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Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Introduces “Stop Russian Aggression” Act



Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, right, Congressman Jamaal Bowman left, and State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick, at podium

At a news conference at the Ukrainian Youth Center in Yonkers, New York State Senator Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (D-Rockland/Westchester) and Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh urged support of legislation they have introduced known as the “Stop Russian Aggression Act.”

“In response to Russian President Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, the legislation I sponsor in the Assembly will block the awarding of New York State contracts to any company conducting business in Russia. Further, the legislation instructs the New York State Comptroller to begin the process of divesting the state retirement system pension fund from any investment in companies that do business in Russia,” said Sayegh.

Senator Reichlin-Melnick said Russia’s unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine demands the strongest possible response. New York State does not invest in or support companies that do business in North Korea or Iran, and Vladimir Putin’s reckless actions have now put Russia in the company of these rogue nations.

Already fellow Assembly members are stepping up to Co-Sponsor the Stop Russian Aggression Act, and at the news conference my Senate colleague Senator Shelley Mayer predicted the legislation will be passed.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman attended the news conference to voice his support for the State legislation and provided an update on action underway in Congress. He added, “We have to stop Vladimir Putin at all costs and one of the first steps to stopping Putin is to choke off their economy.”

Sayegh thanked the Ukrainian Youth Center for hosting us and the SUMA Federal Credit Union for their technical support. “The Russian invasion of Ukraine has quickly turned into a humanitarian crisis as over 1 million people have fled their country while untold thousands are living in subway tunnels to avoid missile strikes and artillery shelling.

For anyone looking for a credible organization or location to drop off donations or make a contribution, here are a few from the Yonkers Ukrainian community.

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Is Yonkers Ready for It’s First Chick-Fil-A?



Published reports have the popular Chick-Fil-A chain of restaurants finally making their entry into Westchester County, with a proposal to open the chicken store on Central Park Avenue in Yonkers. The location is said to be a 2205 Central Park Avenue, the former location of an HSBC bank.

The location is a good one for any fast food type of restaurant, because of all the drivers an activity along Yonkers commercial and retail stretch of properties. And Chick-Fil-A has become so popular that it might increase buyers and shoppers to the area.

Efforts to allow Chick-Fil-A to occupy some of the food locations along the New York State Thruway which are under renovation were objected to by some state legislators because of the companies policies towards the LGBTQ+ community. “We are requesting that you re-examine the list of approved concessions for these rest spots considering Chick-fil-A’s action against the LGBTQ+ community,” said a number of democratic state senators and assemblymembers.

The \$1.5 Million project is currently making its way through the building and zoning board process and approval before eventually coming before the City Council for final approval.

All Chick-Fil-A restaurants are closed on Sunday, which originated with the founder, Truett Cathy, closing all of his locations because of his Christian faith. The opinion on whether this helps or hurts business is mixed, with some believing that being closed on a day when most are off from work adds to the desirability to get something that you can’t have all the time. Other’s believe that it makes bad business sense to close any retail chain of store on Sunday.

Currently, the closest Chick-Fil-A locations near Westchester are in Manhattan, or in Danbury, Ct. Opposition to Chick-Fil-A has come from LGBTQ organizations who led a national boycott of the chain in 2017. Several donations by the company to Christian groups that support traditional marriage have been called into question. But despite some opposition, Chick-fil-A has continued to grow in recent years, with 2,700 locations in 47 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada.

The delays in opening a Westchester location clearly had something to do with the founder’s views. But now, those who love the chicken are hoping that Chick Fil A will open a location at the Jefferson Valley Mall.

Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean is Back, March 19, Named Top 10 in USA



Mayor Mike Spano with Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marhsal Pat McCrudden, at the City Hall raising of the Irish Flag, right

Two Year Wait is Over, Meet Me on McLean!

While many from Yonkers and beyond can’t wait for the Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue, the last two years have been a long COVID delay before you could once again say “Meet me on McLean.”

One of those disappointed was Pat McCrudden, who together with her husband Larry, has served the people of Yonkers in their volunteer service to the St. Pat’s parade for many years. In 2020 Pat was named Grand Marshal, only to have the parade cancelled, and cancelled again in 2021.

The parade will return to McLean on March 19, 2022 with Pat as the Grand Marshal. Here is her biography is below. Congratulations Pat McCrudden on your well deserved honor. Not a better choice could be made. God bless..

Patricia Donovan McCrudden is the only child of Jean (Sealander) and Lewis Donovan. Her father’s roots were from Counties Dublin and Cork. Born in Brooklyn and raised in Westchester, Pat attended grade school in White Plains. She graduated from Hastings High School, a member of the National Honor Society. Pat earned a BBA Degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. After graduation, she was employed by Young & Rubicam Advertising in Manhattan.

Pat married Larry McCrudden at St. Matthew’s Church in Hastings in 1965. They have three children: Jean Tickell, Realtor with Rand Realty, Nancy Meza, Special Ed Teacher, and Larry McCrudden, Owner of The Custom Family, a photographic production company. Sons-in-law are Cammie Tickell and Adam Meza. They have seven grandchildren: Jack Tickell; Aiden, Lou and Hudson Meza; James Ella, Zane and Cal McCrudden.

Pat has been involved with the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade since she and Larry started dating almost sixty years ago. She was an Aide to the Grand Marshal in 1983 and has served in capacities such as Dinner Co-Chair, Journals and Programs, Line of March, and Charitable Income Tax Return Prep to name a few.

While raising her children, Pat started working part time for a friend’s law firm. She later joined Yonkers firm, Gralicer & Kaiser for 6 years, and achieved Paralegal Certification at Iona College. Pat retired in 2008, after 20 years with Bleakley, Platt & Schmidt in White Plains, serving as an Estates & Trusts Paralegal.

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Yonkers Man Tasered at Orlando Airport for Drunken Rage, Scaring Families on Disney Trip



More than 272,000 people watched Ryan Martin, left ‘Freak Out’ at the Orlando Airport.

<https://youtu.be/ZSswbqteiTeg>

Ryan Martin, from Yonkers is, or you haven’t seen the video of his drunken tirade at Orlando Airport on March 3,

But in reality this is a sad situation because Martin, who got drunk, missed his flight and then tried to get on another flight, and in between assaulted a wife and daughter of a New Jersey Sheriff on vacation at Disney.

Ryan Austin Martin is a large white male, 280 pounds, and airport security and the Orlando Police were unable to control him until using a taser gun several times to get Martin down and under control.

During his tirade, Martin said to airport security “don’t come near my, I’ll kill you.” and promised to put on a “mother f*** show”

Martin was arrested and released after spending a night in jail on \$2,950 bond.

