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# Jada Pinkett Smith Talks Fentanyl Deaths With Yonkers Mom; "An Urgent Warning for all"



Jada Pinkett Smith, center, with Despina, from Yonkers (seated), with Willow Smith, right and Adrienne Banfield Norris, left

#### By Dan Murphy

The latest episode of Actress Jada Pinkett Smith's talk show, *Red Table Talk*, addresses a serious problem in the United States. "Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All," and includes a conversation with a Yonkers mother who had to cope with the death of her 15-year-old daughter from a Fentanyl overdose.

The Emmy® Award-winning series, "Red Table Talk," is hosted by Jada Pinkett Smith, her daughter Willow, a leading voice for her generation and her old-school mother Adrienne Banfield Norris. Each episode is shot at the Smith's family home where these three passionate and opinionated women bring their unique perspectives to real issues affecting real people. "Red Table Talk" is filled with honest, intimate, and inspiring conversations on topics impacting each of our lives.

The latest episode, "Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All", which will air on Facebook Watch at 12 noon ET on May 18, includes a discussion with Despina, the mother of Olivia Green from Yonkers, whose family has been impacted directly to the drug crisis facing our nation.

Despina tells Jada that on the evening of her daughter's death, "she was supposed to be staying at her best friend's house. But she lied to me. She went to go see a guy who was an adult. I think they met on Snapchat.

The 19-year-old male, and the 15-year-old Olivia, barely knew each other, according to detectives who investigated her death. "He gave her a Percocet, but it was a counterfeit and actually Fentanyl."

The male called police when Oliva overdosed, but her life was over before it began.

Also, in this episode, "Fentanyl: An Urgent Warning for All", for the first time, actor Michael K. Williams' nephew, speaks out about losing his beloved uncle to

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## Yonkers Police Make Quick Arrests in \$100K Jewelry Heist; Three Arrested, One at Large





Golden Square Jewelry, a Yonkers small business, was the victim of a smash and grab robbery at 5pm.

On Thursday, May 12th, 2022, at approximately 5:20 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the area of 28 South Broadway, at the Golden Square Jewelry store, on a report of a group of masked men breaking the front window with a sledgehammer; the men then fled the area in a dark SUV. Police were at scene within minutes and canvassing units located the fleeing SUV in the Park Hill neighborhood.

Officers pursued the suspect vehicle on local streets before it crashed into a residential home retaining wall on Marshall Road just east of Birch Road. The four occupants abandoned the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot; officers continued to pursue. Two of the suspects were captured within minutes, and a third within an hour as they attempted to escape and conceal themselves in the wooded area adjacent to the Saw Mill River Parkway.

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# Yonkers Valedictorians, Salutatorians- Class of 2022: Yonkers Montessori Academy





YMA, Valedictorian Allesandro Cocking, left, and Salutatorian Dotun Obasa By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the Class of 2022, and the Valedictorians and Salutatorians that worked so hard to get to this point of success. Yonkers Rising and Yonkers Times.com is proud to once again, feature each of the Val's and Sal's from each high school in Yonkers.

We start with YMA, Yonkers Montessori Academy, and Valedictorian Allesandro Cocking, and Salutatorian Dotun Obasa.

Allesandro will graduate with a with a 100,69 weighted grade point average. His favorite teachers at YMA are, Calculus teacher Richard Harman, Economics-Government teacher Brian Coyle and US History teacher Michael Devlin.

Allesandro's favorite subjects are Math and History. "Mr. Harman makes Calculus a lot of fun. He took us to Puerto Rico (YMA senior trip). I don't know how he does it but he makes it interesting and has a way of getting everyone involved. And I have always been interested in History, specifically U.S. History in the 20th Century."

Allesandro has taken 11 college link courses, and is Captain of the YMA Soccer Team. He also works for the Eastchester Emergency Medical Service as a first responder. "One of my friends lives in Eastchester and started working for their EMS. I started out as a volunteer and now I'm working on the ambulance."

Cocking applied for, and was accepted to Baruch College, Iona College, Ford-ham University, Manhattan College, and Pace University. He has decided to attend Baruch College, as a recipient of the Macaulay Honors Scholarship. "It's a great college and its the best financial decision for me. I won't be paying through the scholarship."

Allesandro wants to graduate from college with a major in finance, and then hopes to become a Yonkers firefighter. "One of my family friends is a fire fighter and I know that I would be miserable sitting behind a desk."

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# **Enjoy Yonkers Arts Weekend, and the Great Weather!**



Yonkers Arts Weekend returns on Sat. May 21 and Sun. May 22, after a two year, COVID, hiatus. The annual city-wide celebration of the arts is back to celebrating our robust arts and culture scene, offering opportunities for our community to enjoy notable and emerging (local) artists, family workshops, music, food, drink, and more for the 8th annual Yonkers Arts Weekend.

