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Video Shows City Judge Candidate Nick Sprenza Sneaking into Apartment Building



City Court Judge candidate Nick Sprenza, outside Warburton Ave. building

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Voice posted a video from a resident of 1020 Warburton Avenue, complaining about the campaigning tactics of Nick Sprenza, republican candidate for Yonkers City Court Judge. First we encourage you to watch the video at Yonkers Voice, <https://www.facebook.com/YonkersVoiceNews/videos/367767372246588>

Here is what the person who made the video wrote about the incident. "My partner was walking the dogs and this man (Nick Sprenza) hid close to the entrance and waited for her to come into the building to run pass two locked doors and the doorlady who screamed at him to stop while he snuck into the stairwell running up and down to each floor throwing his pamphlets on each door and slamming the emergency fire doors.

"We don't even allow deliveries outside of the lobby so the fact that he totally disregarded two women screaming at him to stop stop.

"If he wanted to leave his flyers downstairs, that would've been totally fine but the fact that this was such an aggressive behavior against two women is completely unacceptable while trespassing on privacy property."

There are several reasons why we believe this incident is relevant. 1-The two women, who are residents of the building, were concerned about who this individual was. It could have gone worse for Sprenza if the women called the police. To say that the two women were concerned for their safety may be overstating it, but they are residents; he is an uninvited visitor. We understand that it is very hard to get into most of the apartments-coops in Yonkers, and everywhere. Residents don't want uninvited visitors in their buildings. The best way to handle this is to have a resident of the building walk you around. Yeah it's a hassle but it is what it is.

2-Sprenza's personal appearance didn't help things. We understand that Sprenza did not think that he was going to have any interactions that evening. It was a dump and run plan, drop his palmcard and get out. In fact, on his website,

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Yonkers Library to Issue Special Hip-Hop Library Card as Part of 50 Year Celebration



By Dan Murphy

Before there was Mary J. Blige, DMX and Jadakiss, Yonkers had a long history of the early days of hip-hop music, dating back to the last 1970's and early 1980's.

This year, the Yonkers Public Library has been celebrating this Yonkers Hip-Hop connection with a series of events and programs. And on October 26, The Yonkers Public Library is proud to announce its partnership with renowned artist Maxx Moses in launching a one-of-a-kind library card that celebrates the vibrant culture of Hip-Hop art. This exciting initiative aims to engage and inspire the community by promoting both art and literacy.

The event will take place at the Riverfront library on Oct. 26 at 530pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Maxx Moses, along with esteemed guest panelists Waah Deen, CEO of Ruff Ryders, and Hip-Hop artist Large Amount.

Under the umbrella of the critically acclaimed book "Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip-Hop" authored by Jerome "RawRome" Enders, this partnership launches an innovative music and entertainment interactive education series.

The objective is to provide a platform that engages and educates the public about Hip-Hop culture, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for its contributions to art, music, and creative expression.

We spoke to Enders, who was in Yonkers for those first days of hip hop.

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Wallethub Names Yonkers the Safest City in New York State and 8th Safest in the US

Crime and the Race for Mayor



Did you know that Yonkers was named the 8th safest city in America in a recent study by Wallethub?

By Dan Murphy

One of the major issues in the race for Yonkers Mayor is crime. Mayor Mike Spano has highlighted the good work of the Yonkers Police Department in making Yonkers one of the safest cities.

Councilman Anthony Merante, the republican candidate for mayor, said in a recent debate that the crime statistic may not be telling the whole story. With videos of many crimes recorded, we see many of the crimes that are occurring.

But overall, crime in Yonkers is lower than in city's smaller than Yonkers; like Mt. Vernon, Newburgh and Rochester.

The personal-finance website Wallethub released its report on 2023's Safest Cities in America, and Yonkers was named the safest city in New York State and the 8th Safest City in the country.

Safety in Yonkers (1=Safest, 91=Avg.):

- Overall rank for Yonkers: 8th
- 25th – Traffic Fatalities per Capita
- 27th – Law-Enforcement Employees per Capita
- 39th – Assaults per Capita
- 80th – Unemployment Rate
- 44th – % of Uninsured Population
- 39th – Natural-Disaster Risk Level

For the full report, please visit: <https://wallethub.com/edu/safest-cities-in-america/41926>.

Yonkers was the only community in Westchester named in the report, and Yonkers has consistently been in the top 100 safest city's in America for the past 6 years.

