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Yonkers Democratic Primary Preview



City Council President Mike Khader, left, is in a hotly contested democratic primary against Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, right.



City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac, left, and Councilman John Rubbo, right, face democratic primary challenges June 22



City Councilmember Shanae Williams, right, is challenging County Clerk Tim Itoni in a democratic primary next week

On June 22, Yonkers Democrats will be casting their ballots for several important elected offices, including Council President, three other City Council seats, County Legislator and County Clerk. The big race in Yonkers next week is for City Council President. Mike Khader is the incumbent, who is running for re-election. Normally, an incumbent Council President does not have a serious challenger within their own party.

But Khader does have that serious challenger, she is Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. We have been supportive of Khader in the past, but several factors have made us pull back our support, based on conversations with dozens of Yonkers democrats.

First, he does not have the support of any of his colleagues on the City Council, and most important, all four Council democrats are supporting Lakisha over Khader. One prominent democrat told us that this factor, "is like Andrea (Sen. Stewart-Cousins) having no support of the democratic senators in her caucus."

Second, it is hard to find any elected official that supports Khader's re-election. Those elected officials who are undecided have questioned what, if anything, Khader has done over the past four years.

Third, members of Khader's inner circle, and family, do not support him. This includes Assemblyman Nader Sayegh and others.

Fourth, we are concerned how Khader will be effective if he is re-elected, now that the gloves have come off and Khader has accused Mayor Mike Spano of being "100%" behind the recent accusation made against him.

Fifth, the accusations made against Khader and his council presidents office, from female employees should be a concern for everyone. We acknowledge that they are only allegations at this point.

Sixth, most of the support for Khader comes from Yonkers democrats we spoke to who are more fatigued with Mayor Spano and the Spano family, then they are with Khader, which is not a suitable reason to support the Council President.

Seventh, We believe that overall, the City of Yonkers has been governed ably and effectively over the past 10 years under Mayor Spano. We had thought that Council President Khader's independence over the past four years was a benefit to the people. But we are now concerned that Khader's independence that he touts hasn't resulted into any meaningful results, and as Mayor Spano was quoted as saying "He (Khader) seems to have an issue with everyone."

Eight, threats have been made against members of the Jordanian community that have contributed or supported Collins-Bellamy, and threats have been made against members of the Yonkers Democratic Party, by anonymous sources, but whoever is supporting Khader.

We have been impressed with Lakisha Collins-Bellamy during this campaign, and more impressed with her service to the people of Yonkers and the City that she was born and raised in. Collins-Bellamy serves on the Yonkers Board of Education and she works as an attorney for the Municipal Housing Authority, and serves on the Yonkers Police Reform Commission.

Lakisha has direct experience in three of the most important issues facing Yonkers: education, housing and crime and policing. This experience would serve the people of Yonkers if she is elected.

The narrative that we see in Yonkers, is that overall, City government is working and for the most part, serving the needs of the people. We would like to see that progress continue, but we now see an irreparable split between the Mayor and Council President.

The allegations against Khader are just that, only allegations, but they do not paint a portrait of an elected official that welcomes support. In today's #metoo climate, the claims made against Khader concerning female employees in his office are concerning to us. And having covered 4 city council presidents over the past 25 years, we are concerned

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Meet Your 2021 Yonkers Idol and Yonkers Junior Idol



Yonkers Idol Gabrielle Schnorbus, right, and Junior Idol Carly Tauber, photo by Donna Davis

Congratulations to the 2021 Yonkers Idol, Gabrielle Schnorbus, and Junior Idol Carly Tauber. The two competed in the 13th Annual Idol Finals competition held on June 12 at Untermyer Park.

Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone (congratulations on the appointment Steve!) welcomed all participants. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Marian Marji.

The Yonkers Idols sang 2 songs, while the Junior Idols sang one song each. The Yonkers Idol finalists included: Idols, Katie Donoso, Brian Guzman, Alyssa Fresco, Kevonte King, Gabrielle Schnorbus. Junior Idol finalists included Carly Tauber, Brianna Gray.

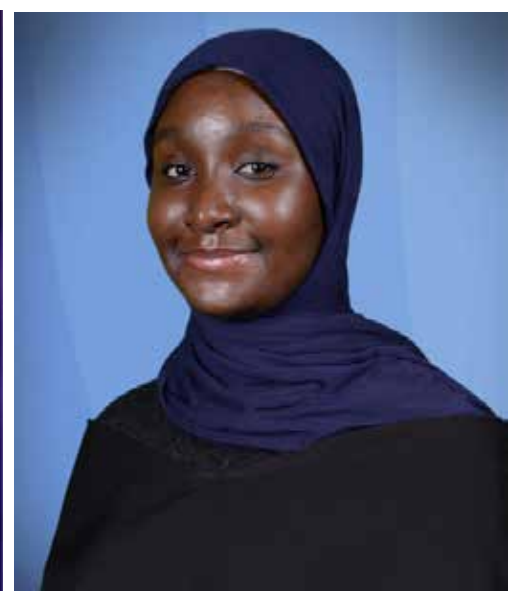
Special guests were the 2019 Yonkers Idol Tori Isreal and Junior Idol Amanda Gentile. The Idol Judges were: Steve Sansone, Parks Commissioner./Arts & Cultural Advisor, 13 Year Idol Judge; Olivia Hunter, Singer/PR Marketing Associate 12 Year Idol Judge; Yon Zweibon, Professional Costumer, 11 Year Idol Judge; Peter DiIorio, System Project Manager, 11 Year Idol Judge; Joyce Henery, Singer/Actress, 11 Year Idol Judge.

Thanks to the Rehearsal Staff, Sara Innabi, Rehearsal Coordinator MJ Territo and Vocal Coaching from Olivia Hunter.