Yonkers Arts Weekend is an all-encompassing celebration of the arts in which the residents of Yonkers and the Greater NYC Areas can expect a fun-filled day featuring activations from all of our friends in the arts. "Yonkers Arts Weekend allows us to celebrate our rich arts and culture scene by fostering creative communal gathering spaces for shared experiences, connections, and conversations via the arts," says executive director Ray Wilcox. "This is perfectly befitting of our mission which is to develop a strong, effective and cooperative network of artists, cultural organizations and members of the community to promote and encourage the arts in the City of Yonkers."

"Our goal at Yonkers Arts is to enrich and stimulate the neighborhood creatively, culturally and economically by creating an all-inclusive art and cultural environment through exhibits, performances, special events, and educational programming for everyone," states Wilcox. Keeping this in mind, we are excited to announce that Yonkers Arts Weekend will feature a third of the weekend's programming initiatives.

Some of the events that all can attend for YAW22 at CMAD Yonkers Artist Showcase Opening Exhibition Wednesday May 18th from 6pm-9pm Breen Survives Petition Challenges from Sayegh: Bowman Speaks out Against new District Lines



Republican Assembly candidate Mike Breen, center with Yonkers GOP Chair John Larkin, right, and Councilman Anthony Merante

Yonkers City Council Minority Leader and Assembly candidate Mike Breen will be on the Republican and Conservative Party lines this fall. Breen's petitions were challenged by his democratic opponent, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh.

"I was humbled to have received the Republican and Conservative Parties endorsements earlier in the year to represent you in the NYS Assembly. In April, my campaign submitted significantly more than the required amount of signatures on both parties designating petitions and have since defended them in Supreme Court since my opponent wanted to silence the voice of those who believe I should be allowed on the ballot this November. I'm happy to say that our signatures were found to be sufficient and I will be your candidate for NYS Assembly. Thank you for your continued support and onward to victory In November," said Breen.

The election between Sayegh and Breen has been identified as one of the hotest contests in Westchester this fall. Some Yonkers political sages tell us, "it is not out of the question that Hochul could lose the race for Governor, depending on what happens in the summer and fall. If its more bad news, then this Assembly race is in play. And I think Nader knows that.

In other political news, Yonkers Congressman Jamaal Bowman did not receive the news of the new boundaries of his 16th district positively. The new lines take away parts of the Bronx from Bowman, but also keep his district in lower and mid Westschester. The new lines mean that one of Bowman's primary opponents, County Legislator Vedat Gashi, no longer lives in the district.

Bowman writes about the changes, "The whole point of redistricting is to create congressional districts that keep communities of interest together. Unfortunately, the map created by the special master splits NY-16's historically low-income Bronx communities into three congressional districts and decreases the Black voter population by 17%. This occurred despite an outpouring of testimony urging redistricting officials to protect the Black vote by keeping the northeast Bronx with lower Westchester together. The proposal shows that Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16. The map data shows that this directly resulted in the Black voter population declining by 17%.

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Congrats Quadir Holmes from the Yonkers Force Yonkers Rising Player of the Year!



Quadir Holmes with Yonkers Force Coach Anthony Fava

By Phil Foley

The Yonkers Rising Football Player of the Year goes to Quadir Holmes, of the Yonkers Force, a senior at Roosevelt High School. Quadir played on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Force.

He played it quite well! Good enough for Quadir who is 5'11" and 255 pounds to play the defensive line for Alfred University this Fall. He is among five players from the Force who will be playing college football this Fall.

Coach Anthony Fava the head coach of the Force said of Holmes: "Q plays with tremendous heart and passion, He was the undisputed leader of our team, Alfred U is getting a player who will not only be an impact player on the field, but a player who can eventually be the Captain of their team. The Yonkers Force community is very proud of all of his accomplishments and we look forward to following his success at the next level".

Congratulations Quadir for your success with the Force, and continued success at Alfred U.

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## YONKERS IDA **A Driving Force Behind the Yonkers** Renaissance.

Building on a nearly decade-long economic renaissance, the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano has been instrumental in providing financial incentives for development projects representing nearly \$5 billion in private investment and more than 9,100 multifamily units planned, completed, under construction and approved for development.

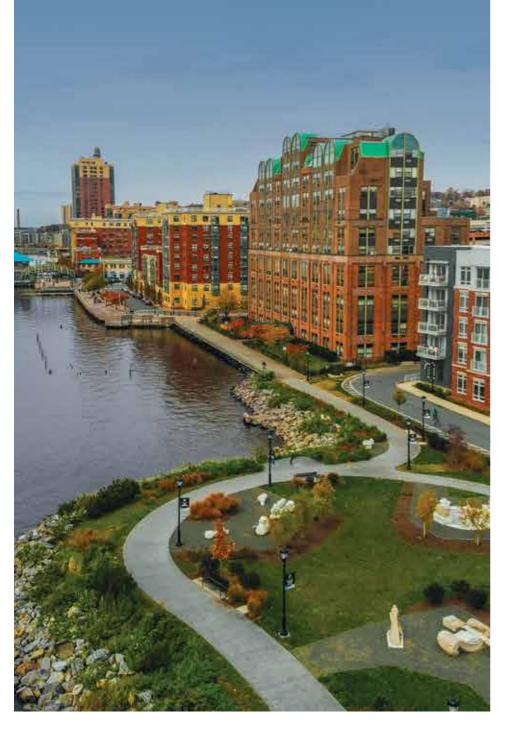
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## **Babies to Grownups**



By Eric W. Schoen

So where do we begin? The most serious crisis is with Baby formula. There are many questions. Why do we have such a small number of baby formula manufacturers in this country. Instead of Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature giving billions to the Buffalo Football team which is already making tons of money, why not give some of that money to startup companies that can produce baby formula?

