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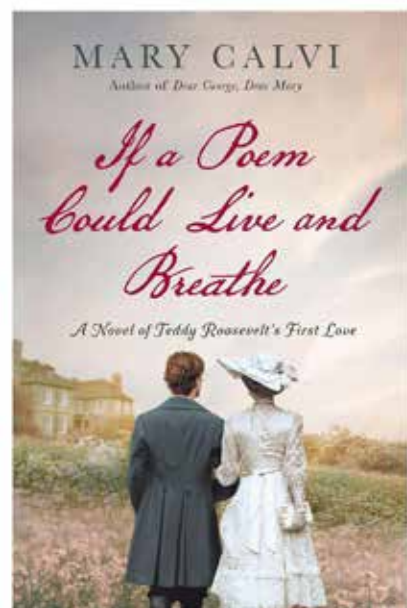
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## Mary Calvi Pens Second Presidential “First Love” Book, About Teddy Roosevelt



In 2019, Mary Calvi, morning anchor for WCBS-TV and the First Lady of Yonkers, penned Dear George, Dear Mary: A Novel of George Washington’s First Love. The book’s success, which included being turned into a made for TV documentary by the Smithsonian channel, included references to her home in Yonkers, and one of the oldest buildings in New York State, Philipse Manor Hall.

Through extensive research, Calvi wondered whether George Washington’s heart belonged not to Martha, but to his first love, Mary Philipse, in her book.

Now, in her second work of historical fiction, If A Poem Could Live and Breathe, Calvi again questions the history books. Using her journalistic skills to uncover the previously unpublished love letters written between Theodore Roosevelt and first wife, Alice Lee, Calvi provides a new understanding of their romance and ill-fated marriage. (Lee died post-childbirth at the young age of 22).

The love letters, long thought to have been destroyed, allowed Calvi to illustrate how Lee, a woman many historians wrote off as unimportant to the development of Roosevelt, did indeed help shape him into the man and future president he would become.

History has dismissed Alice Lee, possibly because of how biographers portrayed her and her relationship with Theodore. Edmund Morris, in his Pulitzer prize-winning biography of Roosevelt, wrote “... all love-letters between himself and Alice—with four trivial exceptions—were destroyed. Photographs of Alice were torn out of their paper frames.”

But Calvi discovered nearly 40 love letters and never-before-published photographs between Roosevelt and Lee, donated to Harvard University by Alice Lee’s great grand-daughter in 1990. Calvi included 36 of the letters in If A Poem Could Live and Breathe.

During her research at Harvard, Calvi writes in the book, “After reading through the last of the letters, I decided it might be a good idea to take a photograph with them while seated at one of a number of long wooden tables inside Houghton Library at Harvard University where they are stored. As I did, I was taken aback by what was hanging on the wall behind me: a portrait of President Roosevelt. Maybe he wanted them to be seen.”

Calvi meticulously transcribed each letter and donated those transcriptions to Harvard University for future researchers. The book, and the love letters show that

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## Alleged Leader of the 300 Bloodhound Brims, Rapper Velly Vellz Gets 12 Years for Assault



Develle Coates, aka Velly Vellz

By Dan Murphy

On June 17, 2021, 13 members of the 300 Bloodhound Brims, (3BB), street gang from Yonkers attacked a man outside of a bodega on north Broadway in Westchester’s largest city. Why were all of the 3BB gang members at that corner?

Their gang leader, Develle Coates, aka “Velly Vellz” was filming a rap video. Vellz had become somewhat of a known local rapper and the hope was that this video would launch him into the big time.

But it all turned bad once one of the 3BB gang members, Vance Major, got into some type of a beef with a 33-year old man inside the bodega. Once that man walked outside, 13 gang members were waiting.

Vance Major hit the victim on the head with a bottle. Develle Coates then landed a more severe blow to the victim’s head with a glass bottle, knocking the victim to the ground. The other 3BB members came in and stomped the victim to his near death and suffered a traumatic brain injury.

Although the Yonkers Police Department quickly responded, this crime may have never been solved, except for two videos of the incident. One was the security camera from the bodega; the other was from the videographer working on Velly Vellz’s rap video.

Both videos clearly show the victim taking a beating from all 13 members of 3BB and the YPD used the video to arrest and charge most of the gang with First Degree Gang Assault and other crimes.

12 of the 13 3BB members plead guilty to avoid a lengthy sentence from Westchester DA Mimi Rocah’s office. Only Develle Coates, Velly Vellz, decided to roll the dice and go to trial.

During the trial prosecutors identified Velly Vellz as the leader of the 300 Bloodhound Brims, a violent street gang in Yonkers. They said that the attack by Coates and his gang, left the victim damaged for life with permanent brain damage. Coates’ defense attorney Russell Smith said that his client was remorseful and that the incident was a mistake.

Coates was found guilty of first degree gang assault in Nov. 2022. On the day of his sentencing in Jan. 2023, Velly Vellz said “I am a human and I made a

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## Yonkers PBA Donates \$5k from Toughman to Help “Showtime Cepeda” Make Olympics



Christella Cepeda, accepting a \$5,000 check from the Yonkers Toughman competition for her to train to make the olympic boxing team, with retired YPD Sgt. Bill Maher

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers PBA held their annual Toughman competition last October and raised \$90,000, which went to some great local causes. Included was a check for \$5,000 to Christella Cepeda, pictured above, to help in her quest to make the USA Olympic Boxing team. Another \$5,000 was given to the Yonkers Force and Yonkers Brave Football teams, who are sponsored and mentored by the Yonkers Police and the Yonkers Fire Department.

Cepeda and her coach John Morrison, are training in Morrison’s new boxing gym Yonkers Knockouts, at 29 South Broadway. Last year, Cepeda won the National Golden Gloves boxing championship held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She explained her journey to become a great boxer with us last year. “I came into the YMCA 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.

“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 2023.

“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.”

Today USA Boxing has announced the guidelines for boxers to punch their ticket to the 2024 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Boxing, which will be held in Dec. 2023. Boxers will have five competition opportunities to qualify, as well as a Wild Card qualification to round out the field.