In a related story, County Executive George Latimer highlighted the fact that countywide, Westchester crime rates are down. Read that story at Yonkerstimes.com

Yo-Fi Fest (Yonkers Film Festival) Returns for 11th Year November 10- 19



Over 100 Independent Films - "Yonkers is Hollywood on the Hudson"

YoFi Fest launched its annual festival eleven years ago as a small non-profit with a mission to raise the level of arts and culture in its community by showcasing the work of independent filmmakers and providing educational and cultural opportunities that otherwise wouldn't exist in the area. This year, the

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Mayor Spano & Prince Sampson Open African Culture Exhibit at Philipse Manor Hall



Mayor Mike Spano with Prince Sampson

On October 14, Mayor Mike Spano of Yonkers was the guest of honor at the opening of a new temporary exhibition on African culture at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. Curated by the African Friends of the United States, the exhibition features historic and modern African art and cultural artifacts, especially related to the culture of Ghana. The exhibit opening featured live music, dance, and an entrance by Prince Sampson Afriyie-Fontomfrom, founder of the African Friends of the United States. Speakers included Prince Sampson, Mayor Mike Spano, and others.

Mayor Spano spoke of the importance of history and of Yonkers' cultural diversity. Representatives of the African Friends of the United States spoke of the importance of sharing African culture with their children and the residents of Yonkers and the surrounding area, to ensure the continuation of their cultural heritage.

The mission of the African Friends of the United States is to provide cultural entertainment and educational programs that promote international friendship, cultural acceptance, and youth development.

The exhibition will be on display at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, NY) now through Sunday, October 22. Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Free outdoor events will coincide with the exhibition on the weekends, including live music, medical screenings, and more. Full schedule and hours are available at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/african-culture-exhibition.

Nolan and Walter Slug it Out in BOL Debate



Legislator James Nolan, left, and democrat Ruth Walter, below, during online debate

By Dan Murphy

The most closely watched Westchester Board of Legislators race this year is a rematch between Legislator James Nolan and former Legislator Ruth Walter, in the 14th district, East Yonkers, Bronxville.

The two candidates held a LWV online debate on Oct. 5. While Legislator Nolan and Walter both expressed their views, accomplishments, and criticisms of each other, the debate turned sour with Walter calling Nolan a "MAGA candidate," and Nolan saying "i'm not a liar, i'm not a racist, and i'm not an elitist. but my opponent does have that type of a pattern."

The debate was a difficult one for the LWV Rivertowns to moderate, and on more than one occasion the moderator told Walter to stop the personal attacks against Nolan. Walter claims that the so called personal attacks were -legitimate policy differences that the two have, but the moderator called the exchange "not a civil debate."

The best parts of this very contentious debate was when Nolan defended his work as a sanitation worker for the Yonkers Department of Public Works. "She (Walter) has attacked me for double dipping. I work every single day for my family."

Walter said that Nolan "has a thin record of accomplishment," and accused him of trying to take credit for projects completed by a democratic supermajority on the BOL and by democrat County Executive George Latimer."

But the debate quickly turned negative again, with Walter saying that Nolan's heroes are "Lee Zeldin, Mike Lawler and Trump," while Nolan said Walter's heroes are Congressman Jamaal Bowman, before he got cut off.

The two clearly do not like each other, and this debate was symbolic of the angry political discourse we see across the country, with both sides supporting their candidate, and a small number of independent voters in between.

The debate can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TZgB5pEbNs>

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Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Comments on the Ongoing Crisis in Israel & Palestine

Like many New Yorkers, I am heartbroken by the images we're seeing out of Gaza and Israel after an abrupt attack by Hamas after the end of Sukkot. I am saddened by the great loss of life suffered by Israelis and Palestinians alike. I condemn violence against civilians in the strongest terms possible and urge for an immediate ceasefire to avert a greater humanitarian catastrophe.

As an Jordanian-American, I am deeply cognizant and empathetic of the crisis in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. Events like these spurred by violent attacks on the innocent perpetuate a cycle of violence and upheaval from which nobody ultimately benefits. For an enduring peace in the Middle East and regional stability, we must have an earnest dialogue about the roles all parties have played in getting us to this juncture. That dialogue can only begin when bloodshed stops and cooler heads prevail.

My office stands ready to help and do whatever it can to connect people who are concerned about the status of their loved ones in the region.



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Rain, Rain Go Away!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

What is up with this rain every weekend destroying our plans and forcing us to sit in the house watching old movies? The last six weekends have brought inclement weather to our area forcing us to reconsider our thinking on global warming. So many major fall events including Yonkers Riverfest have had to be cancelled spoiling weekends for families throughout the region.

I guess it's time for us to take a second look at global warming. The reason I say this is that the weekend rains have not been our usual garden variety style rain but have been massive storms closing our regions roadways flooded with water. What can we do? Pray that the rain will stop. All I know is I feel bad for families plans destroyed by the weather charged with entertaining their children in the house. Was there even a fall foliage to watch this year?