The City of Yonkers Idol Search program was founded in 2008. The Idol Search competition is an intense three round vocal competition divided into two age brackets. The Yonkers Junior Idol competition is open to residents between the ages of 10 and 14. The Yonkers Idol competition is open to residents between the ages of 15 and 19. This program gives Yonkers Youth audition experience and a chance to perform for the community for the third and finale round. The third round consists of the Junior Idol Finalists singing one song and the Idol Finalists singing two songs. The winners will receive \$1000 cash prize courtesy of the UPAC's Theresa Fund and the opportunity to participate in the Performance Program.

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Yonkers Student Excellence: Palisades Prep High School Valedictorian, Salutatorian



Palisades Prep Valedictorian Shemar Forbes, left, and Salutatorian Raheemat Traore

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the 2021 Valedictorian Shemar Forbes, and Salutatorian Raheemat Traore, from Palisades Prep High School. They both will be attending NYU in the fall.

Valedictorian Shemar Forbes will graduate with a 98.17 GPA. His favorite teachers are Math teacher Ms. Street, English teacher Ms. Jagessar and History teacher Ms. Scott. "All three of these women have gone the extra mile to ensure that I receive the education that I deserve. I have known Ms. Street since the 7th grade."

Shemar's favorite subject is English, "because I enjoy reading and analyzing text," and joined a student-based publication created by YPIE during the pandemic called the "Quaran Times."

"It was something that allows students to voice their opinions on what's happening, and YPIE decided to give the students a voice during the pandemic to express our opinions," said Forbes, who also got involved with YPIE's film program, "I directed, and video edited films with students," and YPIE's tech squad, "which allowed me to provide remote tech assistance to seniors in my community. I also leaned how to code."

Shemar said that during COVID and learning from home, "Some of my classmates had issues logging into class. At first it was a bit difficult, but then, over time, I adjusted and got used to it."

Born in the Bronx, the Forbes family moved to Jamaica, and then returned to New York when Shemar was six. "I have been able to see and experience different perspectives and working collaboratively with other people has helped me broaden my world view."

Accepted to a dozen colleges, Shemar will be attending NYU in the fall on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. "I like the location. The City is exciting and diverse and I know that I will learn a lot at NYU. They have the courses and clubs that I like, and I got a good scholarship. It was the best option."

Forbes plans to major in Anthropology at NYU and is leaving his career and professional path options open. "I'm still trying to figure it out. I may

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\$20 M in Funding for New Park in Ludlow, Yonkers Announced

Alzheimer's Association Welcomes FDA Approval of Aducanumab



L-R-Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, County Legislator Jose Alvarado, County Executive George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

Many Westchester residents do not know that most of their sewage heads to Yonkers, and the Westchester Treatment plant located in the Ludlow, Southwest portion of the city. And most Westchester residents are unaware that the treatment plant emits odors and fumes that are difficult for the residents to deal with and live near.

The County Legislator for this area, (17th District) is Jose Alvarado. Legislator Alvarado recently commented on the treatment plant and the resident in his district, "The Sewage Treatment Plant has been a sore subject in the Ludlow Park community for decades. Sitting on the Hudson River, the plant is a source of air pollution to the disgust of our residents. Despite cries from locals, officials have done little to fix the problems caused by the plant.

"I have always recognized the air pollution from the plant as a serious health hazard. For years, I have worked to fund various remedial projects to correct the problem. The Ludlow Park community has borne the burden of the entire county's waste for decades now. Rather than building a plant in another part of the county, Ludlow Park has born the environmental impact. It is well past the time to right this injustice and clean up the plant." Stated Legislator Alvarado.

"I do not believe that in my lifetime I will see another plant built, whether in the north or elsewhere. Rather than watch our residents get sick, we need to fix the problems that are causing the unhealthy air, while working on responsible development in the surrounding area. I continue to work to keep improvement projects funded and moving forward.

"I have also worked to establish more green space along the water. I have secured \$10 million for a county park in the vacant lot adjacent to the plant. I have also partnered with Yonkers Mayor, Mike Spano to establish more green space for our residents along the waterfront.

"Over 19 years, I have supported and advocated for efforts to clean the air in a phased-in approach. Through that work, projects have been undertaken to modernize engines, blower aeration, and flood prevention systems. We have executed four phases of odor control projects.

"Last year alone, \$35 million dollars was allocated for further improvements across the facility. \$108 million and counting to clean the air for Ludlow Park residents, but we need to do more. I have joined with County Executive George Latimer to request an additional \$69 million in federal

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Good News for Thousands of Westchester Families

On behalf of those impacted by Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association enthusiastically welcomes the recent historic FDA approval of aducanumab (Biogen/Eisai) for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

"We are excited about the potential for this new drug to slow the progression of Alzheimer's for countless people in the Hudson Valley and beyond," said David Sobel, Executive Director of Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

"This approval is a victory for people living with Alzheimer's and their families," said Harry Johns, Alzheimer's Association president and chief executive officer. "This is the first FDA-approved drug that delays decline due to Alzheimer's disease. This means individuals may have more time to actively participate in daily life, have sustained independence and hold on to memories longer. We can experience longer — the relationships we hold most dear — our families and friends."

Aducanumab addresses Alzheimer's in a new way compared to previously approved drugs. This therapy slows progression of the disease, rather than only addressing symptoms. It is the first approved therapy of this type; it demonstrates that removing amyloid from the brain may delay clinical decline in people living with Alzheimer's. Amyloid is the protein that clumps into sticky brain plaques that are a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease.

"This FDA drug approval ushers in a new era in Alzheimer's treatment and research," said Maria C. Carrillo, Ph.D., Alzheimer's Association chief science officer. "History has shown us that approvals of the first drug in a new category invigorates the field, increases investments in new treatments and encourages greater innovation. We are hopeful and this is the beginning — both for this drug and for better treatments for Alzheimer's."

"Eliminating barriers to access is our highest priority," said Joanne Pike, Dr.P.H., Alzheimer's Association chief strategy officer. "The Alzheimer's Association will do everything in its power to ensure access to the drug for all who will benefit. We know that infusion therapies have been made available under Medicare and insurance for conditions like cancer and multiple sclerosis, so it is reasonable to expect this for aducanumab."

