joe, thank you for dedicating such a significant part of your life to the City we love. I wish you nothing but health and happiness.”

Thanks for your service, Mr. Chairman!

YONKERS IDA A Driving Force Behind the Yonkers Renaissance.

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

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Westchester County Offers Free Back to School Vaccine Clinics

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The Westchester County Department of Health is now booking appointments for its free back-to-school vaccine clinics to assure children have the vaccines they need for school.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Parents should schedule vaccine visits with their healthcare provider as soon as possible to be sure their children have the vaccines they need to stay in school. For those without insurance, or who have ChildHealth Plus or Medicaid, the County Health Department can help."

Besides school vaccines, the County also offers influenza and COVID-19 vaccines for children ages six months and older. Children must have their first dose of all required vaccinations within 14 days from the first day of school. Parents and guardians of children must show they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses within 30 days of the start of school. New York State eliminated religious exemptions for vaccinations as of the 2019 school year.

Families with no insurance, ChildHealth Plus or Medicaid, should call the County Health Department to schedule an appointment for vaccines at no charge. Call (914) 995-5800 to find out if you qualify, and to make an appointment.

The six back-to-school clinics, located at the Health Department at 134 Court Street, White Plains are as follows:

Friday, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ask your healthcare provider which vaccines your children need. All 7th and 12th graders must get the meningococcal vaccine, and all students must be vaccinated against whooping cough, measles and mumps.

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

Respect the Handicapped



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Something happened that I did not like the other day. I went to the movies, a handicapped couple came in, they wanted to sit in the last row which is a handicapped seating row because there are no steps to the seats and the whole row was occupied by children.

They asked the children's mother to move so they could sit and the mother said, 'Did you buy those seats. The couple said no and the mother said, 'Well I did and those seats are mine.' The couple said the seats are designated for the handicapped and the mother said she didn't care, she bought the seats and they were hers.

Bottom line. She bought the seats in the back of the theater so her kids can run around in the back during the movie as they did to the anguish of many moviegoers. The rule: the back row of seats with no steps is for handicapped customers. The cashier is supposed to tell them that. But if they purchase their tickets online, they can get whatever seats they want.

Most people aren't as rude to handicapped individuals like this mother was, but I've noticed a decrease in respect for handicapped people all throughout society.

License plates for the handicapped. Only supposed to be used if the individual with the handicap is driving the vehicle themselves with no one else capable of driving the car. But you and I see plenty of individuals that we know are using someone else's tag parking in a space designated for the handicap.

And how many people do we see occupying a parking place with no handicap tag. Sometimes individuals I know confront them, but in this day and age you never know what the person in the car is, for lack of a better word carrying.

Delivery trucks. They think they own the streets. They think they can park their trucks anywhere anytime. They block or park in handicap spaces that are empty, they block spaces that are full with a car legitimately parked in the space, and they put their loading mechanism down in spaces to make it easier to load shopping no respect. All no good.

Uber and Lyft drivers break the rules two ways. They park in handicap spaces waiting for their customers, and they park while they 'run in' to pick up food and other items people have ordered for delivery. Sometimes their wait can be 15-20 minutes.

In my conversation thus far I have not included the people who park in handicap spaces just because there are no places available. They know it's illegal but they don't care. Confront them and again you don't know what they are carrying.

Cities like Yonkers can make a lot of money ticketing cars parked illegally in handicap spaces. The fee for illegal parking is up to \$250. Hit 4 a day and you have \$1000. That covers the workers salary and then some.

Cars parked in fire zones improperly are another problem that must be addressed. The fire and police departments have authority to address these issues. Cars must not be parked on the yellow lines or where it is posted FIRE ZONE. Again, a lot of money can be raised for the city coffers by simply enforcing the law.

Let's start respecting handicapped individuals and respecting the law. First thing you can do is hold the door for them like a lady or a gentleman.

