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Yonkers Steps Up to Help Fire Victims: Illegal Marijuana Growing Caused the Fire



Thanks to the YFD for this photo which shows their excellence and dedication



Michael Damiano

On Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, shortly before 1 AM, Yonkers First Responders including Fire, Police, and EMS responded to reports of a residential building fire at 671 Bronx River Road, a seven-story 95-unit housing cooperative. Upon arrival members of the Yonkers Fire and Police Department immediately began rescue, firefighting, traffic and crowd control operations. Residents were evacuated, and approximately 65 persons were sheltered in the Scotti Community Center north of the fire scene with the assistance of the Office of Emergency Management and other City agencies.

Fire Departments from other jurisdictions assisted with mutual aid to combat the general alarm fire which was brought under control hours later. Dozens of firefighters and several residents suffered non-life-threatening injuries; sadly, a 67-year-old male resident of the 4th floor succumbed to injuries caused by the fire. Arson investigators initiated an investigation.

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Amara Valerio Gets Her Ticket to Hollywood: Watch the YMA Video from 2019 Where She Gets “Kanye’d”



Yonkers Says Congratulations Amara Valerio and good luck in Hollywood!
By Dan Murphy

Amara Valerio has been singing for most of her life, and she has lived most of her life in Yonkers. Amara was the Yonkers Junior Idol in 2014, and in 2019 she was asked to sing the National Anthem at the Yonkers Montessori Academy school.

What happened to Amara during that graduation has now been viewed by 11 Million people, and after American Idol on March 12, a total of 20 million people have viewed this unfortunate incident, in which Valerio turned a negative into a positive trip to Hollywood.

As Amara was singing the National Anthem, a YMA graduate walked over took the mike from her and said, “this is my senior graduation class and I would like to sing the National Anthem.”

A shocked Amara didn’t escalate the confrontation with this person, who should be ashamed of herself for what she did, and is now infamous, not only in Yonkers but across the country for her act of bullying, or what she called on Idol getting “Kanye’d” a reference to when Kanye West took the mike from Talyor Swift at the video music awards in 2009. “And the next year started COVID, so I never got to sing at my high school graduation,” explained Amara to the judges.

Amara also showed what a class act she was by withholding the video from the public for 3 years, until last summer when she decided to post it on Tik Tok. Her explanation for posting it was “I just want to reiterate that I posted this cus

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Happy St. Patrick’s Day Yonkers! The Parade is Saturday March 18



L-R: James J. Landy, Chairman of the Society; Author & former Navy Seal Robert O’Neill; Cardinal Timothy Dolan; Archbishop of New York, Guss Hayes, President of the Society. Photo by PhotoBureau Inc.



2023 Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald, left with City Councilman John Rubbo

By Dan Murphy

If you had to work on St. Patrick’s Day, Yonkers is ready to host the 66th Annual Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day on McLean Avenue this Saturday March 18. Many are excited about this year’s Grand Marshal, Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald, and his commitment to both Yonkers, and the Woodlawn portion of the Bronx, where he serves both communities as the pastor of St. Barnabas Church. The close bond that the Woodlawn and Yonkers/McLean Avenue community share is what makes the parade one of the best in New York State. The other great part of this parade is how it runs along McLean through the pubs and restaurants. It is a cozy parade, attended by thousands. The parade starts at 1pm, and we will meet you on McLean.

Yonkers IDA Votes Preliminary Approval for Incentives for Affordable Senior Rental Bldg.



A rendering of affordable senior housing planned for 345 McLean Avenue

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) voted at its March 6 monthly meeting preliminary approval of financial incentives for a \$56.8 million affordable housing project for low-income seniors.

Located at 345 McLean Avenue, the 12-story residential building will feature 105 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments for seniors 62 years of age and older whose income is at or below 60% of Westchester County’s Area Median Income (AMI). The studio apartment will be approximately 650 square feet, the one-bedroom apartments will range in size from 672 square feet to 767 square feet and the two bedroom apartments will range in size from 890 square feet to 928 square feet.

Residents of the building will have access to a community room equipped with computers, a library, recreational space, property managers office, Supportive Housing office, laundry room and bike storage. The building will have 53 covered and uncovered parking spaces.

The property is located on the east side of McLean Avenue, west of the Saw Mill River Parkway. It abuts Van Cortlandt Park in New York City to the south and a mix of residential and commercial properties to the north.

The building will meet the standard set by NYSERDA’s New Construction Multifamily Project and will incorporate several green and energy efficient features into the design.

The developer, Verus Development LLC, is requesting a 30-year property tax abatement. The project is expected to create 125 construction jobs. The general partner of the project is comprised of an entity owned by Verus Development and Yonkers Community Development Organization.

Verus Development is a subsidiary of Trinity Associates, LLC, a nationally recognized, private development company with over 30 years of development experience. Trinity has successfully developed and rehabilitated both affordable and market rate housing throughout Westchester, Dutchess and Queens totaling over \$140 million.

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15th Annual Yonkers Idol Searches for Its Next Singing Sensations

Kicks-Off Saturday, April 1st at Lincoln High School



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation and the Untermyer Performing Arts Council today announced that the City is searching for Yonkers' next great young singers to compete for the titles of Yonkers Junior Idol 2023 and Yonkers Idol 2023. Celebrating its fifteenth year, the singing competition will kick off at Lincoln High School on April 1st at 9AM.

"Yonkers Idol is a tradition in our City aimed at bringing together the very best singing talent our City has to offer," said Mayor Mike Spano. "As Mayor, every year I am impressed by the caliber of young singers and I look forward to attending the finale showcase."

Those interested in auditioning must be between the ages of 15-19 years old to qualify for Yonkers Idol or between the ages of 10-14 years of age to qualify for Yonkers Junior Idol. The audition will be limited to one verse and one chorus of a song. Winners will hold their title for a year and win \$1000, courtesy of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council Teresa Fund. The title provides performance opportunities at numerous City of Yonkers events throughout the calendar year.

The final round of competition will take place at Untermyer Gardens on Saturday, June 17th at 6:30 PM. Call backs will audition a different song for the finale show.

Online registration is required at register.capturepoint.com/yonkers and is open to Yonkers residents only. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information on the competition, visit the City of Yonkers Departments of Parks, Recreation & Conservation at www.YonkersNY.gov or call 914-377-6450, 9AM to 4PM, Monday – Friday.