Early diagnosis has demonstrated better health outcomes for individuals and their caregivers. The approval of this new therapy makes early detection and diagnosis even more critical to ensure individuals receive the most benefit at the earliest point possible.

"This therapy will be of great interest to many, but it is not the only important element of Alzheimer's treatment and care. The Alzheimer's Association has made it a priority to partner with health care systems, physicians, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure early and accurate diagnosis, and access to treatment, care management and care planning," said Pike. For more information on diagnosis, visit the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org, or the Helpline 24/7 at 800.272.3900.

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Rest In Peace Yonkers Police Officer Robert G. Byrnes



Robert Byrnes

By Phil Foley

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Robert Byrnes, a great and dedicated member of the Yonkers Police Department but also a personal friend of mine.

He was just 48 years old and had a great future in front of him. He will be surely missed.

Robert G. Byrnes was born on December 13, 1972 in the Bronx NY. Since 1977 Rob and his family have resided in Yonkers NY. Rob attended St. Paul the Apostle Grammar School and Archbishop Stepinac High School.

He received an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College and a Masters Degree in Physical Education from Queens College. Rob began his career as a police officer in 2000 with the MTA Police. In 2001 he joined the Rye Brook Police Department and in 2007 became a Yonkers Police Officer. He was promoted by the Yonkers PD to Sergeant in 2012.

Rob is survived by his wife Sheila (nee McGeough), parents Robert M. Byrnes and Kathleen Byrnes (nee Keane), brother Raymond (Marilucci) and sister Valerie (David) Stozki. Adored uncle to 14 nieces and nephews. A cherished nephew to aunts and uncles and a loyal cousin to those both here in New York and in Ireland.

I reached out to Joseph Monaco the Chief of the of the Yonkers Police Department Investigations Bureau for his remembrance of Rob. He said "Rob was a gentleman and a "cops cop". He always looked out for the officers in his command and was the first one to step up if a brother or sister police officer needed help. I pray for Rob's soul as well as for his family. There is a void in our department that can never be filled".

Rob was a proud American and loved his Irish heritage, enjoyed visits to Ireland, especially County Mayo and Monaghan. Rob love jogging, boxing, painting, a good cup of coffee, decent slice of pizza and chatting with friends on McLean Avenue and helping souls in need.

Rob once said "I love my family, my friends, my neighborhood, Yonkers, the Yonkers Police Department, the USA, Ireland and nature and all of its beauty.

"Sgt. Robert Byrnes will always be remembered by the Yonkers Police Department as being an exemplary professional. Having been his direct supervisor for many years he always displayed the essential qualities of

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Looks Like We Made It!



By Eric W. Schoen

Will I finally be able to put my own milk in my Starbucks Coffee? In my quad espresso over ice I like 4 Stevia, the healthiest no calorie artificial sweetener on the market, a touch of half and half and the rest 2% milk.

Now I can prepare my coffee (Splenda substituting for Stevia), what you would call an adult chemistry experiment making sure everything was just right the way I wanted it at Panera (Franchise Stores Only) or 7-Eleven. But Starbucks and Panera company owned stores imposed a Covid restriction not allowing me to put my milk nor sweetener in myself afraid I would get Covid.

This is the kind of crazy rule which made absolutely no sense that we had to put up with during the pandemic. Now that New York State has put at least one shot in the arms of 70% of New Yorkers, the Covid rules are going to hopefully come to an end. People except those who have not been vaccinated will, hopefully be able to live their lives like normal once again.

You won't have to mask up when you see someone coming close to you making that person feel like he or she was a bee getting ready to sting you. You won't have to bring home over \$1000 in bathing suits like my sister had to do last summer when Lord and Taylor's, now a distant dream would not allow her to try on items in their fitting rooms.

Old Navy lets people try on things in their fitting rooms. And other than sales people removing clothing that slob would leave in the Old Navy fitting rooms and not return to the rack to be put back on display, I didn't see the Old Navy clerks doing anything special to sanitize the fitting rooms after each customer would finish.

The six foot rule making lines in stores seem endless will come to an end. How many times did you see the lengthy line and put the items you were going to purchase down. Stores will be able to open salad bars and allow people to pick muffins out of the bakery case.

Just like there were so many rules put in place during the pandemic, many just at the whim of a merchant, our State government will have to be clear as to what "opening up" really is. Will the unvaccinated have to play by the rules that were in place or will we all be able to drop the many Covid restrictions that were in place.

What happens when you go to visit a friend or shop in Monsey, New York where the percentage of people vaccinated is less than 20%. Or other areas in the five boroughs with low vaccination rates. Will we have to mask up or follow the rules for social distancing we have been following these last 14, 15 months. Will there be vaccinated and non vaccinated areas at baseball stadiums and as we head into the fall football stadiums.

What will our schools look like in the fall? Can we take the plexiglass off the desks? Will school buses be able to have their normal pre-pandemic loads or will students have to be socially distant facing one way.

So many questions that need to be answered. But one thing for sure. If you haven't gotten vaccinated yet what are you waiting for? And personally, I have no problem with businesses whether it be a hospital or a college mandating that those

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Join us to celebrate the start of summer by making music!

A complete listing of events throughout the city is available at www.makemusicday.org/yonkers/

RIVERFRONT LIBRARY | 1 Larkin Center
ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AT THIS LOCATION

11 am-12 pm
Make Music & Storytime with Mr. Ralph

Celebrate Make Music Day with us! Mr. Ralph will read a story, and then lead kids in playing some musical instruments. Space is limited.

11:30 am
Carla and Keyes

The dynamic duo of Carla and Keyes will be live at the Riverfront Library performing a medley of songs and reading stories to kids. Families & children welcome. Limited supply of harmonicas and percussion will be given away on a first come first served basis. **BYOI - Bring Your Own Instrument if you like!**

3:30-4:30 pm
Riverfront String Quartet

The Riverfront String Quartet seeks to bring music to all generations of the community in the spirit of legendary cellist Pablo Casals. The quartet features Heather Vogel and Joo Wulfe (violin), Elizabeth Nieren-Baumwal (viola), and Anna-Pernilla Fiedler (cello).