You see we love to concentrate production in this country in the hands of a few. So when one part of the supply chain breaks down, we are up the you know what creek. And how come if you go on Amazon you can get baby formula if you live in our neighbor Canada but not the United States. It has taken months for the Biden administration to figure out we need to ease the restrictions for individuals getting government vouchers for baby formula. And a very long time to start the process of importing formula from other countries with similar formula products and standards close to ours!

Jewelry store Robbery. Thursday 5:30 p.m. In Getty Square?

I must admit that I have never thought of robbing a Jewelry store. Maybe a couple of Sweet and Low packets or crushed red pepper packets from Starbucks or Pizza Hut. Cheapest bottle of crushed red pepper a whopping \$6 at Stop and Shop. It use to be \$1 or \$2 for the \$6 bottle.

But thoughts of robbing a jewelry store by smashing in the front window? Not in my playbook. If I was a crook the last place I would do it would be on New Year's Eve in Times Square surrounded by thousands of police officers.

Second dumbest place to rob a jewelry store? Getty Square 5 or 5:30 p.m. on a Thursday. Most buses in Westchester run through Getty Square. People get out of work at that time so many people rushing through the Square to catch their buses or Metro North trains at the Yonkers Station. Plenty of Police Officers around at that time, and statistics over the years have shown that Getty Square is pretty safe.

So why would 4, yes 4 men try to smash the windows of Golden Square Jewelry Store with so many people and law enforcement around. Did they think they would not get caught? The only word I can think of is dumb!

Thank god no one in the store was injured and Yonkers Police caught 3 of the 4 thieves. Bottom line. If you can support the Golden Square store please do. No merchant should have to put up with thefts, particularly of \$100,000 of merchandise!

You never know what you will find in Getty Square at the various stores. I've been telling you about my saga trying the get appropriate size bags of 9 Lives Cat Food for my sister's cat. Finally found it at the Shop Fair on Main Street in Getty Square. This after visiting over 10 retailers including the big ones!

**Buffalo Supermarket Massacre** 

Terrible tragedy. My question. And probably yours. Online postings suggests months of preparation and planning before Saturday's racist massacre in Buffalo. They show how the suspect evaded a state law that could have prevented him from owning a gun. New York's red-flag law took effect in 2019, allowing judges to bar people believed to be dangerous from possessing firearms.

Yet the 18-year-old man accused of killing 10 people at a supermarket on Saturday was able to buy an assault-style weapon despite having been held for a mental health-evaluation last year after making a threatening remark at his high school. He described the remark in response to a school project question by writing that he wanted to commit a murder-suicide as a joke, and was released.

But postings that came to light earlier this week make it evident that the suspect was lying."I got out of it because I stuck with the story that I was getting out of class and I just stupidly wrote that down," he wrote. "That is the reason I believe I am still able to purchase guns. It was not a joke, I wrote that down because that's what I was planning to do.'

On Monday, state police confirmed that they did not seek a red-flag order against the suspect, who is now charged with one of the deadliest racist massacres in recent American history. Our question? Why was no red-flag order obtained by state police?

Still Stealing from the Supermarkets!

Acme McLean Avenue in Yonkers. 7:30 p.m. Saturday night. Man goes to the deli, gets some cold cuts and walks passed me as I enter the store. I tell the manager. He tells me this goes on all day long.

There is no excuse for this. However, stores in 2022 need to have security people stationed at entrances and exits to prevent this. And keep as few doors as possible open. Otherwise your food bill will continue to go up. I was shocked at the prices of food at Stop and Shop when I went Monday.

According to store managers I speak with, this 'bring your own bag' save the environment deal has lead to an increase in thefts. People just walk in the store whether it be Acme or CVS, fill up their bags and run out of the store. Some stores have signs up that tell shoppers not to shop in their personal bags. It doesn't work.

Westchester is a Covid High Transmission County. New York City on High Covid Alert

I went to get my second Covid booster over the weekend. Arm a little sorer this time than before. And on Monday Westchester was declared a High Transmission County. As I get ready to file this column New York City has been put on High Covid Alert. Normally I would have started this column with the breaking news.

