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## Yonkers Charter High School Graduates First Class



Charter School of Educational Excellence principal Dwain Palmer with graduating senior Jaclyn Allyn, who received the Principal's Award for overcoming hardship

After losing her mother, and a mid-year move from Chicago, Jaclyn Allyn is embraced by the school community and is now moving on to college after graduating with the 1st class of CSEE

Forced to abruptly relocate from Chicago to Yonkers, NY, four years ago when her mother died of breast cancer, Jaclyn Allyn didn't know where she and her two siblings would continue their studies.

"It was a very complicated situation. My dad was already in New York because we were planning to move here after I graduated middle school," said Allyn, 18, who on June 23 graduated from the Charter School of Educational Excellence (CSEE). "My mom died halfway through the year, and it was a situation in which no one was taking care of the kids, so we had to move to Yonkers with my dad so we wouldn't get put into the foster system."

Allyn was accepted by the CSEE as a ninth grader, and she is now a member of the Class of 2023, the school's first graduating senior class with a graduation rate of 98 percent and \$7.5 million in scholarships. She gives the school staff credit for her success. "Their support for me and my family after my mother's death gave me strength and the confidence that I could go on. And I can't say enough about them," she said.

"And I have my Dad. We got closer, so he's one of my best friends now. I can go to him for anything. And I also have a couple of staff members at the school who I know I can trust, who I can confide in as part of my support system," said Allyn, who will enter Clark Atlanta University in September.

Members of the Class of 2023 accepted offers from some of the country's most prestigious universities, including Cornell University, New York University, Boston University, and other competitive schools. About a third of the seniors earned grants or merit scholarships worth at least \$80,000. Most of the school's graduating seniors have already taken college-credit courses, and they will not need remedial courses in college.

"Our school was founded with the belief that all children can excel academically if they are given rigorous course work," said high school principal Dwain Palmer. "The higher education destinations for our first graduating class prove that children from all backgrounds can gain entry to the most competitive schools if they are given

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## Congratulations to the 2023 Yonkers Idol and Yonkers Junior Idol



Mayor Mike Spano with Yonkers Idol Brianna Novellino, left and Yonkers Junior Idol Okello Allen

Hey Yonkers, meet your 2023 Yonkers Idol and Yonkers Junior Idol. After multiple rounds of competition and months of vocal training, the Idols are, Yonkers Idol Brianna Novellino (The Clearview School) and Yonkers Junior Idol Okello Allen (PEARLS Hawthorne School). The two will be performing at City events throughout the year, and both received a \$1,000 award, courtesy of the UPAC Theresa Fund.

The finals took place at Untermyer Park on June 17. The Judges this year, Parks Commissioner Steve Sansone, Olivia Hunter, Singer/PR Marketing Associate, Yon Zweibon, Professional Costumer, Peter DiIorio, System Project Manager, and Joyce Henery, Singer/Actress, had a difficult decision to make in picking the winners.

Congratulations to the finalists, who all gave a good performance, Junior Idol Finalists, Molly Henry, Belle Ortiz, and Idol Finalist Sofia Santana.

2023 Yonkers Idol Winner Brianna Novellino sang "Sign of the Times" by Harry Styles and "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor. 2023 Yonkers Junior Idol Winner Okello Allen sang "Cry Me A River" Arthur Hamilton. There performances can be watched on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_FDU8MsU8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_FDU8MsU8s)

## Spano Wins Big in Democratic Primary; Williams Defeats Johnson for County Board

Robinson Ahead in First Council District

Breen Ahead by 10 Votes in GOP -5th District Primary



By Dan Murphy

Mayor Spano, with family, on Primary night

Yonkers voters went to the polls on Jun. 27 and in early voting to cast their votes for Mayor, City Council and County Legislator. In the democratic primary, Mayor Mike Spano won a resounding victory over Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac and Margaret Fountain-Colement.

Spano received 68% of the vote, with Pineda-Isaac at 21% and Fountain-Coleman at 11%. "I can't begin to express how I feel this morning, knowing we can continue the work we've accomplished together. Thank you to everyone who voted and placed me in this position to keep doing what I love. To all the volunteers and to my family for their continued encouragement and support, you help make this City what it is, Yonkers strong!" said Spano, who now moves onto a November election contest with Councilman Anthony Merante, the republican candidate for Mayor.

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## Appeals Court Rules Yonkers Term Limits Extension Vote By City Council Legal

By Dan Murphy

On June 23, a NYS Appeals Court ruled that a lawsuit filed by 12 Yonkers residents claiming that the vote by the Yonkers City Council last year was illegal was without merit. In a unanimous decision, the Appeals Court Judges found that the Council and Mayor Spano did not violate the Yonkers Charter and did not commit an ethics offense simply by voting for a signing the term limits extension, which amended the permissible terms of office for the Mayor and City Council from three, four-year terms to four, four-year terms.

