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Riverside HS Valedictorian, Salutatorian Look to Serve Others



Riverside HS Valedictorian Karim Thornhill, right, and Salutatorian Nora Sandoz

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Riverside High School's 2023 Valedictorian Karim Thornhill and Salutatorian Nora Sandoz. Thornhill was named Riverside's Valedictorian after achieving a 97.23 GPA. His favorite teachers at Riverside are Teorrah Williams- Computer Information Systems 110, Danny Fanek - Networking, and Kelly Jakab Mueller - Earth Science

"They really pushed me to succeed, and they also had similar backgrounds to me, being raised in a low income home. Seeing how successful they are helped me," said Thornhill, whose favorite subject is Math.

"Math allows me to think out of the box and explore the many ways to find a solution. Math allows me to get my brain active."

Karim will graduate with 33 college credits, thanks to his participa-

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Lots of Free Fun at Yonkers Arts Weekend !



38 Migrants Arrive in Westchester, at Ramada-Yonkers; NYC Looking for More Locations



two white minibuses, carrying 38 migrants, arrived at the Ramada Inn Yonkers on May 15

By Dan Murphy

On Monday May 15, 14 migrant families with 38 people overall, primarily consisting of women and young children, arrived at the Ramada Inn Yonkers. The hotel has capacity for 100 families, to be housed in 100 rooms, and while it is unclear if those rooms will be filled, NYC Mayor Eric Adams and his administration continue to search for more locations in Westchester and other neighboring suburbs to house the overflow number of 60,000 migrants that New York City cannot accommodate.

Before the migrants arrived in Yonkers, County Executive George Latimer commented broadly on the need for our state and country to come up with a plan. Latimer proposed a number of logical initiatives, including opening a temporary immigration court in Westchester and getting work permits for some of the migrants.

But the matter has now shifted to the reality of caring for the migrant families now coming to Yonkers. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano held a press conference on May 16, and explained to his residents what he knows.

"With no plan, very little notice, and no additional resources, we have received 14 families, mostly single women, with young children under school age. They are no our guests and Yonkers is an immigrant city and we will treat them with dignity," said Spano.

Spano explained that while NYC will pay for the room and board at the Ramada Inn, there will be other costs to care for the 38 now in Yonkers, and likely more to come. "The state provided New York City with \$1 Billion to help with this crisis. I can't believe that money was meant to be used to ship these families to other communities without provide assistance to City's like Yonkers that will be affected."

"We will continue to provide accountability from New York City and from State government. We call on the Governor to come up with a solution for local governments. The problem is not going away."

Spano said that in recently phone calls with NYC and State officials, while the Adams administration continues to look for other locations in Yonkers and in Westchester, "they said how expensive it is to find housing outside of Yonkers. Does that mean that families will only go to poorer communities?"

Spano added that the Adams administration does not have plans to house additional migrants at another Yonkers location. "We don't know about their health care needs or their social service needs. Right now there are no school age chil-

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Yonkers Arts Weekend in Here

With many free offerings for you to enjoy. Here are three events that we highlighted below and to the left including:

YOHO Arts Studios, with photo of YOHO Artists at left, and story on pg 7

Beczak Environmental Center is presenting a free performance of Insignificant on May 21, flyer bottom left

Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, UPAC, is presenting Jazz in the Park and Art in the Park, both on May 20, flyer below.

For a complete listing of events for Yonkers Arts Weekend, visit YonkersArtsWeekend.com

The Beczak Environmental Center Invites You To A Free Outdoor Performance



At Harvard University in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Cecilia Payne, Annie Jump Cannon, and the group of women known as the "Harvard Computers" overcame prejudice, denigration, and opposition to change the course of modern astronomy and developed revolutionary systems to chart and measure stars that remain in use today. Their battles for recognition, respect, and equality are still being fought by women in the 21st century.



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This program is presented in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano, the City of Yonkers, and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

In case of inclement weather, please call the UPAC Arts Line at 914-375-3435 or visit our website www.untermeyerperformingarts.org after 12 pm the day of the performance.

Funding also is received from Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, Empire City Casino by MGM and our many loyal arts patrons.



Charter School of Educational Excellence, Completes Professional Stage



Officials from the Charter School of Educational Excellence and Yonkers city officials cut a ribbon at the school's new stage on May 16, 2023

The Charter School of Educational Excellence cut a ribbon Tuesday on a new stage at its high school designed to help students learn theatrical rigging and other skills that will help them land jobs at Lionsgate Studios and other media stages opening in Yonkers.