Passengers waiting for other flights and departing off of a plane that Martin thought he could board were nervous afraid of him.

Martin not only fought with security and police, but grabbed a women after she reportedly refused to hold his drink.

We are in the process of obtaining the police report but have been told by law enforcement that he followed the mother and her children after security tried to move them to safety.

He was arrested on Thursday March 3, and charged with resisting an officer with violence, child abuse, domestic violence, batter and disorderly intoxication. NJ Morris County Sheriff Jim Gannon, who is pictured in green in the video was interviewed by Save Jersey and WNBC TV in New York City. Sheriff Gannon said, “He was very aggressive towards that uniformed officer, who did a phenomenal job. And so, there was a taser deployment and then we went to the ground and I assisted in handcuffing the individual,”

Martin is now forever banned from flying “the friendly skies” of United.

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Murder Charges Filed by DA in Yonkers Cold Case Murder of Pamela Graddick



Pamela Graddick, left, and, Wanda Veguilla and John Torres, charged with her murder

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Bronx resident Wanda Veguilla and Yonkers resident John Torres were indicted for charges in connection with the 2012 murder of 26-year-old Pamela Graddick.

Veguilla, 41, was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Murder in the Second Degree and Tampering with Physical Evidence, both felonies. Torres, 30, was indicted for Criminal Facilitation in the Second Degree, Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree, and Tampering with Physical Evidence, all felonies.

Veguilla was arraigned on March 1, 2022, and Torres was arraigned on March 8, 2022.

The indictment alleges that Veguilla – the victim’s girlfriend – fatally shot Graddick in the apartment they shared on Morris Avenue in the Bronx. Following the shooting, Veguilla and Torres disposed of her body in a wooded area in Yonkers, where it was eventually discovered by members of the Yonkers Police Department on September 4, 2012.

Yonkers Police arrested Veguilla on January 23, 2022, and Torres on January 25, 2022, following a collaborative investigation with the District Attorney’s Office Cold Case Bureau.

More details on this case from the Yonkers Police Department:

On Tuesday, September 4th, 2012, at approximately 5:35 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the wooded area between Rossmore Avenue and Midland Avenue, adjacent to the Sprain Brook River Parkway, on a report of a suspicious package. Responding officers discovered a decomposing human body wrapped in a garbage bag. Officers cordoned off the area and initiated a criminal investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene. Investigation yielded that the victim, an adult female, had died from a gunshot wound to the head; she was identified as Pamela Graddick, a 26-year-old resident of the Bronx. Investigators believe that Graddick was killed outside the City of Yonkers and her body was dumped in an effort to conceal the crime. Due to the nature of the incident and absence of local leads, the investigation was transferred to the Cold Case Unit in 2014 for enhancement. Over the next seven years, Cold Case Detectives continuously worked the case, developing and enhancing information, recovering evidence, and maintaining relationships with the victim’s family. A person of interest was identified early on in the investigation; however, it took years of additional case work to develop probable cause, culminating in a confession by the main suspect. On Sunday, January 23rd, 2022, nine years and four months after Graddick was discovered, Detectives charged her then partner with murder.

Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, “The passage of time only reinforces our commitment to solving these heinous crimes. The Yonkers Police prides itself on focusing on victims and their families and doing whatever we can to deliver justice for them. I hope that these arrests bring some degree of closure to Pamela’s family and friends; and I applaud the extraordinary efforts of our Cold Case Detectives in closing out this case after so many years – well done!”

Latimer, Westchester County Mark Two Year Anniversary of First COVID Case; 2,687 Deaths



To commemorate the two-year anniversary of Westchester County’s first confirmed coronavirus case, a ceremony was held March 3 in the lobby of the Michaelian Office Building, one of two locations for the County’s “Ribbons of Remembrance” memorial, with another location at Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers. The Ribbons of Remembrance memorial in both locations, is a place to attach ribbons in memory of loved ones lost to COVID-19. To date, the County has lost 2,687 lives to the virus.

County Executive George Latimer said, in the past two years, Westchester residents have rallied together but are still in many ways grieving and healing, “What today is about is remembering those we have lost not as merely an integer or statistic, but as human beings and the valued members of our community that they were. The past two years have been filled with low points and dark days but we must push on and we must believe that we will beat back this pandemic with vaccinations and smart choices.”

The event started at 2p.m. with an interfaith prayer service led by Reverend Tim Dalton, Rabbi Howard Goldsmith and Imam Shaffieq Chace. Music was provided by the White Plains High School String Ensemble.

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “March 3 is a day many of us would like to forget, but it is a day we must all remember. It was at that point that we, as a society, changed – but we live to tell the tale. While we have had incredible loss, we have also seen our incredible strength and devotion to one another. Each one of the lives lost will never be forgotten.”

Westchester County Board Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said: “We hope and pray that the darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic are behind us. We look forward to a new life of celebrating milestones face to face, not over Zoom; learning, working, and having fun again together in the flesh. But we know we are forever changed — and that’s especially true for those of us who lost loved ones to this deadly scourge. Today, and every day, we remember them. We offer our strength to those left with a hole in their lives and pain in their hearts. We also have seen the cracks COVID exposed in society, cracks we must work to repair. We commit ourselves to continuing vigilance against future variants, to helping families and businesses recover, to supporting those still suffering with long COVID, and to providing mental health support especially for our children. The pandemic has reminded us that the journey from darkness to light is one we bear best when we make it together.”

Reverend Tim Dalton said: “We remember them today with faith. We give thanks for them with hope that we will be reunited. And we honor them with our love and life.”

Rabbi Howard Goldsmith said: “It is an honor to participate in this important moment of memory for our county. While things are safer now than they have ever been, we are still losing dear members of our community to this awful disease. Jewish tradition reminds us that protecting life is our first obligation as children of God. As we begin to live life more normally, we must always balance our freedoms with our obligation to keep others in our community safe.”

Imam Shaffieq Chace said: “The lesson we all should learn from this virus is just how the world came together and unite to fight it by coming up with a vaccine in a timeframe that was impossible to accomplish before. This morning it was announced on channel 12 news that if you test positive at your pharmacy you will be

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Spano and Meier Pass on Congressional Challenge to Bowman; Vedat Gashi Steps Up



County Legislator and Congressional candidate Vedat Gashi

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Legislator Vedat Gashi, has announced that he will challenge Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a democratic primary in the redrawn 16th Congressional District. The district now runs from the Bronx, through Yonkers, all of way up to Northern Westchester and Putnam County.