Parking at Ridge Hill

There is no major store, specialty stores have moved out, And all of a sudden Ridge Hill comes up with a brilliant way to pay for parking. Using your phone they want you to scan the phone and pay for your parking. If they are going to charge, why they didn't reinstall the machines with credit cards that worked so well I don't know.

First, many people don't have cell phones. If they do they could be broken and they are headed to the Apple store to get them fixed. Or they don't have phones that can take pictures of the codes that are required to pay by phone.

Someone said if you don't pay they will record your license and send you a ticket. First of all, how would they get the name and address of your car. If the names and addresses are provided by New York State Motor Vehicles, the folks at ridge HILL have no right to get that information. If they are getting the information from the city of Yonkers, again the city has no right to give the information out. There is no enforcement mechanism, so until someone points out something to the contrary I am not paying any ticket. You want to charge to park, reinstall the machine you used before. They were easy to use. If they want to charge for parking at their empty facility, shop someplace else.

And the nerve to charge an extra \$1, \$11 for valet parking at Westmed. People who come to Westmed are there for their health. \$11 will really get them sick. And with Covid do you really want some stranger inSide your car? I think not.

The way things are going, Cross County Mall and Cross cCounty Square Mall with a bigger selection of stores and free parking is where I am going to shop.

Another Accident on the Sprain North and South from Tuckahoe Road to Greenburgh

Another terrible accident on a stretch of road between Yonkers and Greenburgh. With all the terrible accidents on that road no one can figure out through speed bumps or another mechanism how to slow down the traffic! How many

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2 Bedroom	12 units**	\$1,560.00	50% Area Median Income	3 units (Mobility)
Studio	4 units**	\$1,450.00	60% Area Median Income	NA
1 Bedroom	13 units	\$1,560.00	60% Area Median Income	3 units (Hearing/Vision) 2 units (Mobility)
2 Bedroom	10 units	\$1,872.00	60% Area Median Income	NA
1 Bedroom	5 units	\$1,850.00	80% Area Median Income	1 unit (Hearing/Vision)
2 Bedroom	5 units	\$2,200.00	80% Area Median Income	1 unit (Mobility)
Studio	2 units	\$1,850.00	90% Area Median Income	NA
1 Bedroom	3 units	\$1,850.00	90% Area Median Income	NA
2 Bedroom	5 units	\$2,200.00	90% Area Median Income	NA

* Rent and availability are subject to change at any time.
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- Selection by Lottery. Applications will be made available starting July 15, 2022. You may obtain an application by giving us a call at 914-821-1132 | TTY: 711, emailing us at warburton@tcbinc.org or visiting our website, www.theridgewaycommunities.com and clicking on Leasing Information.
- All paper applications should be returned/mailed to our management office at 43 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701 or emailed to us at warburton@tcbinc.org. Applications can also be completed online on our website, www.theridgewaycommunities.com, under Leasing Information. **Online applications are preferred.**
- We will hold two virtual information sessions for those interested in applying on 07/27/2022 from 6pm – 7pm and on 08/17/2022 from 6pm – 7pm. Links to those sessions will be made available on the Leasing Information page on our website.
- The deadline to apply for the Lottery will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 (mailed applications must be postmarked by this date). Applications received after this date will not be included in the Lottery and will be entered on a waitlist based on date/time stamp of application receipt following those ranked Lottery applicants.
- Housing Lottery will be held electronically at 10:00a.m. and recorded on 09/20/2022 – the Lottery link will be made available on the Leasing Information page on our website.
- All applicants must be determined eligible in accordance with the Department of HUD regulations and must meet the family size requirements for a designated bedroom size (maximum of 2 persons per bedroom, minimum of 1 person per bedroom preference) as well as maximum income of all family members (please see our website for limits). Your application must also be complete to be eligible for Lottery submission. If your application shows that you are eligible, you will be notified in writing by mail or electronic mail prior to the Lottery date and you will be provided an Application Registration Number (ineligible applicants will also be notified in writing and will be provided the chance to appeal). Only eligible applications will be entered into the Lottery. Your place on the waitlist will be decided by a Lottery.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR POSITION ON THE WAITLIST MAY NOT BE DICTATED BY YOUR LOTTERY NUMBER SINCE THOSE WITH A PREFERENCE WILL TAKE PRIORITY.
- After the Lottery, the waiting list will remain open until further notice. Applications will be processed in order of receipt from that point forward.
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Yonkers City Court Judge Goldberg-Velazquez Among Candidates for NY Supreme Court