"Behind the scenes is where the real theater takes place. There are jobs—great opportunities for you to do standing, rigging, sound. All those things are high paying jobs and what we hope to do with this stage is to start to introduce you to that field and those opportunities," said Eduardo LaGuerre, the school's founder and chair of the Board of Trustees, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new stage includes 600 seats, state-of-the-art audio-visual capacities, and a large projection screen.

The addition of the stage is the latest upgrade for the K-12 public charter school. In 2021, the school opened a \$27 million high school at 220 Warburton Ave.

The 76,000-square-foot high school includes a competition-size soccer field and oversized classrooms. The high school offers culinary arts, automobile technology and health sciences programs that allow graduating students to acquire immediate employment. For the students seeking to continue their studies, the CSEE's curriculum includes up to 24 college credits.

From its opening in 2005, the CSEE's mission is to empower children to excel. Its students have performed better on state assessment exams than their counterparts in the Yonkers Public Schools for the last six years. The NYS Education Department designated the CSEE as an exceptional Reward School.

Yonkers Police Department Unveils Motorola Solutions AWARE Crime Control Center



Underscoring its commitment to the safety and security of the community and officers, the Yonkers Police Department today announced the opening of its new AWARE Crime Control Center, a technology enhanced room that fuses real-time video from the City's network of safety cameras with other critical data and geospatial mapping. The AWARE center will allow Yonkers Police officers to respond more efficiently to everyday events and emergencies. The Department has partnered with Motorola Solutions, a global leader in public safety and enterprise security technology, to modernize its existing public safety infrastructure and integrate new and existing technology systems.

"We are committed to making sure our Yonkers Police has all of the necessary tools to lower crime and enhance the quality of life for our residents," said Mayor Mike Spano. "The opening of the AWARE center is yet another example of our investment in City safety and commitment to innovation, collaboration and transparency with and on behalf of the community."

"This opening marks a pivotal milestone for our Department, one that would not have been possible without the support of our administration," said Commissioner Chris Sapienza. "Time is of the essence in any emergency. Our new AWARE center brings together critical information from across our community and public safety systems, so that our incident managers and officers in the field know what's happening and can respond appropriately."

The AWARE center gives First Responders, from 9-1-1 dispatchers to command staff, a single, consolidated view of an incident as it unfolds. It addresses common challenges presented by siloed data and disconnected back-end systems that can hinder emergency response. The following now or will feed information into the AWARE center:

Body-worn camera system, which captures critical evidence and increases transparency

Computer-aided dispatch, incident awareness and mapping, field reporting and evidence management software, which enables effective workflow management from the initial 9-1-1 call to case closure

The CityProtect portal, which allows community members to submit anonymous tips, view crime mapping and create non-emergency online reports

License plate readers, which help identify stolen vehicles or those associated with criminal activity

Yonkers' network of safety cameras, which help identify unusual activity as it unfolds

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which are part of the Yonkers Police drone-as-first-responder pilot (DFR) program, providing real-time eyes on the scene of a 9-1-1 call before officers arrive (rollout summer 2023)

"Yonkers Police Department has long been an early adopter of public safety technology," said Dave White, vice president, Motorola Solutions. "It has been a privilege to work with them to introduce technology solutions that increase community engagement, improve safety and support their mission to protect the lives and property of residents and visitors."

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DiNapoli: NYC Has Recovered Nearly All Private Sector Jobs

Arts, Tourism, Retail Lagging but 4 Million Jobs Total in 2023, Same as 2019

New York City has recovered 99.4% of private sector jobs it lost in the pandemic, but unevenly across key industries, according to an analysis released by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

“The city’s job recovery is good news,” DiNapoli said. “We are seeing strength in the securities, transportation and warehousing and office sectors, but retail, restaurants, construction and tourism continue to lag the national recovery. We need these sectors, which employ hundreds of thousands of workers, to also regain their full pre-pandemic strength to ensure the city’s economic recovery is more robust and inclusive of all New Yorkers.”

Comptroller DiNapoli monitors several industries vital to the city’s comeback and provides monthly updates on the New York City Industry Sector Dashboards, which he launched last year. Key findings across the arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, office, restaurants, retail, securities, tourism and transportation and warehousing sectors include:

Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

The arts, entertainment and recreation sector saw an uptick in employment in March of 2023. The sector has recovered only about 85% of pre-pandemic jobs, lagging the national job recovery rate for the sector of 96.4%. Broadway reopened in September 2021 and makes up one of the largest shares of arts jobs but has been slow to come back. Attendance exceeded pre-pandemic levels for the first time in January of 2023, but has since remained below pre-pandemic levels.