The 2024 Olympic Trials will expand the field to include 16 boxers per weight category and will be a single elimination tournament, different from previous editions, which had brackets of eight boxers and was a double elimination tournament.

We will follow Cepeda’s fights and progress and keep you updated. Good Luck Showtime, all of Yonkers is behind you!

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## County Legislator Nolan Announces Reelection, Campaign, and a Rematch with Ruth Walter Deana Robinson Announces 1st Council Run



Deana Robinson, left, and County Legislator James Nolan, right

By Dan Murphy

Legislator James Nolan announced that he is running for re-election to the BOL from District 15. Nolan, a republican, won election in 2021, defeating Ruth Walter in a close contest.

Walter is expected to run again, setting up a rematch. This district has also been modified through redistricting to include parts of Eastchester and Mt. Vernon with Bronxville and parts of East Yonkers.

“I am excited to announce my reelection campaign. Westchester is a unique and wonderful place to live. It’s been the pleasure of a lifetime to represent Bronxville and Yonkers. I’m excited to include residents of Eastchester and Mount Vernon as my constituents next year!” said Legislator Nolan.

“I took office last year during a very difficult time for our Country. We were still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The week I became a county legislator, there were over 3,000 new COVID cases a day. We have continued to inch further and further into a recession throughout my term. This economic slump has been perpetuated by a 40 year high in inflation. Despite all these obstacles, I have

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# City of Yonkers Grants \$14.5 M in COVID-19 Rent Relief to Residents



**Yonkers' Emergency Rental Assistance Program Provided Financial Assistance and Housing Stability Services to over 1,200 Households and Landlords Since 2021**

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the City of Yonkers successfully completed its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Y-ERAP) to aid Yonkers residents with their payments of back rent, prospective rent, utilities and relocation expenses due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yonkers granted approximately \$14.5 million in aid since June 2021, from funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan.

Working in collaboration with local community-based organizations, specifically CLUSTER Community Services, The Bridge Fund of Westchester, Inc., Westchester Residential Opportunities, Catholic Charities and Westhab, Yonkers' ERA program provided financial assistance and housing stability services to 853 unique Yonkers tenant households and paid rental arrears to 360 different Yonkers landlords, owners and management companies.

"Yonkers is proud to help struggling renters who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the pandemic," said Mayor Spano. "More than anyone, we know how to best serve our local tenants and landlords and connect them to our local nonprofits who are the 'boots on the ground' with those in need."

Mayor Spano added, "Contracting with multiple not-for-profits allowed us to swiftly mobilize senior staff from multiple agencies experienced with addressing rent arrears and conducting outreach to multiple high-need populations, thus minimizing the time needed for start-up and enabling us to begin enrolling participants before New York State."

Yonkers was the only community in Westchester to operate its own ERA program.

Those eligible for the Yonkers Emergency Rental Assistance Program must have suffered a reduction of income or unemployment due to COVID-19, owed back rent beginning after March 20, 2020 and faced homelessness or housing insecurity in 2021.

Yonkers residents who still need funding for rental arrears are eligible to apply for assistance from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance through its online application portal until January 20, at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/> and from the Westchester County Department of Social Services.

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Letter to Editor:

Mt Vernon man gets jail for throwing Pit Bull puppy out of car window' -

What's to say.... when an act is so heinous as to be almost unbelievable. Such as a 34 year old grown man violently killing & cursing his victim in the vilest, ugliest words in front of the whole world to hear. His victim? A 3 month old female puppy. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that a 3 month old puppy could've possibly done to deserve this fate, ending her life before it's hardly begun. Or should being thrown out of a car window into traffic be anyone's life-ending fate? If any animal cruelty case deserved the two year allowable maximum jail sentence, it would seem to be this one. Yet the prosecuting Assistant District Attorney & Animal Cruelty Coordinator, MaryAnn Liebowitz & Judge James McCarthy apparently agreed on a lesser 14 month sentence 'for some reason.' Meanwhile County DA, Miriam Rocah, proudly announced the lesser jail sentence on Jan. 5, 2023. And then goes on to pontificate about how her office is holding animal abusers accountable, saying, "This kind of depraved conduct toward animals will not be tolerated in Westchester County." & "My Office will continue to direct resources to prosecute animal abuse & mistreatment & hold offenders accountable." However the focus is no longer on the victim at this point, or if the lesser than two year maximum sentence, lessens it's deterrent effect for would be domestic animal killers. It took 9 months from the crime, to get the killer sentenced. It's time to hope most of the sentence will be served before a parole date will be announced. RIP little 'Lady.'-M. Leybra, Westchester

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## Yonkers Cold Case Murder Solved! Florida Man Pleads Guilty to 2005 Murder of Angel Serbay



*DNA evidence helped solve the case of who killed Angel Serbay, left*

On Jan. 18, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that a Florida man pleaded guilty to Murder in the Second Degree for the 2005 murder of Yonkers resident Angel Serbay, and has been promised a sentence of 20 years to life in state prison. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on February 24, 2023.

DA Rocah said: “No matter how long it takes, we will never give up on trying to solve open cold case homicides in Westchester County. Now after 18 years, Angel Serbay’s family has the closure they deserve.”

On September 3, 2005, Christopher Gonzalez, 41, strangled the 25-year-old victim until she died and disposed of the victim’s body in a blanket on the shoulder of the Sprain Brook Parkway in Greenburgh, where it was discovered by a passerby who contacted the New York State Police.

An investigation conducted by the New York State Police forensically linked the victim’s death to a 2000 Bronx cold case under investigation by the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and the defendant’s DNA ultimately connected him to both murders.

The defendant was apprehended in Naples, Florida, on November 7, 2017, by the Collier County Sheriff’s Office. The defendant was arrested by the NYPD following his extradition to New York and has since been held by the NYC Department of Corrections.

The case is before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Major Crimes Bureau Chief Nadine Nagler and Bureau Chief James Bavero, both of the Trials and Investigations Division.

Mr. Dan Murphy  
Editor and Publisher  
Yonkers Rising

Hello, Dan

A Yonkers senior reported to the Yonkers Police Department the following disturbing scam:

In a parking lot, the car of an older senior was slightly hit from behind, more like a hard tap. He got out to investigate the damage and a fellow near his stopped car knocked him down to the ground. The assailant then reached into his car and grabbed the purse of that driver’s wife, knocked him down again, and ran off. The car that had tapped his bumper immediately drove off.