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Friends of Philipse Manor Hall to Host Old New Year's Eve Event



The Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to host an Old New Year's Eve Celebration on Friday, March 24, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY.

What, you may be wondering, is Old New Year's Eve? Today, New Year's Day is January 1, but it wasn't always! From the 16th century to the 18th century, European nations were transitioning from the old Julian calendar to the new Gregorian calendar. Although the Dutch and most other European nations had adopted the new calendar in 1582, the English held onto the old ways much longer. They continued to celebrate Annunciation Day, or Lady Day, March 25 as the New Year until 1752. In the colony of New Netherland, founded in the 1620s, the New Year was January 1. But when the British took over in 1664, it changed to March 25!

Join us for an evening celebration featuring a short historical overview of the calendar history and traditions by Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site Manager Michael Lord, followed by live music by Carla and Keyes, dancing, and a faux New Year's Eve countdown. Featuring hors d'oeuvres and 18th century-inspired punch.

Hosted by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, tickets for this event are \$25 for Friends members, \$35 for the general public. Tickets include refreshments. All proceeds benefit Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site educational programs. For tickets, visit www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org/events/old-new-years-eve-celebration.

MAYOR SPANO TO ADDRESS CITY OF YONKERS IN ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY, MARCH 30th AT YONKERS RIVERFRONT LIBRARY

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced his annual State of the City address will be held on Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 pm at the Yonkers Riverfront Library in Larkin Plaza.

"I look forward to the opportunity of addressing the residents of Yonkers once again and briefing them on the most recent economic, social, business and educational conditions of our City," said Mayor Spano. "We've made significant progress the past 11 years, and I look forward to share how, together, we've reimagined Yonkers."

The address will be streamed live at YonkersNY.gov and on local government access channel 78 for Optimum customers and channel 39 for FiOS customers. The live broadcast also will be available on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/MayorMikeSpano>

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"This exciting project will provide much-needed affordable housing for senior citizens while creating new construction jobs. With a private investment of nearly \$57 million, this development is an example of how the Yonkers IDA is working to help create new housing and jobs for our city's economy," said Mayor Mike Spano.

There's No Place Like Home: Panel discussion on housing in Yonkers.

Panelists:

Samantha Valencia,
(AVP of Property & Asset Management WESTHAB)

Joe Shuldiner
(former Assistant HUD Secretary and Former Executive Director of the MHACY)

Mark Weingarten, ESQ
(Partner & Land Use Attorney, DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP)

Moderator:
Nicole Benjamin, JD, LMSW

Subjects:

- What are the different types of housing?
- What are the funding sources for housing?
- What role does government play?
- What role can constituents play?
- What is happening in Yonkers?
- Questions from the audience.

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DiNapoli: Federal Data Shows New York's Losses in 4th Grade Math & Reading Scores Are Double the National Average

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today released a review of recent federal data about how the pandemic negatively affected student performance in New York. In response, he urged New York school districts to assess their plans for spending federal pandemic funds and to target funds towards children most in need.

New York was allocated over \$15 billion in emergency education aid during the pandemic from the federal government, with \$14 billion from three rounds of the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER) assistance. This aid was aimed at elementary and secondary schools and must be obligated by September 2024. Based on data from DiNapoli's COVID-19 Relief Program Tracker, through Jan. 31 New York's school districts have spent roughly 40% of ESSER funds.

"The classroom disruptions caused by the pandemic have hurt New York's students. Academic losses were greater for younger students, with fourth grade scores dropping more than the national average," DiNapoli said. "School districts must act quickly to take full advantage of available resources to help students that are most in need get caught up, before time runs out."

Recent data from The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) shows student performance dropped significantly in 2022 from 2019. New York's average score remained steady for eighth grade reading but declined in eighth grade math (down 6 points). Over this time, New York's losses in fourth grade math and reading scores were double the national average and exceeded 45 other states in math and 38 other states in reading. The average drop for fourth grade math scores (10 points) was so severe that McKinsey & Company estimated this learning loss to be the equivalent of nearly an entire school year.

Over the same time frame, fourth grade math proficiency rates declined across all gender, racial and ethnic groups, and the decline was steepest for Asian and Pacific Islander students, at 14 percentage points. Students from low-income households also experienced steep declines in fourth grade math proficiency rates from 24% to 18%.

The Executive Budget proposes \$42.1 billion in combined state and federal education aid for the upcoming state fiscal year (SFY) 2023-24; however, that total is projected to decline, as the balance of federal pandemic relief funds must be obligated by September 2024. This could be problematic if a significant portion of the relief funds is left unspent or is dedicated to programs with recurring expenses or if significant progress in academic recovery has not occurred.

DiNapoli urged the State Education Department to provide school districts with guidance on best practices for spending of funds and encouraged school districts to ensure funds are being used for evidence-based practices for students most in need.

United for the Troops Prepares 30,000th Care Package for Military Service Members Overseas



A Yorktown charity recently prepared its 30,000th care package for military service members. United for the Troops, a Shrub Oak-based charity that collects food, toiletries, and goods for service members, prepared its 30,000th care package on March 5. Yorktown Supervisor Tom Diana attended the packing session to celebrate the milestone for the group, which was founded in 2008.

"These care packages are tokens of the public's sincere appreciation for the sacrifices our enlisted members are making to protect our freedom. It was an absolute pleasure to help box and ship these packages to our troops," said Supervisor Tom Diana, who participated in the packing sessions.

The Town of Yorktown hosts a collection bin for United for the Troops at Town Hall's lobby. A list of appropriate items that can be donated is posted on the Town's website.

To learn more, volunteer or make a donation, visit unitedforthetroops.org/

Latimer and Legislators buy Westchesterites Flatware Sets

By Eric Wolf Schoen



In my next life I'm going to come back as WESTCHESTER County Executive or a County Legislator. Before Covid no one knew what the County did other than have swimming pools and a place on your tax bills. As a Yonkers City Councilman turned Legislator once told me, the job of a Councilperson is by far more difficult than Legislator because the public knows their Councilperson and what he/she does vs. a County Legislator who most people haven't a clue what they do.