Arguments were filed with the court by attorney Michael Sussman, on behalf of 12 Yonkers residents; ANNE MARIE McARDLE, CAROLYN SOLIERI, MICHAEL REPRESA, CHRISTINE ANITA PETERS, ERIC ADRE JOHNSON, FRANKE. COLEMAN JR, GEORGE McANANAMA, JOAN GRONOWSKI, JOSEPH PINION III, KISHA SKIPPER, MARK PAROLISI and RONALD MATTEN.

The law firm of Harris Beach filed arguments on behalf of the City, Mayor Spano, and all of the members City Council. In Nov. 2022, the Council vote was 4-3 to extend term limits, with Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, Minority Leader Mike Breen and Councilman John Rubbo voting yes.

In April of 2023, State Supreme Court Judge George Fufidio ruled that the vote by the council was lawful, writing, "there were no ethical violations committed by the Yonkers City Council by increasing their own and the Mayor's term limits," and "this Court does not find that the increase in term limits for the City of Yonkers Mayor and the Yonkers City Councilmembers violates the Yonkers City Charter."

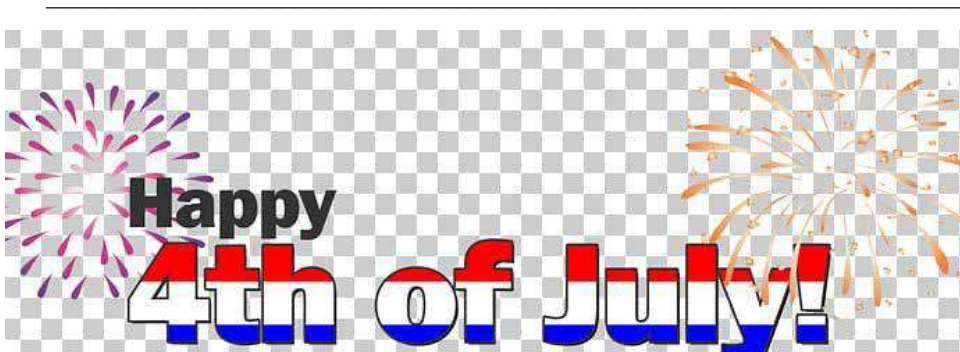
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## Riverside HS GRAD MUNEM AL HASSAN GETS MAYOR'S AWARD/PETRILLO SCHOLARSHIP



Congratulations to Riverside High School graduate Munem Al Hassan, who received the Mayor Mike Spano's 2023 Award/Edward J. Petrillo Scholarship Award (\$2,500).

Hassan will be attending Lehman College and majoring in Cyber Security!



## Saunders High School Principal Honored With YouScience Innovator Educator Award



Steven Mazzola, Principal at Saunders Trades and Technical High School in Yonkers, NY has been named as a recipient of the inaugural YouScience® Innovative Educator Award. Mr. Mazzola won due to his exceptional contributions in guiding and inspiring Yonkers' students to explore their aptitudes and make informed decisions about their futures.

With over 30 years of experience in education, Principal Steven Mazzola has been a driving force at Saunders Trades and Technical High School, where he has served as principal for nearly 20 years.

Under his leadership, the school has consistently achieved graduation rates of 94-98% or higher. Christina Nola, Assistant Principal of Saunders Trades and Technical High School, expressed her delight at the acknowledgement of Mazzola's outstanding work, stating, "Mr. Mazzola is the personification of a true educational warrior! Under his nearly 20-year tenure as Principal of Saunders Trades and Technical High School, Mr. Mazzola challenged all staff and students to maximize their full potential. Leading by example, he never stopped loving the classroom or lost his passion for teaching, and he maintained his role as teacher in his capacity as Principal. He expanded the 112 years of traditions and maintained the legacy of what being a part of the Saunders family is about. At the helm, Mr. Mazzola fostered relationships with parents, staff, and students—making Saunders a second home where every member is loved, appreciated, and respected."

Principal Mazzola is retiring after this school year. In a final message, he wrote I do not take for granted the honor to be part of something much bigger than myself. The old proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" is the epitome of who Saunders is. The teachers, staff, alumni, parents and of course the students are the sparkplug that makes this community engine work successfully. It is your dedication to the oldest trades school in New York that has put Saunders on the educational map of this nation."

Congratulations and best wishes in your retirement.