The hit/tapping his car was a ruse to get him to emerge from his car, and could again be used on anyone.

The gentleman called the Yonkers PD, who told him to come in and file a report, which he did. He did not have a photo of the perpetrator, nor a license plate of the other car.

My suggestion would be, when this happens again, is to always immediately lock your car doors as soon as you enter your car;

1. Do not get out of your car;
2. Immediately call the police from inside your locked car
3. If possible, note a description of the other car’s make, color, and license plate, by writing or make a cell phone photo
4. If possible, photograph the other driver without lowering your window
5. Email/send the photo info to yourself before these thugs might try to seize your phone.

Robert Kalfus

**Editor’s Note: Other options for persons who don’t want to get out of there car after a minor accident-they can call 911 or drive to their local police department. If anyone else has experienced this, email us at [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)**

## I Got the Dreaded Red Light Camera Ticket



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

I knew it was coming. Everyone else I know got at least one. It comes in an envelope with the words highlighted ATTENTION REQUIRED in Vomit blue, the return address is Red Light Camera Traffic Safety Program!

It came right after New Years, a time people are just finishing opening their cards and sending return greetings. so with its jolly vomit blue color you might just think it was a belated card. Drum roll please, now it’s time to open the envelope to see where I was a bad boy.

The ‘violation’ took place at Yonkers and Midland Avenue. A quick look at the letter shows 3 pictures that must have been lifted from a lousy computer. One is the license plate on the back of my car. One is a picture of a truck filled filled with debris. The third picture is so dark it’s hard to Make out what’s going on.

Gee I thought ,wasn’t this the place my sister got her red light not Long ago? The pictures are so unclear it’s Hard to see even if it is daylight. Yes, my sister got her ticket at the same placement.

For an hour I tried to log on to the website that would give me the video and ability to see what actually occurred with no success . Finally I logged on and saw the picture of my infraction. Had I gone through the red light? Nope. Had my car passed the street lines That are blurred in Yonkers as they haven’t been repainted. Yes. Was the area leading to the bridge a quick stop. Yes.

Let me remind you I am the slowest driver in yonkers second to my sister. I follow the speed limits and if You honk me I go slower. Try to pull around me and I’ll make it difficult for you to move. I Drive slow even in a speed area.

Refresh my memory. Isn’t this a Red Light Camera Program Supposed to catch you when you

Go through a red light camera? When did all these other violations to hit motorists with tickets come into play?

If the city is going to go beyond a simple passing of a red light to issue ‘notice of Liability,’ Yonkers should put the types of violations they are going to ticket for on the city website. they also should put red light location signage clear for all to see and like every other WESTCHESTER municipality on the approach to red light cameras. The signs accomplish everything the Red Light Cameras do without the hefty monetary donation to the city. And as always, the little people get hurt first!

So the question is to pay or fight it? What’s the old saying, ‘You Can’t Fight City.’ So I decided instead of waisting my time or aggravating myself more I would pay. But the fine is just not \$50. It’s \$65 including \$15 for a public safety fee. And they make it even harder to get on the website to pay which took 45 minutes.

But wait we are not finished. Want to pay for the violation with charge card. (You can’t send money through the phone). There’s \$1.99 fee for that. So the \$50 Red Light Ticket, Public Safety Fee of \$15 and \$1.99 pay by charge comes to \$66.99. Highway Robbery? You got it. A dirty rotten shame. That’s a better explanation. Let’s not even talk about the cars that go through red lights or have their mufflers in violation with city code or are double parked or are in a handicap spot without proper signage. I could go on and on for hours. They never get ticketed. And here little ‘ol’ me is stopping before the red light.

You see all these cars speeding through town? I’m stopping before a red light, and the speeding cars get away with murder.

Just to make sure you are clear, the whole City Council sent a home rule message to our State Legislators requesting Red Light Cameras, the legislators in Albany passed the legislation, and the Governor, probably Cuomo at the time sealed it with his approval.

And just so you know the same lobbyist for the company that got the contract to install the red light cameras contract was the same lobbyist that lobbied with the Albany politicians for the city to have this program everyone loves.

And if you think the big shots are paying for their Red Light Tickets, sorry friends it doesn’t work that way in the BIG YO (Yonkers.)

### Mr. Santos

Everyone is questioning how George Santos could be Congressman. Blame it on the politicians that did not vet him. Blame it on the Long Island Republican Party and New York State Party and Team to get Republicans elected in Congress.who did not vet him. Bet it on the lazy Long Island and New York City Press that did not vet him. Blame it on all the people who know him who didn’t spill the beans. Enough blame? His election is the biggest and best comedy show in town!

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## Westchester County Offering Lifeguard Certification Scholarship

Westchester County Parks in partnership with Westchester Parks Foundation is offering 10 scholarships to local students to fund Lifeguard Certification courses for those who want to work as a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard.

Students ages 15+ are encouraged to write in explaining why they want to become a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard and why they will benefit from the experience. Submissions should be at least 250 words. Submissions should be emailed to: [PRC-Aquatics@westchestergov.com](mailto:PRC-Aquatics@westchestergov.com). Deadline is Monday, March 6 and those awarded will be notified via email by Monday, March 13.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Lifeguarding is a unique and important skill for youngsters to learn, and we want to make sure everyone who wants to become a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard has the chance to."

Those awarded with the scholarship will be expected to work at any of the following facilities: Croton Point Beach in Croton-on-Hudson, Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle, Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool in Yonkers, Tibbetts Brook Pool in Yonkers, Willson's Woods Pool in Mt. Vernon.

## Yonkers Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Poem/Video Contest Deadline Feb. 14

The 2023 Yonkers Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/Video Contest is accepting application through Feb. 14. This year's theme, Black Resistance, takes a look at how African Americans have fought repression from America's earliest days.

"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is notably remembered for his persistent leadership and spreading inspiration through his speeches and writings," said Mayor Mike Spano. "It is our responsibility to accept the torch of change and continue to spread Dr. King's message of nonviolence and equality to new generations. Each year, I'm excited to launch this contest in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and witness how students are able to express their interpretation of his lasting message."