Yonkers City Court Judge Elena Goldberg-Velazquez is running for NY State Supreme Court in November

The democratic and republican parties of the Hudson Valley held their Judicial conventions and named their candidates for State Supreme Court for 2022. Seven seats are up on the State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess Counties. The names first appeared in the Yonkersinsider -<https://yonkersinsider.blogspot.com>.

- Republican candidates:
1. John A. Sarcone, III of Westchester County
 2. John Ciampoli of Nassau County
 3. Linda M. Murray of Dutchess County
 4. Richard J. Guertin of Orange County
 5. Joseph I Farca of Westchester County
 6. Robert S. Cypher, Jr. of Westchester County
 7. Michael J. Grace of Westchester County

- Democratic candidates:
- 1-Administrative Judge Anne Minihan.
 - 2-David Squirrell.
 - 3-Amy Puerto.
 - 4-Keri Fiore.
 - 5-Judge Elena Goldberg Velazquez.
 - 6-Judge David Zuckerman.
 - 7-Judge Sheri Eisenpress.

Fentanyl, continued from pg 1-

Prescription opioid abuse has already taken a devastating toll on our communities seeing a terrifying rise in the number of cases of counterfeit prescription pills being sold on the streets of America and online. The public must be aware that while these pills may look like prescription drugs, they likely contain the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl. A lethal dosage of fentanyl is just two milligrams, equivalent in size to a few grains of salt, as compared to a lethal dose of heroin at 30 milligrams, and that's why communities everywhere have tragically experienced more fatal overdoses.

That pill you bought off the street could be the last one you ever take. Take it from me...many sons and daughters have been victims of government officials not taking these tragic deaths seriously, especially on our children, are taking a serious toll on the victims' families by choosing to turn a blind eye that our borders finally need to be secured.

Counterfeit pills are incredibly dangerous because these imitation pills often look exactly like prescription Oxycodone in size, shape, color, and markings. Lab tests reveal a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing at least two milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a lethal dose. A deadly dose of fentanyl is small enough to fit on the tip of a pencil. And if it weren't for the outstanding work of first responders administering naloxone (an opioid antagonist that rapidly reverse opioid overdose) and saving lives of those who have overdosed, the number of deaths would be much, much higher".

Unless prescription drugs are obtained from an authorized medical provider or pharmacy, the public should not consume or even handle these pills. The synthetic opioids contained in them are often lethal if consumed even if in the smallest amounts. I'm urging you to share this potentially life-saving message with friends and family today.

Until we secure our borders effectively, Mexican cartels certainly will continue to have the greatest direct impact" on the U.S. fentanyl market in the coming years, the DEA cautions.

We also need to hold those in China who are manufacturing Fentanyl accountable, once and for all. And finally, to the drug dealer who gave my son the lethal dose of Fentanyl without him knowing, you need to be punished.

I am going to be working on this issue until our elected officials take action and serious action. I hope to share with you more columns and information in the weeks to come. If you wish to join me in this effort, please contact Dan Murphy at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Let us use this sorrowful moment for my wife and I be used to help others, so that other families don't have to go through what 100,000 of us go through in the United States every year.

HERRO Program Dispenses Almost \$250k to Westchester First Responders



First responders Madelyn Contreras, left, Mount Kisco Fire Department, and Max Yang, Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps, have both benefited from the HERRO Program

Tuition reimbursement & student loan repayment help available to active volunteers

Close to \$250,000 has been dispensed so far to over 50 recipients under Westchester County's tuition and student loan reimbursement program to help volunteer fire departments and EMS agencies recruit and retain more local heroes.