5 pm
The Sarah Jane Cien Group

Join the Sarah Jane Cien group for jazz and contemporary standards. Featuring award-winning jazz pianist Sarah Jane Cien, Audrey Welber (saxophone), Simon Wilson (bass) and Mike Connerly (drums).

6 pm
Sing the Blues with HJ Territo

Jazz vocalist, lyricist, and music educator HJ Territo sings your favorite standards and... the blues! Her acclaimed educational programs have taught hundreds throughout Westchester to fully enjoy this great American music.

7 pm
Members of Grammy-nominated GROOVE COLLECTIVE

Enjoy the sunset in downtown Yonkers to the rhythmic and soulful sounds of the renowned members of Grammy-nominated contemporary jazz group Groove Collective. Founding members Jay Rodriguez (saxophone), Chris Thiberge (percussion), Jonathan Morin (bass) and Jennifer Steals (drums).

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GRINTON I. WILL LIBRARY | 1500 Central Park Avenue
ALL EVENTS IN PERSON AT THIS LOCATION

11 am-12 pm
Music with Zev

Celebrate Make Music Day with Zev! Songs and fun for ages 1-8. Limited supply of harmonicas and percussion will be given away on a first come first served basis and will be used for an interactive music portion of the concert. No registration.

2-5 pm
Desy Murphy

Performer Desy Murphy plays popular songs in honor of Make Music Day.

6-8:30 pm
Oh no!

A trio of performers from Sheepshead High School, playing hits by Dave Brubeck and others.

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CRESTWOOD LIBRARY | 18 Thompson Street
EVENT IN PERSON AT THIS LOCATION

2:30-4:30 pm
Off the Walrus Trio

IN PERSON

Join Martin Wallace, Samuel Pender and Daniel Duke for a set of music followed by a short Q&A at the Crestwood Library Courtyard. Then participate in a community collaboration where you can create music of your own! Families, Adults, Teens & Children Welcome.

Limited supply of harmonicas and percussion will be given away on a first come first served basis. **BYOI - Bring Your Own Instrument if you like!**

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Mayor Spano Appoints Anthony Pagano Yonkers Fire Commissioner



Anthony Pagano

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced that Anthony Pagano is returning to the Yonkers Fire Department this week as its Acting Commissioner. Pagano first served as the Yonkers Fire Commissioner from 2002 to 2011. Pagano's nomination will be presented in the coming weeks to the Yonkers City Council for final confirmation.

"Tony brings his impressive list of credentials to the table and years of experience to back it up – including his quick decision-making skills and on-the-job knowledge of the inner workings of the Department," said Mayor Spano. "I have no doubt Tony will be an exceptional fire commissioner, and I welcome him back to the City of Yonkers."

Anthony Pagano was appointed to the Yonkers Fire Department on November 18, 1982. Starting in 1989, he served as President of the Yonkers Firefighters Local 628 for 14 years. As President, he was responsible for the overall operation of union activities, which included labor relations, communication, financial and legislative operations, political action, community services, and fund raising. In 2002, Pagano was named Fire Commissioner, a position he held for nine years, and during which time, he was responsible for approximately 430 firefighters and fire officers. After serving a total of 29 years in the Yonkers Fire Department, Pagano retired in December 2011.

Acting Fire Commissioner Anthony Pagano added, "I look forward to working with the Spano Administration and I thank the Mayor for the opportunity to serve the 200,000 residents of Yonkers once more, including the firefighters and fire officers. I guess some people do get to dream twice, as my dream came true both times."

As commissioner, Pagano is responsible for the command, control, administration, disposition and discipline of the Fire Department, while coordinating and planning the activity and efficiency of all firefighting units in the City of Yonkers.

Pagano replaces interim commissioner John Folkerts, who will return to serve as Chief of Operations in the Yonkers Fire Department.

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go into law, or public policy or maybe education.

Shemar thanked his parents for "always making sure that I did my work, starting back in elementary school. My stepfather would take the time, even if it took hours, to help me with my assignments.

"But I am self-motivated now. A lot of people have doubted me, but I always try my best and give my best." Shemar stayed home for the entire school year, "because of COVID and I had to help care for my little brother who is two."

With the help of the Yonkers Public Schools, Shemar was able to use of the districts laptops after he ran into some issues with his old one.

Salutatorian, Raheemat Traore will graduate with a 97.75 GPA. Among her extra-curricular activities was serving in the Empress Ambulance service program. "It was great, and I learned a lot about the medical field. It helped me find out what I really wanted to do."

YPIE also helped Raheemat succeed at Palisade Prep. She attended the Scholars and College Prep offerings, which she said, "helped with my essay writing for college applications."

Traore also helped her fellow students during her lunch time with classwork. She also helped her English teacher with some tasks.

Raheemat moved to Yonkers from Ghana in 2018. "It was a hard adjustment in the beginning. It was a different system that I wasn't familiar with, but I learned to assimilate and do the best that I could."

Her favorite teachers are also Ms. Jagessar, Ms. Street and Ms. Scott. "They were really supportive of me and helped me every step of the way."

Her favorite subject is English. "I enjoy the opportunity to write about a particular topic and express myself."

Reheemat will be attending NYU in the fall and plans to major in Global Public Health. "It has all the classes and program that I'm interested in, plus its close to home so I can visit my family."

"I want to help improve health care in underprivileged societies. Growing up I saw a lot of problems with the health care system in Ghana, and there are ways to improve it and help others get access to better health care. Hopefully, I can help back home and around the world."

Learning at home through COVID, "was different. It would have been better if we were in school, but I went with it and did my best."

Traore thanked her parents and family, but also "everybody I have met. Everyone plays a role in what you do in life." She stayed at home for the entire school year, "I have a little sister and she wasn't ready to go back to school, so I help her with her classes."

