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Saunders High School Celebrates 2022 Valedictorian, Salutatorian



Saunders Valedictorian Jasmine Linang, and Salutatorian James Olivarez

Congratulations to this year's Valedictorian, Jasmine Linang, and Salutatorian James Olivarez, from Saunders High School. Jasmine Linang will graduate with a 98.27 GPA. Her favorite teachers are Carlo Mitrione, CAD Estimate 12 and Arc. Danielle Fellini, Pre-Calc, and Michelle Brown, Strength of Material 12.

"They spend time with us and always encourage us to learn. They make the atmosphere in the classroom enjoyable, and they are who I go to for advice," said Jasmine, who added that Mr. Mitrione's Architectural Drafting course is her top choice. "We work independently and I like getting creative with designs and he encourages us to do our best."

Linang has taken 11 AP or College Link classes. Among her extracurricular activities was being a member of the Girls Who Code/Coding club. "I was a member for 2 years. We learned how to code and how to make a website and how to make objects move by applying certain codes."

Jasmine was accepted into 6 of the 13 colleges she applied to and will be attending Lehigh University in the fall. "The opportunity was great, and I love the campus and the offered a great scholarship. I have a friend from Saunders that goes there and she encouraged me to join her."

"I plan to study Computer Science at Lehigh University for the next four years to reach my goal of becoming a Software Engineer. I hope that during my time at Lehigh University I will have the opportunity to intern and build relationships and connections for the future."

"I fell in love with coding and software integrity in my freshman year but I also enjoy studying Architecture. My older brothers and sisters are studying computer science and I enjoy math."

Linang said that learning during COVID was difficult. "I had no motivation and became lazy and tired. It was a struggle to get motivated but I did it and kept my grades up with the help of my teachers who told us to make the most of the day."

"Most of my teachers at Saunders genuinely care and it shows in the classroom. It creates a positive atmosphere in the class that makes it enjoyable every day. My classmates at my school are extremely supportive and encouraging as we're always uplifting each other. A lot of my friends that I've made in this school are some of the kindest, loving, intelligent, and funny people that I know. Everyone's compassion to care for one another is what makes my school the best."

Advice to younger students? "If you have your mindset on something, you can achieve it with hard work, perseverance, and support from your friends and family."

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Yonkers Joins National Debate Over Guns



London Reyes and children from the AAA All Stars at City Hall with Moms Demand Action in 2019

By Dan Murphy

Three years ago, Yonkers community leader London Reyes brought his children's program, the AAA All Stars, to Yonkers City Hall in support of a rally held by Mom's Demand Action, and their call for something to be done about the recent shootings across the country.

Now three years later, after two more shootings in recent weeks, the people of Yonkers and citizens across the country are asking the same question and wondering how and when gun violence can end.

"This has been a problem that has cursed the United States for too long. It disheartens me to know the people are putting politics before common sense. Whenever I can team up with an organization like Mom's Demand Action, I like to bring the kids from my program along and educate them and tell them to stay away from guns and gangs. We need more community leaders to be more engaged and focus on saving lives."

Reyes' outrage was shared by State Senator Shelley Mayer, who said the "school shooting at Robb Elementary School, and the death of at least 18 children and 1 teacher, is completely unacceptable. How can it be that our youngest children in an elementary school, a place that we once believed was safe, can be gunned down in a few moments? How can it be that families will face a lifetime of unbearable loss and pain because guns are so available and so lethal that they can murder 19 people, children and adults, in a few moments?"

"After each horrific incident, we are heartbroken and vow that we cannot let this continue. We are left to wonder what it will take for Republicans in Congress to stand up for our children and families. Make no mistake – after last week's racist murders in Buffalo, carried out with a semi-automatic rifle modified to use a high-capacity magazine and now today's carnage at an elementary school – we must call out the willful inaction. How much is enough? This is enough."

Several business organizations, including the Business Council of Westchester, have called for the return of the assault weapons ban. "The tragic, brutal, and senseless shootings that we have witnessed over the last two weeks must be a final wakeup call that new federal legislation has to be adopted to finally address the glaring holes in the criminal justice system," said John Ravitz, Executive Vice President & COO, Business Council of Westchester.

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City Renames Two Streets for Police Officers; One a Fallen Hero, the Other a Trailblazer



Above; Yonkers Police Officer Rita Gross Nelson, above, with YPD Officers Scott, Gross and Belton; Below Yonkers Police Officer Harold Woods, killed in the line of duty 1974.

By Dan Murphy



On September 18, 1974 Police Officer Harold Woods, a Yonkers native, an 11 year veteran of the Yonkers Police Department was killed in the line of duty while he bravely intervened to stop an armed robbery in progress at the former A&P Supermarket at the corner of Nepperhan Avenue and Odell Avenue. Officer Woods' selfless courageous actions cost him his life as he made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve the people and City that he loved. Officer Woods left behind his wife Dorothy and three (3) young boys. He received a full Inspectors funeral service and is listed on city, state, and federal monuments to fallen officers.