Yonkers Rising has learned that Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier will not challenge Rep. Bowman. Both had explored the race, with Spano conducting some polling, which found that Spano would be competitive in a one-on-one race with Bowman, but as one Yonkers democrat told us, “it’s a monumental undertaking to challenge an incumbent Congressman.”

Meier has also contemplating a challenge to Bowman, which included discussions with local democratic chairs in Westchester. “I took a look at it but I withdrew and I’m supporting Gashi,” said Meier.

Gashi formally announced on March 8, with a pledge to champion Democratic values and principles that deliver for everyday New Yorkers.

“My family came to America as refugees. I grew up in the Bronx and now I’m raising my family in Westchester. This country gave my family a chance at the American dream. My campaign is about ensuring that all New Yorkers have a shot at the American dream by fighting to protect working families and expanding the middle class.

“Our country is at a critical point in terms of domestic and foreign policy. But with a struggling economy, failing infrastructure, and voting and reproductive rights under assault, we need leadership that unites our country towards a common purpose. On the international stage, the world is pulling together to isolate and punish Russia for its unprovoked attack against the Ukrainian people. As a refugee, I know firsthand the importance of the world speaking with one voice in the face of aggression. Whether it’s leading on issues at home or abroad, our community deserves a representative who is in line with our party’s core values, will put progress before posturing and will work to get things done,” said Gashi.

“I believe in the promise of America and what we can achieve when we’re united. I look forward to continuing my conversation with residents to learn more about their concerns and share my vision of how we can strengthen our country and create a fairer New York that works for everyone.”

Gashi is serving his second term on the county board representing the 4th District, which includes Yorktown and Somers. He is a graduate of Lakeland High School in Yorktown.

Gashi is running as a democratic moderate and has already highlighted Bowman’s not vote on the \$1.4 Trillion infrastructure bill.

Rep. Bowman recently proposed gun violence legislation, in a letter to President Biden. See page 4.

To the Editor:

It’s National School Breakfast Week and No Kid Hungry New York wants to extend a big thank you to the hardworking folks at Yonkers schools who prepare and serve meals to our kids every day.

1 in 5 kids in our state may face hunger, and thousands of kids in Yonkers depend on school breakfast for a good start to their school day. With the pandemic and inflation making it harder for families to put food on the table, too many kids come to school on an empty stomach. We know what that can mean: trouble focusing, poorer attendance, lower test scores and a higher risk of chronic diseases.

Making school breakfast part of a child’s school day ensures that kids can grow up healthier, feel better and succeed in class.

All of this wouldn’t be possible without the help of the many school nutrition professionals who come to work in the early hours every morning to prep and serve meals. Throughout the pandemic—even when schools were closed—they’ve ensured our kids’ nutritional needs are met.

This National School Breakfast Week, we celebrate the importance of school breakfast and the role school nutrition professionals play in providing healthy, accessible meals to the thousands of children across New York.

—Rachel Sabella, Director of No Kid Hungry New York

Washington, Rochambeau and the Grand Reconnaissance

The Grand Reconnaissance was the joint French American military operation in Westchester County and the Bronx, in July 1781. It is an overlooked moment in the history of the American Revolution, but it was a pivotal moment for the fate of the young United States. From their joint encampment in Greenburgh, the French and Americans troops moved to southern Westchester and spent three days surveying the British strength in upper Manhattan to determine if a successful attack there was possible. It soon became clear that it was not, and the allies made the fateful decision to march together to Yorktown, Virginia, where they were victorious, and the British General Lord Cornwallis surrendered to them. Without this Reconnaissance, U.S. history could have had a much different outcome. Dr. Iris de Rode, author and lecturer, will share her findings on the Grand Reconnaissance, based on a report of one of its participants, the Major General Chastellux (1734-1788).

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Dr. Iris de Rode, author and lecturer, earned her doctoral degree in France in 2019 and has done extensive research on the French participation in the American Revolution, based on unpublished French sources. During her lecture, she will share her findings on the Grand Reconnaissance, based on a report of one of its participants, the Major General Chastellux (1734-1788).

Forum Participants: Dr. Erik Weisberg, Nick Dambowski, Constance Keloce

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It's a Crazy World We Live In



By Eric W. Schoen

Where do I start. Crazy weather, 70+ degrees on Monday. On Tuesday as we go to press, the winds are blowing and the temperature is in the 40’s. Snow predicted for later in the week. These temperature changes are no fun for many of us with bad backs. Should we blame it on Global Warning. Or is it simply March coming in like a lion and going out (hopefully) like a lamb?

Gas prices hit a record \$4.17 a gallon. Maybe in Arkansas but not around these parts. The United States cutting off imports of fuel from Russia? Didn’t I hear Trump and Biden and the Democrats and Republicans who served as President before them state we were not relying on foreign oil? The end of Covid restrictions have more people going back to the office with sticker shock when they fill up their gas tanks.

How many more Senators and Congressman are going to call on the United States government to lift the gas tax and open up our petroleum reserves. Whenever gas prices go up we here these cries from Congress. Does it ever happen? Or are our leaders in Washington just saying this stuff to make us feel good!

Russia. What they are doing to the poor Ukrainians is terrible. But when will we learn that you can’t trust the leaders of Russia, whether it be Putin or his predecessors. Russia wants world dominance. They will always want world dominance.

You come to Yonkers and so many of the Barber Shops owned by Italian men have been taken over by Russians, many of them Jewish. They are smart. They know the government of Russia is always up to its old tricks, and they escape to the United States of America.

Nothing is more representative of our country than baseball. The players in 2022 make more money than Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. They get better benefits, have better working conditions, gorgeous new ball parks quite often subsidized with taxpayer, yes that means our money. They are not playing at the Polo Grounds. They get treated like kings and if you want an autograph kid you better be ready to pay for it!

With all the money players and the team owners make, as we come out of a pandemic where we all need things in our lives to make us happy like a nice summer day at the ballpark, buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks, the players and owners can’t come to a financial agreement to make both sides happy? Both sides should be ashamed of themselves.

And you know when they come to an agreement all it will mean is higher prices to go to the ballgame. Higher prices to park your car. Higher prices for peanuts and Cracker Jacks and dirty water hot dogs sold by the man coming up and down the aisles of the stadium! I hope they go back to 9 inning games for double headers. Even though to make money expect fewer double headers on the schedule or separate admission ones!

The pandemic is over or at least we are at the point where we are learning to live with it like the flu or a common cold. Look how quickly Queen Elizabeth, 95 years old overcame Covid and stood side by side with the Canadian Prime Minister. And can you please explain to me why people at a big park like Tibbetts are wearing masks outdoors?