For the first time in our 10 years of covering the Valedictorians and Salutatorians in Yonkers, both will attend the same, prestigious university-NYU. Like many Val's and Sal's, they have known each other since the 9th grade, and neither really cared about or looked at the student rankings until this year.

Congratulations!

St. John's Riverside Hospital Awarded Gold Seal of Approval for Stroke Center Accreditation



St. John's Riverside Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Gold Seal of Approval® for Stroke Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

St. John's Riverside Hospital underwent a rigorous site visit in December of 2020. During the visit, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Stroke standards spanning several areas. St. John's demonstrated adherence to the most current evidence-based guidelines and quality metrics, ensuring that our patients receive the most appropriate stroke treatment with a goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability from Stroke.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with healthcare experts, providers, data experts, and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted site observations and interviews.

"As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend St. John's Riverside Hospital for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care."

"St. John's Riverside Hospital is dedicated to providing the highest quality care for our stroke patients. By obtaining Joint Commission certification, we commit to excellence throughout the spectrum of Stroke care, from rapid diagnosis and management in the Emergency Department to maximizing recovery and preventing future events.

"Our dedicated, multi-disciplinary Stroke Committee focuses on ongoing Performance Improvement initiatives that will continue to enhance Stroke care at St. John's," said Raffaele Milizia, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at St. John's and the Medical Director of the Stroke Program.

For more information, please visit <https://www.jointcommission.org/>.

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fairness, intelligence, and compassion. He was respected by his peers and was a model officer to new recruits. His passing is a great loss to his family, friends, co-workers and the citizens of Yonkers who he proudly served with distinction," said Lt. (Retired) Richard R. Ruyack Jr.

Memorial visitation will be held on Thursday June 24th from 3pm to 9pm at the Hodder-Farenga Funeral Home, 899 McLean Avenue, Yonkers NY 10704.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Friday June 25, 2021 at Saint Barnabas Church, Bronx NY. 12PM.



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Early Voting Underway: Last Day to Vote is June 22, Primary Day

Early Voting FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

Westchester County registered voters are eligible to cast an early voting ballot. Registered voters will be able to cast their ballot at ANY of the 23 designated early voting locations.



Yonkers Public Library locations:

Riverfront Library
One Larkin Center • Yonkers, NY 10701

Grinton I. Will Library
1500 Central Park Ave • Yonkers, NY 10710

Saturday, June 12	12-5 pm
Sunday, June 13	12-5 pm
Monday, June 14	8 am-4 pm
Tuesday, June 15	12-8 pm
Wednesday, June 16	8 am-4 pm
Thursday, June 17	12-8 pm
Friday, June 18	8 am-4 pm
Saturday, June 19	12-5 pm
Sunday, June 20	12-5 pm

Frequently Asked Question for 2021 Primary Election

For the 2021 June Primary Election, you can vote in person before Election Day. This year Election Day is on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

What is Early Voting?
Westchester County registered voters can vote in-person before Election Day at ANY of the twenty-three (23) Early Voting Centers.

Who can vote early?
All Westchester County registered voters can vote early.

When can I vote early?
Early voting period will be from Saturday, June 12, 2021 through Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Where can I vote early?
You can vote at ANY of the designated early voting sites throughout the County.



Early voting has begun and will continue until Sunday June 20. See below:

Early voting hours will be:
Thursday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 20 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

And, for the second consecutive year, any voter the right because of COVID-19 to vote by mail. You may apply in-person up to the day before the election, June 21, 2021.

You may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways: Electronically through the New York State Absentee Ballot Application Portal

By sending an email request to BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov.com. By sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190. By going in-person to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601.

By mailing a paper application to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601.

New Park in Yonkers, continued from pg 3-

\$69 million in federal funds to improve the facility further. The \$69 million will go toward the installation of caps on the tanks of the sewage in the treatment process. With the support of our Congressman, Jamal Bowman, together we intend to lobby the federal government until the funds are allocated," said Alvarado, who showed his knowledge of what is perhaps the biggest county issue for the residents of the 17th District.

Legislator Alvarado joined last week with County Executive George Latimer and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano to announce funding for a \$20 Park in Ludlow on the Hudson River and near the plant.

What is now just a vacant overgrown lot will one day be the site of the second Hudson River access point in Yonkers and the County's newest park. The County, at the request of County Legislator Jose Alvarado, has included \$10 million in the 2021 capital budget – project number BLA1A – to build the public park. The City of Yonkers has also allocated \$10 million dollars for the project. The park will be located in the southwest section of Yonkers, with breathtaking views of the Palisades and Hudson River.

County Executive George Latimer said: "With my partners in government Legislator Alvarado & Mayor Spano, the County is eager to bring this beautiful waterfront space to life. The residents who call this neighborhood home deserve waterfront access – and there is no good reason why this scenic view has been shuttered. We stand here today with a vision and look forward to one day stand here as this vision comes to fruition."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said: "Thank you to Westchester County for matching the City's contribution in this joint public partnership. Once transformed, the park will breathe new life into the community by making another direct access point to the Hudson River. Working with County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Jose Alvarado shows the realm of possibilities when local government works together."

Alvarado said: "The creation of a new scenic riverfront park in southwest Yonkers has been a dream for our community, and for me personally, for years. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us all just how important green space and outdoor recreation is, especially for residents of the most densely populated areas in our County. This is something our great community needs and deserves. My heartfelt thanks go out to County Executive Latimer and Mayor Spano for their support in helping me make this project a reality. I look forward to the day we can all join together here again for a ribbon cutting."

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Anita Brenner, left

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

Monday June 21st
June 21, 1913: Alexander Smith Cochran, who recently had purchased the colt "His Majesty" for \$20,000, purchased \$12,000 "Early Rose" from John Madden to add to his stable. Cochran had watched the two-year-old chestnut filly run several fast trials at Belmont before deciding to buy her.

June 21, 1916: By a two vote margin, Directors of the Park Hill Country Club, voted to allow Sunday tennis on the club's courts.