Fast forward 48 years later Officer Woods' widow Dorothy is returning to Yonkers for a visit. To further memorialize his bravery, the Yonkers Police Department reached out to Councilman Anthony Merante. Councilman Merante took swift action by sponsoring a City Council resolution to honorarily dedicate the portion of Nepperhan Avenue between Odell Avenue and Cross Hill Avenue as "Police Officer Harold Woods Way" with an unveiling ceremony. Councilman Merante stated, "The honorary naming of Police Officer Harold Woods Way in the City of Yonkers is a fitting and well-deserved tribute to a true hometown hero."

YPD Pioneer Rita Gross Nelson: Rita Gross Nelson, born in 1937 in Harlem, was a Yonkers native who grew up on Bushey Avenue, attended Yonkers Public Schools, and graduated from Roosevelt High School as her father before her. She then joined the United States Air Force and honorably discharged in 1958. She at-

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Congressional Candidate Gashi in Yonkers



County Legislator and Congressional Candidate Vedat Gashi

By Dan Murphy

The people of Yonkers are represented in Congress by Rep. Jamaal Bowman. The City lies in the 16th Congressional district, but the boundaries of the district have changed two times over the past year.

Congressman Bowman is well known in Yonkers, where he lives and has participated in the community for years. He name recognition comes from supporters but also detractors of his first term in Washington.

County Legislator Vedat Gashi, from Yorktown, announced his candidacy to challenge Bowman earlier this year. At the time, the 16th District extended up to Yorktown, but a recent change now puts Gashi out of the district.

But Gashi is staying in the race, and has been traveling around the district to try and meet voters in lower Westchester, and recently attended the Yonkers Puerto Rican/Hispanic Parade.

Another County Legislator, Catherine Parker from Rye, is also running for congress and the three will appear on the ballot in a democratic primary in August.

Rep. Bowman recently called for the elimination of student debt. During his first year in office, Bowman called on President Joe Biden to cancel all student loan debt from the floor of the House of Representatives. "The student loan process has been a predatory process, like many too many processes in our economy."

Gashi's appearance in Yonkers officially kicks off his campaign against Bowman. Gashi is trying to challenge Bowman as a moderate democrat, but the district still includes the Yonkers, Mt. Vernon and parts of the Bronx, before it moves north to include all of southern Westchester county, north to White Plains.

Opinions are mixed as to whether Gashi can beat an incumbent democratic member of Congress in Bowman. But one thing that most democrats we spoke to agree on: With Gashi and Parker both in the race, Bowman wins easily.

Property Tax Rebate Checks in the Mail Early

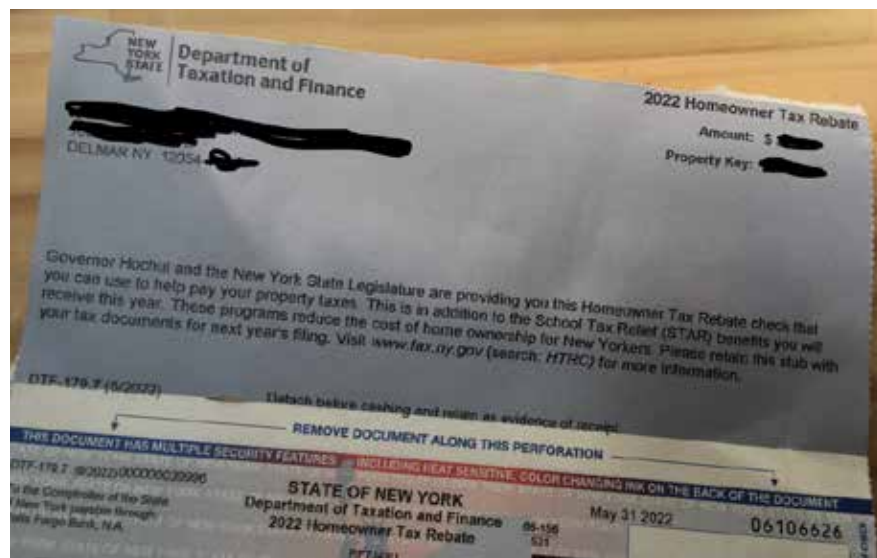


Photo of a 2022 Homeowner Tax Rebate Check received on June 3 by WSJ Reporter Jimmy Vielkind, photo from Twitter

By Dan Murphy

As part of a NYS budget deal agreement reached in April, about 2.5 million NY homeowners will receive a rebate check for the property taxes, as part of the Homeowner Tax Rebate check program.

While the checks were set to be mailed out in the fall, homeowners can expect the checks to come this month (June). Governor Kathy Hochul's spokesperson, Hazel Crampton-Hays explained the timing saying, "Gov. Hochul worked with the Legislature to secure tax relief for New Yorkers in the state budget, and given rising costs and national inflation, the Department of Tax and Finance has been working to deliver these benefits to eligible homeowners as quickly as practicable and not delay relief at a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling."