Restaurants

As of March 2023, the restaurant sector has recovered 95.5% of pre-pandemic jobs, slightly below the rest of the state at 97.3%, and the nation, which has already fully recovered. At the height of the pandemic, restaurants lost 73% of jobs compared to 22% in the rest of the private sector.

Retail

Retailers have only regained 87.4% of jobs in New York City compared to the nation which fully recovered its retail jobs as of March 2023.

The retail sector saw a 33% drop in jobs between March and April 2020 due to pandemic and mandatory closures of non-essential retail businesses. The city’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 financial plan does not expect the sector to recover its pandemic job losses before 2027.

Tourism

The sector has yet to recovery nationally, and tourism employment in the city is still nearly 15% below the pre-pandemic level at the end of the third quarter in 2022. Hotel occupancy was about 74% in 2022, far below pre-pandemic levels.

Construction

As of March 2023, the construction sector has yet to regain 8% of its pre-pandemic jobs. Year-to-date activity in 2023 lags the same period last year, although construction activity was strong in 2022. At the onset of the pandemic, the construction sector lost 46% of its jobs compared to only 22% for the private sector, as New York State paused nonessential construction. Over the last year, the sector has been hit by the rising interest rate environment influenced by the Federal Reserve’s actions to combat high levels of inflation.

Securities

The securities sector did not see a notable drop in employment at the onset of the pandemic, as employees were able to shift to remote work.

While the sector has experienced fluctuations in employment, job growth in the city continues to surpass that of the rest of the state. The sector is currently 6.4% larger than in 2019.

Sector profits reached \$25.8 billion in 2022, 55.8% less than the prior year.

Transportation and Warehousing

The sector has recovered pandemic job losses despite being hard hit at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Employment growth was especially strong in warehousing and storage, and courier and messenger services, due to increased demand for e-commerce. The Port of New York and New Jersey surpassed Los Angeles and Long Beach, California to become the biggest port by number of large shipping containers.

Office

The office sector, which includes the information, financial and real estate, and professional and business services industries regained pandemic job losses by January 2022. As of March 2023, jobs in the sector were almost 4% above the pre-pandemic level in 2019. Workers continue to return to the office, with the latest data showing an office occupancy rate of nearly 60% on peak days such as Tuesdays. However, concerns over commercial office space linger as vacancy rates remained at 22.2% in the first quarter of 2023.

For more information, visit www.ocs.state.ny.us

St. John’s Hospital: A Yonkers Gem



by Eric Wolf Schoen

It all started out with trying to get the cat into the carrier to take him to the vet. Though the carrier is big, it’s no easy task. So this gentle, chubby friendly cat decided to bite its owner.

At first it wasn’t so bad but as the weekend progressed the bite under the wrist got worse. It spread up the arm and the arm got swollen, red, let’s just say it looked ugly. A doctor friend said ‘get yourself to the hospital’ and so began a 7 day journey to our wonderful St. John’s Hospital in Yonkers.

No hospital is perfect. And no one wants to be in the hospital. It all starts in the emergency room. That sets the tone for the hospital. What Emergency Room would set the patient up in a bed with a television set so she could watch her favorite game show, JEOPARDY on the television as she was being triaged. Maybe the patient got there at the right time but there was no wait to be seen.

The Emergency Room at St. John’s is highly recommended when Urgent Care won’t be enough. The specially trained doctors and nurses work very hard to make the patient and their family comfortable. None of those hours to wait to be seen those in New York City hospitals have to put up with.

One thing about St. John’s Hospital is that the place is spotless. The cleaning staff is constantly dusting and mopping the floor. And if they should miss a spot, bring it to their attention and the area will be spotless momentarily.

The Radiation Department is so gentle that even an infected arm is handled with care. The results are presented promptly and in easy to understand language for the patient.

The doctor assigned to handle the case was extremely professional as were the orthopedic and infectious disease doctors. Nursing care is always extra special at St. John’s. Whether it be an RN or an Aide they go out of their way to address the patients needs promptly, even in the rare occasion that they are short handed.

I Have to compliment Dietary. When something is left off the tray by mistake or the wrong item is on the tray (I.e. regular pancake syrup vs. sugar free) Dietary within minutes brings up the proper item.

The excellent care patients receive at St. John’s is nothing new. During a visit in 2014-15 the care was excellent and my moms many visits during late 1980s and early 1990s were met with tender loving care. Even years ago when Lyme disease first came out and it was a mystery when no symptoms were visible, the staff went out of their way to do everything in their power to address the problem and make this writer comfortable.