I decided not to start off with Covid news this week. At this point we are going to have to live with it. I read more and more stories of unvaccinated people getting ill. One million people have died. You have a doctor. Ask him or her if you have any questions regarding the vaccinations you need. As for testing, you can get tests by mail, at pharmacies, even at the Yonkers Public Library for free.

Early on when tests were scarce, my doctor said only test if you have symptoms. I just wanted to be sure that protocol was still in place. Bottom line? If you feel more comfortable use one of the home kits. Just know they give off many false positives.

If you get a positive, don't panic. Go for the more extensive tests to determine whether or not you truly have Covid. If your health indicates a mask should be worn, wear it. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask wear it. Just don't be judgmental of others.

Briefs: It was so nice to wear a suit and tie twice last week. The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library Fundraiser and a dinner on a beautiful night for Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El honoring Rabbi Jeff Brown for 10 years

of service and Julie Glick, a very active congregant who goes above and beyond the call of duty. Even with the new Congressional Maps released Monday, Jamaal Bowman will represent Yonkers and most of Westchester. Sure would be nice to see him around town. But you can usually catch him on MSNBC. Would be nice if he put a collared

shirt on when he is representing our district on National television!

## Sixth Meeting of the Minds Regional Dementia Conference to be Held In Tarrytown May 25

The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter will host its sixth Meeting of the Minds Dementia Conference on Wednesday, May 25, at the Sleepy Hollow Conference Center in Tarrytown. The event is intended primarily for people with early-stage dementia and their family caregivers, but professional caregivers and health care workers are also welcome to attend. The first 200 people with dementia and family caregivers who register will be admitted for the discounted rate of \$25.

"We're excited to offer this discount to make it easier for caregivers and those in the early stages of the disease to attend. We hope people will take advantage of this great opportunity and look forward to having everyone gather in person at this conference for the first time since 2018," said Meg Boyce, Vice President of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Claire Sexton, Director of Scientific Programs & Outreach for the Alzheimer's Association, who will speak about the latest research advances into risk reduction, early diagnosis and treatment for Alzheimer's and other dementia, highlighting how the Alzheimer's Association is accelerating research through both its funding and convening of researchers.

The keynote address will be followed by five breakout sessions on dementia-related topics: A panel discussion on "Understanding Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Insurance" featuring three experts in the field; a talk on "Family Dynamics in Dementia Care" exploring how family roles, emotions and expectations can change when a loved one has dementia; a talk on "Communicating Clearly," that explores modified communication techniques for interacting with the elderly and memory-impaired; a presentation on "Dementia, Delirium and Depression"; and a talk on "Making Difficult Decisions" that offer tips for making the difficult decisions faced by dementia caregivers and when these decisions should be made.

After this, lunch will be served, featuring a panel discussion on legal and financial issues by three experts in the field. This will be followed by an educational program, "Healthy Living for the Brain and Body," before the event closes at around 3 p.m. For more details or to register, visit AlzDementiaConference.org -To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz. org/hudsonvalley.

#### YPD Makes quick arrests, continued from pg on pg 1-

A neighborhood perimeter was established in the Park Hill and Tibbetts Park areas as Yonkers Police and Westchester County Police continued to search for the fourth suspect. The scene at 28 South Broadway was cordoned off and a criminal investigation was initiated. Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the jewelry store and interviewed subjects and witnesses, processed forensic evidence, and recovered surveillance video.

Investigation has yielded that the four perpetrators, all residents of the Bronx, smashed the storefront window of the jewelry store with a crowbar and sledge-hammer and removed a large amount of gold and jewelry from the front display, estimated by the storeowner to be worth about \$100,000. A store worker attempted to stop the thieves with the same sledgehammer before they fled with some of the stolen items. Police pursued and ultimately apprehended three of the four suspects; the fourth suspect has been identified and additional arrests are anticipated. Investigators identified proceeds from the robbery within the crashed SUV. Detectives further believe that the suspects may have been casing another jewelry store on McLean Avenue earlier. One of the suspects, identified as ALSTON below, provided a false name in an effort to conceal a bench warrant for his arrest in relation to a New York City attempted murder charge in 2019.

—Mayor Mike Spano stated, "Thank you to our tireless Yonkers officers who responded swiftly and courageously last night to apprehend the suspects. Let it be a clear, direct message to any and all criminals who think they can undermine our city — we will find you and ensure you are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the

law so not to terrorize our residents and businesses."

Police Commissioner Chris Sapienza stated, "The Yonkers Police Department offers no quarter to criminals who engage in this blatant, lawless, and violent behavior. We will commit every resource to track them down, arrest them, and hold them accountable. I applaud the great efforts of our Police Officers, Detectives, and Supervisors, and our partners in the Westchester County Police Department, for apprehending three of the suspects as we close in on the fourth."