County Executive George Latimer launched the Higher Education Recruitment and Retention Opportunity (HERRO) program several months ago to help bolster the ranks of volunteer fire departments and EMS agencies. HERRO provides active volunteer emergency services personnel with tuition reimbursement or student loan repayment assistance.

"The HERRO program seeks to encourage more people to serve their communities as volunteer firefighters or ambulance corps personnel," Latimer said. "We are off to a great start and hope to build further on the success we have had in the program's first few months."

Volunteers are eligible for up to \$6,000 annually in tuition reimbursement or student loan repayment assistance. To be eligible, a HERRO applicant must be an active member of a volunteer fire department, fire company, fire district or EMS agency for one year. Volunteers must maintain acceptable volunteer activity and training levels as set forth by the County during their entire course of study. An applicant's department or agency will have to verify that these training and service requirements have been met.

The HERRO program is administered by the Department of Emergency Services, which oversees volunteer fire and EMS training programs in Westchester County.

Susan Spear, Deputy Commissioner at DES, said more than 50 applicants have received tuition reimbursement or loan repayment funding since the HERRO program was launched in March, totaling close to \$250,000.

HERRO recipient Madelyn Contreras, who volunteers with the Mount Kisco Fire Department, said, "The HERRO program has enabled me to pursue my educational aspirations while being a present member of my department. I am so appreciative of the program, not only for what it has provided me with, but simply for the recognition that Westchester County is giving back to us as we serve our communities."

HERRO recipient Max Yang, who volunteers with the Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps, said, "I am so appreciative of the generous support from the Department of Emergency Services. I am honored to be recognized for my service with Ardsley-Secor Volunteer Ambulance Corps (ASVAC), and I believe that the HERRO program is a great way for the County to support the work of young fire and EMS volunteers. Joining ASVAC was one of the best choices I have made, and I hope that HERRO is able to attract more volunteers to fire and EMS agencies around the county."

- Other highlights of the HERRO program:
- Earned credit hours must be obtained from an accredited college, university, trade school or highly focused training program. Transcripts must be provided.
 - There are no restrictions on the type of academic coursework the volunteer chooses to pursue.
 - Students can be enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis and must maintain a grade point average of "C" or better – or 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - For tuition reimbursement, Westchester Volunteer H.E.R.R.O. funds can only be utilized for on-campus (classroom) or distance (internet) learning tuition costs. Other costs, such as books or school fees, are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Application forms and more detailed information about the program's requirements and approval process can be found at www.HERRO.westchestergov.com.

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Westchester Deputy County Executive Jenkins
Named to National Leadership Post



Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins

Deputy Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has been appointed to chair a national subcommittee addressing transit and rail policies facing counties across the nation.

At a recent Annual Conference in Adams County Colorado, the National Association of Counties (NACo) President Denise Winfrey tapped Jenkins to Chair the Transit/Rail Subcommittee of the NACo Transportation Steering Committee.

“Effective, reliable and sustainable transportation is critical to Westchester County families and I’m excited have a leadership role representing County Executive George Latimer and Westchester County advocating for smart investment in this critical infrastructure,” said Deputy County Executive Jenkins. “I’m honored to be chosen for this important leadership position with NACo.”

The NACo Transportation Steering Committee works to shape policy on all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government, including highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, airport development and service, passenger and freight railroads, ports and waterways, freight movement, and research and development of new modes of transportation.

“New York’s counties are on the cutting edge of multimodal transportation innovation and leadership and have a wealth of knowledge to share with other county leaders around the nation,” said Marte Sauerbrey, president of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). “I’m proud to see members of our association taking their creative vision and passion for local government and public service to National Association of Counties (NACo).”