But sometimes our County Legislators, publicity hungry like most politicians will vote for something they have little jurisdiction over. Banks are closing, we are providing monies rightly so for the Ukrainians in their war with Russia, Covid still puts the shivers in many people but what do our friends from the County Office do? Put a restriction on giving out plastic single use utensils and condiment packages. Just what taxpayers are worried about.

The new law states that no food service establishment shall give out single-use utensils or condiment packets to any customer unless they specifically request them. Single-use plastic beverage stirrers or "splash sticks" are no longer permitted. Single use food-ware items or condiment packets must be provided individually and not in a package containing multiple items. A major crisis for everyone.

Now if the County was really concerned about this topic, why didn't they consider the use of sporks. A spork is a combined fork and spoon. But wait a minute what do you use for a knife? The top part of the spork could be fashioned to used as a knife. Most foods that you are using plastic silverware are soft in nature, so between all sides of the device I am sure an astute eater could figure out a way to cut their foods.

No coffee stirrer or 'splash stick.' How am I going to mix in my sweet and low into my Panera coffee? The Board left out the plastic device used for filling the little whole in my coffee cup to keep it hot or for traveling. They can require the 'stopper' be long enough to stir my beverage. That will eliminate one item from the garbage. But until we get sugar and other powder or crystal sweeteners to absorb into the coffee, how can we eliminate something to stir it with as well as keep it hot or from spilling in the car.

If I ordered a steak to go from the diner, I doubt the worker is going to put a mustard packet with my order. I didn't learn until later in life that people put ketchup on frankfurters. So every time I order frankfurters from the diner or any other food that requires condiments I have to be quizzed by the order taker as to what condiments I want? Takes way too long. Many people like myself put the unused condiment packages in the refrigerator for use at a later time particularly if it is something rarely used. Hey, it's better than the people who steal sweet and low and Equal from the diner, restaurant or coffee shop.

My father may he rest in peace hated having his food served on paper or disposable dishes and plastic silverware. He would go into the kitchen at my aunts house to get a real plate and a real fork at a barbecue. There are others like him. That's why I say WESTCHESTER County, if you are gonna pass frivolous legislation make sure it's right. I wonder what the penalties are for giving a packet of red crushed pepper with a pizza from a pizzeria if it's not asked for.

So to solve this perplexing problem, I guess the best thing is for our County officials to give us a flatware set. This way we can carry utensils where ever we are consuming food or beverage and bring them home to be washed or put in the dishwasher. By the way, to save water make sure you have a full dishwasher!

Stopping Theft from Stores

Theft from our stores whether they be bodegas or Bloomingdale's is a major problem not only in Yonkers but throughout WESTCHESTER. I have seen a rack of clothing stolen from the TJ Maxx simply wheeled out of the store. All the electronic theft prevention devices can be removed with a heavy magnet. Many people learn this when the cashier by mistake leaves the theft device on their item, they call the store they purchased it from and in order to avoid a trip back to the store the phone operator tells them use a heavy magnet to remove the security tag. This is no secret.

The increase in thefts started with the 'bring your own bag, we don't give out bags' laws. It use to be that bags were collected at the door, numbered and given back to the customer upon his or her exit. This was done at fancy stores as well as the dollar stores in Getty Square. Add a man sitting on top of a ladder at the dollar store exit and I don't think many things were stolen.

Now people bring bags with them into the store and simply put the merchandise in the bag. Store personnel are told not to confront customers even if they know there are unpaid items in the bag. So this is a problem that has to be solved using old fashion techniques.

Collect and number bags shoppers bring in. Give them a cart for the treasures they are going to buy. Pay for the item, get your numbered bag from the person holding it, leave the store, that's it. When you have people running around a store with empty bags you have a perfect environment for theft!

This won't stop racks of clothes being take from TJMAXX but the potential thief knows someone is watching them!

Briefs:

Stores are now featuring a free 5 pound box of matzah with a minimum purchase in the \$25 to \$50 range. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy matzah. The stores are screwing us price wise for everything. Here's your chance to get something for free.

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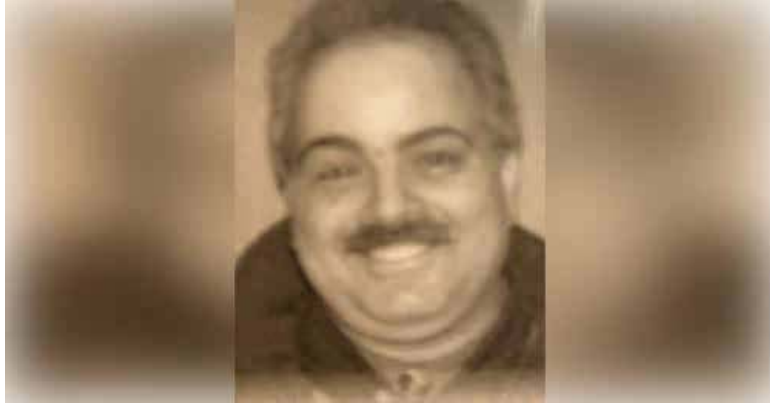
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Obituary: Michael Damiano



Obituary: Michael Damiano, a long time resident of the Bronx & Yonkers, passed away tragically on March 8th, 2023 in the devastating fire on Bronx River Road, at the age of 67.

Michael was a proud High School Teacher at All Hollows High School in the Bronx, before retiring in 2018.

He is survived by his loving sister, Andrea & her husband, John Femoyer, his beloved nephew John, adoring niece & goddaughter Camella as well as his niece, Victoria. Michael was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Concetta Damiano.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fundraiser has been set up to defer the cost of the funeral expenses for Michael after his tragic and unexpected passing. If you wish to donate, please click the "Donate Now" button or visit the "Tribute Fund" tab. You may also leave an online message for the family, which can be viewed by clicking on the Tribute Wall. All donations will be directly deposited to the funeral home to defer the funeral costs. If you are unable to donate, please help spread the word by sharing the tribute link. On behalf of the Damiano Family, we would like to thank everyone in advance for their support during this difficult time.