Residents in Yonkers and WESTCHESTER are fortunate to have such a good hospital as St. John’s Riverside Andrus Pavilion and the Cochran Nursing School. And the hospital is bringing on new doctors and new services for the community every day.

I noticed that every other patient I observed was receiving the same fine care even as demanding as some people who are ill can be.

That cat is ok, after 7 days in the hospital the patient is ok, and it’s heart-warming to know when you need medical services St. John’s in Yonkers is there!

Briefs:

-Migrants, woman and children are being housed at the Ramada Inn on Tuckahoe road in Yonkers. They were bussed up from New York City where they came from on long treks from our borders.

We have a responsibility to take care of our brothers and sisters, but I believe Mayor Spano in that he did not know they were coming and they came with no resources from the state, New York City or the Federal Government.

How can this be. Is Mayor Adams so heartless to send bus loads to Yonkers without any resources. Does the State feel no obligation to those entering the Yonkers borders? How about the Federal Government. Don’t they have some responsibility here? Sadly, everyone throws their hands up in the air and does nothing.

Hey wait a minute. Where are all the New York liberals who vote candidates of their persuasion into office. Why can’t they be generous and kind and invite the migrants into their homes. Many of George Soros’ buddies live in big mansions with plenty of rooms. Why not house the migrants in these palatial palaces?

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City Council Candidate Robinson, Councilman Merante Disagree Over X20 and the Downtown



By Dan Murphy

Deana Robinson, left, Democratic Candidate for Yonkers City Council District 1, which includes the downtown waterfront, took City Councilman and republican Mayoral candidate Anthony Merante to task for recent comments he made about the X20 Restaurant. —X20 and its owner, Yonkers native and famous chef Peter Kelly, have filed for bankruptcy protection but remain open, with Kelly vowing to “continue to serve the public.”

Merante used X20 and Kelly’s challenges to attack Mayor Mike Spano, who Merante hopes to replace in November, claiming that the City gave Kelly millions to help him open the restaurant in 2008, and that reservations are down and crime is up in the downtown.

Robinson called out Merante to retract his statement and the negative comments he made about the downtown. “Councilman Merante playing on the National Republican strategy of crime fear-mongering has decided to use a restaurant on our Waterfront as a pawn in his attempt to misrepresent Yonkers waterfront’s success. Dozens of restaurants and hundreds of businesses line our Waterfront areas from the policies of smart development and the public safety commitment of Yonkers.

X20 is an excellent local establishment that many Yonkers residents patronize and like many other restaurants throughout the country, they are having a difficult time staying afloat coming out of a Pandemic. The Yonkers waterfront is the home of many great businesses that people from all over the county come to. Thanks to Mayor Mike Spano it is safer and more economically viable than ever before. As a local small business owner, I will continue to stand and fight for our small businesses. When elected councilwoman, I look forward to working with Mayor Spano to deliver resources to our waterfront and its businesses to ensure its continued success,” said Robinson.

Usually, the Mayor of Yonkers needs to serve as a cheerleader, and promote the positive things that are happening. Merante, put down the city and its downtown waterfront. In his statement, Merante pointed out that X20 has had its challenges before, but has survived.

Why not root for one of Yonkers more famous dining establishments? Why not go to X20 for dinner. We don’t appreciate the negativity, nor do we agree with the attacks on downtown Yonkers.

In a recent story, we spoke to a downtown salon owner who said the downtown is thriving thanks to Mayor Spano. <https://yonkerstimes.com/downtown-salon-owner-yonkers-is-thriving-under-mayor-spano/>

Plus, Kelly has been able to make a comeback before, and we wish him all the best moving forward, and can’t wait to come back to X20 again soon.

Yonkers Board of Education Re-Elects Lopez President & Dr. Corrado-Del Vecchio VP



Yonkers Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez and Vice-President Dr. Corrado Del Vecchio

The Yonkers Board of Education voted unanimously to re-elect President Rev. Steve Lopez and Vice-President Dr. Corrado Del Vecchio to another term.

Rev. Lopez was appointed by Mayor Mike Spano in 2013. During his tenure on the Board, Rev. Lopez served as Vice President in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2016, he was first elected President and re-elected to the leadership position each consecutive year – 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and the 2022-2023 school years.

Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio was appointed by Mayor Mike Spano in 2017. Dr. Del Vecchio served as Vice President in the 2021 and 2022-2023 school years.

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dren, but that can change. We have families who don’t speak English and will need special education services. We want to do our part but it has to be shared by NYC and the state. We implore the Governor to come up with a plan.”