NACo serves nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo advocates for county priorities in federal policymaking, promotes exemplary county policies and practices, nurtures leadership skills, optimizes county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and enriches the public’s understanding of county government.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), founded in 1925, is an affiliate of NACo and works closely with the organization to advance priorities of New York’s counties at the state and federal level.

“As counties across New York State work to rebuild from the pandemic and respond to new and challenges and opportunities facing local government, it’s critical to have strong representation in the nation’s capital,” said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario. “Having Ken Jenkins from Westchester County, New York bring his talents and experience to the National Association of Counties (NACo) will help shape advocacy at the national level resulting in better, more resilient transportation modes in our great state and around the nation.”

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more people will lose their lives on that stretch?

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

On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Alexander Smith Mills Carpet Factory in Yonkers was so profitable, and their owners so generous, that employees received bonuses of 10% of the salary over 10 years, with bonuses totalling \$82,000 in 1923!

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

Monday, August 29th

August 29, 1941: The Westchester Grand Jury began examining the “Elks Deal,” protested by several Yonkers leaders. The club had defaulted on its mortgage, interest and back taxes; instead of foreclosing on the property, the city purchased the building from the club. Those protesting the deal claimed the lodge got favoritism because many powerful political leaders and city officials were members.

August 29, 1947: President Harry Truman appointed Class of 1912 Yonkers High School grad Major General William Draper, Jr., to be Under Secretary of the War, making him the school’s highest ranking living alumnus. He served in this capacity for less than two months; the Department of War became the Department of the Army, making Draper our first Under Secretary of the Army. He left the position February 1949 to rejoin Dillon, Read & Co. and was called the “Wall Street General.” President Dwight Eisenhower appointed him as the first US Ambassador to NATO in 1953, a position he served in for just three months. While at NYU, the Woodworth Avenue resident won several oratorical contests.

Tuesday, August 30th

August 30, 1926: After a police chase over several city blocks accompanied by gun fire, Patrolmen Thomas Coombs and John Baldwin captured two men who robbed and assaulted a man in front of Holy Rosary Rectory. Coombs heard the victim’s weak cry for help from Woodworth Avenue, called for additional police assistance and apprehended the men at Ashburton and Park Avenues. They stole \$210 from the Glenwood Avenue victim.

August 30, 1953: The Yonkers, Oklahoma, Post Office was no longer in existence! Founded by George Herriot Lowerre, son of one of oldest Yonkers families, the community was named after his hometown. Seven years earlier, it had 69 residents; most of whom traveled by bus to Yonkers to celebrate our 1946 tercentennial. Most of the hamlet was flooded for a dam, and many of those who visited us had lost their homes.

August 30, 1956: The Yonkers Keys left Yonkers and flew to Bismark, ND, to compete in the National Junior American Legion Baseball competition.

Wednesday, August 31st

August 31, 1639: Native Americans sold Nepperhaem (Yonkers) to the Dutch West India Company.

August 31, 1914: Isadora Duncan’s sister Elizabeth and nine charges from the European War Zone finally arrived in Yonkers after being detained at Ellis Island by Immigration Authorities. When finally released, the group headed directly to Park Avenue in Yonkers, where they spent their first days in America. Duncan’s planned to establish a school to teach esthetic dancing and in 1916, opened a school at 360 North Broadway.

Thursday, September 1st

September 1, 1923: Employees who worked for Smith Carpet Company for 10 years received a check for ten percent of their salary; workers employed five to ten years received a check for five percent. Bonus checks totaled \$82,000.

September 1, 1943: An impromptu meeting of former mayors happened by chance outside the First National Bank Building. State Senator William Condon and John Wallace just happened to meet; John Fogarty, in town from Long Island, soon joined them. Minutes later, Joseph Loehr happened along! The group chatted for several minutes, so quietly those passing by could not hear their conversation.

Friday, September 2nd

September 2, 1931: The Yonkers Board of Education requested \$5800 to equip a lunchroom at Longfellow Junior High School on North Broadway. If granted, Longfellow would be the only school in Yonkers to have a lunchroom. Longfellow later moved to the Hollow, and its original building became Commerce HS.

