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Yonkers Middle-High School Val, Sal Tops in City With 104%, 103% GPA's!!



Yonkers Middle-High School Valedictorian Sarah Ranginwala, left, and Salutatorian Carolin Pulickal

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Yonkers Middle-High School Valedictorian Sarah Ranginwala and Salutatorian Carolin Pulickal. Both will graduate with the highest, weighted GPA's in the Yonkers Public Schools.

Sarah will graduate with a 104.27 GPA, but didn't make a big deal of being the #1 student in the YPS Class of 2022. "It feels nice, but honestly it was because my classes are weighted."

That's correct but those weighted classes are more difficult, and the IB Program at Yonkers Middle-High School is consistently ranked as one of the top high school programs in the nation.

Sarah's favorite teachers are Mr. John Krajovan (English), Dr. Lesia Kaszczak (Biology), Mr. German Arregui (Math). "I couldn't pick just one. These three teachers I have taken classes with for more than one year and they played a large part in my growth. I took (IB) Biology this year and it was the most enjoyable course this year."

Extra curricular activities for Ranginwala include a Columbia University honors program and volunteering at Beczak Environmental Center. "I got in during my junior year and have taken astronomy and astrophysics every Saturday this year. It gave me a sneak peak into the college experience, and for students like me interested in STEM, I plan on going into bio-engineering as a career, it was great to see what it was like learning from distinguished professors."

"I also enjoyed volunteering at Beczak every weekend and clean up the park and try to help the environment. I took a course where we learned about the Hudson river and the organisms in it. It was interesting, and I never thought of myself as being interested in environmental science but I was glad I got to explore it."

Sarah was accepted into 11 colleges and will be attending New York Institute of Technology in the fall. "It was an economic decision and the school is diverse, like Yonkers High. And I always wanted to go into STEM and they have a great program, so it was the best fit for me. And I can commute and stay at home."

"I'm hopefully headed toward a masters in Bio-engineering, and I hope that I'll be able to use my passion for STEM to make a difference in other people's lives. Growing up my dad said make sure your career is about helping people, and I have always been good at neuroscience and math. If I combine that with my desire to help

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Yonkers Police Arrest, Charge Fourteen Dealers in Nodine Hill Drug Sweep

All defendants are charged with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3, a Class B Felony in the New York State Penal Law. Booking charges are merely accusations and the defendant(s) are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Today, Mayor Mike Spano, Commissioner Chris Sapienza, and Westchester County Department of Public Safety Acting Commissioner Terrance Raynor announced a series of arrests which took place last week throughout the City of Yonkers, targeting street level drug dealers, including members of several local street gangs, as a result of an intensive six-month long investigation. Operation: Elm Sweep is a collaborative law enforcement effort between the Yonkers Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, and the Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

Members of the Yonkers Police Department began executing arrests last Tuesday, targeting fourteen offenders who are the subject of this investigation. The majority of these arrests took place on the west side of the City. The defendants allegedly operated in and around the Nodine Hill Area, specifically the Elm Street corridor, and were engaged in illegal narcotics sales including crack-cocaine. Undercover officers were utilized in the course of this investigation.

Many of the defendants have extensive criminal histories, and many have been present or connected to group violence and violent incidents in the area, including: murders, attempted murders, stabbings and felony assaults, multiple incidents of shots fired, and illegal possession of firearms; two were present in the bodega deli where a Yonkers Police Detective was recently shot; the April 2021 shooting of a 6-year-old child on Ash Street and the June 2021 drive-by shooting on Elm and Oak Streets, where five people were shot, are associated with the same. Combined, the fourteen defendants have a criminal record representing over 100 arrests, more than half of which are felonies, with over 50 convictions; they have over 20 open cases, and 5 illegally possessed firearm arrests.

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Visit Vinnie Bagwell's Masterpiece: Enslaved African Rain Garden on Yonkers Waterfront



Vinnie Bagwell, with one of her lifesize sculptures. Pic by Donna Davis

Kicking off the City's Juneteenth celebration weekend, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano along with sculptor Vinnie Bagwell, local artists, and community leaders will officially unveil The Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden (EARG), along the Yonkers waterfront at 20 Water Grant Street, on June 17th at 11 AM - 2 PM. The urban-heritage sculpture garden honors the legacy of enslaved Africans who resided and worked at Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers. The garden's opening will feature the presentation of five life-size bronze sculptures of enslaved Africans who were freed decades before the Emancipation Proclamation.

"On behalf of the residents of Yonkers, I am proud our City is the permanent home to this poignant art exhibit that not only tells the remarkable story of some of our first residents but the place they and our city have in the nation's complicated history," comments Mayor Spano. "Public art has become a hallmark of Yonkers' diversity and vibrancy – and the Rain Garden joins the growing landscape of beautiful expression here. Through Vinnie's artistry and devotion to their journey, we are paying homage to the lives and sacrifices of our early ancestors and ensuring their voices are heard for future generations."

Created by sculptor Vinnie Bagwell, the public artwork interprets the legacy of five enslaved Africans who were among the first to be manumitted by law in the United States in 1799 (64 years before the Emancipation Proclamation). The sculptures named "Themba the Boatman," "I'Satta," "Bibi," "Sola," and "Olumide," will reside in a half-acre rain garden along the Hudson River esplanade. Each sculpture will be set in a vignette that includes a unique bench and landscape features of trees, shrubs and flowers with the backdrop of a stone-lined ravine flowing behind the sculptures. Each sculpture is designed to explore it for the entire 360 degrees, accented with prominent features on the backs of their garments.