If you want to wear a mask it is your right to wear one and no one whether it be a government official in Florida or a person at a store that says masks are optional should shame you because you are doing what you want to do. The ability to select whether or not you want to wear a mask. Isn’t that what people like the Governor of Florida have been preaching all through the pandemic?

New York’s former Governor on a comeback tour? Spending the millions he has in campaign funds to try to prove to us that he is a knight in shining armor! Going to a church to preach not for forgiveness but to boost his own ego. Thank god the Attorney General of New York State promptly put this man with loose hands and an ego bigger than our former President in his place.

As of this weekend there will be no print edition of the local paper the Journal News. So what will all those people who want to read the local obituaries (one of the main reasons why people read the paper) or the news 2 days old do? How about the municipalities that designate an official daily newspaper for legal notices. And legal notices from a variety of sources that must be in print.

I think that’s enough craziness for this week. Now onto some positive things . Yonkers is the Happiest City New York City in the Country!

According to an online publication called Wallethub, Yonkers ranks as the happiest city in New York State and 44th Happiest City in the Nation. I’ll tell you why!

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Rep. Bowman Proposes Plan to President Biden to Address Gun Violence



Congressman Jamaal Bowman

Congressman Jamaal Bowman, in a letter to President Joe Biden, proposed several actions the President could take to help ensure public safety and address the gun violence epidemic.

“Thank you for your efforts to address the immense toll that gun violence continues to take across the country. I write to highlight its impact in my district NY-16 in particular, and to call on you to use your executive authority to take further urgently needed action on gun violence. The federal government must use all available powers to help communities combat violence and heal from the trauma it leaves behind. I’m committed to working with my colleagues to advance legislation out of Congress, including the lifesaving H.R. 8 and H.R.1446. Until that work is finalized, it is critical to put in place executive actions to comprehensively address gun violence holistically as a public health crisis,” writes Rep. Bowman.

“The experience and impact of violence in my community is not isolated to any one event. Only weeks ago, a 16-year old boy from New Rochelle was fatally shot and killed by another teenager with a 9mm ghost handgun.³ This recent gun violence has shaken our community and left many wondering what will be done to stop this from happening again. The executive actions outlined by advocates represent a strong range of proactive steps necessary to respond effectively and bolster efforts by states and local governments to prevent gun violence. Gun violence is a public health crisis and we need a whole-of-government response.”

Congressman Bowman proposed several executive actions the President could take to:

- Identify Gun Violence Prevention as a Priority Issue
- Address Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis
- Strengthen the Background Check System
- Enhance Oversight of the Gun Industry
- Implement Measures to Address Domestic and International Gun Trafficking
- Focus on Firearm Suicide
- Ensure the Safety of all Students
- Disarm Armed White Supremacists and Protect Peaceful Protests and Voting

Duo Tapas Bar’s Liquor License Suspended

Editor’s Note: We ran this story online at YonkersTimes.com last month, but did not get it into the print edition until now.

On Feb. 9, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) summarily suspended the license of S & S Duo LLC, also known as “Duo Tapas Bar and Lounge,” at 748 Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers today. The suspension was ordered by Chairman Vincent Bradley, Commissioner Lily Fan, and Commissioner Greeley Ford at a special meeting of the Full Board on February 9, 2022. Effective immediately, no alcohol may be sold or consumed on the premises.

On February 6, 2022, at 2:09 am, officers with the Yonkers Police Department were called to the licensed premises in response to a 911 call. Two employees had been shot after a fight had broken out between two groups inside the premises. Both victims were transported to a nearby hospital where.

On February 8, 2022, the SLA charged Duo Tapas Bar and Lounge with multiple violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, including operating a disorderly premises, becoming a focal point for police attention, a sustained pattern of noise and misconduct, using a DJ in violation of their approved method of operation, and failure to supervise. During the suspension, the SLA will prosecute these violations, the maximum penalty for which is revocation of the license.

“SLA license holders have an obligation to maintain orderly operations,” said SLA Chairman Vincent Bradley. “This business has failed to uphold the obligations required by a license holder and the Board is taking action to enforce those expectations and support local law enforcement.”

The State Administrative Procedure Act authorizes a State agency to summarily suspend a license when the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action. When the SLA summarily suspends a license, it also serves a Notice of Pleading alleging one or more disciplinary violations. In invoking a summary suspension, the SLA has deemed the violation to be sufficiently serious upon initial review to warrant an immediate suspension. The SLA’s decision to summarily suspend a license is not a final determination on the merits of the case. The licensee is entitled to a prompt hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

The bar has received numerous complaints from neighboring residents, which resulted in State Senator Shelley Mayer, and Councilmembers John Rubbo and Anthony Merante calling on the bar to be closed and its liquor license revoked after the shooting. Yonkers Police arrested Yaquba Jaquan Mcgougain, 29 of Peekskill, New York, with one count of Murder 2 in the death of Antonio Antoine-Filis, an employee of the club.

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The incident has been picked by media across the country, and in Canada and Great Britain. Everyone loves to report on an airport road rage incident, and especially one that many people shot video from their cell phones.

Watch the video at YonkersTime.Com

<http://yonkerstimes.com/yonkers-man-tasered-at-orlando-airport-for-attacking-woman-children-in-drunken-rage/>

Yonkers Mayor Spano Announces Additional Traffic Improvements Along McLean Avenue

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced traffic improvements to address congestion issues along the McLean Avenue corridor, specifically McLean Ave between Putnam Ave and Midland Ave. The City of Yonkers heeded residents’ calls to further improve traffic flow along the busy street, this time designating new school bus pick-up and drop-off locations, among other improvements.

“Yonkers understands the frustration residents and commuters experience in the mornings and afternoons, with school buses causing serious delays along major roadways,” said Mayor Spano. “My administration has already made significant improvements to traffic flow on McLean Avenue, and now working with the Yonkers Public Schools, have created a new school bus stop making traffic flow seamless during peak hours.”

After a month of observing traffic patterns along McLean Avenue, the City of Yonkers Traffic Engineering Department implemented the following changes as of Monday, March 7:

- The school bus stop has been moved to Harrison Avenue with signage indicating “No Parking Any Time”
- The opposite side of the street has signage indicating “No Standing Any Time”
- Additional signage will be posted on Harrison Avenue in both directions approaching the school bus stop area, indicating “Bus Stop Ahead”
- Parking on McLean Avenue between Putnam Avenue and Tibbetts Road, has been strategically eliminated during peak traffic hours, Monday through Friday 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm to mitigate traffic congestion
- Spring 2022, the City will upgrade the crosswalks at the McLean Avenue and Tibbetts Road/Harrison Avenue intersection
- Traffic signal improvements will be made to some McLean Avenue traffic signals to improve traffic flow

The recent improvements are in addition to Mayor Spano’s traffic plan enacted in October 2021 to alleviate congestion in other sections of McLean Avenue.