September 2, 1952: The new parking lot built for Otis Elevator employees opened with nationwide attention. The lot, built to hold 180 cars, included a “ladies’ row,” with a very wide aisle for women! Letters poured in from all over the country from outraged women, stating women drove just well as men.

Saturday, September 3rd

September 3, 1935: Two hundred-seventy-five children celebrated Frank Tobin Day at the Polo Grounds! Besides watching a double-header, the kids munched on peanuts, popcorn and other traditional ball park goodies. The little ones wore white ribbons with the words “Tobin and Winn” in blue. Tobin, of course, was Frank Tobin, originator of Tobin Day and was Democratic candidate for First Ward Alderman; Winn was Supervisor William Winn. After the games, a bus brought the children back to the First Ward Democratic Club for ice cream and cake

September 3, 1942: One “casualty” was reported in the test mobilization of the Yonkers Red Cross first aid units. A Sea Scout runner for the Sixth Ward was extremely late in reporting back to headquarters at Sacred Heart Church. When he breathlessly finally reported in, he reported he was “captured” by three boys!. He literally was taken into custody, and held until he managed to break loose to report to duty.

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Attention: Yonkers Sacred Heart High School
Alumni Dinner Dance September 10

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Scholars, for their tireless work with the organization and for their dedication to their neighbors. The scholars are truly outstanding individuals with bright futures ahead.”

Close to 1,000 students participate in service projects as part of Manhattanville’s Clark Scholars each year for a total of 30,000 hours of service.

“All of us at the Clark Center would like to thank Pamela’s Big Heart Foundation for awarding our Clark Scholars the Volunteer of the Year Award,” said Craig Donnelly, director of the Sister Mary T. Clark, RSCJ Center for Religion and Social Justice at Manhattanville College. “It is a true honor and privilege to be recognized by one of our community partners.”

Donnelly added that the Clark Center’s four “pillars of justice” are community service, social justice, activism and advocacy, and religion and spirituality, all of which fit well with the mission of Pamela’s Big Heart Foundation.

“We are very proud of our Clark Scholars who exemplify the mission of our College through their work with Clark Center community partners,” said Manhattanville Interim President, Louise Feroe, Ph.D. “A deep commitment to service sets our students apart and we appreciate the recognition of their work by Pamela’s Big Heart Foundation and Senator Shelley Mayer.”

Maddie Cheatham, chief executive officer of Pamela’s Big Heart Foundation, added that both of the young women honored, Kaelei Lewis and Angela Arteaga, are from Yonkers and “volunteer at every one of my events, for children, girls tea parties, for boys, Yonkers boys wear ties, and in fellowship mentoring. The also volunteer at my big heart pantry and go out once a month to help the homeless. Kaelei and Angela are two social justice warriors, who are unseen but do great work. I’m so happy they are being recognized.”

This honor was given at Pamela’s Big Heart Foundation’s first ever Big Heart Cocktail Gala on Sunday, August 21st. Congratulations to all the honorees: Maria Abdullah, Diana Sanchez, David Neeman, Delfim Heusler, and Ray Wilcox.

Visit www.PamelasBigHeartFoundation.org for more information on this organization and how you can help.

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Sunday, September 4th

September 4, 1921: The Board of Education voted six to two to proceed with plans to build a new high school on the Waring property between Yonkers HS and Saunders Trades School on South Broadway. The Armour Villa Park Association immediately adopted a resolution protesting alleged discrimination because the new high school was not going to be built in the suburbs of the city.