Vinnie Bagwell states, "Public art sends a message about the values and priorities of a community. In the spirit of transformative justice for acts against the humanity of black people, I am grateful for those who supported this collective effort. The strongest aspect of the Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden coming to fruition is that it begins to address the righting of so many wrongs by giving voice to the previously unheard via accessible art in a public place while connecting the goals of artistic and cultural opportunities to improving educational opportunities and economic development. Here is the impetus for the realization of the Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden."

The Enslaved Africans Rain Garden Initiative was incorporated in 2015 as a non-profit 501.c.3 arts organization. The mission is to enlarge the perspectives

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Yonkers Celebrates PRIDE with Festival; Councilman Asks Whether Kids Should Attend



The 5th annual Yonkers Pride Festival was held on June 11 in downtown Yonkers. On June 10, the Rainbow Flag was raised above City Hall. "I have said it time and time again –Yonkers' greatest strength is its people. Our diversity and ability to come together and celebrate what makes us different yet the same is unique and why we are continually ranked as one of the top U.S. cities for inclusion," said Mayor Mike Spano.

The festival included performances, information tents, vendors, food, performances and other activities. It was well attended and went off without any incident.

Some controversy ensued before the festival when City Councilman Anthony Merante posed the following question on Facebook. Merante posted, "LEAVE THE KIDS OUT OF THIS EVENT- I strongly feel that children do not belong in this environment. If a parent wants to teach their children about the LGBTQ community that is certainly fine but children's activities at an event with "Drag Queens" is not. Drag was created as a bawdy art form with both innuendo and explicit performances for adults. Regardless of there being music, face paintings and bouncy houses adjacent to this event, kids should not be included at an event with Drag Queens!"

"This should have been considered an adult event. I'm not anti LGBTQ., but again this isn't the place for children especially when City of Yonkers funds are being used to sponsor the event. What do you think? Am I being too old fashion in my views?"

Anthony Nicodemo (Chair of Mayor Mike Spano's LGBTQ Advisory Board) responded in an interview with Yonkers Voice, saying "I think its unfortunate for an elected official in a diverse City like Yonkers to have bigoted views. I think a

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Sam Riti Named AMVET OF THE YEAR for 2021 - 2022



L-R-Mayor Mike Spano, Sam Riti, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Yonkers Veterans Director Rev. William Norton photo by Donna Davis

Congratulations to Sam Riti, from AMVETS Post 40 in Yonkers, for being named the recipient of the New York State AMVETS American Veteran of the Year Award 2021 - 2022. The award is given to the Veteran who exemplifies service to Veterans in a variety of areas, including helping hospitalized Veterans, and young students in the ROTC, JR ROTC. Riti serves Veterans not only in Yonkers but throughout the Hudson Valley.

This is the second time Sam has received this award; the first time was in 2005-2006. And in 2014 Sam received the National "Silver Helmet Veteran of the Year" Award, and in 2018, received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from President Trump for his lifelong commitment to Veterans through volunteer services. Sam thanks all his Family, Friends and fellow Veterans for all the support that they give to him. And we thanks Sam for making sure our Veterans are not forgotten.

YAAHC Presents Annual Juneteenth Weekend at Trevor Park Yonkers-June 16-June 19

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 Educational Symposium & Youth Day @Trevor Park 7 pm - 2:00 pm

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Following the executive order that made Juneteenth a state holiday in 2020, the holiday was adopted by New York as a state holiday in July 2020. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the legislation into law in October 2020. Juneteenth National Independence Day is a US federal holiday. It was signed into law by President Joe Biden on Thursday June 17th 2021. Juneteenth is a portmanteau word for June and nineteenth and commemorates the June 19th 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas and the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South.

Spreckman Senior Center ReOpens After Completed Improvements



Yonkers seniors outside of Spreckman Senior Center on McLean Avenue for ribbon cutting

On June 10, city officials cut the ribbon on the newly renovated Bernice Spreckman Community Center located at 777 McLean Avenue. Renovations included men's and women's handicap accessible restrooms, new LED ceiling lighting, new handicap accessible water drinking fountains, new exterior metal storefront doors/insulated glass panels with handicap accessible door operators, outdoor exercise equipment and a beautiful pavilion. ADA upgrades along with improved bathrooms, a refurbished entrance, HVAC upgrades and new lobby complete the renovations.

City Councilman John Rubbo said, "Last September, we closed the center for the more than half million dollar renovations. Now it is the nicest center in the city. It was always frequently used but now there are vast improvements to a decades old building. I worked hard to get the funding for the improvements and would invite the community to use it more. The outside pavilion, BBQ and picnic area and Bocce court are a great place for the community to use for get togethers in time for the summer season."

The Bernice Spreckman Community Center is located at 777 McLean Avenue.

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big portion of the republican party has these views, its pure ignorance. This is our 3rd Pride Celebration in Yonkers, which is a beautiful way to bring together the community. For Mr. Merante to stir the pot and create hate and division for political purposes is embarrassing. Yonkers has embraced the LGBT community and Mayor Spano is one of our biggest allies, as are the majority of elected officials. Democrats and republicans have embraced us as well."

Nicodemo explained the Drag performances as a show. "I have read some of the ignorant comments and views and slurs. It's an art form, people dress up and perform and sing and dance and give the community a great show. It will be the best pride in Westchester and everyone should come out," said Nicodemo.

The City of Yonkers posted on its Facebook page, "We see there's a bit of confusion. The Drag Events are separate from the Childrens Activities, which will include face paintings and bouncy houses! There's also plenty of live music from DJ John Martin for the little ones to show off their moves!"

"I first became aware of the "Drag Show" and children's activities being part of the Pride Festival from upset residents who saw it on the City of Yonkers Facebook page. There were numerous comments from citizens who were angry at the City of Yonkers for scheduling these two activities together. So, I decided to survey my constituents for their thoughts. My opinion was that it was inappropriate, but I asked in my FB post ["What do you think? Am I being too old fashion in my views? "] and people responded, most agreed, and some were quite upset. The great thing about America is that we're all entitled to our opinions. So, for those who decide to take their kids, have a wonderful time and enjoy the Festival," said Merante.