Regeneron to Invest \$1.4 Billion in Tarrytown Campus Expansion



By Dan Murphy

In what is one of the largest development projects to come before the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency, the IDA Board on February 25 voted preliminary approval of financial incentives for Phase 2 of Regeneron’s major expansion of its Tarrytown campus. The 724,000-square-foot project represents a total investment by Regeneron of \$1.39 billion resulting in the creation of at least 700 new full-time jobs and nearly 800 construction jobs.

“Today’s historic vote by the IDA is an important affirmation of Westchester County’s ongoing commitment to economic development and job creation. The financial incentives to be provided to Regeneron by the IDA will result in tremendous economic dividends for our County with hundreds of new construction jobs as well as hundreds of new well-paying jobs in the booming life sciences industry,” said Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

“The Westchester IDA applauds Regeneron for its continued investment in our County’s economy with this major expansion of its Tarrytown campus. Today’s significant vote is yet another example of how the IDA is working to promote economic development in Westchester by creating, attracting and retaining jobs,” said IDA Chair Joan McDonald.

The new facility would house multiple new R&D laboratories, administrative buildings, and amenities supporting the company’s important work of turning groundbreaking science into much needed medicines. The project would encompass the design, construction and fit-out of up to eight buildings, three parking garages, and a central utility plant. The project, which has received approval from the Town of Greenburgh Planning Department, would begin between April and June of this year, and is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

According to an economic impact report prepared for the IDA by Camoin Associates, construction of the project will result in 789 jobs during the construction phase, generating \$100 million in total earnings. A cost benefit analysis shows that Regeneron’s project will generate a return of approximately \$1.62 County tax revenue for each \$1.00 of County incentives awarded which is at the top of the range of projects previously approved by the IDA.

Regeneron, an industry-leading biotechnology company and Westchester’s largest private employer, currently has more than 3,300 full-time employees at its corporate and R&D headquarters at 777 Old Saw Mill River Road in Tarrytown. Founded and led by physician-scientists, the company has nine FDA-approved treatments and numerous product candidates in development, almost all of which were invented in Regeneron’s Tarrytown laboratories. Its medicines help people with eye diseases, allergic and inflammatory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, rare diseases and infectious diseases like COVID-19 and Ebola.

Regeneron indicated that it considered alternative sites in New Jersey for the expansion and requested a sales tax exemption of approximately \$47.5 million and real property tax exemption of approximately \$125.3 million. In addition to the financial assistance sought from the IDA, Regeneron has been granted \$100 million in other public incentives to partially defray the cost of the proposed project capital investment.

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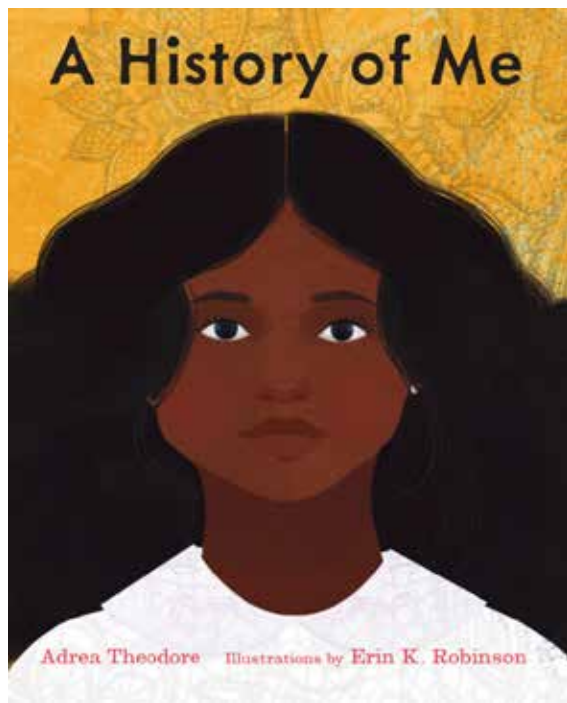


Who is your hero? Women's History Month is being celebrated by highlighting our staff and their biggest role models. Meet Haifa Bint-Kadi, pictured above, artist, curator of the Riverfront Art Gallery and arts educator at Yonkers Public Library. She is an exceptional educator with a deep connection to the community. One of her role models is Bell Hooks, who was a writer, an activist and an educator.

According to Haifa, "I discovered her writing in college and through her work I understood the intersectionality of being a woman and a person of color. She gave me words to understand and describe my lived experiences. She's published over 40 books and writings and in so many of them she seeks to describe and eliminate systematic oppressions and racism. I consult her writings at every turn and they certainly have influenced my identity and my passion for art and activism. My heart broke when she passed last year, but I will never stop acknowledging how her work has shaped my life." bell hooks also wrote many children's books, including "Homemade Love," which she is pictured reading to a child here.

Reserve one of bell hooks' books today: <https://bit.ly/3pKAD80>

Need Something to Read Your Kids?



Need something to read your kids? Check out "A History of Me" by Adrea Theodore. As our Children's Librarian Laura C. writes "this moving intergenerational story follows a young girl as she navigates being the only brown student in her class, and how that affects her experience of learning about slavery and the Civil Rights movement.

She's made to feel like an outsider when her classmates stare at her during these lessons, but she tries to focus on what she's learned from her mother and her own family history: to be grateful for her education, and more importantly, to be grateful for being exactly who she is. With beautiful illustrations and an inspiring message about what it means to tap into your own inner strength,

'A History of Me' is an absolute must read." You can check it out here: <https://bit.ly/3vsoOas>

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be able to get the antiviral medication to treat you right there free of charge. What an accomplishment! It shows when UNITED what we can accomplish. If we unite in this way not only in science but in our politics, in our faith and in other ways we can stop so many other viruses like inequality, racism, poverty and even what's happening in Eastern Europe and elsewhere."

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler "March 3 is a difficult day as we remember the thousands of people we have lost to this devastating disease. Two years later, we have learned first-hand just how important vaccinations and boosters are to preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death. This anniversary should serve as a reminder to everyone to take their health seriously. Every life is precious, and we do not want to see one more family suffer a loss to COVID-19."

Notice of formation of LOREDANA VICARI PHOTOGRAPHY LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 10/6/21 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : C/O LOREDANA VICARI PHOTOGRAPHY LLC , 125 Dunwoodie Street Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Valentine Homestead, With George Washington and "Farmer" Valentine in Foreground.