September 4, 1956: The Yonkers Keys baseball team was the first team eliminated from the National Junior American Legion Championship. With the “double-elimination” process and their losses to New Orleans and Roseburg, our hometown heroes were out of the competition. Coach Desperito was so angry at the officiating, he got ejected from the Bismark ballpark.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

Notice of Formation of Law Office of Ellen Cho, PLLC (PLLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/17/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 50 Lincoln Avenue, Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Application for Authority of 17 Valerie Drive, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/8/2022. Formed in FL 8/5/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail copy of process is 5204 Europa Dr., Apt. L, Boynton Beach, FL 33437. Arts. of Organization filed with the Secy. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Mach I Electric LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on June 06, 2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Mach I Electric LLC of NY, 297 Knollwood Rd., suite 103, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of Sweeney Tech, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Alta Place, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of DRUMCOBRADY LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Gabriel Carbin, 70 Alexander Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Note to thieves: do not come here - the #YonkersPD will chase you down and arrest you, just like Felix De La Rosa and Jason Dominguez, both from New York City, found out when they were caught stealing catalytic converters two days ago on Douglas Avenue; they tried to get away, first in a vehicle with stolen plates (that crashed) then on foot - but the 4th Precinct midnight tour had other plans for them - now they face felony larceny and auto stripping charges. Great job by the cops involved! Thank you for supporting Law Enforcement and your local police!!

Yonkers Boxing Champ , continued from pg 1-

with my sister years ago. We heard about a boxing program being offered. My sister didn't stay with it, but I loved it. At the Yonkers Y, Christella met Boxing Coach John Morrison, and the two have trained together ever since. Now 28, Cepeda started boxing with Johnson when she was 16.

"She has a real talent for boxing, and she works hard. Two months after she came in, she had her first fight. Usually it takes 6 months, but she stood out. I saw right away how gifted and talented she was," said Morrison, who plans on opening a boxing gym called Knockouts, at 29 South Broadway, next month.

"After she won the NY Ringmaster, we felt good about going out to Tulsa for the national golden gloves, but we had no idea about her competition. Her second fight was a split decision and so was the last fight. It was close but she's the champ now," said Morrison.

Coach Morrison explained that the winner of the national golden gloves usually competes in the Olympic trials, to get a chance to represent the USA and go for the gold. The trials are in December.

"She has a great shot at the Olympics. I believe that she can do whatever she sets her mind to. She has the determination, and when she gets in the ring, she becomes 'Showtime', her nickname."

"I'm proud of her ups and downs, we had a lot of fights that she won, but got robbed by the judges. But she kept working and now, seeing her dreams become a reality, is a great thing," said Morrison. "She is paving the way for other young kids in Yonkers, and I have some good boxers coming. She is going to put Yonkers on the map for boxing."

Christella said that she is enjoying her recent championship and still has to decide about her future. She could try for the Olympics, or turn professional, or take some time off. "We are still trying to figure all of that out," said Cepeda, a graduate of Saunders High School and a lifelong Yonkers resident, born and raised and she still lives here today.

"I'm proud to be from Yonkers and bring the belt back to my city. I hope to have a positive effect on kids, and maybe they will see what I did and think that they can do it."

Cepeda has a good jab, and a straight right-hand punch that is dangerous, along with a left hook. She has the complete boxing package and is fearless in the ring. You can find some of her boxing videos on YouTube, and we will post a few on Yonkerstimes.com.

Congratulation Christella Cepeda. We will continue to report on her future achievements. And thanks for making Yonkers proud!

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Another progressive Westchester democrat, State Senator Allesandra Biaggi, lost her democratic primary challenge to Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney. Maloney also easily won his primary, with 66% of the vote.

Maloney is more moderate than both Bowman and Biaggi, but both Bowman and Maloney showed the power of being an incumbent member of the US House of Representatives.

Bowman also campaigned actively in the final weeks before the primary, and got some help from national progressive organizations.

India Flag Raising at City Hall



L-R-City Councilwoman Shanae Williams, Patrick Murphy, City Court Judge Verris Shako

Yonkers Mayor Spano and City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy welcomed the Indian-American Council of Westchester, and members of the Indian-American community from Yonkers, to City Hall to raise the Indian Flag on August 20.