Governor Hochul who is running for re-election this year, including a democratic primary for Governor on June 28, has been accused of playing politics with the rebate checks. One of Hochul's democratic opponents, Long Island congressman Tom Suozzi called it bribery.

"This is just the newest demonstration of what a phony she is. She's bribing the voters before the election ... if it's not illegal, it should be illegal," said Suozzi. "Kathy Hochul's cynical attempt to buy primary votes does nothing to address the fact that NYS has the highest taxes in the country. She's worried about losing the primary, and w/ failing grades on crime, taxes, economy, the Buffalo Bills and Brian Benjamin, she should be."

Accompanying the checks will be a memo that reads, "Governor Hochul and the NYS Legislature are providing you this Homeowner Tax Rebate Check that you can use to pay your property taxes." Most New Yorkers won't be reading the top of the check. They will be quick to tear off the stub and deposit the check.

Prior NY Governor's including republican George Pataki and democrat Andrew Cuomo have used different kinds of tax rebates check to improve their chances at re-election. The \$2.2 Billion program was adopted to help New York homeowners struggling economically from COVID and inflation. How much each NY homeowner will get will depend on their families income and whether they receive the STAR program. The check is in addition to the STAR and enhanced STAR rebate programs.

Visit the NYS Department of Finance at this link <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/homeowner-tax-rebate-credit.htm> to determine your eligibility. New Yorkers with earnings of less than \$250,000 will receive a rebate check ranging from \$110.00 to \$1000.00, based on their 2002 State income tax filings. Those earning less than \$75,000 will receive the most rebate - \$1000.00. In April when she announced a State budget deal, Hochul said, "Outside of New York City, the average benefit will be nearly \$970."

The person who broke the news that the checks were coming out early was Wall Street Journal reporter Jimmy Vielkind, who received his check in the mail on June 3, and Tweeted, "Instead of arriving three weeks before the November election, my New York state property tax rebate check has this year arrived three weeks before the primary election. I'm sure that's just a coincidence, as always. #VoteTammany"

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the debate over guns, continued from pg 1-

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman David Cicilline have introduced legislation banning assault weapons in the United States. The legislation: Bans the sale, manufacture, transfer, and importation of 205 military-style assault weapons by name. Owners may keep existing weapons;

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed a law last week which requires the posting of notices warning of the dangers of weapons or firearms at the point of sale and at the point of the issuance of a firearm license. Latimer said: "We all know that the key driver of gun violence in the United States is the wide availability of firearms. When a gun is easily accessible, the risk of homicide, suicide, and unintentional shootings rises dramatically. We as a County are limited as to what we can do when it comes to preventing access to firearms, but as we banned the gun show at the County Center we can take steps to strip away the glorification of weapons. Similar to the Surgeon General's Warning on cigarettes, this warning will remind people just how dangerous guns are."

New York State Legislators and Governor Kathy Hochul passed and signed into law ten bills that will raise the age from 18 to 21 to purchase a semiautomatic rifle; prohibit the Purchase of Body Armor with Exception of Those in Specified Professions, eliminates Grandfathering of High-Capacity Feeding Devices, Requires Social Media Companies to Improve Response to and Reporting of Hateful Content, and expands the Red Flag law.

"Thoughts and prayers won't do it, but strong action will," said Hochul urged, adding "Heaven help you if you look at those images and don't have a change of heart."

The Red Flag law in New York will be expanded to allow more people, including health-care professionals, to file risk orders that could lead to weapons confiscations from potentially dangerous people. And it requires, rather than allows, law enforcement to seek an order if credible information is provided.

"We will be ready to defend these laws against challenges," Attorney General Tish James said. "The Second Amendment is not absolute."

"We never want a tragedy like Buffalo to happen again. We had red flag laws. We don't understand what happened," said State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins "That's why we're making sure that we close that loophole so that more people can apply for extreme risk protection orders."

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in line with the directives issued by the Mayor of Yonkers regarding public safety, there is limited access to One Larkin Center. The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must wear face coverings and see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will clock in the bid and then contact Purchasing to pick up the bid. Sealed Bids will continue to be opened and read on the dates below, however, there will not be a public opening of bids. Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

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2. Bid 6809- Opening date: 6/17/2022: Purchase of 46 B&T, or equal, 9mm submachine guns for the SWAT unit (NG)
3. Bid 6810- Opening date: 6/17/2022: Purchase of two Silicon Forensics, or equal, computer systems to maintain evidence (SR)
4. Bid 6811- Opening date: 6/17/2022: Purchase of 100 Activity Group, or equal, Level III ICW Rifle Plates for the ESU and K9 units (NG)
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13. Bid 6819- Opening date: 6/17/2022: Purchase (3) three Hobart, or equal, slicers (DC)
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16. Bid 6760A - Opening date 7/13/2022: On call window and door glazing replacement (AS)
17. Bid 6801A - Opening date: 6/17/2022: Purchase of Lucas, or equal, CPR systems and Lifepak, or equal medical monitors and related accessories (JH)
18. Bid 6822 - Opening date: 7/13/2022: Maintenance, Service and Repairs of Emergency Power System (AS)
19. Bid 6823 - Opening date: 7/13/2022: Maintenance, Service and Repairs of Gym Equipment (FB)
20. Bid 6803A - Opening date: 7/6/2022: One-time purchase of 12 Louie Poulsen, or equal, light fixtures with custom finishing (NG).