June 21, 1937: For the first time since 1931, the City of Yonkers was able to pay teachers and other Board of Education employees their full "vacation pay;" nearly 1,000 employees were paid \$708,000 according to Comptroller James Hushion.

Tuesday, June 22nd
June 22, 1899: Class President "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell graduated from Yonkers High School.

June 22, 1907: Mrs. Alexander Smith formally laid the cornerstone of the new Sprain Ridge Hospital Administration Building. The hospital, founded by Alexander Smith Cochran, was created to treat incipient tuberculosis. Other speakers were family member Thomas Ewing, Cochran's friend Dr. Sherman, and Mayor Coyne, who expressed the gratitude of the citizens of Yonkers.

June 22, 1944: Captain Lee Haas of Berkeley Avenue reported to The Herald Statesman the jubilation of the Italians when Americans entered Rome; he likened it to a parade on Fifth Avenue.

Wednesday, June 23rd
June 23, 1780: Grenadier and English regiments pitched camp at the Philipse house in Yonkers.

June 23, 1928: The first full-length film feature with words presented in Westchester County opened at the Strand Theater matinee. The Vitaphone movie, "Tenderloin," starred Conrad Nagle and Dolores Costello in a swift-moving crime drama. Directed by Michael Curtiz, it was produced and released by Warner Brothers and was considered One of Curtiz's most daring films. No prints are known to exist.

June 23, 1943: Dorothy Dunbar Bromley's interview with Yonkers resident Anita Brenner was published in the New York Herald Tribune. Brenner, the author of The Wind That Swept Mexico on the history of the Mexican Revolution, discussed the roots of the "Zoot Suit Riots" in Los Angeles a few weeks earlier; she said many of the three million Mexican residents in our Western states were discriminated against in courts, schools, land ownership and medical facilities. Her solution? Americans must dissolve racial prejudice by appealing to our patriotism and religion.

Thursday, June 24th
June 24, 1928: Although asked to changed the name of the park to the original Tippetts Brook, the County Park Commission announced it would keep the name Tibbetts Brook Park. The name had become "established thorough long its long usage." The family name, Tippetts, was found on the official map of the City of Yonkers from 1700s. The Tippetts family purchased the land from Elias Doughty, Adriaen Van der Donck's brother-in-law, and later lost it because they were loyalists.

June 24, 1943: After meeting with a representative of a large American tobacco company, Mayor Benjamin Barnes suggested the Common Council create a "City Hall Cigarette Fund," to buy cigarettes at discounted prices for overseas soldiers. The War Department had stopped sending overseas packages b civilians, and asked tobacco companies to come up with their own schemes to send cigarettes to our servicemen. Each pack of cigarettes was to cost five cents and would be labeled as being a gift from the people of Yonkers. They then would be sent to ports of embarkation and shipped by convoy to the men overseas.

Friday, June 25th
June 25, 1927: A former Yonkers dump in Tibbetts Brook Valley opened to the public as a new \$3,000,000 Westchester County Park at ceremonies emceed by V. Everit Macy, president of the Commission, with more than a thousand people participating. Approximately 12,000 attended. Tibbetts Valley was chosen by Native Americans for their councils because of its secluded location and was the scene of many stirring encounters in the Revolution, as the British Headquarters were in Kingsbridge and Americans advanced and retreated through this valley. After forfeiture, it remained in its natural state until Leonard Jerome purchased most of the property, some 1,025 acres he called "Valley Farms."

Over the years people acquired property, including the Westchester Parks Commission. The area of it near Yonkers Avenue became a dumping ground for Yonkers DOW. For many years a branch of Tibbetts Brook flowed through a creed bed of tin cans and trash, a discolored and polluted stream.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that the City Council of Yonkers, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:00pm via videoconference, on the Petition of L & A RE Acquisitions LLC requesting amendments to Chapter 43 of the City of Yonkers Zoning Code by amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Yonkers by reclassifying the below referenced properties located in the southwest quadrant of the Odell Avenue and North Broadway intersection in the northwestern portion of the City of Yonkers from the S-100 District (Detached Single-Family Dwelling on 100-foot Lots) to the OL District (Office Buildings and Research Laboratories, Residences Excluded) and to amend Chapter 43 of the City of Yonkers Zoning Code Table 43-1: Schedule of Use Regulations and Table 43-2: List of Use Regulations by including the “Nursing Home” use as a permitted use within the OL District. The properties subject to the above referenced Zoning Map amendment are as follows:

- 120 Odell Avenue (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 84)
- 967 North Broadway (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 68)
- 951 North Broadway (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 100)

The Petition is submitted in connection with the existing Hospital and Nursing Home uses at the subject properties and the proposed addition of a new dialysis treatment facility at 120 Odell Avenue.

Meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order 202.1. P All interested parties may appear at the public hearing and may submit any comments on the petition during the public hearing or in-writing prior to the public hearing. Instructions for attending the meeting and submitting comments and copies of the petition materials and City of Yonkers Zoning Code are available upon request from the City of Yonkers City Clerk who can be reached at (914) 377-6020 or by visiting <https://www.yonkersny.gov/home> or <https://www.yonkersny.gov/services/virtual-public-meetings>

Dated: June 18, 2021
Cuddy & Feder LLP, Attorneys for the Petitioners
445 Hamilton Avenue, 14th Fl, White Plains, NY 10601 914-761-1300

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 Thursday, June 24, 2021, in the Law Library, Rm. 300, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York at 5:15 p.m.

The Proposed Scale of Water Rents is available for inspection by the public until June 24, 2021 at: The Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701.

THOMAS G. MEIER, COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Dated: June 15, 2021

PROPOSED SCALE OF WATER RENTS

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
First 1 Million cubic feet (per 100 cubic feet)	\$4.04	\$4.22
Over 1 Million cubic feet (per 100 cubic feet)	\$4.04	\$4.22
Minimum Semi-Annual Charge	\$101.47	\$106.04

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at

5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Section 43-165 of the City Code of the City of Yonkers, to consider a General Ordinance amending Article XV of Chapter 43 of the Code of the City of Yonkers, entitled “Affordable Housing”.