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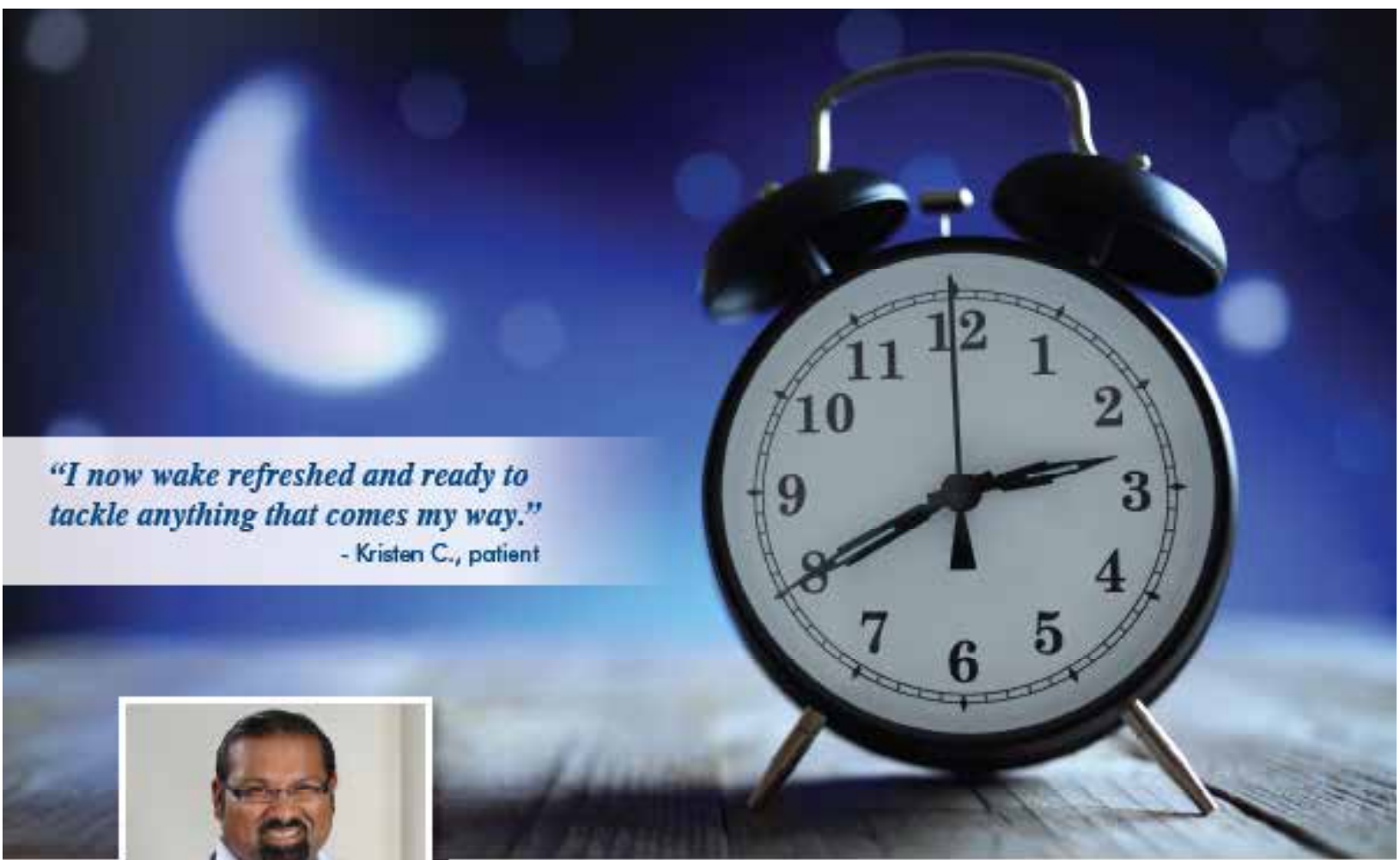
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