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said, “We hear the voices from the residents who elected us. And as we are in the midst of finalizing our budget and looking to cut costs, we are also mindful that we are a migrant city and the city of immigrants who encourage people to be open to other diverse communities. We are calling on NYC and NYS to contribute to ensure we have the resources available for health care and education. We won’t stop until we get the help we need.”

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada said, “We need an action plan that shows support for the residents while at the same time giving empathy and care to our new guests. We are preparing for the academic and social support that may be required and looking at where do we have the capacity? The fact is they are now members of this community and we are a caring community and we will be ready to support them. We have asked the State Education Department to provide funding for these young people.”

Any 3 year old child in the hotel is entitled to Pre-k services, but it is voluntary. At age 4, attendance become required in Pre-K. The Yonkers Public Schools also provides adult education services, which would be available to the women who arrived.

Mayor Spano said that so far, the conversations with NYC and State government “have been good and fruitful. We are expecting to hear more out of Albany. Now that they are here we will be good neighbors.”

Several City Councilmembers commented on the migrant women and children who arrived at the Ramada on Tuckahoe Road. City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen stated, “Since Friday, May 12th, the City of Yonkers has made repeated attempts to obtain information from New York City Mayor Eric Adams in relation to the migrants possibly being sent to Yonkers. Unfortunately, all of those calls went unanswered and the failed policies of President Biden, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Mayor Adams has made it to Yonkers. On Monday, May 15th, 14 families of migrants (38 individuals) arrived in our City with nothing more than the clothes on their backs to be housed in a Yonkers hotel paid for with some of the over \$1 billion Mayor Adams received to care for the migrants his city received. These funds were NOT given to Mayor Adams to export the migrants to neighboring cities. I am calling on every level of government who authorized sending the migrants to Yonkers be responsible for the full expense of them being here. That would include any housing, education, medical and any other unforeseen expenses incurred. The process must begin now to return the migrants to NYC. The cost of them being here cannot be borne by the Yonkers taxpayer,” said Breen.

City Councilman and Mayoral candidate Anthony Merante stated, “Without giving any notice of his intentions Adams decided to ship his migrants to Yonkers with no coordination with the City. This is a complete outrage! Adams was given one billion dollars by New York State to resolve his problem and he dumps it on Yonkers with no long-term plan or statement on the numbers of migrants coming or how long they will be staying. There are way too many inconsistencies in what is dripping out of Adams office. As the Councilmember in District 6 where the Ramada is located, I’m urging Mayor Spano to take forceful action and file a lawsuit to seek an injunction against the Ramada based on City code and certificate of occupancy violations. The hotel is permitted for temporary shelter not permanent housing. Furthermore, these new arrivals must be identified, this is a security issue. We must know who they are and their whereabouts to protect our community.”

In a joint statement, County Legislator James Nolan and Assemblyman Matt Slater stated, “New York City Government have told state and municipal leaders that they plan to relocate over 100 migrants to the city of Yonkers. They are all families and children but no other information has been provided. The lack of details is unacceptable for the residents of Yonkers. This is a failure of President Biden, Governor Hochul, and Mayor Adams -not the hardworking taxpayers of Yonkers and Westchester County. We urge Mayor Adams to reconsider this decision. Too many questions remain unanswered for this to be accepted.”

Mayor Spano said the alternative shelter was being made for two homeless families who were staying at the Ramada. The question remains, what available and affordable locations are there in Yonkers and in Westchester County to house the migrant population?

Published reports claim that NYC has reserved the 100 rooms for one year. At a cost of \$100 per room, 100 rooms for 350 days brings the total cost at \$3.5 Million.

NYPD Cop Arrested at Yonkers Shoprite; Facial Recognition Gets Him 2nd Time

Surveillance Facial Recognition Used; Suspended from NYPD Pending

A New York City police officer has been charged with two counts of petit larceny for stealing \$1200 worth of food from the Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. The thefts are alleged to have occurred on two occasions; one on April 29 (\$690) and the other on May 7 (\$500).

The officer, Aaron Cataquet of Cortlandt was caught with facial recognition surveillance. The NYPD suspended Cataquet pending the outcome of this case.

On his return trip to Shoprite, store security was able to ID Cataquet and call the Yonkers Police.

Many retailers are using this same form of Artificial Intelligence to catch repeat offenders. Some businesses have placed signs at their entrance which reads, “This Business collects, retains, converts, stores, or shares customers’ biometric identifier information, which is information that can be used to identify or help identify you.”

While this sign is not place at the Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road, other supermarkets like Fairway and large retailers like Walmart have promoted their use of AI to help reduce shoplifting and deter shoplifters.

The Shoprite on Tuckahoe Road is the largest drop location of Yonkers Rising, with more than 1,200 copies every week.