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The other large margin of victory came in the race for County Legislator in the 16th district, with Councilwoman Shanae Williams handily defeating incumbent Legislator Christopher Johnson.

Williams got 61% of the vote, and will now move onto the County Board in January, with the November election a formality in this heavily democratic district. After almost winning the democratic primary for County Clerk two years ago, Williams has proven herself to be a formidable candidate and leader in Yonkers.

The other primary contests in Yonkers were much closer. In the race for City Council in the First District, democrats Deana Robinson, Shatika Parker and Effie Phillips faced off to see who will replace Williams.

Robinson got 43% of the vote, with Parker at 41% and Phillips a distant third at 16%. Less than 30 votes separate Robinson and Parker, with absentee ballots to be counted.

In the one republican primary in Yonkers, Councilman Mike Breen faced off against Ron Schutte to see who will be the GOP nominee in the 5th District.

At the final count Breen has a 10 vote lead over Schutte, with all absentee ballots counted.

## Stepinac Student from Yonkers Gets A Thrill of A Lifetime on Broadway Stage



Stepinac High School's Calvin Lindo (Class of '24) of Yonkers, pictured above, had the thrill of a lifetime as one the best musical theater performers in the nation's high schools who was honored at the 2023 Jimmy Awards ceremony held at the iconic Minskoff Theatre on Broadway.

Calvin, who won the 2023 Roger Rees Best Leading Actor Award for his performance as Frankie Valli in Stepinac Theatre's National High School Premiere of Jersey Boys, was the only contestant for The Jimmy Awards who was interviewed in the WABC-TV Eyewitness segment (link below) that aired on the eve of awards ceremony. When he saw his name in lights on Broadway, he exclaimed on camera: "I think that this is a big jump towards Broadway!"

Calvin was one of an elite group of about 100 talented contestants—out of more than 140,000 finalists from across the country— who vied for the top honor.

Reflecting on his experience, he said: "The Jimmy's National High School Theatre Awards is a step towards realizing my dream of becoming a musical theatre actor on Broadway. I have had the opportunity of a lifetime studying my craft for a week at the Julliard School and learning from professional Broadway actors, directors, and choreographers. It has been a dream come true! I will always cherish this opportunity of meeting new friends from across the country who share my same passion and drive. And I will never forget stepping onto the Minskoff Theatre stage for the first time!"

Watch the video at <https://abc7ny.com/corbin-bleu-jimmy-awards-musical-theater-high-school-students/13428393/>

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# The Last Rising Ground Family Fun Day Held at Yonkers Campus



Rising Ground, the award-winning nonprofit organization that has had a presence in Yonkers since 1890, recently hosted 2,000 employees and their families to the Yonkers campus for the annual Family Fun Day. The event, held Saturday, June 10, provided lots of time for staff to catch up and enjoy all the good food and entertainment that was planned for the kids. As the organization is spread out across 80 locations in New York City and Westchester, it is not often that employees get to see one another in such large numbers and all at one time. As the campus' recent sale precludes Rising Ground from using the field again next year, the many attendees cherished every moment to be together on the Great Lawn.

The 30-acre Yonkers campus, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, is situated alongside the Hudson River on Hawthorne Avenue. Founded in 1831, and formerly known as Leake and Watts, Rising Ground today is one of New York's oldest human services organizations, providing dozens of programs and services to improve the lives of more than 25,000 children, individuals and families annually.

The campus was sold to iPark-Natural Resources last year, with Rising Ground keeping 4-acres. The Yonkers Public Schools will rent part of the property to be the home for a new media and production magnet school.

# Medication, The Titanic and Pride



By Eric W. Schoen

## Medication

Have you had a hard time getting prescription drugs prescribed by your physician? Apparently many people have across a wide range of drugs. Pharmacies are telling customers popular drugs are on back order, some for weeks.

Are we gonna blame this on the Pandemic? Are we at the point in this country that we are running out of drugs people need. And if your doctor orders a prescription from one pharmacy and they don't have it, they can't by law send it to another pharmacy to be filled. Even transferring a prescription from one CVS to another CVS is against the law. If the prescription is for 60 pills and the pharmacy only has 10, you lose the remainder of the prescription.

The pharmacist cannot substitute one drug for another without doctor permission. And there are many drugs out there very similar in nature that the pharmacists know are substitutable.

Is this crazy or what? Granted some people misuse the drugs they are given and take advantage of the system, but there are many more who don't and need the prescribed drugs for serious conditions.

This broken system has been brought to my attention by several readers and requires action by the New York Legislature and the governing body for pharmacists in New York State. Let's get to it before someone gets seriously sick.