The three arrested suspects are identified as Nykem ALSTON (aka Tyrese Robinson), a 21-year-old resident of the Bronx; Alfred LONG, a 35-year-old resident of the Bronx; and Alexander WILSON, a 21-year-old resident of the Bronx. ALSTON and LONG were each charged last night with Robbery 1, a Class B Violent Felony in the New York State Penal Law; Grand Larceny 2, a Class C Felony in the New York State Penal Law; and Burglary 3, a Class D Felony in the New York State Penal Law. WILSON remains hospitalized in a local area trauma center as a result of the vehicle crash and will be charged in the near future.



Yard Sale, Saturday June 4, 10am-4pm Gailmore Drive Rain Date: June 5

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## Letter to the Editor:

We write to express our opinion that the three defendants who were found guilty of criminal trespass for invading the All Women's Health & Medical Services on November 27, 2021 must be given the maximum sentence allowed by law: 3 months in jail, and each ordered to pay a fine of \$500 when they are sentenced in White Plains in June.

Christopher Moscinski, Matthew Connelly, and William Goodman entered the clinic during business hours, refused to leave, and harassed and intimidated staff and patients. They have engaged in the same unlawful behavior many times before at various other locations. But they have suffered few, if any, consequences, leaving them with no motivation to stop such behavior, or to reform their disregard for both established law and patient privacy. They are members of Red Rose Rescue, an extremist anti-abortion group, which operates all over the country.

Besides their egregious intimidation of patients engaged in accessing healthcare services to which they are entitled by law, these defendants waste taxpayer money and make a mockery of the legal system. They must not continue to get away with their utter disregard for the law and for the trauma

inflicted by their actions.

Judy Fletcher, Deborah Swiderski, MD, Elizabeth de Bethune, Caroline Stern, Eileen O'Connor, FNP. The authors are from Yonkers and Riverdale.

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Co-Op City, Williamsbrige, and Edenwald are strong communities of interest that must remain together as a unity and connected to lower Westchester. The Black voting power in NY-16 cannot be diluted in favor of more compact but less fair maps.

"Edenwald in the Bronx is home to the third-largest public housing community in New York State and one of the largest in the country. The Edenwald community is a vulnerable community that is separated in this proposed map from the other densely populated majority Black communities like Co-Op City, Williamsbridge, and Baychester, whose voting power helps protect these communities' specific needs around housing, public safety, and poverty alleviation. Similarly, Co-Op city is the largest naturally occurring retirement community in the country predominantly populated by lower-income and Black seniors. By splitting these communities, the map further alienates them and perpetuates the opportunity for further historical neglect by the electoral system. These are communities who have been kept together in maps for decades for good reason and with good intention. Now, I only have one message for NY-16: I will continue fighting for you, and I will fight to continue to represent you," said Rep. Bowman.

#### YMA Val, Sal, continued from pg 1-

Allesandro said, "I had a lot of good influences," that helped him achieve his academic success. My parents and my family helped me and pushed me. And my teachers and my friends have supported me. I'm a pretty good test taker,"

Advice for a future Val-Sal? "It's important to be good to others, and get along with your teachers, and become a part of the school community. It helps you acheive more. I loved my time at YMA. I had thought about leaving and attending a private school but I'm glad I stayed here. It's a tight knit community."

YMA Salutatorian Dotun Obasa will graduate with a 99 GPA. His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher is Mrs.Morgunova, Pre-Calculus."The way she teaches Pre-Calc and math makes it very interesting. When I ask her a question she explains it in a way that I understand. She has an interesting perspective on math and how it can be used in life."

Dotun has taken 12 college link courses, and served as an Altar Person at St. Bartholomew's church in Yonkers.

Obasa applied to four colleges and will be attending Pace university in Dobbs Ferry in the fall. "My sister went to Pace and she did well. It is a good choice for me to attend

Dotun plans on studying computer science at Pace. "I enjoy gaming, and making games and apps and websites and hope to learn more. I have some coding experience and I want to do more."

Both Val and Sal are comfortable staying at home, and neither wanted to go away to college. But both had different feelings about learning from home during

"I hated remote learning," said Allesandro." When the hybrid option came back I couldn't wait. I had difficulty learning at home. I'm a hands on learner, and its easier for me to see the teacher and watch my classmates interact. I think all of us were more shy at home on remote. There were fewer questions asked."

Dotun said, "I honestly felt more comfortable at home and was in my comfort zone. I was absorbing the same amount of information and got used to it quickly"

Both had laptops to learn from, without issue.

Obasa said about YMA, "I have been in this school my entire student life. I am familiar with the design and layout of every classroom. One of my siblings went somewhere else, but I'm glad I stayed at YMA."

Dotun's teachers and family helped him achieve academic greatness. "They pushed me and assisted me and were always there when I had a question. I had a persistence that helped me with my grades. I can't say there is a method other than to focus on making progress and asking a question if you don't understand."

"If I could leave behind a piece of future advice for students, it would be start planning for college as early as possible. You don't have to decide on a major right away."