Farewell to HoJo's, Fried Clams, Fish and 28 Flavors



By Eric Wolf Schoen

The machers (Yiddish for 'people who are supposed to get things done') in Washington, Albany and Westchester claim the taxes on gasoline are going down. As you are so well aware, \$5 a gallon for regular is the 'new norm.' The Royal Family couldn't even get a high chair like you see in orthopedist and other medical offices for the Queen to sit on as she stood in discomfort at the window of Buckingham Palace watching the celebration of her 70 years on the throne!

Chaos in the world and what got the most hits when I posted it on Facebook this week? The closing of the last Howard Johnson's restaurant in Lake George, New York. Though you probably couldn't afford the gasoline to get go there this summer, the owners of the last Howard Johnson's restaurant, the one many of you would nostalgically visit on your trek in the summer traffic to Lake George announced they would not be opening for the summer season this year and closing permanently.

Howard Johnson's. At one time we had four in Westchester all under the orange roofs. One on Central Avenue in Yonkers across from Cross County Shopping Center where Burger King currently stands. One in Tarrytown right off the Cross Westchester Expressway as you would get off the Tappan Zee Bridge southbound. One in Elmsford where Starbucks currently exists across from Burger King. And one in Mamaroneck, which we didn't get to very often.

Howard Johnson's was known for their fish fries, all you could eat of their tender golden filet served with french fries and cole slaw and a roll. That was usually served on a Friday night when our Catholic friends would not eat meat. Clam fries, big and little pieces of fried clams and later on Chicken fries, tender pieces of fried chicken were served on Mondays and Wednesday nights, quiet nights in the restaurant business. Dad was a picky eater, but he loved those fish fries. Always a special treat for a Friday night.

My sister and a group of camp counselors from Pinsky Day Camp operated by the Jewish Community Center in Yonkers would walk down Broadway from the camp to the Howard Johnson's in Tarrytown for the various fries. The staff would panic as they knew these young people would eat the restaurant as they say 'out of house and home' consuming large quantities of whatever fry was being offered that day.

Same for the Yonkers HoJo. Students from Yonkers High School would have fish, clam and chicken eating contests, driving the staff equally wild. Nothing they could do. It was advertised as all you can eat so they had to serve them all they could eat. And in all times times I went I never remember them running out!

My favorite birthday party took place at Howard Johnson's. My parents (mom was one of the first moms to drive) loaded up my friends in our cars for a trip to New York City to take the NBC Studio Tour. They would take you through all the studios from where the local newscasts were broadcast to where Johnny Carson recorded his show. I was little so many shows were still broadcast or recorded at the NBC studios at '30 Rock' before the mass exodus to sunny California.

After the party we came back and had a late lunch at the HoJo on Central Avenue in Yonkers. As one Facebook friend pointed out, it was something special to be invited to a birthday party at Howard Johnson's. I don't remember what we ate (probably a frankfurter, clam roll or 'child' friendly food) but I do remember the Cake and Ice cream. Now you can't have a birthday party without a cake and even though there were was a vast selection of ice cream to chose from i remember a coconut cake with white icing, my favorite.

So many 'Facebookers' commented on the ice cream. Why was it so good? Howard Johnson's 28 flavors of thick ice cream had double the butterfat of most competitors' products. There was a steady list of flavors and an addition or two or three every month. I came to like their Heath Bar Crunch ice cream. I didn't even know what a Heath Bar was but it was so good.

By the way, the ice cream was only served if my memory is correct in sugar cones. They didn't have cake cones. What is the purpose of a cake cone? To save some calories. Ice cream like HoJo's loaded with butterfat had so many calories to begin with. I doubt the fewer calories in a cake cone would make a difference.

Their original 28 flavors included black raspberry, burgundy cherry, butter pecan (Dad's favorite), butter crunch, butterscotch, caramel fudge, chocolate, chocolate chip, coconut, coffee (my aunt Muriel would sit at the counter and be in ecstasy with her coffee milk shake), frozen pudding, fruit salad, fudge ripple, lemon stick, macaroon, maple walnut, mocha chip, orange pineapple, peach, pea-

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Stepinac Student from Yonkers Gets Eisenhower Leadership Award



Ethan Bangari

Congratulation to Ethan Bangari of Yonkers, a junior at Stepinac High School, who was recently honored as the recipient of the prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award!

Annually, the United States Military Academy at West Point-sponsored award recognizes the nation's outstanding high school juniors who have demonstrated exceptional performance in academics, athletics, community service, leadership and moral character.

The citation also promotes the values of national service as exemplified by Dwight D. Eisenhower, a graduate of West Point who during World War II served as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force and led the successful Allied invasion of Normandy to defeat the Third Reich, 1944-45. He achieved the five-star rank of General of the Army. Eisenhower served as the nation's 34th President for two terms, 1953-1961.