## Titanic

What would you expect from the tin can that was bringing passengers to the bottom of the ocean to the Titanic. The ship has no certifications and many warned that it was dangerous. Do I feel sorry for the people who lost their lives? Of course!

But they knew what they were getting involved with and they knew the danger. And I am sure someone went over the details of the craft they were boarding.

As an aside what were they expecting to find. A dirty, water soaked napkin? A bathroom curtain with the words Titanic on it? Leonardo Dicaprio? Any body would have disintegrated after of so many years.

There are rumors that one of the passengers got a discount to fill the seat. Another rumor has a passenger pulling out at the last minute and one of the deceased filling in. We will actually never know.

But I got furious when they added the 5 passengers to the count of the people who died when the original boat sank. These 5 people were on an adventure, better yet call it a joy trip on their excursion. It wasn't like they were on an adventure to collect artifacts or do scientific experiments. Their numbers should never be added to those who legitimately died when the boat sank.

Let's hope that the government puts in regulations to stop this stupidity from happening again. And I hope the taxpayers don't get stuck paying the bill for the recovery for people who should seek another means to get their thrills.

## PRIDE

So another Gay Pride month of June was come to an end. Kudos to those Yonkers folks involved with Yonkers Pride for the usual phenomenal job. I watched the colorful New York Pride on television. Every year it seems to get bigger with more spectators.

Statistic show 60-70% of the population support gay rights. That doesn't include conversations with 2 year olds about sex changes. If a library or school has Drag Bingo, parents have every right to request their child not participate if they don't want the child to. Parents I hope are reviewing the books their children are reading. If the book is objectionable to the parent they have every right not to have the child read it. No one is forcing anything on children.

Same goes from Drag Reading Hour. A parent has the right to request that his or her child not participate in the program. No one is forcing. LGBTQ issues on young children, but a school should have the resources if the issue comes up to deal with it.

While I think the Los Angeles Dodgers inviting a so called religious group to deface the cross is terrible, you have the right to support the team or not. A big deal was made this year about Pride merchandise being sold at Target and Kohls. Fact is these companies have had front of store displays with Pride merchandise for many years. You don't want it you don't buy it. It's as simple as that.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has staked his claim in the Republican primary on opposition to Gay rights. He has clashed with Disney. Parents have the right to take their children to a Disney park or movie. Disney is a big company. I stake my bet on Disney and think DeSantis has picked the wrong mouse to play

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## Yonkers Police Make Arrest in Fatal Hit & Run

On Friday, June 23rd, 2023, at approximately 9:37 AM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the area of Executive Boulevard at Nepperhan Avenue on a report of a motor vehicle accident with pedestrian injuries. Upon arrival First Responders located an unresponsive elderly male victim down in the street with blunt force trauma to his body; he was transported to a local area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The vehicle that allegedly struck him fled the area prior to police arrival. Officers cordoned off the scene and initiated accident and criminal investigations.

Detectives and investigators from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Traffic Unit responded to the scene and interviewed subjects and witnesses, processed forensic evidence, and reconstructed the accident dynamics. Investigation yielded that the victim was crossing Executive Boulevard north to south at Truman Avenue when he was struck by a red Jeep Grand Cherokee with Florida license plates traveling east on Executive Boulevard; the red Jeep then fled the area. The accident was witnessed by several commuters.

Within minutes, the AWARE Crime Control Center identified the suspect vehicle and Major Case Detectives actively developed information to locate the driver. Over the next 28-hours, Detectives located the red Jeep – determined to be a rental – and identified the driver at the time of the accident; he was located in a hotel in the Village of Elmsford and placed into custody yesterday afternoon.

Joseph Dimitri DELGADO, a 24-year-old resident of Yonkers, was charged with one count of Operator Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death, a Class D Felony in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. DELGADO is unlicensed and his driving privileges in the State of New York are suspended due to prior scoffs. He is currently being lodged in the Yonkers City Jail awaiting arraignment on tomorrow's date. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

The victim is identified as Azhar Jamil Said, a 78-year-old resident of Yonkers. The City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department offer their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

## YONKERS MAN SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Yonkers man was sentenced on June 16, 2023, to 12 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision, for a 2021 armed robbery in Yonkers.

DA Rocah said: "This was a terrifying incident for an unsuspecting victim who was coming home and held the door for someone who ultimately held him at gunpoint. Thanks to cell phone technology and the Yonkers police, this defendant was apprehended right away, and convicted by a jury of his peers."

After a two-week trial in April 2023, a jury found Shawn Lucas, 37, guilty of Robbery in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, and Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, all felonies. The defendant was sentenced as a second felony offender.