While Merante took a lot of heat for his question and comments, he is entitled to his view. If you don't like it, you can vote him out of office. Let us also say that Yonkers Rising welcomes the LGBTQ+ community in the city and their contribution to the City's diversity.

Finally, we believe that anyone who did not want to bring their children to the Pride Festival didn't need councilman Merante to tell them to do so.

Westchester County Executive Latimer Announces Summer Service Changes to Bee-Line Bus System

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that service changes will take effect on the Bee-Line Bus System beginning June 20, 2022. In order to improve operating efficiencies and accommodate the needs of riders, there will be schedule changes on the following routes. Trips will be restored that had been suspended due to driver shortages. Service to Playland on the Routes 13, 75, and 91 will resume. Riders should consult timetables for specific details about each route.

Routes: 1T, 1X, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 20, 30, 40, 41, 42, 45, 53, 60, 62, 63, 78

For a full list of all the summer service changes and new bus schedules, visit www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus or call the Bee-Line customer service center at (914)-813-7777, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Automated information is available 24 hours a day.

Councilman Merante's Ignorant Comments



By Eric W. Schoen, pictured above at the Yonkers Pride Festival

The 5th Annual Yonkers Pride Festival took place last weekend in downtown Yonkers. Congratulations to Steve Cruz and those involved for a wonderful, fun event. One Yonkers City Councilman, Anthony Merante's comments before the event were not only ignorant but should be considered insulting to every Yonkers resident.

Councilman Merante said that kids should stay away from the LGBTQ+ Pride Festival. His comments: LEAVE THE KIDS OUT OF THIS EVENT- I strongly feel that children do not belong in this environment. If a parent wants to teach their children about the LGBTQ community that is certainly fine but children's activities at an event with "Drag Queens" is not. Drag was created as a bawdy art form with both innuendo and explicit performances for adults. Regardless of there being music, face paintings and bouncy houses adjacent to this event, kids should not be included at an event with Drag Queens!

Nothing in law forced children to attend the event. Children attend with their parents. If the parents do not want their children to attend the event they simply don't bring them. I have enough confidence in the parents of children in Yonkers to make that decision. They certainly don't need Mr. Merante to be the one giving them motherly advice.

And I don't know where Mr. Merante gets his information from. Merante's comments: 'Drag was created as a bawdy art form with both innuendo and explicit performances for adults.' I attended the event on Saturday and there were no 'explicit performances for adults.' Maybe he got his definition of drag from a conservative talking points memorandum or an 18th Century encyclopedia. Nothing could be father from the truth.

Mr. Merante voted for the City of Yonkers budget. City funding including monies from the City Council Majority Leader's funds (he did vote for the current Majority Leader) partially paid for the event. If he was so concerned about that he should have as the CPA that he is have brought the issue up during budget negotiations. Not at the last minute attempting to ruin an event that takes place in many communities in Westchester.

This is the second controversy Merante has been involved with in less than 2 months. St. Ann's Church had wanted to rent out their empty school to the former Leake and Watts organization to provide a place for learning for immigrant young people, many of them treated poorly in their countries of origin. Staffing ratio would have been 2 young people to 1 adult. The young people would have had background checks to make sure they were not involved in any illegal activities in their country of origin.

And St. Ann's Church would have received \$500,000 for rental of the school, money desperately needed. All of my friends who go to that church tell me of the need for funds by the church. And the building would not sit vacant. All of those staff members would have spent money for food, etc. in the Midland Avenue shopping district. The church pastor was a big supporter. And yet again, we see Mr. Merante rallying the troops against it

The sad thing is that this episode occurred during and around Holy Week where we pray for those in need and to help the hungry and homeless. Enough pressure was put on the Pastor of the church and the Archdiocese to kill the proposal.

Now you have to understand a little of what's behind Merante's comments. He has the desire to run for higher office and for some crazy reason feels these moves are going to help him achieve his goal. Yonkers as a whole is very different than the Yonkers of 30 plus years ago that fought the Housing Desegregation case. He would like to be Mayor when current Mayor Mike Spano's term ends. Or City Council President if the current City Council President, a nice lady who has been very quiet in the 5 months since her inauguration decides that instead of her current 4 year job she wants to be on the Yonkers City Court when and if there is a vacancy after the election in November.

How this works for those who do not know is that the Mayor appoints a judge to fill the remainder of the term if a member of the Yonkers Judiciary gets elected or appointed to a higher level court. Which may be the situation come November. If the Mayor appoints City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy to fill the vacancy on the Yonkers City Court, he will also have the opportunity to fill the City Council President seat. If he fills the City Council seat from current City Council members, he will be able to fill their seat too!

After his ignorant statements about the Pride Festival I doubt Mr. Merante will receive the appointment from Mayor Spano. But he can run for the office when the election for City Council President takes place. And you never know. Merante has been a 'loyal puppy' to Mr. Spano during his tenure. You never know what's going to happen in Yonkers.

That is if he hasn't run for Mayor in the interim. What can I say. Remember you read it here first kids, you read it here first!