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Most importantly do not stress yourself on every single assignment or grade. It's also essential to focus on your mental health."

Jasmine volunteered at Tibbets Brook Park in Yonkers by helping clear invasive plants out of the waterway. She also serves as a volunteer at her church, St. Paul the Apostle.

Linang enjoys crocheting, sewing, baking and painting. Her talent crocheting led her to start a small business of making crocheted stuffed animals. "It's relaxing to do and something to occupy my time during quarantine."

She thanked her sister for helping her achieve this level of academic greatness. She has always been there for me. I always go to her for help and advice and she is always there and has the right approach and helps me calm down."

Saunders Salutatorian James Olivarez will graduate with a 98.18 GPA. His favorite course in Chemistry and favorite teacher is Mr. Nunez. "He makes everything funny and interesting."

James is a recipient of the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers Scholarship, and the Harvard Book Club Award. He also completed 56 hours of computer and technology Work-Based-Learning for Electronic and Computer Circuitry magnet.

Olivarez enjoys drawing, cooking and electronics, including diagnostic repairs of networks and software. He is most proud of the LED game he created that tests memory using lights.

James had decided to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, RPI, where he will major in computer science. "I plan on getting my Master's degree in Computer Science and then getting a job somewhere in that field. There are many different options."

Olivarez said that at Saunders, "It was easy to get the help you needed. That is what I liked most and what helped me become salutatorian.

His advice to younger students is "learn how to organize yourself and prioritize. You won't have time to do everything."

CCLC Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2022. 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, 440 N Broadway 20, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of J Troncoso Construction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/29/2022. 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, P.O. Box 1434 Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: General Construction.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

The idea of justice in our society is a recurring theme. What is justice? How does one obtain justice? Is justice delayed, justice denied? While I toy with these ideas daily, I see the justice system failing individuals, marginalized groups, and communities daily.

On November 27, 2021, a women's healthcare facility in White Plains, New York (Westchester County) was invaded by three domestic terrorists who were answering the call from their organization, Red Rose Rescue. RRR is a group that invades women's healthcare facilities and intimidates those who provide and receive healthcare services.

RRR acts out with zero regards for trespassing and patient privacy laws as they believe that they are fulfilling their god-given duty to prevent abortions from taking place.

The three terrorists, all repeat offenders, were eventually arraigned by the White Plains Police Department after their two-hour stakeout inside the clinic. A jury found the three men guilty of criminal trespass in the third degree and they are set to be sentenced in July 2022. They face a \$500 fine as well as a possible 3-month jail sentence.

What is different about the November 2021 attack, is that in this instance, all three of the perpetrators were detained and are facing legal consequences. In so many of these cases, district attorneys and prosecutors tend to turn a blind eye to these attacks for a multitude of reasons, including their own personal interests.

Without trials and consequences for these actions, justice is being denied to all of those affected by these heinous acts against those who rely on or work at women's healthcare facilities.

The lack of consequence for these terrorists allows for them to repeat their crimes over and over again. In doing so they waste taxpayer dollars on legal fees as well as make the justice system look like a failure.

It is time that the justice system works to defend everyone and not protect those who are acting out against women's basic healthcare rights.

Thank you,
Charlotte Baron, Hartsdale

To the Editor:

We write to express our opinion that the three defendants who were found guilty of criminal trespass for invading the All Women's Health & Medical Services on November 27, 2021 must be given the maximum sentence allowed by law: 3 months in jail, and each ordered to pay a fine of \$500 when they are sentenced in White Plains in June.

Christopher Moscinski, Matthew Connelly, and William Goodman entered the clinic during business hours, refused to leave, and harassed and intimidated staff and patients. They have engaged in the same unlawful behavior many times before at various other locations. But they have suffered few, if any, consequences, leaving them with no motivation to stop such behavior, or to reform their disregard for both established law and patient privacy. They are members of Red Rose Rescue, an extremist anti-abortion group, which operates all over the country.

Besides their egregious intimidation of patients engaged in accessing healthcare services to which they are entitled by law, these defendants waste taxpayer money and make a mockery of the legal system. They must not continue to get away with their utter disregard for the law and for the trauma inflicted by their actions.

Judy Fletcher, (Riverdale) Deborah Swiderski, MD, Elizabeth de Bethune, Caroline Stern, Eileen O'Connor, FNP, (from Yonkers).