Police officers we spoke to were beyond disappointed with no sympathy for what happened.

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Cross County Center's Summer Fest Is Back



Free Zumba Classes

Cross County Center is bringing back Westchester's favorite summer celebration, Summer Fest 2023, bigger and better than ever! The series kicks off on Thursday, May 18th at 6pm with a free Zumba class which continues throughout August. New events for 2023 include an Adult & Child Chef Series entitled Cooking Together with Gather Culinary and the Summer Fest Style Lounge with a Clothing Swap.

"Summer Fest 2023 at Cross County Center is the ultimate destination for fun and excitement all summer long!" said Liz Pollack, Senior Manager of Marketing for Cross County Center. "We expanded our events this year to represent our multicultural and multigenerational shoppers – so we have something for everyone!"

Events Include:

NEW: COOKING TOGETHER WITH GATHER CULINARY: Adult & Child Cooking Classes Led By Chef Melanie Underwood

Join Yonkers resident and 26-year licensed culinary arts teacher Melanie Underwood, founder of Gather Culinary, on the Green, throughout the summer for an educational cooking series. Starting on Wednesday, 5/24, 6:15PM – 7:30PM and more dates throughout the summer.

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For more details on Center happenings, log on to www.crosscountycenter.com or follow Cross County Shopping Center on social media.

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tion in the P-Tech Dual enrollment program at Westchester Community College. "P-Tech gave us the opportunity to go to WCC and see what a college campus is like."

After touring Mercy College's Dobbs Ferry Campus, Thornhill said "I felt comfortable, and they welcomed me. They don't care what color or sexuality you are. Plus, it is a beautiful campus."

Who helped you get to this point of achievement? "No matter how many people try to give me the best advice, I pushed myself to be the best. Even when we went through the pandemic and I wanted to give up, I decided to push through. I knew I was going to get to a better place, and I did."

When did you realize you had a chance to become Valedictorian? "I started to look in my junior year. My first two years, I wasn't focused. But after junior year I realized that I had a chance and that pushed me to do better."

Karim comes from a family of nurses, and he hopes to become a Nurse Practitioner. "Being around that environment, I love caring for people, and being by people's side and doing something for them."

What is your inspirational quote to a future Valedictorian? "Don't let people try to push you down. Know what you can do and do it."

Riverside HS Salutatorian Nora Sandoz will graduate with a 96.02 GPA. Her favorite teachers are Teorrah Williams (Intro to Computer Information Systems), Kelly Jakab (Earth Science), and Danny Fanek(Computer Network and Operating Systems).

"They were the teachers who motivated me to keep going and work hard. My freshman year during COVID I was slacking off at home. That environment didn't help me to learn, but these three teachers checked up on me. As soon as we came back to school, Mr. Fanek helped me to work harder and kept me focused on what we were learning."

Sandoz's favorite subjects are English and Art. "I'm passionate about both. I have had a love for art for the longest time and love to express myself by drawing or painting. And I used to think writing was a chore but now I love it and enjoy writing short stories of poetry."

Nora will attend Westchester Community College in the fall, and already has 22 P-Tech college credits from the school. "I want to pursue a security pathway program and I plan to move on to a four-year college and obtain a degree in both English and Criminal Justice." A future career in law enforcement or as an investigator are likely.

When did you start to pay attention to your ranking? "In my junior year a bunch of classmates told me I could be the Val or Sal and was up there in rank, and I was shocked. But it made me stay true to myself and motivated me to push myself harder."

Who helped you get to this achievement? "My friends. They helped shake all of the negative thoughts out of me and would always find a way to bring me back to a positive place." Outside of school, Nora helped babysit her cousins and tutor them with their schoolwork.

What do you like most about Riverside HS? "I like the sense of community. I was able to build a lot of relationships with my classmates and other like-minded people in my school. Due to my social anxiety, I had issues with making friends and meeting new people but after attending Riverside things had really picked up!"

Advice for a future Salutatorian? "It isn't always about being the smartest or the loudest in the room. Always remember slow and steady wins the race."

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Dionne Quintuplets in 1937

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 Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, May 22nd

May 22, 1946: The Hebrew National Orphan Home on Tuckahoe Road waited to pick up 20 young Jewish refugees; the children arrived two days earlier and were still in screening at Ellis Island. According to Executive Director Reuben Koffoff, European Jewish Children's Aid wanted the Yonkers' facility to serve as a reception center for children coming to the US; they then would send the children to various parts of the US for rehabilitation.