On December 27, 2021, at approximately 7:54 p.m., the defendant followed the victim as he was entering his apartment building in Yonkers, demanded the victim's wallet and cell phone while brandishing a loaded pellet gun, which had the appearance of a firearm. The victim handed over his cell phone and wallet, which contained \$45, a debit card and identification cards.

Within hours of the incident, which was captured on surveillance video, the Yonkers Police Department arrested the defendant after tracking the victim's cell phone to Warburton Avenue. Police observed the defendant attempting to hand another male the pellet gun and engaged in a foot pursuit, during which the defendant fell and dropped the weapon. Police recovered the pellet gun, which the victim later identified as the weapon used during the robbery.

A good Samaritan returned the victim's wallet and ID cards after finding them on the street near his apartment building. The victim's cell phone, cash, and debit card were never recovered.

## Register for Westchester Cornhole Tournament



The cornhole craze is coming to Westchester! Registration is now open for the Westchester County Parks Cornhole Tournament to be held on Saturday, July 29, at 5 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "As one of our favorite lawn activities continues to grow as a social and competitive sport, we are thrilled to bring this first tournament to Westchester residents! The game is easy to learn and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill sets. I encourage Residents take advantage of this great opportunity to spend time together outdoors."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "We are excited to offer tourney play to Westchester residents. The great lawn at Kensico Dam Plaza is the perfect setting to get your competitive game on or just play for fun."

Register for Fun Social Doubles or Competitive Doubles at [Wardboards.com](http://Wardboards.com).

Fun Social Doubles - Bring your own partner. Fees are \$10 per person or \$20 per team with double elimination. Winners will receive prizes.

Competitive Doubles – Bring your own partner. Fees are \$20 per person or \$40 per team with double elimination. Winners will receive 50% cash payout and prizes.

Rain date is Sunday, July 30. Deadline for registration is Friday, July 14. The Cornhole Tournament is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by Tompkins Excavation and its partners Share Creative and Ward Boards. For more information or to register, visit [Wardboards.com](http://Wardboards.com).

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Briefs: when I grow up I want to be a Weather Forecaster or Meteorologist. They predicted that it would 'rain on the parade' all weekend and in Yonkers and Manhattan there was not a drop to drink. How can they get it wrong and keep their jobs?

The New State Legislature has a proposal before it to keep medical debt off credit reports. Smart move!

Hunter Biden lied on this gun permit and failed to pay taxes. And what did he get? Probation. It's amazing How he got off with such a light sentence. Bet you or I in the same situation would get more severe punishment.

Trump claimed that he put an 'end to Roe v. Wade. Yes, he did appoint Supreme Court Justices who overturned the decision. The question remains what is the American public going to do in the voting booth. I predict that the vast majority who support The right to choose are going to make their voices heard loud and clear.

*Listen to Eric Schoen 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. Reach him at [thistoosyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoosyonkers@aol.com).*

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the chance to succeed. Jaelyn is a great example of the crucially important role a school can play in shaping a student's future."

The Class of 2023's June graduation rate of 98 percent is significantly higher than the New York state average, which was 87 percent in 2022. Students earned more than \$7.5 million in scholarships.

The first graduating senior class is the CSEE's latest accomplishment. Earlier this year the K-12 school cut a ribbon on professional-grade performance stage to expose students to the world of performance and media production. In 2021 the school opened its \$27 million high school building at 220 Warburton Ave.

Many members of the Class of 2023 chose to stay local and attend colleges close to home, including Mercy College, Iona University and Westchester Community College. The City University of New York and the State University of New York systems were also popular.

Allyn chose Clark Atlanta University because she wanted to attend a historically Black institution and Atlanta was her target city. She said her four years at the CSEE prepared her well for college and made her resilient.

"I'm always ready for anything that's thrown at me because I've had a lot of obstacles in my life," said Allyn. "I know that there are going to be a lot of hard things coming towards me and I don't know what they are yet, but I'm very excited to be moving forward and I know my experiences at CSEE have given me the chance to move to the next level."

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To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stevie Wonder's Innervisions, Yonkers' own Library Jazz Band will perform original arrangements of the entire album. Tracks include Higher Ground, Don't You Worry 'bout a Thing, and Living for the City. Library Jazz Band is a 17-piece jazz orchestra made up of great players from Yonkers, Riverdale and throughout Westchester who love playing killer arrangements from the greatest big bands and writing their own!

In case of rain, please call 914-375-3435 or check our website [www.undermyerperformingarts.org](http://www.undermyerperformingarts.org) after 2 pm the day of the performance.
   
 Our rain site this year is Saunders High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers.
   