Anthony Merante owes an apology to the hard working parents in Yonkers who he insulted. And to the Yonkers Pride Committee. And to Drag Queens who he insulted with his archaic comments. There is no room at the inn for elected of-

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County EMS Comms Specialist Honored for 3rd Baby Delivery



County Executive George Latimer, right, with Westchester EMS specialist Matt Hollis and members of the department

On Thursday, June 2nd, a nervous husband in Tuckahoe dialed 911 to report that his wife was about to have a baby at home. County Department of Emergency Services Emergency Communications Specialist Matt Hollis answered this call and began to give pre-arrival instructions to the expecting father on how to assist his wife with this imminent child birth. As Hollis coached and comforted the extremely nervous “Dad-To-Be” on how to help his wife, fellow ECS Monique Holowach dispatched Eastchester EMS and the Eastchester Fire Department. Hollis, no stranger to aiding callers with their at-home child births over the phone, continued to provide instructions and reassurance to the dad as his baby girl made her surprise arrival on the floor of their Tuckahoe apartment. The panicked tone of the call went to the sounds of shared joy and celebration by everyone on scene, and the cries of this tiny little girl brought both smiles and relief to all involved.

This was the third time in about three years that Hollis aided in a successful childbirth over the phone. Hollis, just like all of the other personnel assigned to our Emergency Communications Center, is a certified Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD), capable of giving pre-arrival medical emergency instructions for a variety of situations, such as this. County Executive George Latimer is honored to host Hollis and congratulate him on another job well done. Hollis will receive his third “Stork Pin” – the award given to EMDs when they assist with a baby’s delivery.

Will NY Have “One Party Rule? Or Is A Red Wave Coming?”



By Dan Murphy

As elected officials in New York State debated a set of 10 gun control bills, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins commented on the lack of participation from most of the republican members of the State Senate and Assembly.

“You know, people talk about one party rule. Good. If that’s what it takes to confront what we now is a public health crisis in our time, good.” said Stewart-Cousins. “We’re in a place where all of us have to work together to raise the consciousness to understand we’re not coming for anyone’s gun, but after a while the guns are coming for us.”

NY Democrats are hopeful that a debate over guns and the overturning of Roe vs Wade will help in the fall election. On the other side are republicans across New York State, hoping for a Red Wave of support as a result of gas prices, inflation, baby formula shortages and crime.

In Westchester, republicans are focused on two congressional races and the race for Governor. In the republican race for Governor, a WCBS NYTV debate between the four candidates, Lee Zeldin, Rob Astorino, Harry Wilson and Andrew Guiliani resulted in Wilson and Astorino on the attack against Zeldin, who is the endorsed candidate of the NY GOP and is leading in the polls. Prior to the debate, a multi-million dollar ad buy from Wilson, which highlighted Zeldin’s prior association with, and fondness for, former Governor Andrew Cuomo, when Zeldin was a state senator in 2014.

Many of the political pundits thought that Zeldin should have had an answer for the charges levied against him by Wilson’s TV ads for the debate. But most came away unimpressed with Zeldin’s response to the challenges and his demeanor.

Zeldin pivoted away from the criticism’s and constantly called Astorino “Rolex Rob,” a nickname that very few people outside of Westchester are aware of and even fewer republican voters have knowledge of. Zeldin also called Wilson a “Never Trumper” a dozen times during the debate for the fact that Wilson voted for former SC Governor Nikki Haley in 2020 and not Trump. Wilson also explained that his work with former President Obama in 2008 was to help save American corporations, and American jobs, after the financial crisis.

Westchester republicans we spoke to thought Astorino and Wilson won the debate. Wilson had a prepared response and looked reasonable; Zeldin looked “flustered, nervous and uncomfortable,” and “Zeldin did not look like a governor on the debate stage,” and “Zeldin was on the ropes through all the debate. He called Wilson a “Never Trumper” too many times,” said Westchester and Putnam republicans we spoke to.

Astorino had one of the best quotes, picked up by the NY Media, when he said “This year is going to be the revenge of the normal people and I’ll tell you why: because congestion pricing is another back breaker on the average New Yorker. All this does is it crushes the outer boroughs. It crushes the middle class,” Astorino also attempted to walk the fine line on Trump, by calling Jan. 6th “a horrible day in our nation’s history,” and added that Trump bears some responsibility” for the attacks on law enforcement. But Astorino also said that the Jan. 6th hearings were political theater.

For most of the debate, Andrew Guiliani was the outsider, starting with the fact that he had to participate remotely because he was unvaccinated. Guiliani’s debate highlights included vowing to bring back the stop and frisk police policies of his father (Rudy), and promising to rehire NYC employees who were fired because they were unvaccinated. One Westchester republican we spoke to said he was disappointed in Guiliani’s performance.

Republicans are searching for a candidate to run in the 16th Congressional district, which includes Yonkers and is currently represented by Rep. Jamaal Bowman. Rep. Bowman is being challenged in a democratic primary by two Westchester County Legislators: Vedat Gashi and Catherine Parker.

DA Rocah’s Presents Gun Safety Plan; Residents Speak Out Against West. Gunstores

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This Summer's Yonkers Waterfront Live Free Concerts Every Friday in June, July, August

The annual Yonkers Waterfront Live concert series, hosted by the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District, began Friday, June 3, and continues throughout the summer. The series will run every Friday at 6:30 PM through August 26 and takes place at the Yonkers Waterfront Amphitheater in Yonkers Downtown. Concerts will feature a diverse lineup of musicians and musical groups from genres including Rock, Soul, Pop, Latin, Jazz, and much more. All concerts are free of charge and welcome music-lovers of all ages!

This week's Yonkers Waterfront Live performance features Classic Soul artist Roz Brown & Family, and the remainder of June offers a mix of Jazz, and Rock Artists. Moving into July and August, concerts will continue to showcase artists in the genres of Country, Hip Hop, and Latin. The summer series will conclude with Pop and R&B artists.

"It's no surprise that Yonkers Waterfront Live attracts one of the largest crowds in Westchester. Watching the sunset over the Hudson River while enjoying music is the perfect way to spend a Friday evening," said Sara Brody, Executive Director of Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District. "We are thrilled to bring this annual favorite back this summer to showcase all that Yonkers Downtown has to offer."