## On This Day in Yonkers History...



Infanta Eulalia, Duchess of Galliera was the youngest and last surviving child of Queen Isabella II of Spain

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, May 23rd

May 23, 1937: The Cook American Legion Post Color Guard won the \$1000 silver Championship Cup of Greater New York for the second time. Members of the winning unit were Commander Charles Hoffman, J. Alvin Ross, Guy LeFevre, Charles Perry and John Vicrow. Competing against 70 other units in the Hotel Pennsylvania grand ballroom, they were were judged on appearance, uniforms, marching evolutions and equipment; if Cook Post won the event a third time, they would have permanent possession of the cup.

May 23, 1940: At the request of City Manager Whitney, Health Commissioner Eugene Gillian began investigating the Health Department's positions of Vital Statistics Registrar and Deputy Registrar. The two salaries totaled \$3,840, but annual income they generated was only \$1,242. In order to make the jobs "self supporting," Whitney wanted to know if the fees charged were too low or if there was not enough work for two positions. Francis Fede was Registrar and Mary Mahoney was Deputy Register.

Tuesday, May 24th

May 24, 1940: Water Superintendent Michael J. Harmonay turned his plumbing business over to his children; they dissolved the company and formed a new business, Michael Harmonay Corporation. Directors of the new company were his daughter Mary, son William and daughter-in-law Eveline.

May 24, 1945: Colonial Parkway resident Dr. Rafael Lopez represented Venezuela at the San Francisco Conference (United Nations Conference on International Organization). A Yonkers physician, Lopez had fled his native country in 1923 to escape the wrath of the late dictator Juan Vicente Gomez. Lopez briefly returned to Venezuela in 1937 to serve as Minister of Education; he later was the Venezuelan Commissioner General to the World's Fair and represented the country culturally since the fair, according to his daughter.

Wednesday, May 25th

May 25, 1923: Dubbed "one of the greatest musical events in the history of Yonkers," world famous contralto Madame 20220523 appeared at a concert held in the North Broadway Armory by the Central M. E. Church.

May 25, 1947: Saunders star right-handed pitcher Steve Ridzik held the Roosevelt High School Indians to one hit, shutting them out 10-0. Ridzik transferred to Roosevelt the next year, and left for spring training right after the 1948 season's last game. Signed by the Phillies at the age of 16, he made his major league pitching debut September 4, 1950. He played for 5 teams in all: Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati Redlegs, NY Giants, Cleveland Indians and Washington Senators. His major career began and ended with the Phillies in 1966. He also played Winter League Baseball in Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic.

Thursday, May 26th

May 26, 1893: Maria Eulalia Francisca de Asis Margarita Roberta Isabel Francizca de Paula Cristina Maria de la Piedad, or the Infanta Eulalia of Spain, sailed to Yonkers on the steamship Dophin. She was taken ashore in a small launch that landed on the pier; a large crowd had been waiting to see here for three hours. She entered a carriage and was taken quickly to the hotel, where the Princess had dinner with her entourage. She had come to the US to visit the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, held to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World.

May 26, 1928: Viola Baker of Covent Avenue had her wealthy California rancher husband Harry Baker arrested as he was about to leave the country with a woman he claimed was his second wife. Harry Baker, brother of Yonkers Assistant Fire Chief William Baker, was detained as the "all ashore" bugle was sounding on the SS Baltic. Believing he was dead because of assurances from his family, she read a social note in a New York newspaper announcing Baker was leaving for a tour of Europe. She had not seen him since 1897 when she charged him with taking their son Glendon from heron the basis of an arrest order from Justice Schmuck, Baker was locked up in the County Jail, claiming he had gotten a divorce in White Plains.

Friday, May 27th

May 27, 1921: The Yonkers YMCA unveiled a tablet in memory of their members who perished in the World War. Chairman of the Mayor's Honor Roll Committee Admiral Purnell Harrington chaired.

May 27, 1922: St. Joseph Avenue resident Michael Ahearn had his fifteen minutes of fame when he climbed the flagstaff in front of Yonkers City Hall to successfully repair the broken halyard; several other men had tried. Ahearn, a member of Yonkers' tree gang, previously had worked as an ironworker.

Saturday, May 28th

May 28, 1922: James McCann, owner of the McCann Storage Warehouse in Mill Street, purchased the property at 13 Main Street on the corner of Mill, the former plant of The Yonkers Statesman, from the Yonkers Publishing Company. He paid \$70,000 for the building.

May 28, 1932: First Lieutenant Frederick Hopkins of Riverdale Avenue was assigned to Wright Field Air Corps in Ohio, to serve as Assistant Commandant of its Air Corps Engineering School.

Sunday, May 29th

May 29, 1779: Sir Henry Clinton made his headquarters in the Manor House to plan the attacks on Verplank and Stony Point.