The family will be present on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 from 4-8 PM at Ruggiero & Sons, Inc., Funeral Home & Cremation Services- 732 Yonkers Avenue- Yonkers, New York 10704. A Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, March 16th, 2023 – 12 PM at Ruggiero & Sons, Inc., Funeral Home & Cremation Services- 732 Yonkers Avenue- Yonkers, New York 10704. Following the Funeral Service, Michael will be laid to rest at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 10 West Stevens Avenue- Hawthorne, New York 10532.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Michael Damiano, please visit the Tribute Fund. Published by F. Ruggiero & Sons, Inc. Funeral Home & Cremation Services – Yonkers on Mar. 11, 2023.

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Investigation yielded that the fire started in a 1st floor apartment. Investigators have determined that the likely cause and origin was an electric heating lamp used to cultivate six marijuana plants that a resident was growing for personal adult-use. Evidence recovered at scene and statements from the resident lead investigators to believe that the lamp detached from its hanging support and broke, sparked on the floor starting the fire. Upon discovering the fire, the resident proceeded to raise the alarm and alert his neighbors.

Mayor Mike Spano stated, "We continue to keep the victims of this senseless fire in our prayers, especially for the fire's sole fatality. I am proud of Yonkers first responders and city employees for their swift and courageous actions to minimize additional severe injuries or possible deaths. The cause of this tragedy only highlights the need for greater guidelines and regulations when it comes to legalized marijuana production so to avoid incidents like this in the future – so much more has to be done."

The deceased victim is identified as Michael Damiano; the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police and Fire Departments offer their sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Commissioner Chris Sapienza stated, "The tragedy of this incident is compounded by how avoidable it was. We have seen before how dangerous these high-powered devices can be, and without regulations or guidelines to protect the public, people are unnecessarily being placed at risk – marijuana laws need to be fixed, be it cultivation or smoke shops; our communities demand it. The YPD extends our deepest sympathies to the family of the victim and remains committed to supporting the displaced residents."

The incident remains under investigation and is being reviewed by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The New York State Office of Cannabis Management has yet to issue regulations governing home cultivation of cannabis, as such cultivation <https://cannabis.ny.gov/adult-use-information#home-cultivation> of cannabis plants is currently not allowed.

Ways to Help the Fire Victims

The Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City <https://www.facebook.com/fullercenter>.

The Yonkers PAL We will be hosting sorting events this week to help sort through the massive amount of clothing donated for fire victims .PAL Address is 127 North Broadway, Yonkers. Thank you to burke's Restaurant and Bar, Saunders High, sacred Heart, Yonkers police 1st Precinct and the many citizens that collected and donated. The only clothing we need are plus sizes women's and new socks and underwear. We are no longer accepting anything other than those items. Thank you so much everyone!

Victims of the fire can come for clothing Monday through Saturday this coming week between 10 and 2 and on Thursday between 5 and 8 PM or make an appointment at www.Ypdcommunity.com

Send us your charity program or effort to help to dmurphy@risingmedia-group.com Many Yonkers residents have created GoFundMe pages that you can review.

NYAG James, County Exec. Latimer, Mayor Spano Offer Tax Tips

New York Attorney General Letitia James, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today continued their efforts to protect and inform New Yorkers by offering tips and information on various resources available this tax season. With this year's Tax Day only a month away, the officials are raising awareness about tax credits that may be at New Yorkers' disposal, to ensure taxpayers receive the benefits they have earned. Additionally, Attorney General James urged New Yorkers to stay vigilant and report any suspected tax scams to her office.

"Tax season may feel overwhelming to many New Yorkers, but thankfully there are resources available to lighten the load," said Attorney General James. "I encourage all New Yorkers to take advantage of the organizations dedicated to helping out during the tax preparation process, and to utilize all of the tax breaks for which you qualify. Additionally, please stay vigilant against bad actors trying to take advantage, and you can always report concerns and complaints to my office. I am proud to partner with County Executive Latimer and Mayor Spano to help raise awareness and ensure New Yorkers have all the information they need for a less stressful tax season."

"I urge all New Yorkers to stay vigilant against tax scams and to report any suspected fraudulent activity to the Attorney General's office," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "I thank Attorney General Letitia James for her unwavering dedication to the well-being of our communities. By offering valuable tips and information on tax resources and credits we are working to ensure all taxpayers receive the benefits they are entitled to."

"From assisting our seniors with tax preparation to offering mobile tax offices, the city of Yonkers is committed to aiding our residents this and every tax season," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "We are proud to partner with Attorney General James and Westchester County Executive Latimer to better prepare and educate taxpayers with useful resources and tips."

As part of their ongoing efforts to help New Yorkers file their taxes safely and help reduce the stress the tax filing process can cause, Attorney General James, County Executive Latimer, and Mayor Spano want to ensure New Yorkers are aware of the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) Free Filing program. Additionally, New York state has the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP) under which eligible New Yorkers can receive free virtual tax assistance from the state's Department of Taxation and Finance. New Yorkers should know that there are Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites where they can get their tax returns prepared free of charge. Locally, multiple partners, including the Westchester County government, work together to offer free tax preparation for eligible residents. Anyone using a tax preparer is encouraged to check their qualifications and history through the Better Business Bureau and consult New York's Consumer Bill of Rights Regarding Tax Preparers.

Attorney General James, County Executive Latimer, and Mayor Spano also remind New Yorkers filing their taxes to apply for tax credits, which can reduce the amount of income tax you owe. Major programs available for eligible New Yorkers include the Empire State child credit, the property tax relief credit, the earned income credit, the solar energy system equipment credit, and many more. For more information about available tax credits, please visit New York state's Department of Taxation and Finance income tax credit page.

Additionally, Attorney General James, County Executive Latimer, and Mayor Spano urge New Yorkers to remain vigilant against deceptive tax preparer schemes. One scheme to be aware of is tax preparers who deceptively claim to get your tax refund quicker, but will charge high interest rates and fees in the form of Tax Refund Advance Loans. Additional schemes include tax preparers who manipulate your financials to illegally inflate your tax return, and fraudsters who make false promises of free tax preparation services, only to deceive people into paying for those services.

Any New Yorker who suspects that they are a victim of a scam are encouraged to report it to the Office of the Attorney General by submitting a complaint online or calling 800-771-7755. Tax scams should also be reported to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

Tee Up! Westchester Golf Courses Scheduled to Open Weather Permitting After March 15

It's time to tee up as the six Westchester County-owned golf courses open for the season on Wednesday, March 15, weather and conditions permitting.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Spring is around the corner, which means the 2023 golf season is about to get underway. We are proud to provide excellence and a strong commitment to our public courses that provide County residents with high-end conditions at affordable prices."