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

Monday, March 14th

March 14, 1932: The Yonkers Herald, the independent Democratic paper owned by Frank Xavier, published its last issue. The paper would be merged with the Republican Yonkers Statesman and published as The Herald Statesman as an "independent organ."

March 14, 1947: Caryl Avenue resident Joseph Deatcher performed what was considered a miracle in Glasgow, Scotland, at least by his mother, who hadn't seen him since 1923. Previously arranged, Joseph called her long-distance; this was the first time his mom used a phone. The call was put into the local Police station, another first; the station had never received an overseas call. They had to pile up 6 large ledgers for mom to sit and speak on the phone.

Tuesday, March 15th

March 15, 1944: The Swedish diplomatic repatriation ship Gripsholm docked at Jersey City with more than 900 returning Americans, including two from Yonkers. Sister Romualda, former Superior of St. Casimir's Convent, and John Wenzel had been interned in Germany and Nazi occupied France.

March 15, 1945: Former Yonkers resident Harry Stradling won the Oscar for Cinematography for "The Picture of Dorian Gray!" His wife, the former Ann Linsenbarth, daughter of Albert Linsenbarth who worked forty years for the Yonkers Herald and very active in Exempt Firemen's organizations. YPD Second Precinct Sergeant Leslie Linsenbarth was her brother.

Wednesday, March 16th

March 16, 1930: The Westchester County Historical Society chose a ten-ton boulder, found near Central Avenue, to mark the site of the old Valentine homestead on Valentine Hill. An important part of American history, General George Washington camped his troops there several times, including the "Grand Reconnaissance" of Washington and Rochambeau July 1781. Home of the Valentine family from pre-revolutionary times, it now is the site of St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

March 16, 1940: Samuel Untermeyer passed away at his winter home The Willows in Palm Springs. His family brought Untermeyer back to Yonkers for his funeral, held at his Greystone estate on North Broadway.

Thursday, March 17th

March 17, 1931: The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce went on record strongly opposing the proposed secession of the eastern portion of Yonkers to Bronxville.

March 17, 1937: Dr. John Dill, Yonkers Academy of Medicine Chairman of the Public Health Committee, announced more than sixty physicians volunteered to donate several hours weekly to treat pre-school children whose parents couldn't afford medical care for their children.

Friday, March 18th

March 18, 1923: Princeton University announced Yonkers HS star athlete Charles Caldwell would be starting pitcher of its baseball team; he also played varsity football for the Tigers. The resident of Lawrence Street, one of Princeton's greatest athletes, had won seven letters at Princeton, three for football, three for baseball and one for basketball. He played for semi-professional teams in Yonkers, often for the Kennedy All Stars and spent 1925 with the New York Yankees as a pitcher. He went on to coach football, basketball and baseball at Williams College; he later returned to Princeton as Head Coach of both the football and baseball teams.

March 18, 1942: The Herald Statesman brought comfort to another Yonkers home, the Durkin family of Arden Place. Their son William, US Army, was away fighting; the family had no idea where. While looking through the paper, they saw a large picture of a mass held on a convoy heading to Australia. Who did they spot at the service? Their son William!

Saturday, March 19th

March 19, 1890: St. Joseph's Hospital officially opened on the feast of St. Joseph. Although a snowstorm slowed mail and transportation, a large number of people attended the opening. St. Mary's pastor Rev. Charles Corley blessed the building, leading clergy on a candlelight procession while sprinkling holy water to consecrate the building. Father Corley then celebrated solemn high mass in the new chapel, with music supplied by the Mount St. Vincent choir. All guests continued celebrating with a delicious dinner, no doubt served by the good Sisters. St. Joseph's Hospital was ready to serve the people of Yonkers!

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Notice of formation of Molcan Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/9/2021. 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, 34 Wickes Ave Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Town of Yorktown Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program announces the acceptance of preliminary applications for housing assistance during the dates of April 28th, 2022 at 12:01 am through April 29th, 2022 at 11:59 pm. ET. The list will close immediately following the aforementioned timeframe.

Pre-applications will **only be accepted online**. The Town of Yorktown has no preferences of any kind. Applicants do not need to rush to apply as this wait list is not on a first- come, first-served basis. All pre-applicants will have an equal opportunity of being selected. Five hundred qualified applicants will be placed on the list by random lottery.

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If you are a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation in order to submit an application, please contact the Section 8 office in writing (must include a phone contact number), post marked no later than April 22, 2022.



Notice of formation of Thomas Family Taste LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LCC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 268 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Gelpdawg Media LLC..Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on 12/01/2021. Office location: Westchester County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 428 Marlborough Rd., Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

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Wallethub Names Yonkers Saint Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Ave. 9th Best in the USA!

<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-cities-for-st-patricks-day-celebrations/19603>

Wallethub writes, "Believe it or not, the first ever St. Patrick's Day parade didn't take place in Ireland. Its roots are actually in the U.S., though some say Boston while others claim New York. Regardless, what began as a Catholic feast day and gained more recognition with a parade in the 18th Century is today one of America's biggest cultural holidays. More than 31 million people in the U.S. claim Irish ancestry – that's more than six times the population of Ireland. As this lucky group of people expanded over the centuries, so too did American St. Paddy's Day traditions. Chicago, for instance, gained fame for dyeing its river green, while other places are now known for their elaborate pageants, pub crawls or long processions of marching bagpipers."

"But not every city that celebrates St. Patrick's Day is worth kissing the Irish for. WalletHub compared 200 of the largest cities across 18 key metrics to find the best places to wear green and save some, too. Our data set ranges from Irish pubs and restaurants per capita to the lowest price for a three-star hotel on St. Patrick's Day to the weather forecast.

The top 10 are: Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, San Francisco, Reno, Naperville Illinois, Tampa, Yonkers, Buffalo, and New York City was ranked #11. Cheers to Yonkers for #9 but NYC deserves to be in the Top 10 or Top 5?

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Pat's efforts often make a difference in the lives of children. In the 1980's, her family participated in the "Irish Children's Summer Program", hosting several Catholic and Protestant children for six weeks each summer. Some continue to stay in touch as adults. In 1993, expanding on the Christmas Toy Drive concept, Pat and Larry created "The Great Birthday Caper", providing birthday gifts to children and teens in group residences. For over 25 years, Caper Sponsors have given Birthday and Christmas gifts to scores of children and teens each year at facilities such as Cardinal McCloskey, Andrus Children's Home, St. Christopher's Home, and Children's Village. Pat inspires her Caper helpers: Jean Tickell, Shannon Daugherty and Raissa Fitzgerald.