Mayor Spano will select one poem from grades 1-4, one poem from grades 5-8 and one video from grades 9-12. The winning poems and video will be displayed at Yonkers City Hall and online for Yonkers residents to enjoy. Winners will be presented a certificate from Mayor Spano and will be asked to present their work at the City's Annual Black History Month Celebration at Yonkers City Hall on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada said, "In 1964, Dr. King was recognized as a champion for civil rights earning the Nobel Peace Prize nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for Black Americans. Every occasion that we, as a community of learners, can encourage young people to reflect on his work and put their voice onto Dr. King's message provides an opportunity for future civil rights leaders to begin their personal journey."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/Video Contest is open to all primary and secondary Yonkers students; only one poem and video may be submitted per student. Guidelines and specifications for the contest can be found at <https://www.yonkersny.gov/mlk>.

Poems and video submissions are due February 14, 2023 and may be emailed to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov) or sent by mail to MLK, Jr. Contest, Mayor's Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. Winners will be selected by the Mayor's African American Advisory Board and will be notified on February 17th. For questions regarding the poem/video contest email Dwanita Crosby at [dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov).

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never stopped trying to do my best for residents. The biggest lesson I've learned since taking office is that every action has a reaction and this especially proves true when Governments craft legislation. I'm excited to campaign on my record this year."

Nolan has been outspoken on many issues, including Backing the Blue, opposing the menthol cigarette ban, opposing the westchester clinic access law. He is a strong supporters of Westchester unions and workers rights. More recently, Nolan is working on the rampant shoplifting and snatch and grabs in local drug stores and supermarkets.

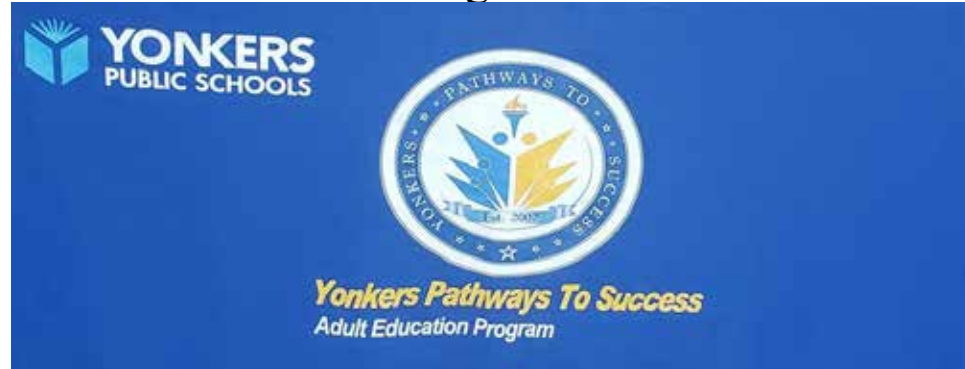
Nolan also served as the Westchester Chair of Lee Zeldin's campaign for Governor. Like Giacobbe, Nolan is a tireless campaigner and will certainly work hard for his reelection. In December, Nolan made comments about the way in which his district was redrawn.

"As I have said many times, these are gerrymandered districts to give the Democrat party an unfair advantage in next year's elections. The plans passed last night have the same deficiencies that the defunct districts that the Democrats in Albany tried to pass earlier this year. Passing this plan has opened the County into a lengthy & costly lawsuit that will most likely be successful. The district that I represent has been one of the districts that have been radically altered. I have lost neighborhoods in Yonkers that I won like Dunwoodie and instead was given Democrat areas in Yonkers and Mount Vernon to try to ensure I won't be reelected. There is no explanation for this move, which needlessly splits Mount Vernon 3 ways in the process. The map also splits every single municipality in Westchester that Zeldin won. This was done to keep seats from not being competitive for the Republican party, and in some cases from Moderate Democrats. This whole process was shameful and partisan. I think that the incoming litigation will be successful and the districts will have to be redrawn. There will be nobody to blame, but a few hyper-partisan Legislators," said legislator James Nolan.

In other election news, Deana Robinson, a lifelong Democrat, community advocate, and mother of 2, announced her campaign for Yonkers City Council in the first district. Robinson brings years of public service in her bid to serve the people of District 1 on the Yonkers City Council. Robinson has 6 years of experience working as an aide to Councilwoman Shanae Williams. In addition, Robinson created an organization with the key purpose of promoting small businesses throughout Yonkers.

"I am running for Yonkers City Council to make sure city government works for everyone! The Yonkers City Council can have a great impact on the daily lives of those in our community, and I want to make sure that impact is positive. I look forward to spending the next few months speaking with and meeting with the voters of the district and asking them to give me the honor to serve as their Councilwoman," said Robinson, who will be seeking the Democratic nomination for City Council, District 1.

## Yonkers Public Schools Adult Education Program Assists Ukrainian Refugees Assimilate to the US



By Thomas J. Stefanchik

As the wave of Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war in their country continues to break upon our shores, one local program is doing its part to help them assimilate to life here in the City of Yonkers.

Pathways to Success, the Adult Education Program of the Yonkers Public Schools, has been reaching out to Ukrainian families who have recently enrolled students in the school district, to offer assistance and training to their parents. This outreach has been conducted through phone calls, emails and networking with other organizations supporting the refugees. Even the program's flyer has been translated into Ukrainian.

The Pathways to Success Program features a wide range of educational programs, including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma Preparation and vocational training. All classes are provided to Yonkers residents at no cost to the student. Prior to entering an ESOL or HSE Program, students are assessed using assessment tools mandated by the New York State Education Department. Based on their scores, they are then placed in a class which will best suit their educational needs.

"It has been very rewarding to help these families in their greatest time of need," says Principal of Career & Technical/Adult Education Sanah Susan Naber, who has overseen the Pathways to Success Program since its inception. "We can assist them with language acquisition, academic and vocational training and even other services to help ease their transition to this country."

Pathways to Success offers various support services which can further assist the immigrant, or anyone else, to navigate the complexities of living in a major urban community such as Yonkers. At the Family Welcome Center, individuals and families are connected with the community resources necessary to meet their goals. The Family Welcome Center coordinates referrals with numerous partner organizations in order to provide for such needs as immigration/citizenship assistance, translation, evaluation of foreign educational credentials, health care, housing, insurance and more.