Admission to this event is free. The address for the amphitheater is 71 Water Grant St. Here is the full schedule, with weekly sponsors:

- June 17- Roz Brown & Family, Classic Soul- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, RXR Realty and community partner Yonkers African American Heritage Committee.
- June 24- Alexis Morrast, Jazz Mix - Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Hudson Park, Jazzmobile
- July 1- Ivan Polanco and the Band, Classic Rock- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Dolphin Property Services
- July 8 - UpState, Mash Up Country- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Great Point Studios
- July 15 - Day Kornegay, Hip Hop Neo Soul- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Con Ed, RXR Realty, Affinity by Molina
- July 22- Winard Harper & the Jellie Posse, Blues and Jazz- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, GCD Rentals, Jazzmobile
- July 29 - Pacho Mamba, Latin - Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Healthfirst, Affinity by Molina, RXR Realty
- August 5- Antoine Dolberry and Friends, Soul and Fire- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, AMS Acquisitions, Shoprite
- August 12- Kofi Boakye & Band, Jazz Funk, Fusion- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Great Point Studios, Hudson Park
- August 19 -Mi Gente Live, Latin- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Healthfirst, Shoprite,
- August 26 -Angela Wildflower, Pop and R&B- Sponsored by Domino Sugar, Great Point Studios, RXR Realty,

For more information on happenings in Yonkers, visit www.YonkersDowntown.com.

Yonkers Middle High School Val, Sal, continued from pg 1-

if I combine that with my desire to help people, then I can make a difference. And I feel that using my STEM skills in engineering is a way to serve without going into medicine. I'm excited about where this all will take me."

"I really love how diverse our school is, and how everyone welcomes and supports each other regardless of our differences. Our teachers are also dedicated and passionate, and it's easy to tell how much they truly care about our success."

Advice to the future classes at Yonkers Middle-High? "Don't involve yourself in drama and things that don't concern you. It's a waste of energy that you could be putting toward much more important things."

Who helped you get to this point of academic success? "My parents, they are understanding and give me a break when I need it, and my teachers they are passionate about what they do. And my friends helped me find that balance."

Yonkers Middle-High Salutatorian Carolin Pulickal will graduate with a 103.11 GPA. Her favorite teachers are Mr. John Krajovan – English and Dr. Lesia Kaszczak – Biology. "I've loved how they always bring the text in our lessons to life. Especially Biology, which can be boring, but she always connected it to real life situations. And Mr. K in English gave us the background so that the books and stories we were reading came to life. It's nice to have teachers that are approachable and encouraging."

Carolin spent a summer in a Columbia Medical School program that studied the neurological effects of COVID. "I was one of two high school students in the program and it was a wonderful opportunity for me to work with doctors and residents and step up and do ground breaking research."

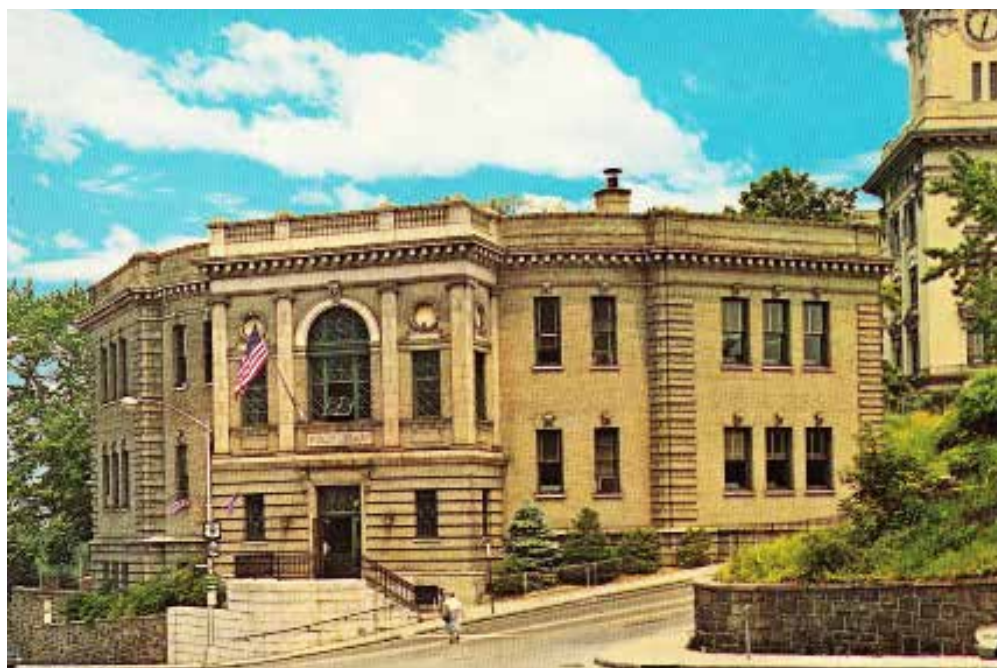
Pulickal also spent two years volunteering at the Hudson River Museum, as a Junior Docent and a member of the Advisory Board. "Working at the Museum helped me grow and be comfortable speaking to visitors. I was super shy but now I give tours to small groups."

Accepted to ten colleges, Carolin will be attending Bard College at Columbia University in the fall. Her mom is a nurse at Columbia Medical Center and she hopes to become a Doctor. "I will be majoring in public health while on a pre-med track at Barnard. Then, I hope to obtain a Masters in Public Health and an MD. In the future, I want to be a cardiologist while working on public health campaigns. Ever since I was young I wanted to be a doctor. My mom has heard a lot of kids say that but you have to earn it and commit to the years of education and the money, but I know that I'm ready for it and I look forward to working in public health and helping those who don't have equal access to health care. I have seen the disparities in Yonkers with vaccines."