Tee time reservations may be made online (non-Park Pass holder) or by phoning the individual courses. Walk-up reservations will also be accepted. The courses are Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Hudson Hills in Ossining, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohansic in Yorktown Heights, and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale. All of the courses have onsite restaurants, halfway houses and full-service pro shops. Driving ranges are available at Dunwoodie, Mohansic, Saxon Woods and Sprain Lake.

Any available E-Z Reserve spots will be sold at the courses. E-Z Reserve enables golfers with a Westchester County Park Pass to block out a regular Saturday or Sunday tee time for a period of 30 weeks.

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "It's time to dust off your golf clubs, gather your foursome and play on the best public courses around. After the 18th hole, stop at one of the restaurants, relax and tally up your scorecard."

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Playland Job Fair March 25

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Playland will host a job fair at the Cambria Hotel in Downtown White Plains, located at 250 Main Street, on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for their upcoming summer season. Open May 20 to September 10, 2023, the iconic amusement park is the largest summer youth employer in Westchester County with nearly 700 seasonal job openings, ranging from ride operators, lifeguards, beach and pool hosts, admission hosts, retail managers, guest services, IT Support, Group Sales assistants, and much more. All applicants must be at least 16 years old to apply. Visit playland.com/employment for more to apply in advance.

"At Playland, we are dedicated to providing memorable experiences for all our guests, so that begins with our local team members," said Jeffrey Davis, General Manager of Playland. "We are proud to be Westchester County's largest summer youth employer and look forward to bringing back the best talent for the season. Our goal is to be the County's number one choice for summer youth."

"One of the Business Council's top priorities this year is helping our employers find the talent they need to grow their businesses and nonprofits. Playland has always been a great seasonal economic driver in the county and now with Standard Amusements as the new management company we expect Playland's value to Westchester to grow to a new level," said Marsha Gordon, CEO & President of the Business Council of Westchester.

Job benefits include competitive wages; unlimited play at Playland with a FREE season pass and FREE admission for friends and family; ability to earn rewards through the Reward & Recognition Programs; FREE roundtrip bus transportation available throughout Westchester County for team members; the ability to work flexible schedules including day, nights, weekends and holidays; employee discounts in park and with other businesses; and more.

Applicants are encouraged to complete a form in advance of the job fair, which can be found online, and be prepared to be interviewed onsite.

In addition, Playland will provide lifeguard training and FREE certification for qualified swimmers who apply to Playland beach & pool as a lifeguard. Lifeguard rate begins at \$18 per hour.

For more information, visit playland.com.

Latimer Announces Spring Service Changes for Bee-Line Buses

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that service changes will take effect on the Bee-Line system on March 20, 2022. Several enhancements and adjustments will be made to improve weekday and Sunday service for Bee-Line customers.

Riders should consult timetables for specific details about each route.

Routes:

1, 2, 6, 14, 20, 21, 25, 45, 60, 61, 62

For a full list of all the spring service changes and new bus schedules, visit www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus or call the Bee-Line customer service center at (914)-813-7777, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and on weekends from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Automated information is available 24 hours a day.

LEARN TO SWIM REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

OPENS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Westchester County Parks' Learn to Swim program returns this summer for children ages three through 14, and new this year are sessions for adults, beginning at age 15. The program will take place at all four county-owned pools, with registration opening, Wednesday, March 15 at noon, and at a later date to be determined for Willson's Woods.

Learn to Swim for children will be held in two sessions, Tuesdays through Thursdays, with session one beginning Monday, July 3 (no class Tuesday due to the holiday) through Thursday, July 20 and session two from Tuesday, July 25 through Thursday, Aug. 10. Class times to choose from are 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. for both sessions.

Learn to Swim for ages 15 and older will be held in two sessions, Saturdays and Sundays, with session one beginning Saturday, July 8 through Sunday, July 23 and session two will run from Saturday, July 29 through Aug. 13. Times for both sessions are 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Each session is \$80 per person for both age groups.

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "I'm excited to expand our Learn to Swim program to older children and adults this summer as water safety is important no matter how old you are."

Learn to Swim will be held at Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool in Yonkers, Tibbetts Brook Pool in Yonkers and Willson's Woods Pool in Mt. Vernon. For additional questions call (914) 231-4556.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers City Hall

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, March 20th

March 20, 1918: A contingent of Yonkers women wearing red badges went to Albany to lobby for passage of the Lawson-Kiernan legislation, permitting professional baseball games after 2 pm on Sundays. Most of the opposition to the law were clergymen; our women, with backing of labor and baseball fans, did not hesitate to heckle them for trying to stop "a clean and healthy sport from being played on workers' day off." Reverend Colby stated the bill would "breakdown the sanctity of the Sabbath." Although most speakers supported the bill, supporters did not believe the bill would pass either State house.

Tuesday, March 21st

March 21, 1927: Yonkers Police captured four girls who escaped from the New York Training School in Hudson NY three days earlier. A motorist notified Patrolman Frank Sullivan two young teens entered a lunchroom on Saw Mill River Road 3:30 am. Sullivan notified the Second Precinct, who sent Patrolman George Milne. He found a 13-year old in the area. She told him of their escape, how they hitched their way to Yonkers, and slept in the woods behind Oakland Cemetery. The other three girls were picked up a few hours later, arraigned in Children's Court, and returned to the home. Five years later, Yonkers First Lady of Song Ella Fitzgerald was committed to the Hudson Training School for being "ungovernable." She, too, ran away from the school.

Wednesday, March 22nd

March 22, 1933: Two Yonkers men were saved from serious injury or worse because they were arrested by six Federal agents! Just a few moments later, their still in Millerton NY exploded, wrecking the barn where the operation was housed. Both prisoners and agents ran to safety, with no injuries. The raid was at a Millerton NY still; both Yonkers men, Milton Thomas and Paul Genithereaux, lived on Riverdale Avenue. The men were arraigned in Poughkeepsie; several agents remained in Millerton to deal with the 10,000 gallon still, five 15,000 gallon vats of mash, 10,000 gallons of "alleged alcohol," and a variety of other equipment.