May 22, 1950: Twenty-six-year-old Yonkers resident Don Hornsby, a pianist-acrobat who recently had signed a five-year-contract with NBC TV, passed away at Grasslands Hospital six days after being stricken with polio. Hornsby had lived in the Grayvine Hudson Apartments on Ravine Avenue for just a few weeks.

A discovery of Bob Hope and Fred Allen, Hornsby was to be the host of NBC's first late night network television program. Yonkers resident Morey Amsterdam, replaced him.

Tuesday, May 23rd

May 23, 1916: The Yonkers Health Department ruled the Nepperhan River between Lake and Roberts Avenues was unsanitary; they held the owners of property in the area responsible for polluting the stream with debris.

May 23, 1944: J. M. Johnson, Director of the Federal Office of Defense Transportation, announced the New York State Racing Commission formally assigned all Empire City Races to the Jamaica track. The move purely was an emergency wartime measure, and "neither the Commission nor the State of New York were taking racing permanently from Westchester."

Wednesday, May 24th

May 24, 1926: John Burke, newly elected President of the Yonkers Board of Education, announced "There will be no more lengthy executive sessions, if I can help it!"

May 24, 1926: Because of a sudden surge in dog bites, Yonkers hired temporary dogcatchers to round up stray dogs, hoping the large number of bites would drop. They began rigid enforcement of requiring dogs to be muzzled or leashed on the streets of Yonkers.

May 24, 1956: Yonkers Police cars converged on the City Jail, after an alarm was sent to Police Headquarters! Not knowing what to expect, whether a jail break or a riot, they did a thorough search of the jail. What dangerous situation did they find? A short in the alarm system!

Thursday, May 25th

May 25, 1931: The Directors of the Hollywood Inn, the stellar Yonkers institution since it opened in 1896, carefully studied their finances. They had amassed debt of \$43,000 and were operating at an annual loss of \$18,000. The Board unanimously affirmed their previous decision to break up the organization and return the property to the Cochran heirs. Although members wanted to keep it open, they were unable to put together a plan or financial package to keep it open. It closed forever at 11 pm, May 30th.

May 25, 1948: Park Superintendent John Regan announced Parks Staff raised 22,000 annuals in city greenhouses for the city's parks, which the workers were busy planting around Yonkers.

Special attention was given to Washington Park, where City Hall was. One thousand-five hundred plants were placed in the two beds flanking the Nepperhan Avenue entrance, featuring red Cannas and Coleus, with borders of Marigolds. Beds along the front steps of City Hall featured Begonias; farther down were beds with Salvia, Cannas, Ageratum and Salvia. Beds in front of the War Memorial featured red geraniums bordered by Alyssum. Both Yonkers greenhouses were at Trevor Park and on the Untermeyer Estate.

Friday, May 26th

May 26, 1907: The Board of Police Commissioners reported that since the inauguration motorcycle patrol was started twelve months earlier, Officers Van Steenberg and King had arrested 158 speeding violators. All but three were found guilty of exceeding the twelve-mile an hour speed limit in Yonkers.

May 26, 1929: A large stock of candy was delivered to the Yonkers City Jail, not for the prisoners, but for children! Suggested by Lieutenant John Scheiber, it was hoped sweets would help calm lost children picked up by policemen on the street and kept at the lockup until parents came for them.

Saturday, May 27th

May 27, 1940: According to Recruiting Officer Sergeant Elmer Holt, more than 250 men had tried to enlist the previous week; most of the men were unemployed and wanted a job. Unfortunately, many of the men were rejected because of physical issues.

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THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid 6979 – Opening date: 06/02/2023: Furnish and deliver two Dodge Ram 4500 regular cab 4x4 trucks and two Dodge Ram 3500 regular cab 4x4 trucks, or Yonkers approved equals, per Yonkers specifications, model year 2023 or newer (MM).
2. Bid 6980 – Opening date: 06/23/2023: Yonkers City Pier substructure repairs (TC).
3. Bid 6978 – Opening date: 06/02/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs for playground equipment throughout the Yonkers School District (FB).
4. Bid 6981 – Opening date: 06/09/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call HVAC maintenance and repairs for City owned facilities (AC).
5. Bid 6982 – Opening date: 06/09/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide machine shop fabrication services as needed (FB).
6. Bid 6984 – Opening date: 06/02/2023: Purchase of various quantities and brands, or Yonkers approved equals, of paper goods and cleaning supplies (29 items) as needed for the Yonkers School District Department of Food services (JH).
7. Bid 6983 – Opening date: 06/02/2023: Purchase of various brands, or Yonkers approved equals, of commercial kitchen equipment for the Yonkers School District Department of Food services (70 items). (KAS).
8. Bid 6901A – Opening date: 06/09/2023: Furnish and install rolling gates and fencing at the DPW Service Center, 1130 Nepperhan Avenue (AC).
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23-CVD-4095

Attention “KEYCI GOMEZ”

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This the 16st day of May 2023.