Carolin was born in Kuwait and thanks her parents for moving here, "so that my brother and I could have a better future. From a very young age they kept pushing me to do my best."

She loved the Yonkers Middle -High experience because, "We do everything together, and everyone is welcome in every group!" Advice for future students? "Work hard, play hard! High school flies by, so don't forget to have fun."

On This Day in Yonkers History ...



this photo of the Yonkers Carnegie Library, which was demolished, shows its location, with the City Hall clock on the right

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday June 20th

June 20, 1903: The cornerstone for the new Carnegie Library being built in Washington Park was laid at 2:30 p.m. Afterwards, attendees were entertained at a public concert given by Murray's Band.

June 20, 1914: Mrs. James Burns of Buena Vista Avenue jumped into action as soon as she spotted a canoe overturning in the Hudson River, capsizing by the swells from an excursion boat passing the National Sugar Refinery dock. Immediately she notified authorities, earning the gratitude of the three Yonkers men in the canoe, William Meehan, James White and John Manning.

June 20, 1922: Valentine's Press published Henry Collins Brown's new book titled "Old Yonkers 1646 to 1922 A Page of History," to celebrate Yonkers 50 years as a city.

Tuesday, June 21st

June 21, 1901: F. Wilkins of Bashford Street was the first victim of smallpox in the City of Yonkers. He passed away at the City Hospital.

June 21, 1907: The German Odd Fellows purchased the home of James Courter, first Mayor of Yonkers, for \$41,000 to use as a residence for old people.

June 21, 1927: People of Yonkers got the see the new Spirit of St. Louis-Lindbergh 10 cent airmail stamp when the Yonkers Post Office received 3,000 from Washington, DC. The stamp had been released in Washington three days earlier.

Wednesday, June 22nd

June 22, 1927: Well known automobile racer Barney Oldfield stopped by Yonkers Police Headquarters to visit his old friend Police Chief Quirk.

June 22, 1929: Escorted by a motor parade, hero George Fried was welcomed officially as a citizen of Yonkers by Mayor Fogarty. Captain Fried, who purchased a home in East Yonkers, directed the bad weather rescues of seamen from the British steamship Antiope in 1926 and the Italian freighter Florida in 1929.

June 22, 1931: Patrolmen Samuel Kelly and Albert Liptack "raided" a card game with 75 cents in the kitty on the grounds of School Seven on Walnut Street. The money and two packs of cards were confiscated and the boys turned over to the custody of their parents.

Thursday June 23rd

June 23, 1911: After several trials, Gustave Segsneider of Yonkers lost a royalty suit against the Waring Hat Manufacturing Company. He patented a new brim-curling device while working for Waring; the company adopted and used it in their factory. After John Waring died in 1907, differences arose between the inventor and the new heads of the company, so Segsneider quit. He was trying to recover more than \$33,000 in royalties he believed the company owed him.

June 23, 1921: The Yonkers Statesman became part of a new corporation formed by its merging with the Yonkers Daily News. The newly formed board members of the Yonkers Statesman and the Yonkers Daily News were Everett Adams, Charles Duell, George Edie, Arthur Lawrence, Arthur Maudlin, William Wallin and Elijah Yerks.

June 23, 1935: Because of its belief attacks against married women working were the opening shot in a campaign to send females "back to the home," the Yonkers Business and Professional Women's Club began a survey about why married women worked. The Club believed many women were supporting families, and they wanted the other reasons women worked to make their report complete.

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Notice of formation of Allure Property Pursuits, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/2022. 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, 465 Tuckahoe Road #1104, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

ficials who are ignorant. That everybody can agree on!

HOT TOPICS:

Wallethub, a ‘personal finance social network’ has named Yonkers a ‘Fun City.’ Could it be the plethora of activities available. Our beautiful parks. Or the fact that businesses like Chuck E. Cheese and a state of the art Target and a Harbor Freight with all their low priced gizmos and gadgets will open in the not to distant future at the site of the old Bally’s gym on Tuckahoe Road.

I haven’t learned a lot about the January 6th events at the White House from the hearings other than it will forever be a dark day in the history of this country.

The debates for Governor, Democratic and Republican? Even though criminal charges have not been brought, I am shocked that none of the Democrat or Republican candidates brought up the fact that the current Governor was second in charge and a member of the team of the ‘hands on Governor’ forced to resign from office. I cannot believe that Governor Hochul didn’t know what was going on or with the thousands who died when they were returned to Nursing Homes. How quickly we forget!

Don’t touch a folded bill of any denomination. Some sick person is putting substances in the bills that can kill. The substances tested positive for methamphetamine and fentanyl, an upstate Sheriff’s Department said. Fentanyl can kill the person who comes in contact with it.

How do candidates for elected office get my cell phone number and who gives them the authorization to text me? I have been receiving texts from the Gubernatorial candidates and their supporters. Something the Attorney General should check out.

Helicopter flight noise complaints are increasing in and around our area. What percentage of them are coming from traffic helicopters that gather at accident sites. I understand free speech and freedom of the press. But the noise of helicopters particularly early in the morning is getting pretty annoying, more annoying than from sightseeing helicopters which don’t fly often around our area.

In this paper last week, our distinguished Editor Dan Murphy referred to Congressman Jamaal Bowman as ‘well known in Yonkers and having participated in the community for years.’ I respectfully disagree with him. As Mayor Spano said to me before he had his tiff with Bowman, ‘Who is this guy? Where did he come from?’ He certainly has not been active in the Yonkers I live in or since his election to office!