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# The Mothers 2016 Present Butterfly Release Sat. May 21, City Hall



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The Mothers 2016 Butterfly Release Ceremony is in memory of our chil-

Eric Schoen, continued from pg. 3-

Did you hear that Congress Spent it's' day Tuesday discussing UFOs? With everything else going on in the world this is their priority? What's wrong with this picture?

dren who were lost under various circumstances, it is a heartwrenching

pain no one should bear and it is a pain that we live with each and ever

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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fentanyl. And comic Kate Quigley reveals how she was the lone survivor of a fentanyl poisoning that killed three of her friends including comedian Fuquan Johnson

This is a life-saving Red Table that every family must watch. Find this episode at the following link: "https://www.facebook.com/plugins/video.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fredtabletalk%2Fvideos%2F416378863343039%2F&show\_text=0&width=560"

The Emmy® Award-winning series, "Red Table Talk," is hosted by Each episode is shot at the Smith's family home where these three passionate and opinionated women bring their unique perspectives to real issues affecting real people. "Red Table Talk" is filled with honest, intimate, and inspiring conversations on topics impacting each of our lives.





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LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 38 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED, 'THIRD-PARTY FOOD DELIVERY SERVICES' IN REGARDS TO ADDING A SUNSET PROVISION

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

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MIKE SPANO Mayor

Notice of formation of SECOND STAR WELLNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 03/03/2022. Allison Susan Courtenay designated as registered agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Allison Susan Courtenay shall mail process to the LLC, 200 Beacon Hill Dr Apt 12E1, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of J Troncoso Construction LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/29/2022. 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, P.O. Box 1434 Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: General Construction

Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022. 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 Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Allure Property Pursuits, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/2022. 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, 465 Tuckahoe Road #1104, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of RAINVILLE MCCABE, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 25, 2022. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on PLLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The PLLC, 69 Cowles Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Legal Services.

CCLC Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2022. 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, 440 N Broadway 20, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LaceMafia LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/20/2022. 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, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Articles of Organization (DOM-PROF.LLC). Komosinski Law, PLLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/19/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of DOM-PROF.LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Richard F. Komosinski, Esquire, 30 Emmett Pl., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: The practice of Law.



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Yonkers Arts Happy Hour and Mixer at La Bella Havana (Weather permitting) Thursday May 19th from 6-9pm 35 Main Street (Patio Section)

Yonkers Arts x NEO Society Spoken Word and Open Mic Night Friday May 20th from 6pm-9pm, Yonkers Arts Project Space

The 19th Annual YOHO Open Studios

The YOHO Artist Community and Yonkers Arts will be kicking off our 19th annual YOHO Open Studio this year for Yonkers Arts weekend. Art enthusiasts will have the opportunity to (SAFELY) visit and interact with over 75 artists and their works in their very own studios. These artists, artisans, craftspeople, and small businesses will be showcasing an array of mediums from jewelry, fiber, glass, and ceramics, to filmmaking, photography, watercolor, mixed media, and even tattooing. Free for all! Happening at 540 & 578 Nepperhan Avenue.

The 12th Annual Yonkers Artist Showcase Exhibition

The Yonkers Artists Showcase provides an opportunity for artists of all backgrounds and experiences to exhibit their works in a gallery setting. Our last showcase featured 70 local artists. This year will host close to 75 artists from the Greater NYC areas along with a selection of Yonkers Public School students who have never exhibited their works before in a gallery setting. Free for all! Happening at the Yonkers Arts Project Space.

Live at CMAD

types of performances. Our "Live at CMAD" program schedule features two days of local musicians from various genres. This year, we're taking an international journey through music, dance, and fashion featuring youth and adult performances. Free for all! Happening at the Yonkers Arts Project Space.

The Yonkers Arts Project Space features an incredible stage and back-line for all

Inaugural Yonkers Arts x Yonkers Public School Student Exhibition Yonkers Arts has invited the Yonkers Public Schools to showcase the works of their students representing over 40 of the public schools here in Yonkers. The student exhibition will activate over 6k square feet of space on the 4th floor of 578 Nepperhan in the Arts District. Free for all!

Visit YonkersArtsweekend.com, for more information.

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB 2022-03 FOR ON-CALL PLUMBING SERVICES AT PROPERTIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY") hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms to provide On-Call Plumbing Services as specified in this Invitation for Bids ("IFB").

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders") and is available online starting May 23, 2022, at www.mhacy.org.

The IFB questions deadline is June 14, 2022 at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to Procurement at procurement@ mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted. Bids must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on June 21, 2022. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

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

MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in MHACY's best interest. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this IFB or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this IFB, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in MHACY's best interest.

MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. MHACY solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement. Contact, related to this procurement, with members of MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball, President & CEO Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers 1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10710 Invitation for Bids (IFB) # 2022 -03

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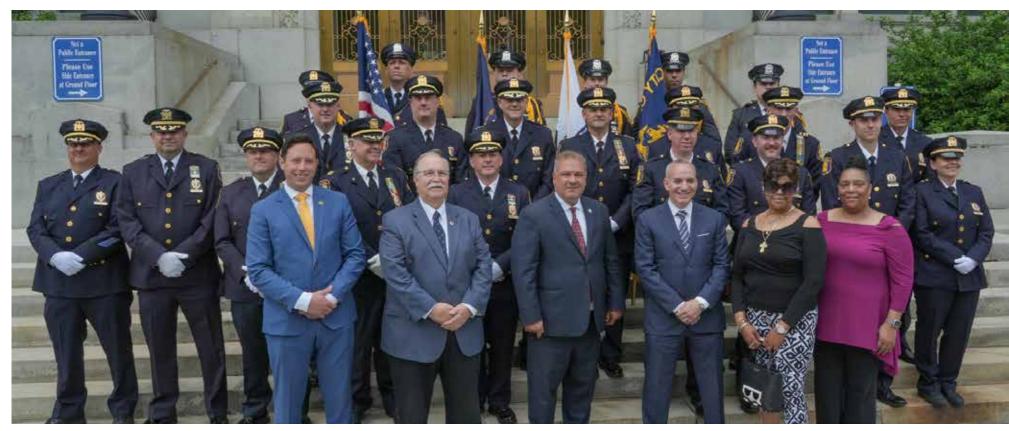
May 29, 1935: Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, State President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, told women attending an all-day workshop the old saloon was preferable to the current social or "fashionable" drinking.

May 29, 1955: Yonkers announced the planned expansion of the Grassy Sprain Reservoir by at least 20,000,000 gallons. At the time, it was one of Yonkers' main sources of water.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website ww



## Yonkers Celebrates Police Week



The Yonkers Police Department is proud to be participating in National Police Week. National Police Week is celebrated to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day in the line of duty. It is also a time for police officers to honor their fallen colleagues, make sure those surviving them are supported, as well as to remember their commitment to keeping us safe. All four Precincts will be hosting open houses during the week. Stop by any four of the precincts, say hi and get to know your local Officers. Mayor Spano and Police Commissioner Chris Sapienza kicked off Police Week at City Hall this week, pictured above, and were joined by Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, Minority Leader Mike Breen, and Councilman John Rubbo. See a list of upcoming events on the flyer below.



Yorkers Police Holy Name Society Communion Mass and Breakfast Sacred Heart Church 110 Shorinard Place

Monday, May 16, 2022 Open House - 1st Precinct

730 E. Grassy Sprain Road 10 AM Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach

Ridge Hill Shopping Center 9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM Mayor Mike Spano's Police Week Kick-Off Open House - 2nd Precinct 441 Central Park, Avenue 10 AM

Child Safety Seat Installations & Safety Checks Community Alfans Division PAL 127 North Broadway

Street Renaming in honor of

P.O. Harold L. Woods Nepperhan Avenue between Odell Avenue and Cross Hill Avenue

Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach Cities County Shopping Centre 9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Open House - 3rd Precinct

36 Radford Street 10 AM

Ceremonial Courtioom, City Hall 4th Floor Mobile Command Center

Promotion and Appointment Ceremony

Community Affairs Outreach Lincoln Park 9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM

Open House - 4th Precinct

Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach

Getty Square 9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM

Open House - 4th Precinct Annex at Newell Hall Getty Square/Waterfront Detail – Hudson Street 2 PM – 4 PM

Friday, May 20, 2022

Open House - George Rutledge Yonkers Police Museum

Police Headquarters 104 South Broadway, Lobby

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Yonkers Police Awards Ceremony and Memorial Service Untermyer Park & Gardens 945 North Broadway

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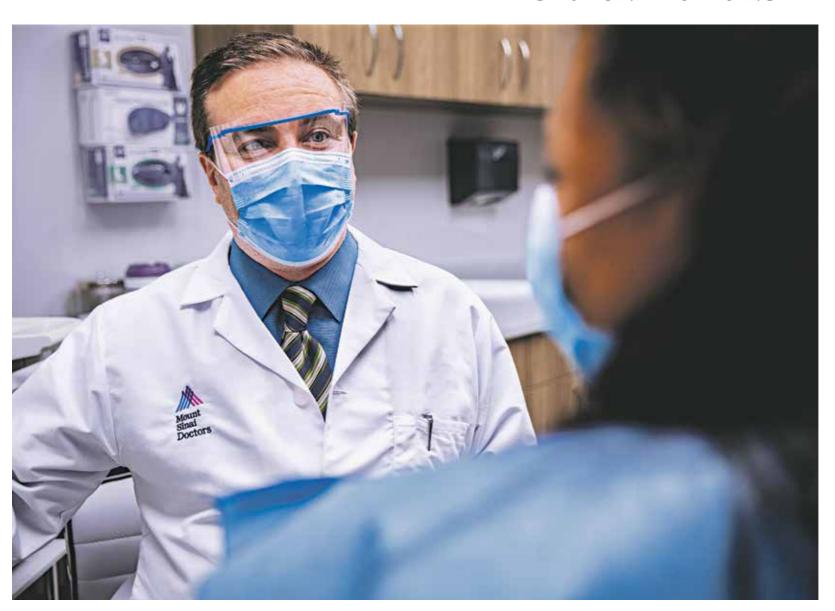


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