Pat was an active volunteer at Christ the King Parish and School. In 1997, Pat and Larry were instrumental in creating the Msgr. John J. Foley Scholarship Trust Fund in honor of the late long-time Pastor. Over \$180,000 was raised from a one-time solicitation, and was used to give financial aid to Parish School families in need.

As a parishioner of Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart, Pat is a member of the Blessed Father Solanus Casey Prayer Group, and has volunteered at St. John's Hospital as Eucharistic Minister for over 15 years.

Pat was City Chairman for the March of Dimes Mothers March against Birth Defects and a Member of the March of Dimes Board of Directors. She served on the Boards of the Amackassin Club and the Northern Ireland Children's Enterprises (NICE). Just a few of her awards and recognitions are: The Mayor's Community Relations Committee Women's Equality Award, March of Dimes Appreciation Award, Andrus Award, and the 2010 Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Women of Excellence Award. In 2019, Pat and Larry were inducted into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame.

This year's Aides to the Grand Marshal are: Annmarie Acosta, Father William Cleary, Joan Henchy, Timothy Hodges, Sean P. Mayer, Richard McSpedon, Jr., William J. Saich, Nancy Walsh.

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Westchester Republicans Split on Who Should Run Against Hochul for Governor; Zeldin Wins Convention, But Westchester residents Astorino & Wilson Still in the Race



Rob Astorino, left, and Harry Wilson

By Dan Murphy

Will there be a Red Wave of Republican support across Westchester County, and New York State this November, as residents and voters cast their votes against bail reform, soaring gas prices and inflation?

Two Westchester residents are hoping that the answer is yes and that they will be on the top of the republican ticket as the GOP nominees for Governor. Former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, and businessman Harry Wilson are two of four republicans out collecting signatures to compete in a GOP primary in June.

Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin won the GOP convention held on March 1, and was selected by 85% of the delegates to be the party's nominee for Governor. But two days after the GOP convention, a Zogby/Unite NY poll found that Astorino would do best against Governor Kathy Hochul in a one on one matchup this November.

The poll has Hochul with a 49%-35% lead over Astorino, (+14), a 50%-35% lead over Congressman Lee Zeldin, a 50%-34% lead over Harry Wilson, and a 52%-33% lead over Andrew Guiliani.

"Rob Astorino is the only Republican candidate for governor holding Kathy Hochul under the important 50% mark in the latest Zogby Poll. And unlike two other GOP candidates in the race, Rob hasn't even started running TV ads yet," writes Astorino campaign manager Phil Oliva, in an email to supporters.

"This poll is bad news for Hochul. A Marist poll eight years ago to the day had Rob down 40 points to Cuomo. Rob ended up closing that gap by nearly 27 points. He only needs to close a 14-point gap this time and the political winds are certainly with us. For further perspective, George Pataki was trailing Mario Cuomo by 12 points in a Zogby poll from Spring of 1994 and we all know how that election turned out."

In 2010, republican Harry Wilson narrowly lost the race for NYS Comptroller to democrat Tom DiNapoli, 51%-46%, the closest a republican has come to winning statewide office in a generation. On Feb. 22, Wilson announced that he is running in the republican primary for Governor of New York.

"I'm running for Governor to turn around New York. Our state is totally broken. Rising crime, sky-high taxes, closed schools, corrupt politicians. I've spent my career turning around failing organizations. Let's get this done," said Wilson, a Westchester resident and native of Johnstown, in upstate New York.

In a two-minute video message Wilson laid out his message of "Cleaning Up Albany." "Hard-working people have had problem after problem caused by Albany. We don't have to sit idly by and watch it get worse. A career politician can't fix it, but I can."

"The career politicians and Albany insiders have abused the taxpayers for too long. Corruption has been rampant. The last two elected governors, Andrew Cuomo and Eliot Spitzer, have resigned in disgrace. Enough is enough. Harry Wilson is an outsider who can't be bought. He's not part of the Albany political club where corruption seems to just be another day at the office. Instead, he'll clean it up. He'll enact a tough ethics plan, term limits for all elected officials, and he'll hold the politicians accountable. And if the politicians don't start putting the people first, Harry will make sure they don't get paid."

Lowering Taxes and getting tough on crime are two issues highlighted by Wilson in his campaign kickoff message. "I'll end bloated budgets, repeal the Cuomo-Hochul tax hikes, and keep going. It won't be easy. The politicians want business as usual. But they've never met someone like me. I'm running for governor to give every single family across this state the future they deserve."

"New York gets more unaffordable every year. The politicians in Albany waste more money than any other state. As a result, our taxes are sky high. Harry will turn that around. He'll repeal every Cuomo/Hochul tax increase and then keep going after that."

"Violent crime has spiked dramatically in New York. Instead of supporting the police and getting tough on crime, the politicians have coddled criminals and pushed to defund the police. Harry Wilson will take the opposite approach. He'll be tough on crime and back the police. He'll increase funding for police and put more police on the street. If a liberal prosecutor doesn't want to enforce the law, Wilson will fire the prosecutor. Wilson will eliminate cashless bail."

Harry Wilson is the founder and CEO of the MAEVA Group, a firm that specializes in trying to turn around struggling businesses. He was a senior adviser for President Barack Obama's Task Force on the Auto Industry, a panel that helped oversee the bailout of General Motors and Chrysler in 2009. Wilson got 6% of the GOP delegates support at the NY Convention last week, and has begun to air TV ads.

Andrew Guiliani, son of former NYC Mayor Rudy Guiliani, got 1% of the vote at the convention, but continues to poll well among conservative and ultra-conservative NY voters.

The first test for all four republicans is to collect enough signatures to get on the ballot for a GOP Primary in June. Petitions are being circulated now.

Still unclear is whether a Red Wave of republican support will happen, and can still happen in Westchester. Westchester democratic opinions are mixed about what will happen this fall, with some believing that they will win big with Governor Hochul on top of the ticket. Others are fearful that a Red Wave could happen if the trend continues over the summer, regarding inflation, bail reform and gas prices.

One democrat told us that "our party can't wait for November, with Lee Zeldin on top of the republican ticket, it will be hard for any of their local candidates to win." Westchester republicans are putting up several candidates for Assembly and Senate races in the hopes of a Red Wave. We wait for that list of candidates.



Spring Ahead Set Your Clocks on March 13

Adjust your clocks Saturday night! Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2:00 A.M. At this time, we "spring forward" one hour!

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March 19, 1928: Transatlantic flyer Ruth Elder visited Yonkers City Hall and Yonkers Mayor Thomas Larkin. Dubbed the "Miss America of Aviation," she was the first woman to attempt flight across the Atlantic. Captain George Haldeman and Elder flew in the Stinson Detroiter called "American Girl;" after battling storms for several hours while experiencing engine trouble, they sighted the Dutch tanker Bar-endrecht and set down near the ship. Shortly after their rescue, the plane exploded. Booked at Loew's Theater for three days to talk about the hazards of transatlantic flight, she was paid \$1000 per day.