Thursday, March 23rd

March 23, 1939: A two-year-old monkey created an uproar after escaping from its home on Palisade Avenue! Neighbors, police, children and WPA workers tried for hours to capture the little pet. How did it finally get captured? Eight-year-old Arthur Chambers, grandson of the former Fire Chief, saw it run into an enclosed porch at another Palisade Avenue home. Young Arthur simply closed the door! As soon as it was trapped, owner Blanche Atherton picked up the little adventurer and carried it home.

March 23, 1955: Kenneth Russo accepted a \$47,000 settlement after falling off the City Hall roof. In 1951, while working for the Fort Lee Roofing Company, Russo tripped on a peg left near the edge of the roof and fell four stories. He landed on the stairway on the east side of the building, breaking his back and fracturing both legs in the fall.

The roofing company's insurance company paid the total award. The original suit charged Yonkers with negligence for not providing scaffolding or other types of protection, but that was dropped.

Friday, March 24th

March 24, 1927: Shocking the state basketball world, Yonkers won the first round of the New York State Basketball Championship, defeating favored Buffalo's Lafayette High 30 to 27! A constant battle the entire game, the final rally by Captain Johnny Acropolis and a center court field goal by Al Smith won the game for our Yonkers boys.

March 24, 1947: Fortified Avenue's William Collyer and Edith Kelley of Odell Avenue, cousins of recluse Langley Collyer, were present while NY police began searching the Fifth Avenue home for the missing man. Both cousins stated they had not seen their sixty-one year old relative for many years, adding he was "very peculiar." Langley was known to hide behind piles of newspapers for days at a time. His body was found in the apartment 16 days later, after 84 tons of junk was removed from the house.

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Eric Schoen, continued from pg 1-

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This change of time every year causes more problems than it's worth. Congressman Bowman, sponsor legislation to do away with this menace. Your constituents will be grateful!

The Air Train project from New York City to LaGuardia Airport is needed and should not be abandoned. In New York we tend to do things half ass backwards. LaGuardia is developing into a 1st. Class Airport. There needs to be a rail hookup just like Kennedy Airport to make the trip more convenient and comfortable for people flying and working at the airport.

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 thistooisonkers@aol.com.

Notice of formation of Beagal, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/11/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 47 Washington Blvd Mt Vernon NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of 808 Commerce LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/05/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LLC at 808 Commerce Stret, Thornwood, NY 10594. Purpose: Any lawful act.

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March 21, 1954; According to State Department records, a Yonkers woman was in a Communist China jail, Adele Rickett of Kingston Avenue. Rickett was married to Fulbright Scholar Walter Allyn Rickett, in China to study modern Chinese history. The couple were held on charges of espionage and imprisoned until 1955.

Saturday, March 25th

March 25, 1927: The Yonkers High Basketball team and foul shots won the semi-final round of the New York State Championship, beating Fairport 25 to 22. Yonkers took the lead early in the game, and never lost it. Mayor Walsh sent the team a telegram reading, "You're doing great work. Keep it up. Congratulations."

March 25, 1927: According to J. Stuart Blackton, fencing instructor and WWI aviator Gerard De Merveaux covered before light blows from his toy riding crop, and begged for mercy. Blacktop had gone to the instructor's room in the Blackton home after he saw Mrs. Blackton's bruises and swollen arms.

Sunday, March 26th

March 26, 1927: Former Bruce Avenue resident J. Stuart Blackton's attorneys labeled Lieutenant Gerard De Merveaux, who claimed to be a World War hero, as a "ladies' underwear salesman with a Romeo Complex." De Merveaux sued Blackton for \$25,000 for an alleged horsewhipping. Closing arguments were scheduled two days later.

March 26, 1927: The Yonkers High School Basketball team reached the final round of the NYS Championship in Buffalo... and defeated Elmira, the 1926 State Champions, 35-34!

Tournament referees named team Yonkers teammates Captain Johnny Acropolis and guard Dave Smith to the All State team.

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 info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

Amara Valerio, continued from pg 1-

it's something crazy that happened to me and now I can look back at it as something funny."

In addition to the 11 Million views the video received on Tik Tok, a judge from American Idol saw it, and became interested with Amara's story. That judge watched some of her other Tik Tok videos and saw that she was a talented singer.

Valerio was invited to audition privately with the non-celebrity judges, who invited her to try out for American Idol. Amara's audition was televised on March 12, and after singing "Bust Your Windows" by Jazmine Sullivan, she was given a golden American Idol ticket to advance to the next round in Hollywood.

The three American Idol celebrity judges, Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan, loved Amara's voice and her story, and were more than happy to give her some justice, for doing the right thing back in 2019 and today

"I hit the jackpot! I got the golden ticket and I'm heading to Hollywood!

Thanks so much @KatyPerry, @LukeBryan and @LionelRichie! #AmericanIdol #AmaraOnIdol #GoldenTicket #Hollywood," posted Amara after her win.

Amazingly, the 2019 video never made it to the Yonkers public, nor did any story about what happened to Amara. Luke Bryan wanted to know the name of the person who Kanye'd Amara.

Amara is attending Cornell University, where she watched her performance, (taped earlier) with her friends while her family watched at home in Yonkers. "It was amazing to see my audition for the first time. It was one of the happiest moments of my life and something I always wanted to do."

We find Amara's journey to American Idol inspirational, and an example of how someone had a moment taken away from them and never complained. But in the end it all worked out for her.

For her audition song, Amara sang Bust Your Windows by Jazmine Sullivan. "I chose it because its a song about confidence, and I wanted to song it with the confidence that I still had, even after what happened in high school, I over came it."

After watching the video from high school on American Idol, Katy Perry said to Amara, "I want to feel that anger," when singing Bust Your Windows.

Amara's journey to Hollywood began in Yonkers."Yonkers is my home. I started singing n Yonkers in front of large crowds, and at St. Barnabus Church. All of the my singing, and all of my support, comes from Yonkers. Shout out to all of the people who believed in me, my music teachers, choir members, they kept telling me this was going to happen. I have lot of love to Yonkers for sure."

Mark Twain said "you're never wrong for doing the right thing." And Twain also knew that a good story will always find its way out into the public. Look for Amara's next performance in two weeks.