In order to assist students in finding a job, Pathways to Success provides training geared toward various high-demand fields. Pathways' current vocational training programs, and the industry-recognized credentials they provide, are as follows: Barbering (Infection Control), Carpentry (OSHA), Culinary Arts (ServSafe), Computers (Microsoft), and Retail/ Entrepreneurship (National Retail Federation). To further prepare students for successful employment, Pathways also provides job readiness classes, resume preparation, interview skills training, assistance with online job applications and other employment services.

Currently celebrating its fifteenth year of serving the community, Pathways to Success has enhanced the lives of tens of thousands of Yonkers residents, as overseen by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada and Principal Naber. Although the Vive School serves as the program's hub, they offer day end evening programs at various schools throughout the School District.

Whether you have just arrived in the City of Yonkers or have been a lifelong resident, Pathways to Success can assist you in achieving your educational and employment goals. For more information please visit the Vive School at 75 Riverdale Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. You can also call the school at 914-376-8600.

Send an email to [pathwaysinfo@yonkerspublicschools.org](mailto:pathwaysinfo@yonkerspublicschools.org). Visit their website at [yonkerspublicschools.org/vive](http://yonkerspublicschools.org/vive).

## Yonkers Arts Weekend Set for May 20--YonekrsArtsWeekend.com

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced that the City of Yonkers will be celebrating its 9th annual Yonkers Arts Weekend (YAW) festival on Saturday, May 20. The one-day festival is filled with exciting new programs, workshops, exhibitions and much more. The festival will include The Art Collectors Expo at YAW, which is dedicated to promoting affordable art, honoring artisans and emerging artists, encouraging collectors at all price points, and creating an inclusive and accessible market for both. Those interested in participating can apply at [www.yonkersartsweekend.com](http://www.yonkersartsweekend.com).

"Thanks to the commitment of our community, Yonkers continues to secure its reputation as an artistic hub in the region. We are so excited to share that with residents and visitors each year during Yonkers Arts Weekend," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Yonkers' rich history, coupled with our thriving arts community, transforms the City, especially the historic waterfront district, into a walkable museum. I want to give thanks to those who keep the arts alive year-round in our community and I'm thrilled that we can continue to bring this event to our community."

Yonkers artist Luisa Baptista said, "Yonkers Arts Weekend celebrates and honors the brilliance and diversity of the city's rising visual and performing arts community. Each year it showcases some of the most talented, prolific and upcoming stars that Yonkers has to offer."

Since its inception in 2014, YAW has created a prominent arts district in the City of Yonkers. Several city galleries have opened, along with dozens of local and international renowned muralists and artists contributing to the City's downtown renaissance. YAW attracts more than 10,000 visitors a year to City galleries, the Carpet Mills Arts District, Hudson River Museum and Untermyer Gardens.

This year, YAW will deliver a comprehensive range of pop-up exhibitions, free art workshops, and musical performances across four dynamic venues including: The 20th Annual YoHo Artist Open Studios at the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, and now designated the Carpet Mills Art District. Untermyer Gardens, music by the Untermyer Performing Arts Council. Hudson River Museum – new programs and workshops to be announced Performances, exhibitions & art workshops in the Downtown Waterfront District.

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## Yonkers Police, Mount Vernon Police arrest, Charge Two Men in Street Shooting



On Wednesday, December 28th, 2022, at approximately 8:31 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the vicinity of Garfield Street on a report of a male shooting victim. Upon arrival First Responders located the subject with a gunshot injury to his leg; he was removed to a local area hospital in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries. Police located a crime scene on Yonkers Avenue where the area was cordoned off and a criminal investigation was initiated.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the scene and interviewed subjects and witnesses, processed forensic and ballistic evidence, and recovered surveillance video. Investigation yielded that the apparent victim was a suspected combatant in a violent dispute where he and a second male suspect exchanged gunfire, in public, in the area of Yonkers Avenue at Walnut Street; it is believed both males were known to each other, and the shooting was the culmination of an on-going dispute over personal matters. After the shooting both males fled the scene, but emergency services were called to tend to one of the suspects; the injured suspect was subsequently placed under arrest. A Glock 9mm caliber handgun was also recovered from the scene. Over the next several days Detectives continued to work the case, in collaboration with local law enforcement resources and partner agencies, to apprehend the second suspect.

On Friday, January 6th, 2023, members of the Mount Vernon Police Department Violent Crimes Unit apprehended the second suspect and recovered two illegally possessed handguns, including one with a thirty-round magazine.

Yonkers Police Commissioner Chris Sapienza stated, "Any acts of violence, especially brazen acts such as this that puts innocent lives in danger, will elicit the maximum law enforcement response from the Yonkers Police and our partners in Westchester County. Gun violence will never become a routine occurrence in our communities, and we will always commit every resource to delivering bad actors into the Criminal Justice System where they must be held accountable to the full extent of the law. Thank you FBI Westchester Safe Streets Task Force and Mount Vernon PD for your assistance and continued efforts in keeping Westchester safe."

Arrested by Yonkers Police on December 30th is Ku-Shown JEFFERSON, an 18-year-old resident of Yonkers; he is charged with Attempted Murder 2, Attempted Assault 1, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2, and Reckless Endangerment 1 – all felonies in the New York State Penal Law. JEFFERSON is due back in court on January 23rd.

Arrested by Mount Vernon Police on January 6th is Donte RAMSEY, an 18-year-old resident of Mount Vernon; he is charged with Attempted Murder 2, Attempted Assault 1, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2/3, and Reckless Endangerment 1 – all felonies in the New York State Penal Law. RAMSEY is due back in court on January 31.

### Velly Vellz, continued from pg 1-

mistake and I learned from my mistake," but did not apologize to the victim. Velly asked Judge Robert Neary for leniency because he had no criminal record, was the father of a young child and added that he went to trial because he thought the plea deal offered was too much.

Coates could have received anywhere from 5-24 years. DA Rocah's office wanted 16 years, but Judge Neary sentenced him to 12 years.