 Our events are admission free and open to the public.
   
 Please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets, as we do not provide seating.

This program is one in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Funding for our programs is received from Arts Westchester with support from Westchester County Government, the City of Yonkers, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our loyal arts patrons.

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## One Year After Dobbs Decision, Governor Signs Sen. Mayer Bill Strengthening Access to Reproductive Health Care



State Senator Shelley Mayer, 2nd right, at bill signing with Governor Kathy Hochul

Legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) Ensures New York Providers Can Prescribe Medication Abortion and Deliver Reproductive Health Care Through Telehealth Services to Patients in States Where Abortion Services are Outlawed or Restricted

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) into law to strengthen access to reproductive health care and protect patients and doctors who require abortion care through telehealth services. This legislation expands the current law to ensure doctors, medical providers, and facilitators in the state are able to provide telehealth services to patients outside of New York without fear of litigation in states where abortion services are outlawed or restricted.

"We are witnessing a shameful regression of women's rights in this country as abortion access is restricted in states across the nation," Governor Hochul said. "In New York, we remain committed to ensuring abortion remains safe, accessible, and legal. This legislation will help more women access medication abortion and reproductive care by ensuring our health care providers can deliver telehealth services to out-of-state patients without fear of legal or professional repercussions. With this bill, New York is continuing to fight back against restrictive abortion laws and help more people access the care they need."

Legislation (S.1066B/A.1709B) will help ensure more women can access reproductive health care and abortion services by prohibiting state law enforcement from cooperating with cases prosecuting doctors in New York who use telehealth services to prescribe medication abortion or deliver any reproductive health care to people in states with restrictive abortion laws. It also ensures that providers who comply with their practice are not subject to professional discipline from medical malpractice insurance companies for delivering these reproductive telehealth services to out-of-state-patients. This legislation expands the current law that Governor Hochul signed in June 2022 to protect New York health care providers of abortions when an out-of-state patient is physically present in New York.

In New York, we remain committed to ensuring abortion remains safe, accessible, and legal," said Gov. Hochul.

Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "New York will not stand idly by while women's rights are chipped away around us. Our state is a longstanding safe harbor for those seeking refuge and the Shield Act provides necessary protection to doctors who are providing critical reproductive health care to women across our country. I'd like to thank Senator Shelley Mayer for sponsoring this legislation in our chamber, and ensuring New York is doing all it can to fight against these horrific rollbacks on abortion rights. As we reach the one year mark of Roe being overturned, I'd also like to thank Governor Hochul for taking swift action to sign this bill into law ensuring these protections."

This legislation was sponsored by Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer. "Proud and grateful that my bill with Assemblymember Karines Reyes has been signed into law by Governor Hochul. This is another historic moment in New York State's nation-leading role protecting the right to reproductive health services, including abortion. By signing this bill today, Governor Hochul again leads the nation on this issue. This law authorizes licensed New York health care providers, in accordance with New York law, to provide telehealth services and prescribe medication abortion to women living outside New York State. I extend my gratitude to the providers, advocates, legal experts and legislative colleagues, especially my partner Assemblymember Karines Reyes, Speaker Carl Heastie and my courageous Senate Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who worked to craft a national model for this effort. We are fighting back, not backing down, for the rights that were stolen from us in the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Thank you to everyone who made this historic day possible."

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



vintage actress Clara Morris

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

Monday, July 3rd

July 3, 1943: Thirty Habirshaw workers were overcome by chlorine gas at the company's Point Street plant; seven were hospitalized but company did not notify city emergency services. Yonkers first heard that afternoon, when victim Florence Masterson called her personal physician, who just happened to be our Mayor, Dr. Benjamin Barnes, while still at St. John's Riverside Hospital. Barnes rushed over with the Rescue Squad and Acting Fire Chief Garvin. They sent Fourth Precinct Police to the plant, but the officers were refused admission by company official Frank Levin.

That morning, a mechanic checking the chlorinating equipment broke a connection on a tank. Employees were moved from the area and given first aid; some were brought to the hospital. The company claimed the incident wasn't "serious enough to notify the Yonkers Police and Fire department, who arrived at 3:30 pm." Dr. Barnes, in his capacity as Director of Civilian Protection, stated, "This is not the first time accidents at the plant were not reported to the police... if there is a case, I want to know about it. In all cases of gas leaks, the Fire Department Rescue Squad should be called," especially since the Rescue Squad had special equipment and training to handle gas leaks. He told the company to look up the law since the Director of Civilian Protection was in charge of all major accidents.

Tuesday, July 4th

July 4, 1781: Washington and his troops marched from Valentine Hill to Dobbs Ferry.