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May 27, 1941: At a gathering in St. Casimir’s Church Hall to celebrated Polish Constitution Day, Reverend Joseph Szarek, Polish refugee priest, spoke about cruel and inhuman treatment of the Polish people by the invading Nazi troops.

Sunday, May 28th

May 28, 1937: Children at Leake & Watts Orphan House celebrated the third birthday of the Dionne Quintuplets, Yvonne, Annette, Cecile, Emilie, and Marie, with the help of the “Princess of Song,” Jessica Dragonette. Dragonette was a popular radio singer, who was extremely active in the World War II effort. Not only did she frequently perform for the troops and sell a record number of war bonds, she performed so often for charities benefiting the troops, she was made an honorary Colonel. In 1932 and 1943, she was voted the best female singer of the country.

May 28, 1965: Dr. Martin Luther King addressed the Negro American Labor Council at their fifth annual convention held at the Westchester Town House on Tuckahoe Road. The convention, whose theme was “Economic Freedom and Security for the Black and White Poor,” was attended by labor leaders from all over the country.

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.

**YoHo Open Studios Returns May 20-21
As Part of Yonkers Arts Weekend**



Above: YOHO Artist Adam Schultz. Below YOHO Artist Robert Owusu



For the past three-years, due to the covid, the artists of YoHo Studios in Yonkers, N.Y., have not been able to celebrate their annual YOHO Artists Open Studio, which coincides with Yonkers Arts Weekend, May 20. The annual event includes participation of the Hudson River Museum, Untermyer Gardens and several well established galleries in Yonkers.

This year, sixty-plus artists will be opening their studio to the public for two-days, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 – 21, from 11am- 5pm at 540-578 Nepperhan Avenue. This free event is a unique opportunity to tour the YOHO Artists Studios and see firsthand where and how their artwork is created at the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills factory building. Visitors will be able to enjoy live music, performances and refreshments in a family-friendly environment.

Please visit yohoartists.org for the most up to date details, parking information and event schedules.

**Yonkers Butterfly Release Ceremony
For Mother's Who Lost Their Children**



Butterfly Mothers on Hand to remember their lost loved ones

Yonkers celebrated the 7th annual Light the Sky Butterfly Release ceremony on May 13 at the City Hall Fountain Plaza. Hosted by TheMothers2016, the ceremony is in memory of children lost and the mothers who remember them. It is an opportunity to remember them, pray and release butterflies in their memory before Mother's Day.

"The women here relive a moment the loss of a child. I admire your courage, your will, your resilience," says Mayor Mike Spano.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy were also in attendance.

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My guess is we haven't seen the last of migrants coming into Yonkers hotels and motels. These hotels are not doing it out of the goodness of their hearts. For a hotel like Ramada on Tuckahoe to be guaranteed the income for these rooms is a big deal for a lengthy period of time. And I would guess that the migrants were not simply 'placed' at the Ramada but that Ramada Management at the hotel has a deal with the city or state to occupy the rooms for X NUMBER of days at X price. I sincerely doubt New York City picked the Ramada at random.

Housing the migrants in New York City public school gyms is not the answer. These gyms are not equipped with proper toileting facilities.

What happened to the big ships and portable housing set up during Covid? And the Javits Center?

-Hip Hip Hooray 'Congressman' George Santos' has finally been indicted!

-When is WESTCHESTER and New York State going to do something about the perennial problem of too high Trucks attempting to go under too low bridges on our area roadways? Again we had a run in causing traffic delays and damage on the Hutchinson River Parkway this week.

-New York is 98 out of 150 best places to live in the United States. Blame it on the high level of taxation.

-And finally our former President is guilty of sexual abuse. And his attorney has just been accused of drunken sexual rampages by a graphic artist who worked for him. When will these pigs ever stop!

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 thistooisyonkers@aol.com.

**A Healthy Mind is Money in the Bank:
Panel Discussion on Mental Health
Treatment and Resources.**



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- What are some mental health trends since COVID?
- What role does government play?
- What role can constituents play?
- What are treatment options?
- Questions from the audience.

Register:



Information:

Yonkersawarenessproject@gmail.com

Panelists:

Michael Orth, MSW
(Commissioner Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health)

Dr William "Drew" Mullane
(WJCS Director of Innovation, Integration, and Community Partnerships)

Audrey McInerney
(President NAMI Westchester)

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