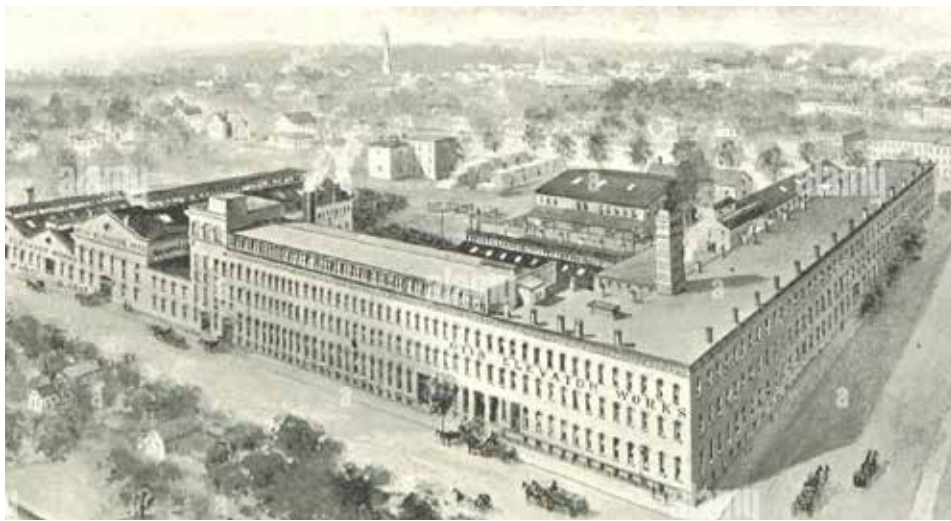
After the trial, social media was alive with comments about Velly Vellz. Some people were making fun of the fact that he went to trial with a public defender. Vellz did not have a PD and said that he "fired his paid lawyer right before sentencing," and that he would be appealing the decision

Velly Vellz's instagram account [www.instagram.com/velly.308](http://www.instagram.com/velly.308) urges his followers to keep his name alive and that he will be back.

One of the last remaining Bloodhouse Brim members not incarcerated in Yonkers is Sheemy. [instagram.com/sheemy.5](http://instagram.com/sheemy.5) Sheemy is actively calling for Velly Vellz release, and denies that the victim was injured at all, claiming that the victim was seen at the club the next day.

Many residents of the housing projects where Velly and the 3BB have preyed on since they were formed in 2016 are glad that most of the members are now in jail, and that the YPD and DA Rocah were able to get convictions and sentences ranging from 5-8 years for the adults and 3 years for the youthful offenders.

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



### Otis Elevator Plant, in its heyday at full capacity, one hundred years ago

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

Monday, January 23rd

January 23, 1929: County Judge Fred Close signed an order to allow Dominick Roviello of Oak Street to attend his wife's funeral if he was manacled to a deputy sheriff. Roviello was in County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of first-degree robbery.

January 23, 1937: While testifying before a Congressional Committee, Yonkers Otis works manager Robert Goodwillie admitted "operatives of the National Metal Trades Association," (NMSTA) to which Otis belonged, were sent to Yonkers "in the past." Otis' employees worked under the watchful eyes of labor spies, with full knowledge of the Otis Company, to report on labor conditions.

NMSTA officers testified, substantiated by documentary evidence, workers were employed by NMSTA "to go into unionized factories and create disharmony... to preserve the associations' 'open shop' policy."

Tuesday, January 24th

January 24, 1929: Burglary suspect Dominic Roviello, manacled to a deputy sheriff, attended the funeral of his m he drove the robber to the crime scene, he said had no idea his friend planned a robbery. During the crime his friend, Joseph Scalice, was shot and killed by YPD Detective Patrick Christopher. Roviello said he was so upset seeing his friend dead, he signed the confession without knowing what it was. The deputies returned Roviello to his jail cell immediately after his wife's internment.

January 24, 1942: City Manager and Acting Public Safety Commissioner Raymond Whitney refused to comment on the protest lodged by Charles Burgess of Highland Avenue about the large number of "bingo" parties oin Yonkers. Burgess considered the parties war waste, claiming thousands of dollars were wasted each week.

Wednesday, January 25th

January 25, 1935: Weather conditions were so severe, DPW crews had to use dynamite to blast mountains of snow sitting on the frozen surface of the Hudson. Trucks dumped huge piles of snow into the river from the City Pier, but, since the river surface was frozen, it just sat there. Once the blasts broke the frozen surface ice, the river carried away the snow.

January 25, 1949: Empire City Racetrack was sold to a syndicate of New York City businessmen for \$2.4 million, about \$500,000 more than its assessed value. The track had been closed to racing in 1943 because of wartime gas rationing; its races were run on Long Island tracks. During that time, it served as the finish line for the Yonkers Marathon.

Thursday, January 26th

January 26, 1929: In a case that was difficult to settle, Yonkers Judge John Broderick left it to the dog! Fannie Gensen found Teddy the dog about four months earlier and took him home. When she couldn't find his owner, she kept him. Antonio Mascari recognized the dog in a park and claimed it, telling the family Teddy had run away. She gave him the dog... but he ran away again, going right back to Gensens. Mascari charged the Gensens with stealing his dog!

Faced with the tough decision in court, Broderick decided to let Teddy show where he wanted to live. The day of the experiment, the pooch bounded into the courtroom, sniffed about for a few seconds and then jumped into the laps of Mascara's two boys. The Gensens coaxed him away for a few seconds, but he ran right back to the boys. Why? According to young Vincent Mascari, although Mrs. Gensen had fed Teddy meat every day, "we fed him spaghetti!"

Friday, January 27th

January 27, 1938: The new ferry, the "John J. Walsh" was the "latest in ferry design," and guaranteed to give riders "plenty of fresh air." Ninety-four Yonkers Ferry patrons disagreed! Unhappy with its cabin-less design, they hired a lawyer to force the company to provide a heated cabin to protect them from the elements while crossing the river. None of the complainants had cars to shelter in; instead, they were "whipped by the wind, cut in the face with sleet and virtually snowed on mid-Hudson."