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Attn: Dir of Student Equity Search - BSE

Bloodhouse Brims 300 “Stomping” Video Taken Down by YouTube

300 BLOODHOUND BRIMS



a photo of the video showing

The video, link, <https://twitter.com/i/status/1424765076586778627>, posted by the Yonkers Police Department in 2021, has now been permanently removed by YouTube. The YPD appealed YouTube’s decision but just received word that their appeal was denied.

The surveillance video shows members of the Bloodhouse Brims 300 beating a man as he left a bodega.

The decision from YouTube was posted by the YPD on March 13, and is pasted below. “Content that contains violent or graphic footage, in a sensational or exploitative manner, is not allowed on YouTube.”

Many are questioning how this video, which was used to help convict 14 members of the Bloodhouse Brims 300 gang in Yonkers, can be described as “exploitative.”

The response from the YPD was, “Dear YouTube, Unfortunately, cancelling content doesn’t cancel the crime...”

NY Blood Center Declares First Blood Emergency of 2023

On March 3, New York Blood Center (NYBC) declared the first blood emergency of 2023. The blood emergency is due to several evolving factors, including recent poor weather, school breaks and cold and flu season. Last month, NYBC and its divisions across the nation received 6,000 fewer blood donations than the year prior and blood donations are 12% below hospital and patient needs.

The number of blood donations still are not back to pre-pandemic levels. Compounding the problem is a continued lag in first-time and youth donors, which remain about half of pre-pandemic levels. And while New Yorkers are returning to in-person work, office and community blood drives and visits to NYBC Donor Centers are significantly down. People working from home had an easier time donating in our donor centers, but we’re seeing a dramatic decrease at our centers.

In addition to whole blood donors, platelet donors are urgently needed. With a shelf life of just 7 days, NYBC relies on dedicated platelet donors to help patients undergoing chemotherapy, those with bleeding disorders, new mothers, and more.

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted eligibility restrictions for individuals who lived in Europe during certain periods of time. To view current eligibility guidelines, visit nybc.org or call 800.688.0900.

The need is constant, but the supply is not. Visit nybc.org to schedule an appointment to donate, or call 800.933.2566.

Missing From Yonkers

Have you seen this child? Shakura Webb-McCullough



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Shakura Webb-McCullough



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Shakura was last seen on January 27, 2023.

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Let’s Go Iona! Onto March Madness, in Pitino’s Last Year?



Iona Coach Rick Pitino holding the MAAC Championship trophy

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the Iona Gaels Mens Basketball team, who won the MAAC tournament with a dominant win over Marist in the finals, 76-55, on March 11. Iona, (27-7) has won 14 games in a row, the third longest current streak in the NCAA, and just in time for March Madness, the NCAA college basketball tournament about to begin.

Leading the Gaels was Junior Guard Daniss Jenkins with 27 points. Sophomore Walter Clayton Jr. had 17 points. 6’9” Nelly Joseph, from Nigeria, and 7 foot tall Osborn Shema, from Rwanda, give Iona a strong power forward -center combination inside. Add guard Berrick JeanLouis, and forward Michael Jefferson, and head coach Rick Pitino has a solid six player rotation to take on the Big names in college basketball.

Iona will know soon who their first opponent will be in March madness. Look for the Gaels to play their first game on St. Patty’s day, and Westchester now has a home team to root for.

But just as loud as Iona’s win and ticket into March Madness, were the rumors that head coach Rick Pitino might be leaving at the end of the season, to a larger program; St. John’s or Georgetown were the two Big East teams we heard about.

Pitino tried to downplay all of the rumors about his future after the win over Marist. “My interests lie with my team, and I’m very thankful to Iona University... If I ever move, I’d have to have firm belief that the job I take — wherever it may be — can win like Iona. And I’m not sure that there are very few of those (sic) out there... I got the best players in the world. If somebody can match this culture, I want to see it, ’cause we’ve built a culture.”

To those not familiar with Coach Pitino, he is one of the legendary college basketball coaches in NCAA history. He is the only coach to lead three different schools (Providence, Kentucky, and Louisville) to a Final Four.

While coaching Louisville in 2017, Pitino and the basketball program were involved in a scandal over improper perks to recruits, and allegations of bribing recruits, which led to Pitino getting fired. He was coaching in Europe when Iona called in 2020.

In 2021, Pitino and Iona gained entry to March Madness and played a great game in their loss to Alabama. Iona under Pitino has not yet won a game in the tournament.

Pitino has a home in Mamaroneck and is a member of Winged Foot Golf Club. He seems happy in his position at Iona, but at 70 years old, his chance for one more run at the big time is now. And the double edge sword of if Iona wins a game or two in the tournament, it would vault Pitino to another job.

Senior Guard Berrick JeanLouis spoke about Pitino’s legend. “I was ready to commit to another school and then Rick Pitino called me and I was like oh shoot!” said Berrick, Iona’s senior guard. “I told my gym coach Rick Pitino is calling me and he was like, ‘You have to go there. No questions asked.’ And I was like, ‘Yeah, definitely.’”

Two other stories on the team. One is 7 foot center Osborn Shema. “One of the players I’m most proud of is Osborn Shema from Iona. Been through a LOT!!! Had some really bad people in his life when he was brought over to the US. Found a home in JUCO where learned a lot. Fought through injuries early at Iona. Now not just surviving, but THRIVING,” writes Ionagaels.com.

And a local Iona Gael hoopster to be proud of is Senior Guard James Carey, from Pelham. Carey is a walk on, no scholarship-think the movie Rudy. He doesn’t play a lot but got on the court in a recent game against Sienna. This story from Ionagaels.com, Brian Beyrer, “Intrigue in the frame was sparked in the final 90 seconds as senior walk-on James Carey electrified the capacity crowd with a seven-point outburst in a minute span. He sank all four free throw attempts and drained a long three-pointer from the left wing to record his first points of the season. Carey was subbed for in the final 30 seconds of the game to a standing ovation,” and a hug from Pitino on the way out.

“We will be prepared, whoever we play. We wanted to get a really good seed...I’ll leave that in the hands of the committee, but these guys are up for the test,” said Pitino.

Iona will play UCONN on March 17.

Public Notice:

The Yonkers Workforce Development Board, hereinafter referred to as YWDB, is requesting proposals to provide education, employment, training and other workforce preparation services for Youth under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. An electronic copy of the RFP may be downloaded at <https://www.yonkersny.gov/> click onto Government, Departments, Workforce Development Board, and Year Round Youth Program RFP.