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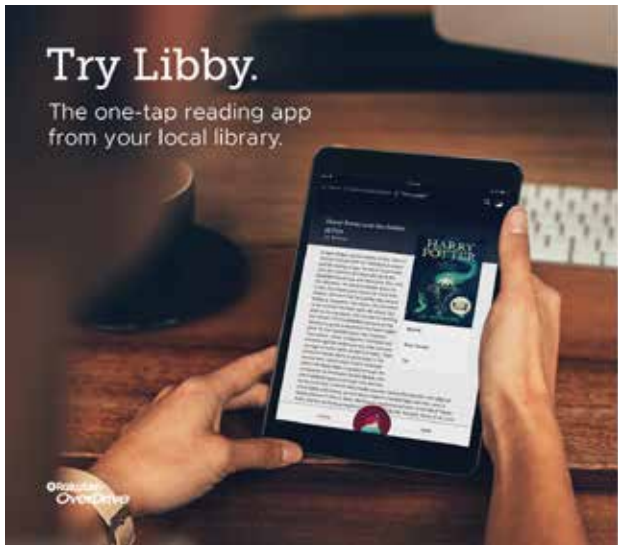
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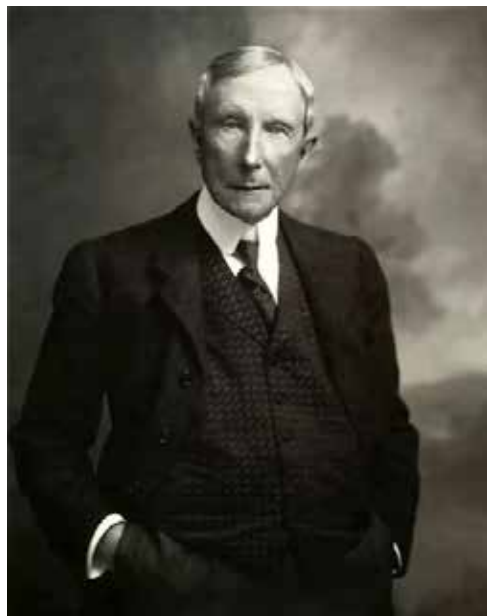
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On This Day in Yonkers History...



John D. Rockefeller, caught speeding in Yonkers in 1907

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

Monday, June 13th

June 13, 1930: Contractor Thomas Brogan testified in Yonkers City Court about roadwork damaged on Central Park Avenue. Two men, one driving a car and the other in a horse and wagon, refused to detour around his crew and ignored the workers trying to stop them. Both deliberately drove over the cement work, badly damaging it to the tune of \$1200, more than \$20,000 in today's dollars.

June 13, 1956: Yonkers School Superintendent Stanley Wynstra called an emergency teachers' meeting, held at Hawthorne JHS. He told those gathered, although everyone agreed the teachers "were discriminated against in the distribution of pay raises... (their) curtailment of afterschool activities must be stopped." Wynstra added Yonkers residents supported them, but continuing the slowdown would only hurt their cause.

Tuesday, June 14th

June 14, 1946: Members of the Yonkers City Post, VFW, carried one of the biggest flags Yonkers had ever seen in the "Boost Yonkers" parade. Besides the flag, it featured a Liberty Bell created from flowers; a float created by the Yonkers Federation of Churches honoring free speech, free press and free religion; and banners carried by employees of Otis Elevator, Habirshaw Wire, and NY Engineering, pledging their support for the US Constitution. Veterans' Groups, YPD, YFD, DPW, Rotary, Kiwanis, Elks and Lions, school bands, Boy Scouts and members of the Yonkers Canoe Club carrying enormous paddles joined them! Charles Ohrenberger, National Commander of Army & Navy Veterans, and local officials spoke at post parade ceremony; the night ended with a two-hour block dance.

Wednesday, June 15th

June 15, 1927: Professor Michael Pupin of Columbia University received the first degree of Doctor of Science from Brown University; he lived in Yonkers when he first started his radio research.

June 15, 1945: The US War Department announced Gerald Brophy of 280 Bronxville Road was promoted to the rank of Colonel; at the time of his promotion, he was stationed in India, and was the Chief of Lend-Lease for the Army Air Forces.

Thursday June 16th

June 16, 1911: Alexander Smith Cochran joined the "primer class" of Wright Aviation School at Belmont Park after purchasing his own Wright biplane. He went with friend Redmond Cross; their instructor A. L. Welsh required both men crank the engine before they got into the plane, something that proved to be more difficult than anticipated. Welsh took the plane up for half an hour, flying at an altitude of 500 feet, but did not let them touch the controls. He showed them how to increase altitude and made turns. They were to take daily lessons until Welsh felt they were proficient enough to make their first solo flights. Cochran took his first actual lesson the next day.

June 16, 1920: Supreme Court Justice Albert Seeger authorized the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club to sell its property to James A. O'Connell for \$7,500. Membership in the Club decreased so much, it was impossible for the remaining members to maintain the house on the property; it stood on land under water north of Arthur Street. O'Connell reportedly represented the New York Yacht Club.

Friday, June 17th

June 17, 1907: John D. Rockefeller was stopped in North Yonkers for speeding; a YPD officer had stretched a rope across the road. According to his stopwatch, the officer said the mogul was traveling 30 miles an hour, about double our speed limit. Rockefeller was fined \$25 for his offence.

June 17, 1935: The Seventh Ward Colored Republican Club endorsed Dr. Edward Jones for membership on Yonkers Municipal Housing Commission. The Seventh Ward Colored Democratic Club also endorsed Dr. Jones, an African American dentist, for the Commission.