January 27, 1923: Herbert Storm of Elm Street admitted he was the Kleagle (leader) of the Westchester Ku Klux Klan, but refused to divulge the names of members of the Yonkers Klan to Police.

Saturday, January 28th

January 28, 1943: An early morning snowstorm continued throughout the day; by 1 pm five inches of snow had fallen, with the expectation it would continue until nightfall. Because of the high snow totals, elementary schools were sent home at noon!

January 28, 1946: The British government announced a Yonkers military officer would receive the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for distinguished service performed in cooperation with the British Armed Forces during WWII! Commander John Kinney Dougherty of Palisade Avenue had served with the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington; the award was in recognition for his exceptional liaison work with the British during WWII.

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**Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-**

Sunday, January 29th  
January 29, 1923: Although Westchester Klan kingpin Herbert Storm of Elm Street refused to name names, Captain Denis Cooper announced he had learned the identity of a number of local Klan members. Cooper hinted several were "professional and business men," but few were "well known or prominent," and he refused to answer if any were local clergy. YPD had started investigating the Ku Klux Klan when they learned they were trying to organize a local chapter.

January 29, 1942: The government asked Otis Elevator Company to speed up production of 90-millimeter guns; used against high-flying enemy bombers, they more accurate than Germany's version of the gun, a 88-millimeter gun. Otis' contract to make the guns was for \$4 million.

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

Notice of formation of PERIGONMED LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/2022. 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, 73 Market st suit 300 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers  
Public Notice of Revised Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan**

In accordance with federal law and regulation, the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) is revising its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan. The proposed revisions to the HCV Administrative Plan are available for review and comment from Monday, January 16, 2023 to Wednesday, February 15, 2023, on the MHACY website: [www.mhacy.org](http://www.mhacy.org). To review the revisions to the Administrative Plan Chapter 4-1B Applying for Assistance [CV GB, 4-11-4-16]; Chapter 17-VI.D Selection from the Waiting List [24CFR 983.251 (c)]; and Chapter 18-V.E. Selection from the Waiting List [24 CFR 983.251 (c)] in its current and revised form, please visit the MHACY website at <https://www.mhacy.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/01/Redline-Chapter-4-MHACY-Admin-Plan.pdf>.

Written comments on the proposed revisions must be addressed to "Attention: Marcie Ciuffetelli, Leased Housing Director, MHACY Administrative Plan" at the MHACY Main Administrative Office, 1511 Central Park Avenue, P.O. Box 35, Yonkers, NY 10710-0035, and must be received by the close of business (5:00 pm) on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**.

Public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed revisions to the HCV Administrative Plan will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm via the Zoom format. The Zoom meeting information can be accessed

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For questions regarding the HCV Administrative Plan proposed revisions, please contact Marcie Ciuffetelli at (914) 793-8400 ext 123.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistance or alternative formats, or wishing to submit comments in alternative formats can contact the MHACY Administrative Office, JoAnn Rodriguez at (914) 793-8400 ext 111 TTY 800-545-1833 ext 766.

**Mary Calvi book on Teddy Roosevelt, continued from pg 1-**

Theodore fell madly in love with Alice, won her heart, and married her. So why, after her tragic death, did Theodore never say her name again? This is the question Calvi attempted to answer with this book, and relishes in portraying Alice Lee in a new light.

Calvi's publisher St. Martin's Press will release the book on Valentine's Day, February 14, for print and for kindle and audible. On February 17, Calvi will discuss her book at the Riverfront Library Auditorium. Doors will open for "An Evening with Mary Calvi" at 6:15 p.m. and will include a presentation, followed by Q & A and book signing. Copies of her book will be available onsite for purchase, through a partnership with Womrath Bookshop. The public is invited to attend this free literary event, but registration is strongly encouraged, particularly for those wishing to purchase a book onsite.

This event is sponsored by the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library. "We're delighted to have Mary share her new work with the people of Yonkers," said Nancy Maron, President of the Foundation, "People of all ages will love hearing about her passion and skill for uncovering stories that others have missed. And helping people seek out information is one of the greatest strengths of a library."

Copies of primary source materials, including many of the love letters, will be on display at the event. "We're excited to have Mary return to Yonkers Public Library to discuss If A Poem Could Live and Breathe," said Jesse Montero, library director, "This will be our biggest in-person author talk since the pandemic began, and there's a real hunger for these events."

Publishers Weekly has already lauded it as a "solid presidential love story" with a "magnetic narrative."

Yonkers Historian Mary Hoar read the book and said, "Mary Calvi's second novel is an amazing trip back, not only to late Nineteenth Century America, but also to the world of the innocence and romance of the first love of Theodore Roosevelt and Alice Hathaway Lee.

"Using primary sources, Ms. Calvi once again has brought powerful, historic characters to life, wrapped in impeccably researched history. She uses their own words to weave a tale of two young people meant to be together, sensitively writing of their discovery of each other, their journey to love, happiness and the anguish of loss.

"Theodore Roosevelt was a passionate man, a man of action enlightened by the beautiful, intelligent, passionate and gentle soul of his first love, Alice, a woman who sought to break the bonds restraining nineteenth century women, gently shaped Roosevelt's personal and political philosophies, forever changed by great love and tragedy," said Hoar.

Notice of formation of Castillo Adventures LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/7/2022. Office: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, INC. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and they shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8084 Woodruff Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Real Estate and Rental Property.

Notice of formation of KMCG LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/9/2023. 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, 221 Devoe Ave, Yonkers NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## Mayor Spano Swears in Members of Hispanic Advisory Board



Mayor Spano swore in new members of the Hispanic Advisory Board. The Board provides the City's growing Hispanic community with an official platform to discuss issues of importance and recommends policies to advance Hispanic community development in the city of Yonkers. (L-R) Luis Muniz, Daisy Cruz, Guillermina Quinones, Migdalia Ramos, Elimar Nunez and Carmen Ramirez

## Get Ready for Girl Scout Cookies, Yonkers!



Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. (GSHH) is kicking off the countdown to its 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season in the Hudson Valley, which begins on Friday, February 10, 2023, as Girl Scouts and their troops rally their communities to support the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts such as service projects, troop travel, and summer camp for girls across the country.