The YWDB will determine the number of awards based on the quality and innovations of the proposals received.

RFP Procurement Schedule

(Dates subject to change with notice from the YWDB)

RFP Issue Date:	March 20, 2023
Bidders Informational Session:	March 27, 2023
RFP Questions Due:	March 31, 2023
Proposal Due Date:	April 14, 2023
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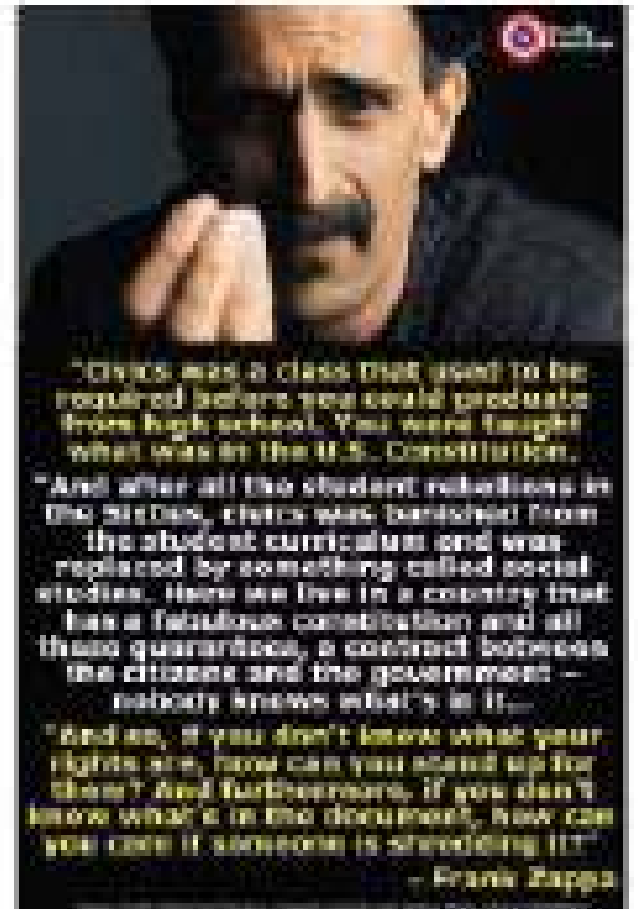
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Section 801.2 of state law that has been on the books since 1947, a law that is deliberately not being enforced by state education, committee chairwoman Senator Shelly Mayer, the Board of Regents, the Board of Education and the New York State court system, depriving New York State students a proper civic education for 76 years.



SECTION 801

Instruction in civility, citizenship and character education Education (EDN) CHAPTER 16, TITLE 1, ARTICLE 17

§ 801.1 Courses of instruction in patriotism and citizenship and certain historic documents. 1. In order to promote a spirit of patriotic and civic service and obligation and to foster in the children of the state moral and intellectual qualities which are essential in preparing to meet the obligations of citizenship in peace or in war, the regents of The University of the State of New York shall prescribe courses of instruction in patriotism, citizenship, civic education and values, our shared history of diversity, the role of religious tolerance in this country, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery (including the freedom trail and underground railroad), the Holocaust, and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850, to be maintained and followed in all the schools of the state. The boards of education and trustees of the several cities and school districts of the state shall require instruction to be given in such courses, by the teachers employed in the schools therein. All pupils attending such schools, over the age of eight years, shall attend upon such instruction.

Similar courses of instruction shall be prescribed and maintained in private schools in the state, and all pupils in such schools over eight years of age shall attend upon such courses. If such courses are not so established and maintained in a private school, attendance upon instruction in such school shall not be deemed substantially equivalent to instruction given to pupils of like age in the public schools of the city or district in which such pupils reside.

§ 801.2 The regents shall prescribe courses of instruction in the history, meaning, significance and effect of the provisions of the constitution of the United States, the amendments thereto, the declaration of independence, the constitution of the state of New York and the amendments thereto, to be maintained and followed in all of the schools of the state. The boards of education and trustees of the several cities and school districts of the state shall require instruction to be given in such courses, by the teachers employed in the schools therein. All pupils attending such schools, in the eighth and higher grades, shall attend upon such instruction.

Similar courses of instruction shall be prescribed and maintained in private schools in the state, and all pupils in such schools in grades or classes corresponding to the instruction in the eighth and higher grades of the public schools shall attend upon such courses. If such courses are not so established and maintained in a private school, attendance upon instruction in such school shall not be deemed substantially equivalent to instruction given to pupils in the public schools of the city or district in which such pupils reside.

3. The regents shall determine the subjects to be included in such courses of instruction in patriotism, citizenship, civic education and values, our shared history of diversity, the role of history of diversity, the role of religious tolerance in this country, and human rights issues, with particular attention to the study of the inhumanity of genocide, slavery (including the freedom trail and underground railroad), the Holocaust, and the mass starvation in Ireland from 1845 to 1850, and in the history, meaning, significance and effect of the provisions of the constitution of the United States, the amendments thereto, the declaration of independence, the constitution of the state of New York and the amendments thereto, and the period of instruction in each of the grades in such subjects. They shall adopt rules providing for attendance upon such instruction and for such other matters as are required for carrying into effect the objects and purposes of this section. The commissioner shall be responsible for the enforcement of such section and shall cause to be inspected and supervise the instruction to be given in such subjects. The commissioner may, in his discretion, cause all or a portion of the public school money to be apportioned to a district or city to be withheld for failure of the school authorities of such district or city to provide instruction in such courses and to compel attendance upon such instruction, as herein prescribed, and for a non-compliance with the rules of the regents adopted as herein provided.

4. The regents shall designate a week during each year and prescribe a uniform course of exercises in the public schools of the state suitable for pupils of various ages to instill into the minds of such pupils the purpose, meaning and importance of the bill of rights articles in the federal and state constitutions. Such exercises shall be in addition to any prescribed courses of study in the schools.

5. The regents shall make available to all elementary schools in the state suitable curriculum materials to aid in the instruction of pupils in grades kindergarten through six in the understanding and acceptance of children with disabilities as defined in section forty-four hundred one of this chapter.