June 17, 1937: Mrs. George Lustig of Hoover Road asked her name be added to the eligible Jurors' List, the first Westchester woman to do so.

Saturday, June 18th

June 18, 1916: Second Precinct Captain Hugh Brady announced the start of his crusade against the small time bookies trolling outside Empire City Race Track. Brady revealed on the previous Saturday, more than 2,000 men had taken bets outside the track, accepting wagers as low as twenty-five cents.

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United Way, Local Businesses to Host FREE E-Waste Event June 15, in White Plains

Local nonprofits, schools, and government agencies are invited to participate in a FREE electronic waste recycling event Wednesday, June 15 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hosted by United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Progressive Computing and Upcycle, the event will take place at the offices of United Way, located at 336 Central Park Ave. in White Plains. Appointments are required and can be scheduled online at www.up.org/ewaste.

"The cost of disposing of old electronic equipment is burdensome for many of our partners," said United Way of Westchester and Putnam CEO Tom Gabriel. "By offering this service to the community for free we are ensuring that the agencies can increase their capacities while also arranging for the secure and environmentally safe way of discarding the broken or antiquated equipment."

Upcycle specialists will do the heavy-lifting and loading—participants are responsible for bringing old, broken or retired equipment to the event.

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The auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Properties may be offered for sale subject to certain express terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the City, which will be disclosed prior to the auction. The Terms and Conditions, as well as adjustments to the auction based on applicable COVID-19 guidelines, will be available prior to the auction at www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers.

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1	510	37	149 BUENA VISTA AVE
2	2089	2	43 ST. JOSEPHS AVE
2	2117	24	335 WARBURTON AVE
2	2379	37	19 RICHMOND PLACE
3	3116	20	49 RUNYON AVE
3	3190	182	824 SAW MILL RIVER RD
3	3210	31	2 SHELBURNE RD
3	3210	33	6 SHELBURNE RD
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OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

5727A – Area Variance – Andrew Maniglia of Ginsburg Development, on behalf of Pier LLC 70, owner, on premises known as 70 Pier Street, Block: 146, Lot: 1.4, Zone: M (B24085)

5785 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Casino Hospitality LLC, owner, on premises known as 651 Bronx River Road, Block: 5226, Lot: 17.21, Zone: BR (B28653)

NEW HEARINGS

5786 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of David Vazquez, owner, on premises known as 50 Elaine Terrace, Block: 5460, Lot: 43, Zone: S-50 (B18682 amendment)

5787 – Area Variance – John Canning P.E., on behalf of Silver Bell Company LLC, owner, on premises known as 1230 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 3182, Lot: 5, Zone: I (B23307)

5788 – Use & Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Hampshire Management Company Number 30, LLC, owner, on premises known as 1111 aka 1113 Central Park Avenue, Block: 5425, Lot: 100, Zone: OL (B30224)

5789 – Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of CCNA Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 470 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2073, Lot: 1, Zone: I (B20313)

5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132)

5791 – Area Variance – Kyle Pustola, on behalf of Hudson View Building #4 LLC, owner, on premises known as 29 Wells Avenue, Block: 2009, Lot: 1, Zone: D-IRT (B29483)

5792 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Jose Serrano, owner, on premises known as 204 (206) Ashburton Avenue, Block: 2042, Lot: 14, Zone: B (B23655)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commission on Reapportionment of Ward Boundaries for the City of Yonkers hereby gives public notice, in accordance with the New York State Public Officers Law, of its upcoming meeting:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Mayor’s Conference Room
Yonkers City Hall, 2nd Floor
Yonkers, New York 10701
Dated: June 7, 2022

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

nut brittle, peppermint stick, pineapple, pistachio (I could never understand the allure of pistachio ice cream), strawberry, strawberry ripple and boring vanilla. Another friend liked the butter brick ice cream.

I learned the secret to a proper ice cream ‘dip’ at HoJo. The scoop had to be clean. Then they had to dry it off otherwise those nasty ice crystals nobody liked would form.

My research showed 28 flavors but why do I remember 31. Maybe the extra 3 flavors were the special additions of the month. I remember having a banana split one time. So good! After they closed I went to Haagen Dazs at Cross County Center for a banana split. Not only was there no place to sit but It didn’t taste like HoJo. I would have preferred a pop the balloon for your price Woolworth’s banana split than the overpriced Haagen Dazs creation. (The Woolworth Lunch Counter and the fact we had 2 Woolworths at Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers? We will save that story for another day!)

One friend spent her wedding night at the Tarrytown Hilton and remembered dining at Howard Johnson’s across the street. Her husband had the blueberry pie and she had a hamburger. This was 42 years ago. Another friend commented that her grandmother would make her eat until she fell off her feet. Several friends raved about the coffee.

One friend remarked that Howard Johnson had the franchise on the New York State Thruway. That would be a welcome treat to the overpriced crap sold at Thruway Rest Areas today.