Sunday March 20th

March 20, 1942: Schools Superintendent William Ankenbrand's insistence that all Board of Education actions be done according to the letter of law caused a bit of consternation for School Trustee Patrick Reilly. It was Reilly's job to read the resolutions; unfortunately, there were several dozen janitorial transfers, resignations, and new appointments. He began reading just the names, but soon was interrupted by Dr. Ankenbrand. Apparently he had to read the salary for each man, so Reilly restarted the process, reading and reading... and reading! At the very end, Ankenbrand announced, "All these janitor appointments and transfers will save us the sum of \$206.84 per year!"

March 20, 1945: Councilman Edith Welty, lobbying for permanent appointment of two Yonkers Policewomen, publicly praised the work of Helen O'Lear and Helen Murphy, the first policewomen in the history of Yonkers. Appointed during the war emergency, the women were able, according to Welty, to "see things that some patrolmen look at, but never see!"

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

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According to an online publication called Wallethub, Yonkers ranks as the happiest city in New York State and 44th Happiest City in the Nation. I'll tell you why!

On March 19 Yonkers will after a 2 year hiatus host it's grand St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue, the 'Emerald Mile' of Yonkers with the finest Grand Marshall a parade could ever have, Pat McCrudden. Pat and her husband Larry do so much for our community, and Pat's recognition is long overdue. You could not pick a finer, fairer person than Pat. Two days earlier on St. Patrick's Day WVOX 1460 AM honors their morning hosts, Dennis Nardone and Miss Tonny from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Mirage Cafe and Restaurant across from Iona College, hosted by the legendary Bill O'Shaughnessy!

Chick-Fil-A, a place loved by so many fast food junkies will open a location at the old HSBC branch on Central Avenue in Yonkers. I haven't had Chick-Fil-A in years, and was never a big fan of their crinkle cut fries that tasted like the ones mom made out of the Birds Eye bag when we were kids. But I'll give it a second chance now that they have non fried foods and salads and wraps on the menu.

Yonkers Brewing Company is serving a 1.5 pound mega burger. Nothing better than a juicy burger from this Yonkers institution. It's meant for 1 but I am sure they will let you share it with a buddy or someone special in your life!

Pizza Barn is safely ensconced at their new location on Central Park Avenue across from the Raceway. There you will find the Super Slice, a giant slice of pizza that is perfect for sharing!

Not too far away are Yonkers institutions like DeLite European Style Bakery, Clairmont Diner serving some of the biggest portions at reasonable prices, Louie and Johnnies serving great Italian food and three stores catering to the large Yonkers Italian Community right next to each other across from the Raceway. The food at these institutions and others in a 3 block radius will bring smiles to your face and not hurt your wallet too badly!

And finally, Target at Cross County Mall in the old John Wanamaker's/Sears building is looking like it's getting getting more and more ready everyday to open its doors. Over 25 years since I first stepped into a Target in Los Angeles, California. For those of you who have never been in a Target I'll do a column ahead of time to tell you what to expect.

Beautiful city and county parks, a delightful waterfront where you can live, fish, dine or just sit and watch the boats go by, Yonkers has something for everyone! That's why it's the Happiest City in New York, host to Yonkers Rising and the Rising Media Group of Newspapers that you are reading. But to continue the paper going we need your support. Buy a reasonably priced advertisement for your business. A friend did recently and was impressed with the price and the business that came from an ad. Patronize those businesses who advertise. And make sure you read about all the happy things going on in Yonkers and throughout WESTCHESTER in these papers every week. Remember you can always find us at yonkerstimes.com!

A Brief: I attended the Dua Lipa concert at Madison Square Garden last week. What a fun concert. After the last two years we all need to find fun things to do. Whether it be Cher or Madonna or Dua Lipa, I like performers who fly in the air during their performance. Dua Lipa did not disappoint!

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Notice of formation of JGS Notary Services LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 10/28/21 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : C/O JGS Notary Services LLC , 588 Warburton Apt 2 Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Yonkers Steps Up for Ukraine! Ways that You Can Help

Photos by Maurice Mercado



Last week, Mayor Mike Spano joined with the Yonkers Police Department to donate ballistic vests and tactical helmets to Ukraine. Mayor Spano is pictured above with YPD members and members of the Ukrainian community from Yonkers. At right, Yonkers City Hall was lit in blue to express the city's support for Ukraine.

If you want to be sure that your donation to the Ukraine is ending up in the right hands, consider these groups.
Ukrainian American Youth Center, 301 Palisades Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. 914-476-6781. Items Needed: Children's clothing, Diapers all sizes, Baby products including: toys, cups, lotion, clothing, & over the counter medication

• Monetary donations can also be dropped off in person at **SUMA (Yonkers) Federal Credit Union**, 125 Corporate Boulevard, Yonkers, NY 10701 (Checks made payable to UCCA). For more information, contact Jaroslaw Palylyk, President of the local Ukrainian Congress Committee of America at palylykj@gmail.com.

* **Afya Foundation**, 140 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. 914-920-5081.

afyafoundation.org/. This charitable non-profit, delivers supplies to suffering people all over the world, and they are good at it. Last weekend, 286 volunteers came out to the Afya warehouse in Yonkers to help us sort and prep materials for #Ukraine. Volunteers included nurses from New York State Nurses Association, volunteers with UJA-Federation of New York and Friends of Pound Ridge, and Matt Hennessy of the Atlanta Falcons. Volunteers sorted more than 24,000 pounds of medical supplies!

Congratulations YMA Girls Basketball on a Great Season

By Phil Foley

It was a great season for the Yonkers Montessori Academy Girl's basketball team. The Yonkers City Champs advanced to the finals of the SECTION 1-Class C Championship game where they met a tough Tuckahoe HS team and lost in a close game 45-41. The game took place March 5 at Yorktown HS. Too many turnovers, 22, doomed the Lady Eagles effort

Stars for YMA in this very valiant effort were as follows: Mary Scott had 11 points, 9 rebounds and 3 assists. Emma Reynolds also chipped in 11 points, Sinead McGourty and Emma Gleeson had six points each.

The Lady Eagles went 13-8 on the season and ranked number 2 in Class C for the season.

YMA is turning into a force in Girl's Soccer and Basketball. Both of their teams advanced to their Sectional finals only to lose in the championship games. With this year's experience a Section Championship could be coming soon.



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