July 4, 1922: The Keskeskick Chapter, DAR, held a reception at Philipse Manor Hall for students in Kristen Kristensen YMCA Citizenship Class; the group had studied citizenship for one year. DAR officers led by chapter Regent Mrs. Charles Rossire and Florence Parson, a member of the Mayor's City Celebration Committee, welcomed those gathered.

Wednesday, July 5th

July 5, 1877: The Aldermanic Committee appointed to investigate charges of corruption against Alderman Joseph Riley heard testimony from Hugh Kennedy. Kennedy stated in April 1876 he approached Riley about getting a contract from garbage removal in the First and Second Wards, offering a price of \$2000. Kennedy said he was told to put in a bid for \$1100 for the First Ward and \$1050 for the Second. After only receiving the contract for the Second, he went to Riley's stable and paid him \$50, thanking him for the business. Although thoroughly cross-examined by Riley's lawyer, his testimony was unshaken.

Thursday, July 6th

July 6, 1861: The Mozart Regiment of the Union Army, led by Col. Edward Riley, who had mustered, trained and quartered at Yonkers, left by steamboat for Washington.

July 6, 1933: Frank E. Xavier accepted Presidency of the First National Bank "on the basis of public service in an emergency" after a meeting held at Samuel Untermyer's Fifth Avenue apartment. Others attending the meeting were Mayor Joseph Loehr, Judge Charles Boote, former judge Benjamin Moore, Walter Haskett, John Crimmins, David Gorfinkel, Arthur Snodgrass, and Reverend Dr. William Hicks. The agenda was limited to election of the president and one board member; Samuel Untermyer took the latter post. All agreed no one seeking elected office should be on the board. Acceptance of both men was contingent on the sale of 40,000 shares in the bank, part of requirement for the bank reorganization plan.

Friday, July 7th

July 7, 1911: Noted emotional actress Clara Morris, living in The Pines, her estate at 537 Riverdale Avenue, recovered her eyesight after being blind for six months.

July 7, 1939: Twelfth Ward Democratic Alderman and former Council President Emmett Giltner resigned from the Yonkers Common Council. He was a victim of the Goldberg Law prohibiting New York City Board of Education employees from holding two government posts. Giltner was Chairman of the Social Service Department at Wadleigh High School in Manhattan. Mayor Loehr appointed William Gordon, head of General Optical Company in Mount Vernon, to succeed Giltner.

Saturday, July 8th

July 8, 1904: The Carnegie Library opened.  
July 8, 1938: After visiting a New Jersey explosives company, Mayor Joseph Loehr came home with a keepsake; he dropped a sample of solid gunpowder that

*Sound of Freedom, continued from pg 1-*

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Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (“MHACY”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for Vacancy Prep Unit Turnover Services for MHACY at various sites as specified in this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”).

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter “Responders” or “Respondents”) and is available online starting June 27, 2023, at [www.mhacy.org](http://www.mhacy.org).

The IFB questions deadline is July 19, 2023, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to [procurement@mhacy.org](mailto:procurement@mhacy.org) by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted. The contract is a non-exclusive contract for the services described. Selection may be made of one (1) or more Respondents deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposal. Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on August 9, 2023. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the IFB. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

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**A Movie We Should All See: Sound of Freedom Shows us The Horrors of Child Sex Trafficking**

*By Dan Murphy*

Human trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, is alive and well in the United States. Every year, millions of people in the world, including in the U.S., are bought and sold for the purposes of forced labor or sexual exploitation. It can happen to any demographic, any gender, any race or nationality. It is estimated that between 15,000 to 50,000 women and children are forced into sexual slavery in the United States every year.

The recent flood of migrants across the US-Mexican border has enabled the Drug Cartels to abuse young children and force them into sex slavery. Traffickers prey on individuals and families that are traveling, hungry, homeless, and sick. They may offer a job, or travel across the border, only to get the migrant away from their area of safety and force them into labor.

The movie Sound of Freedom, which opens July 4, is based on a true story of one man’s heroic efforts as he embarks on a dangerous mission to rescue children from human traffickers. His name is Tim Ballard, the feature character in the movie, portrayed by Jim Caviezel, best known for his portrayal of Jesus in The Passion of the Christ.

“I am so proud to be a part of this impactful film,” said Jim Caviezel, who portrays the lead. “In fact, I’d say this is the second most important film I’ve done after The Passion of the Christ.” Actress Mira Sorvino and actor Bill Camp are also in the film.