One friend on Facebook had an aunt who had a special freezer stocked with every flavor. Boy would I want an aunt like that. Another friend who worked at HoJo on Central Avenue reminisced about having to answer the phone, ‘Howard Johnson’s Ultra Lounge.’ At night some Howard Johnson’s became an early version of a discotheque. A precursor to Studio 54?

The only Howard Johnson’s you can visit now are motels, part of the Wyndham chain. The Elmsford Howard Johnson’s had a hotel with a pool. They had a day rate. You could rent a room during the day and enjoy the swimming pool and takeout from the downstairs restaurant.

As my sister pointed out, the television show Mad Men had several episodes featuring Howard Johnson’s. John Hamm’s girlfriend had some kind of aversion to Howard Johnson’s.

I wonder why? Howard Johnson’s. This, Too Was Yonkers! They, Too Were America!

An Editorial Note: I received a big response to my column last week about the boss, William O’Shaughnessy. WO always referred to people including their middle name. In his honor I will start my column with my complete name. By the way Wolf is my grandmother’s maiden name!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@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.

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Third Precinct Police Community Council

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Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

June 18, 1926: The Community Service Commission notified Parks Superintendent Otto Frey unless he installed a wire backstop at the Glen Park baseball diamond within two days, he would face dismissal.

June 18, 1935: The Common Council refused to pass a resolution proposed by Alderman William Slater; the ordinance would have directed Corporation Counsel Leonard McAneny to draft a law "regulating the dress and attire of persons appearing on the streets in scanty costumes that offend the sense of propriety of the average normal person." Much to the relief of McAneny, the Counsel's rebuff of the resolution relieved him of the duty of deciding what women in Yonkers could wear on Yonkers streets.

Sunday, June 19th

June 19, 1936: Captain Harry Warfield, Hospital Superintendent of St. John's Riverside Hospital, showed The Herald Statesman staff the marine deck he designed! Built on the seventh floor roof, it had deck chairs, a crow's nest, an equipped bridge with wheel, ship's compass, binnacle, bell, starboard lights and engine room telegraph. It also featured a bed hoist, so the staff could wheel patients up the ramp. The deck was enclosed with a ship's rail sporting life preservers emblazoned "SS St. John's." its garden area was decorated with an obelisk, decorated with a patterned mosaic of varied colored stones. Where were the stones from? In truth, they were not stones, but repurposed bits of broken dishes and plates from the hospital!

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.

Harold Woods Way and Rita Gross Nelson Way, continued from pg 1-



Above: Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamny, Councilmembers Tasha Diaz and Mike Breen with the widow of Officer Harold Woods and members of the YPD



Above: Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamny, with Councilmembers Anthony Merante and family of Police Officer Rita Gross Nelson

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tended Paul Quinn College, Waco Texas and Fordham University, N.Y.C.

Rita Gross Nelson joined the Yonkers Police Force as a Parking Enforcement Officer (Meter Maid) and was appointed the first Permanent African American Female Police Officer, and the first Woman to walk patrol in the State of New York in 1964. After 23 years of service, she retired and became the first African American Director of Security for the Hudson River Museum. After ten years, she again "retired", but shortly accepted a position at Columbia University where she trained Security Officers, as a Licensed State Security Officer Instructor.

For many of these years she also served as Private Security for VIP's such as Coretta Scott King, Shirley Chisolm, Robin Givens and Dorothy Irene Height.

In 2000, at the request of then Superintendent Joseph Farmer, Rita came out of retirement again, accepting a position in Yonkers Public Schools System as Court Liaison for at risk youths and State Trainer for School Safety Officers.

Rita was a concerned citizen of Yonkers and served in many local organizations, including a life member of the Runyon Heights Improvement Association, the neighborhood she loved, lived in, and resided until her death in 2015.

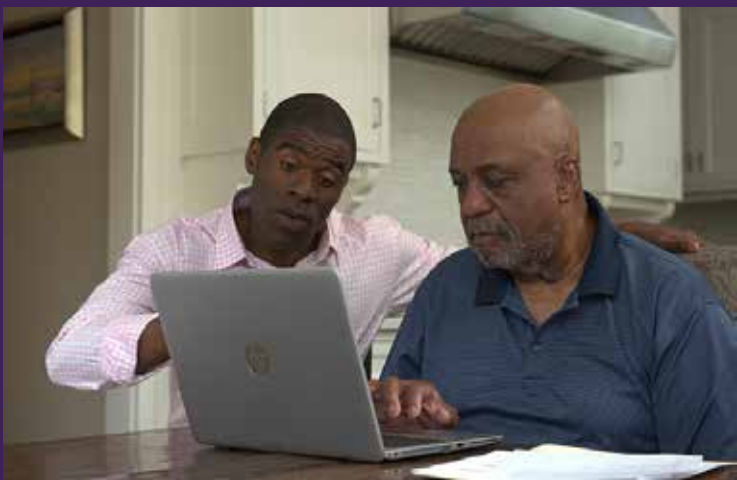
Rita used to say that she was second-generation Yonkers, gave birth to the third, and lived to see the fourth and fifth arrive. "I AM Yonkers, I'm not just passing through" was her motto with regard to her City.

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