Beginning Friday, February 10th, if you know a Girl Scout, ask if and how they are selling cookies. Girls will sell and take orders in person, and can receive cookie orders via Digital Cookie®, to personally deliver cookies to their local customers. Starting February 27, consumers can order their favorite cookies for shipment, directly to their front door, including the new Raspberry Rally™ cookie. In addition to online ordering, consumers can use the Cookie Finder to locate a booth near them, beginning March 10th, and purchase cookies in-person from girls at the iconic cookie booths.

Helen Wronski, Interim CEO of GSHH said of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, "The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a time honored tradition that provides our Girl Scouts with the opportunity to get out into their communities and demonstrate what they've learned through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, particularly in the life skills and entrepreneurial pillars. The skills practiced and honed through this program will benefit the Girl Scouts throughout the rest of their lives in academic and professional pursuits. The delicious cookies are an added bonus!"

Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) is excited to welcome Planet Oat Oatmilk as a national sponsor of the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Girl Scouts champion millions of girls as they learn, grow, and thrive through adventure, and Planet Oat Oatmilk is proud to support these efforts as a national sponsor of the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

You can text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about how to purchase Girl Scout Cookies and other exciting Girl Scout news. Learn more about the Terms and Conditions and the SMS Privacy Policy. Beginning February 27, cookie lovers will be able to purchase cookies to be shipped directly to their homes, by entering their zip code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder. GSHH troops will begin cookie booth sales on March 10th and will continue through May 14th. Check the Girl Scout Cookie Finder to find your nearest booth sale. Visit [www.girlscoutcookies.org](http://www.girlscoutcookies.org) to sign up to be notified as soon as your local troop begins selling in your area.

## Westchester County Recognizes New Rochelle School Nurses Who Saved a Student After Suspected Fentanyl OD



After a New Rochelle High School student nearly overdosed from vaping a substance suspected to be laced with fentanyl, County Executive George Latimer and County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD recognized five New Rochelle School Nurses, pictured above, who saved the student's life by quickly administering Naloxone (Narcan). County Executive George Latimer said: "We would like to recognize these nurses from the New Rochelle City School District, for their heroic actions that ultimately saved this teen's life. We recognize that fentanyl is present in our communities and among young people, and we want our communities to be saturated with Narcan. Our school districts, communities, residents and families should know that our Health Department offers free Narcan training. Because of these nurses this student was given the gift of continued life, and they are all deserving of our most esteemed praise."

## Congressman Lawler to Gov. Hochul Don't Give Up the Stove!



Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler is calling out a proposal by Governor Kathy Hochul, and the Federal government, to phase out Gas stoves in new buildings by the end of the decade. Hochul made the proposal in her recent state of the state address, while the Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission said it was considering restrictions or regulations that apply to new stoves.

Rep. Lawler sent out an email blast that read, "Joe Biden and Kathy Hochul want to ban gas stoves and force homeowners to convert their homes from gas to electric, which would cost the average homeowner \$35,000. We need a responsible energy policy that is affordable and reliable. They believe that each time you boil water, cook pasta, make eggs, or even fry bacon; you are harming the environment and yourself!"

Mike and Team Lawler saw this and thought how crazy of an idea this is and knew it was time to stand up against this outrageous proposal. That is why we created the "Don't Give up the Stove" Merchandise! Don't let the environmental extremists dictate how you run your own home." Among the items for sale at the Lawler merch online store include mugs, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Visit <https://secure.winred.com/lawler-for-congress/storefront/?collection=save-our-stoves#>

Read the whole story online at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com)

In Memoriam

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
12:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Yonkers Police Athletic League (PAL)**  
127 North Broadway  
Yonkers, NY 10701

Blood Donors are Urgently Needed!

To schedule an appointment,  
please scan QR code below.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit [nybc.org/coronavirus](http://nybc.org/coronavirus).

*In celebration of the life of  
**Detective  
William J. Sullivan Jr.***

**Detective William J. Sullivan Jr.** known to all as Sully loved his Blue Family as much as his own. He served on the **Yonkers PBA Board** with his very dear friend, **Keith Olson** for 17 years and loved every minute. Anyone in need, he was there.

As a proud member of the New York Blood Center's **Gallon Club**, Sully donated quite often and encouraged others to do the same. In keeping with his love and dedication to the New York Blood Center, the **Sullivan Family** could not think of a better way to honor him than by hosting a blood drive in memory of Sully.

This blood drive will be the first of many blood drives to come as the family plans to host a blood drive in memory of Sully annually.

**CITY OF YONKERS  
MAYOR MIKE SPANO**  
Presents the Annual

## Mayor's Basketball Tournament

sponsored by the  
**Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation**

**February 21 – 24, 2023**  
**Yonkers Middle High School**  
150 Roddard Avenue  
Yonkers, New York 10705

*The tournament is open to girls and boys teams in the following divisions:*

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Deadline for rosters is Thursday, February 2, 2023*

For more information on the rules and regulations governing the tournament, player eligibility and the official team roster call 914.377.6440.

Send us your photographs, opinions, story ideas and editorials to [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com) for print, and online at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com)

# Three Kings Visit Yonkers City Hall



## Hollywood Alert at Yonkers City Hall

On Jan. 6, welcomed Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the Three Kings, to Yonkers City Hall. Also attending were, City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, Council member Shanae Williams, Councilman Anthony Merante, City Court Judge Verris Shako, and City Court Judge Arthur Doran III.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, January 6, we celebrate Three Kings Day! Celebrated most in Europe, Spain, and Latin America, 'El Dia de los Reyes', as it's called in Spanish, marks the glorification of baby Jesus by the Three Wise Men.



## Grab a copy every Friday--Yonkers Rising Your Official Weekly Newspaper Not Many Communities Have Their Own Paper Anymore

Actor Ben Platt (Dear Evan Hansen and Pitch Perfect) was spotted at City Hall for an editorial shoot last week.

With him is Micaela Diamond, his costar in the upcoming Broadway revival of "Parade."

What the two were doing at Yonkers City Hall we don't know yet. The "A" list actors get in and out before we can grab them for an interview and their thoughts on Yonkers.

City Hall, and the old courthouse, are the most popular spot to film in the city. But if you see some stars filming take a photo for us to print.

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