June 16, 2021 VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO 2021/2022 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Mike Khader, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2021/2022 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
City Council Chambers
City Hall, 40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York, 7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by Nine Million Six Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$9,608,550) Dollars, from Ninety-Seven Million One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three (\$97,159,963) Dollars to One Hundred-Six Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen (\$106,768,513) Dollars, to fund capital projects in and for the City of Yonkers and its School District.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

MIKE KHADER
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
June 16, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO
ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned has applied to the City Council of The City of Yonkers for an amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Yonkers to change the zone district classification of the property located at 612 E. Grassy Sprain Road, Yonkers, New York, also known as Block 4391, Lot 435 on the Tax Assessment Map of the City of Yonkers from “S-100” to “S-60,” and that, pursuant to Section 43- of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Yonkers, a public hearing on such application will be held by the City Council on June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and/or Webex. Those interested in speaking at the public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Yonkers for instructions to speak at the hearing.

Dated: Yonkers, New York
June 14, 2021
612 SPRAIN BROOK LLC, Applicant
By: _____

Joseph E. Royce, Managing Member,
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SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
INDEX NO.: 58848/2019
BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants.
Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 25th day of June, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York.
Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys’ fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.
FRANK APICELLA, ESQ., Referee.
SANDERS, GUTMAN & BRODIE, P.C.,
Attorneys for Plaintiff, 18 North Central Avenue, Suite 204
Hartsdale, New York 10530 (718) 522-0666

Notice of Sale

Supreme Court: Westchester County T11 Funding v Manuel Pereira et al. Defendants, Index#: 51986/2019 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered on January 24, 2020, I will sell at public auction in Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on July 9, 2021 at 3:30 P.M. premises located in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1, Block 463 Lot(s) 25. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price. Leticia Arzu, Esq. Referee

Notice of formation of SaucyGuava, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2021. 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, 332 Palisade Ave Apt C1, Yonkers, NY 10703-2918. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of iFantasy, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 6/8/2021. 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, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of THE LAST PACK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/2021. Office: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as Agent of the LLC upon whom the process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Joseph A. Candelario 74 Radford Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Capital Efficient Strategies LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on May 10, 2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 128 Fuller Road Briarcliff Manor NY 10510. Purpose: any lawful act or activity



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who work or learn in their facility are vaccinated. Don't get me wrong, if there is some reason you can't get vaccinated due to health issues or other legitimate reasons I understand and support you.

But there are still a large percentage of the population perfectly healthy to get the vaccine that need to role up their sleeves and get it. Particularly with all these variants we are hearing about. To those eligible but who haven't gotten vaccinated yet, all I can say is stop being a big baby and endangering the health of your loved ones. By the way, isn't it so nice to hug the ones you love as the vaccinated have recently been able to do!

Hot Topics:

-I feel like a broken record every election cycle reminding candidates and their supporters that you can't put political signs on public property. The award for worst offender this time goes to Pete Spano who is running for City Council President and hung his campaign signs on the city fence surrounding Smith Park off Nepperhan Avenue and teeny, tiny signs on the bridge that goes over Tuckahoe Road.

What is particularly disturbing is when you have a member of the Yonkers City Council who should know the law disobeying it. And trust me most communities in Westchester do or should have laws banning campaign signs on public property. So it's not just a Yonkers problem!

I want to applaud Steve Squig and DPW crews for pulling the signs off public property. Mayor Spano: want to put some big bucks in Yonkers coffers. Enforce the law and fine candidates who are causing nothing more than sign pollution desecrating the beautiful streets of Yonkers.

-Facebook is to be congratulated for finally unmasking those running ads on their platform without identifying themselves. There was one listed as Committee for a Better Yonkers running ads against City Council President Mike Khader and supporting his opponent, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy. I clicked on the ad and found it that this so called 'committee' was formed May 27 and that the ads were being placed by Gail Burns, longtime Spano aide, head of the Yonkers Parking Authority and Trustee of the Yonkers Board of Education. Facebook gave me the phone number for the person who placed the ad, I googled it Ms. Burns name came up. Individuals or companies running political ads should not be able to hide!

-I was in shock when I went to pick up a new plastic toilet seat at Bed, Bath and Beyond and it scanned at \$40. They must have had 50 toilets seats round and oval and but just had one round plastic toilet seat. The clerk had me in hysterics telling me all the features of the toilet seat like it closed softly. And yes, I had a \$10 off coupon. But to have only one plastic toilet seat in stock with a \$40 price tag? Is their a shortage of plastic toilet seats in America?

-What can we do to stop the calls from the man from the phony (not your local) Fireman's organization who says he's glad you answered cause he was getting his answering machine voice ready to stop calling and annoying people at all times of the day. And the person trying to sell you the extended warranty for your car. This 'do not call list' is simply not working.

-On my radio show I get callers from throughout Westchester complaining about their local School Board members. In Yonkers we have an appointed School Board. Now we have had some 'winners' on our School Board over the years. But did you hear of the looney Randolph Township School Board in New Jersey? Instead of listing holidays by name (Christmas, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day) they are listing holidays on their school calendar as 'days off.' It's time those School Board members resign their coveted positions.

-Last Friday yonkerstimes.com got over 20,000 hits with our story about the perverted Principal. Now 99% of of teachers, Principals and civil service workers in the Yonkers Public Schools are hard workers dedicated to the children of Yonkers. All we as a newspaper ask is the district to be up front with us in terms of steps it takes when these horrific, embarrassing situations take place. They owe nothing less to the taxpayers of this great city, parents, students, and all of those who work in our school buildings are were embarrassed by what supposedly took place. And it is our job as journalists to bring accurate information to you, our loyal readers!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @eric-yonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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Yonkers Idol Finalists, L-R-Brian Guzman-Katie Donoso-Gabrielle Schnorbus-Carly Tauber- Alysa Fresco-Brianna Gray-Kevon King, photo by Donna Davis.