SOUND OF FREEDOM, based on the incredible true story, shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy’s sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

Angel Studios, the distributor of Sound of Freedom, is also offering a # Pay it Forward program, where those who purchase a ticket online at Angel Studios, can purchase a ticket for someone who can’t afford it. [https://www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom?utm\\_campaign=sound-of-freedom-theatrical&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=tickets-footer-ad#](https://www.angel.com/pay-it-forward/sound-of-freedom?utm_campaign=sound-of-freedom-theatrical&utm_medium=web&utm_source=tickets-footer-ad#).

The goal is to sell 2 Million tickets to help end child trafficking. Learn more about SOUND OF FREEDOM here: [soundoffreedommovie.com](http://soundoffreedommovie.com)

There are many groups and non profits working to end child trafficking. One that we highlight is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, <https://www.missingkids.org/>.

Visit <https://www.angel.com/tickets/soundoffreedom> to purchase tickets. The film will be shown July 3,4,5 at the Regal UA Cortlandt Town Center.

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Judge Fufidio added in his decision, “The Court agrees with the Respondents that this case is, factually and legally, almost identical to the Molinari case (Molinari v Bloomberg) in which the Federal Eastern District and Second Circuit courts found that the increase in term limit for the New York City Mayor, City Councilmembers and other city officials was lawful. “

“Simply put, the term limit increase and the concomitant salary is not the kind of “financial benefit” contemplated by such rules. First, it is a benefit which is not guaranteed to Mayor or any of the Councilmembers. Each still needs to win their seat in a general election, which leads to the second point, that is the seat, salary and term limited office is potentially available to anyone who is eligible to run for office in the City of Yonkers.

The other argument made by Sussman and the 12 residents was that any change to the term limits law required a referendum vote. Fufidio wrote, “New York State decisional law has held that a change to the length of term limits that does not change the length of a term of office does not need to be enacted by a referendum.”

The Appeals Court found that a majority on the City Council voted to amend term limits last year. And, the final determination of who will serve as the next Yonkers Mayor is still in the hands of the voters this year.

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looked like licorice into his vest pocket. A few hours after he sent his suit to his tailor to be pressed, he remembered his little souvenir! In a panic, he called the tailor and told him to remove the "licorice", then rushed to pick it up... and drop it into the Hudson.

Sunday, July 9th

July 9, 1916: Scott Elevator Company held an organization meeting at the home of Campbell Scott. Scott, general manager of the Otis facility here for several years announced the firm had leased property on Saw Mill River Road to build a plant there. Scott was elected president; Louis Spreckels, vice President; Elmer Gorton, secretary-treasurer. In addition to the officers, Anson Baldwin, Daniel Hopping, Dan Nolan and Charles Philip Easton were elected as directors.

July 9, 1938: Deputy City Clerk Frank Van Blarcom announced a sharp drop of requests for marriage licenses since the Desmond-Breitbart law requiring bridal couples to take blood tests went into effect July 1st. Only one license had been issued; during the same period in 1937, 34 licenses were issued. License Clerk William Corbalis believed couples didn't want the extra expense and mentioned the surge of licenses issued before the July 1st requirement went into effect. Tests had to be done by doctors to certify the couple was free from communicable syphilis.

Questions or comments? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com).

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org)

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July 14	Ant-Man & Wasp: Quantumania	PG-13	Wakefield Park-Brown Beer Road
July 21	Little Big League	PG	Schultz Field St. Elkmanora's Lane
July 28	Lightyear	PG	Hulbee-Ceslinski Park- Fredenc Place
August 4	Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves	PG-13	Trenchard Park- Trenchard Street
August 11	Shazam! Fury of the Gods	PG-13	Ireva Park-Warburton Avenue
August 18	Plus N Boots: The Last Wish	PG	Wesciko Park-Ager Street
August 25	Black Panther: Wakanda Forever	PG-13	Heming Field-Prescott Street

MUSIC 7:00 - 8:30 PM			
DATE	BAND	MUSIC GENRE	LOCATION
July 6	Frankie Ruiz, Jr. & His Orchestra	Salsa/Latin	Lincoln Park- South Broadway
July 13	Steve Maglio	Sinatra Tribute	Untermyer Park-North Broadway
July 20	Therapy Band	Dance/Reggae/Steel Drum	Cenozo Park-Beechdale Avenue
July 27	Sage	R & B/Jazz	Stefanik Park-Nepperhan Avenue
August 3	Showtime Dance Band	Music & Dance Show Band	Biegano Field-Righty Street
August 10	David Codello & His Orchestra	Salsa/Latin/Latin Jazz	Coyno Park-McLean Avenue
August 17	Uptown Royalty	Music & Dance Show Band	O'Boyle Park-Hawthorne Avenue
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