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

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Notice of Public Real Estate Auction
City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the “City”) of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the “Properties”). All Properties are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will be held Friday, June 24th, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am in Auditorium of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 1st Floor, Yonkers, NY.

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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CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 5:00pm, Mayor’s Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO SEWER RENTS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City’s Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor: Date: June 8, 2022

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

LEGAL NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED WATER RENT INCREASES

I, Thomas Meier, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works in the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed scale of water rent on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in the Law Library, Rm. 300, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, at 5:00 p.m.

The Proposed Scale of Water Rents is available for inspection by the public until June 22, 2022 at: The Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701.

THOMAS MEIER, COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Dated: June 14, 2022

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Friday, June 24th
June 24, 1934: After an extended voyage from the west coast to the Atlantic Ocean and three weeks of exercises sharpening defenses of the Panama Canal, the USS Waters docked at the Mahlstedt Dock at the foot of Babcock Place. More than 5,000 residents visited the destroyer, showing our city’s interest in US Navy ships. After leaving Yonkers, she sailed to Newport for two months of tactical exercises. The ship served in World War I, and was decommissioned at the end of 1922. After several years of inactivity, Waters was recommissioned in 1930. In July 1933 it became a unit of Destroyer Division 5, Destroyer Squadron 2, Battle Force Destroyers. It received seven battle stars during World War II, was decommissioned again at the end of the war, and sold for scrap May 1946.

June 24, 1954: After Textile Workers Union of America members had been on strike for 10 days, the Board of Directors of the Alexander Smith Inc. claimed heavy company losses and announced its Yonkers’ plant would permanently close. Management claimed the Yonkers factory was the major factor in its overall losses. Operations in Brockton, Massachusetts; Greenville, Mississippi; and Philadelphia would continue. The company said they had streamlined production methods, consolidated some operations, closed and sold several buildings to other industries, such as Benson and Hedges, manufacturers of Parliament cigarettes.

Saturday, June 25th
June 25, 1924: After 14 families were forced to move, workers began converting the Windham Apartments at Riverdale and Hudson Street into a hotel for men only. Walter P. Getty owned the building.

June 25, 1931: Yonkers aviator Lucius Green and an unnamed companion were arraigned as rumrunners in Stamford Connecticut and charged with transporting liquor. Their plane was forced down on a field; responding police found a cargo of alleged wines and whiskeys in the cockpit.

June 25, 1955: After working as an OSS Agent and 82nd Airborne Division officer, Holland-born Dr. Arie D. Bestebreutje was ordained by the Presbytery of Westchester in Pelham’s Huguenot Memorial Church and served as Associate Pastor of the Asbury Methodist Church. Before the war, Bestebreutje studied Law in Holland.

Sunday June 26th
June 26, 1925: Newly-designated Italian Consular agent Lieutenant Guiseppe Brancucci was honored at a dinner held Yonkers Italians. The dinner was held at the Italian-American Club at 272 New Main Street.

June 26, 1930: The Navy dirigible Los Angeles passed over the City of Yonkers shortly before 8 a.m. as it headed north up the Hudson on a training flight over New York State. Based at Lakehurst NJ, the Los Angeles carried a crew of 34 men and 12 officers.

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.

Enslaved African Rain Garden Sculpture Opens

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on the subject of slavery, bring humanity and dignity to the memory of enslaved Africans; foster environmental responsibility and green stewardship; employ artists to create culturally-resonant artwork to map the assets of communities; educate students in an art medium and advanced concepts unavailable in public-school programs; and foster cross-cultural dialogue worldwide.

The Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden is funded by the City of Yonkers, the County of Westchester, the State of New York Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, the New York State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, ArtsWestchester, Con Edison, and Entergy.

Former Yonkers City Council Majority Leader, Patricia McDow, ArtsWestchester's CEO, Janet Langsam, the Yonkers Board of Education, Sarah Lawrence College, historians, scholars, community-based organizations, and community members collaborated with Bagwell to develop the creation of the "Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden."

The design, construction, and landscape architectural plans of the Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden were completed by BCT Design Studio, TJR Excavating Contractors, Inc., and Bowman Design Company.

YPD Drug Sweep, continued from pg 1-

Illegal narcotics sales and group violence are interconnected, and Operation: Elm Sweep intends to interrupt the violence by targeting the drug dealers and removing them from our communities. Working together with our law enforcement partners, Yonkers Police investigators secured County Court indictments against the thirteen adult defendants for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3', a Class B Felony in the New York State Penal Law; the undisclosed youth will be adjudicated in the Youth Part of Criminal Court.

"Thank you to the men and women of the Yonkers Police Department for their unwavering commitment to protecting the quality of life for all in our neighborhoods," said Mayor Mike Spano. "This joint operation should send a clear message to those seeking to commit crimes of any kind in our city – we will find you and ensure you are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The vast majority of people in Yonkers are good, honest, hardworking individuals who want no part in the senseless violence these men seek to cause in our communities, and it will not be tolerated."

Commissioner Chris Sapienza stated, "Our Nodine Hill residents deserve the safety, security, and high standards of quality-of-life that is expected of a first-class city like Yonkers, and our Police Department is committed to providing and safeguarding those values. By removing these bad actors from our community, we are putting an end to the violence that accompanies them. I applaud the efforts of our Yonkers Police Narcotics Unit for spearheading this investigation and would like to thank our partners in the Westchester County Police Department and Westchester DA's Office for their invaluable assistance."