The Yonkers Idol Search program opens doors for the title holders to perform for an entire year at a variety of City of Yonkers ceremonies and events providing them with local exposure and community support. You will see this year's Yonkers Idol and Junior Idol at City events and functions.

Yonkers Primary Preview , continued from pg 1-

that Khader doesn't have the support of the other members of the City Council.

In one mailing, Khader touted himself as an "independent progressive." We do not know what that means. We now question how Khader can continue to serve the people of Yonkers. Over the past few months, he has lost the confidence and support of not only this newspaper, but of many Yonkers democrats.

Peter Spano is the 3rd candidate on the ballot for Council President. We appreciate Spano's service to Yonkers in the field of recreation, and raising funds to build new basketball courts and parkland. He has proven to have a concern for giving young Yonkers residents an alternative to gangs, and other dangerous alternatives.

Mayor Mike Spano once said that it was important for Yonkers to remove the political drama from their government. Well now that drama has returned for a period resulting in a series of negative campaign ads, texts, and messages.

We return to the theme in Yonkers of working together—and we believe that Lakisha Collins-Bellamy would best serve the democratic voters in Yonkers as City Council President. We endorse Lakisha Collins-Bellamy for Council President in the democratic Primary June 22.

For the same reasons of working together to continue the progress, We support and endorse City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac, and Councilman John Rubbo.

Two democrats are running in the 6th Council District, Tim Hodges, and Stella Schwuchow. We leave that decision up to the democrats in that district, with the winner facing Councilman Anthony Merante in November.

In the race for County Legislator in the 16th District, incumbent Christopher Johnson is being challenged by Dwanita Crosby. And in the race for Westchester County Clerk, Yonkers City councilmember Shanae Williams is challenging incumbent County Clerk Tim Idoni.

Johnson has served with County Executive George Latimer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins through the past year of a pandemic and has earned re-election.

Williams has run an impressive campaign for County Clerk against Idoni, but we see no reason to remove Idoni, who has presided over a County Clerk's office that has served the people of Westchester by improving services while cutting costs to the taxpayers.

The decision on all of these races will be determined by the voters of Yonkers. You must be a registered democrat to vote in the Democratic Primary.

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Saturday, June 26th
June 26, 1877: Aldermen Shonnard, Murphy and Morse opened an investigation into charges of "official corruption" against First Ward Alderman Joseph Riley. Riley, accused of attempting to extort City Treasurer George Cobb, allegedly "tried to induce" Cobb to pay \$750 to ensure he would stay in his position, with the guarantee any candidate nominated by Mayor Gibson would not be confirmed. Riley was questioned by the committee, strongly denied the charges, and stated he had neither received a bribe nor asked for one. Apparently he was not believed as the committee brought him before the entire Common Council a few weeks later.

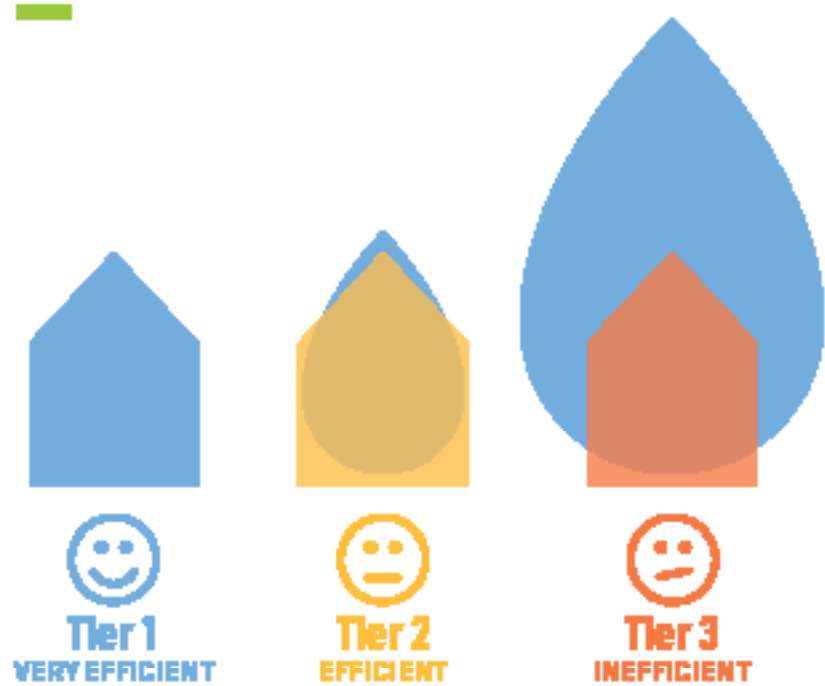
June 26, 1922: Main Street proprietors Frank Knepper and William Breslaw opened their stores for Yonkers residents to hear a championship match between Welterweight Champion Jack Britton of Yonkers and Benny Leonard, the first use of a radiophone in Yonkers. Benny was disqualified because he hit Britton when down in the thirteenth round. Several audience members, including news reporter Ernest Hemmingway, suspected Leonard had thrown the match.

Sunday, June 27th
June 27, 1931: After forty years of service as an engineer, Yonkers resident Daniel Lawson made his last run on the Putnam Division of the New York Central Railroad, bringing his locomotive to the Bronx Roundhouse at 167th Street for the last time. Lawson and his specially decorated locomotive were met by company officials, fellow workers and friends to celebrate his unique records of never being absent, never being late and never striking anyone while at the throttle of his engine.

June 27, 1944: Yonkers Marine and Quartermaster Sergeant Hubert Lloyd of Caryl Avenue received cigarettes supplied by the "Yonkers Cigaret Fund" while stationed in the South Pacific; he promptly write a letter to City Clerk Francis Heafy, chairman of the fund, who happened to be a neighbor on Caryl Avenue. He wrote, "It might interest you to know that the fine record shown by labor and industry there (Yonkers), a record which tops the entire Country, is greatly appreciated out here... it is, indeed, heartening to know that your home town is in there pitching."

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