Westchester County Department of Public Safety Acting Commissioner Terrance Raynor stated, "I commend the members of the Yonkers Police Department, Westchester County Police and Westchester County District Attorney's Office for their great work during this complex and dangerous investigation. The collaboration and partnership among these agencies has helped restore safety and security to the neighborhood where this drug trafficking and related violence was occurring. I would particularly like to acknowledge the undercover officers assigned to this investigation. Because of the nature of their work, they cannot be here to be acknowledged in person, but investigations like this one are not possible without their courage, dedication and

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Mayor Spano Welcomes YMA Girls Softball Champs to City Hall



Mayor Spano posted, "Congratulations to the girls varsity softball team at Yonkers Montessori Academy! I recognized them at City Hall for being the only Yonkers softball team in history to capture a Section One title. What a fantastic accomplishment. Continue to make Yonkers proud!"

Mayor Spano presented the team with a proclamation declaring June 13, Yonkers Montessori Academy Girls Varsity Softball Day.

The team brought along their Section One Trophy for the Mayor to see and gave Spano a YMA Softball T-Shirt. Congratulations!

Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra to Perform July 8 at Hudson River Museum Amphitheater, Opening Night Summer 2022



Two of the great cultural institutions—Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra (YPO) and the Hudson River Museum—come together to present a lively evening of classical music for the opening night of our 2022 Summer Series. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, the YPO is known for its inclusive performances with selections chosen to appeal to the widest variety of music lovers. What better way to spend a summer evening than with a little bit of Bach, jazz, and show tunes? Throw in some dance music and you have the perfect sampler of music under the stars. It's a smorgasbord of fun and entertainment with a taste for everyone. The Guest Conductor for this special evening is Peter Szep, founder of the New York Opera Alliance and the New York Opera Fest that showcases the breadth and diversity of opera in New York City.

Doors open at 7:30pm. No reservations required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Free parking is available.

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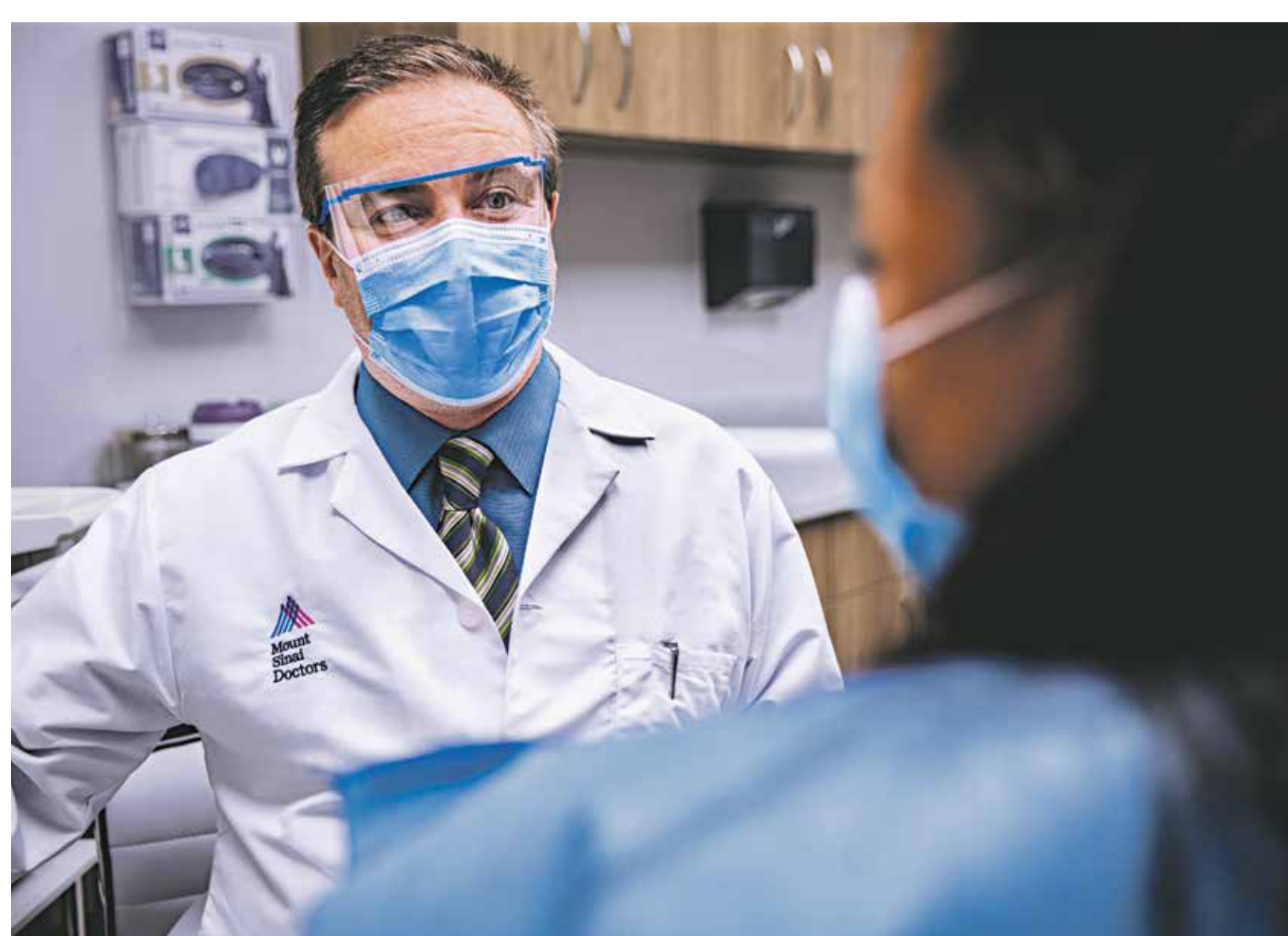
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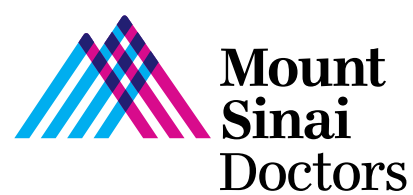
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