So much going on coupled with what is going on in the Middle East. It all starts at home as funding cannot be allocated and distributed due to the inability of Congress to select a leader. The process seems very uncomplicated. The Republicans have a majority in the House and should be able to select one of their own as Speaker. They have been running through candidates like rain water pouring through street grates. As we go to press a vote is being taken to name a new Speaker of the House.

The entire House gathers in Chambers with lawmakers casting their votes in alphabetical order by standing up and yelling out a name. The majority of those present and participating have their votes counted. There are 433 members of Congress. This is usually done on one vote. It took 15 votes to name the last speaker. Quite unusual. But work is sort of at a standstill until the Speaker is selected. That would include the allocation of money and supplies to Israel.

After much criticism last week, far left Democrats referred to as 'The Squad' including our own Yonkers Congressman Jamaal Bowman have called for an end to the war in Israel referring to it as armed violence and making no mention of American hostages in the Gaza Strip. This is just a continuation of their refusal to recognize what is going on until lawmakers, the media, religious leaders and the public call them out. Same thing happened right after the October 7 attacks when the Democrat Socialists said nothing until they were called out.

President Biden heads to the region this week to show United States support for Israel. He will call out Hamas as a terrorist group and support Israel's unwillingness to support Hamas's control over Gaza. Israel is going after a group of people who engaged in barbarism as horrific as the Holocaust and must respond.

Biden also wants to stop a wider Middle East war. Hamas's attacks changed all rules of play. He will seek to rescue the hostages Hamas is holding. I would note that to show support of New Yorkers for Israel Governor Kathy Hochul is headed to Israel this week. Former President Donald Trump has said Netanyahu and Israel were poorly prepared for Hamas's attacks infuriating members of Congress and Jews around the world.

Where this is all headed nobody knows. The anti Israel language coming out of colleges and universities throughout the United States is coming from students who probably could not find the Middle East on a map. All we can do is pray for the people of Israel that hostages are released and no more killings occur and those who murdered Israelis receive the punishment they deserve. And that Congress gets its house in order to supply Israel with what it needs to win this war.

And now for some HOT TOPICS:

New York Alcohol sales can now take place on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. This at the request of liquor store owners. Has anyone placed a time frame for when cannabis or marijuana sales can take place or do we have to smell it at all hours of the day?

New Yorkers are receiving public service calls from Mayor Adams where his voice is translated using Artificial Intelligence into Yiddish, Mandarin, Urdu and other languages. Will our Cracker Jack communications office in the Mayor's Office in Yonkers follow suit? New Yorkers love it!

When I visited Florida I often stayed in Pembroke Pines. The Pembroke

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AT&T Provides 100 Laptops to At-Risk Westchester Youth



100 refurbished laptops were given to Westchester students and families as part of AT&T's nationwide commitment to help bridge the digital divide. AT&T is working with Human-I-T to provide students and families from the organizations 914 United, Inc. and the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester with laptops and digital literacy resources to help them fully participate in our digital world. The laptops, funded by an AT&T donation to Human-I-T, were given to the students and their families at an event on October 11 at the Yonkers Art Space in Yonkers, NY.

The Youth Shelter Program of Westchester is a not-for-profit residential alternative to incarceration for young men 16-21. Since 1975, the Shelter has provided a structured environment designed to foster growth and rehabilitate court-involved youth from the Westchester communities.

914United, Inc. is a program-based mentoring 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to expose, educate, and empower the youth and the justice-involved within the Lower-Hudson Valley.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said: "Today marks a significant step in our commitment to bridge the digital divide in Westchester County. AT&T's generous donation of 100 refurbished laptops to students and families, in partnership with Human-I-T, 914 United, and the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, represents our collective dedication to ensuring that every member of our community has the tools and resources to thrive in the digital age."

Senator Jamaal T. Bailey 36th District, said: "It's critical that we continue to advance equitable access to technology for all. In an increasingly digital world, technology is not merely a luxury, it's an essential utility that we rely on for almost every part of daily life. By bridging the digital divide, we can empower our youth with the tools they need to thrive in the digital age and beyond. I want to thank AT&T, Human-I-T, 914 United and Youth Shelter of Westchester for partnering to close the digital divide and build a future where every young person has the opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or circumstances."

State Assemblyman Steve Otis, Chair of the Assembly Science and Technology Committee, said, "The inequities that make up the digital divide can be corrected through digital inclusion and literacy initiatives such as AT&T's program announced today. I have worked with digital inclusion program leaders from around the state to promote expanding access to broadband access, devices, and training to bring excluded individuals into the digital world."

Robert LeBron, Program Manager of 914United, Inc, said: "914 United is dedicated to 'exposing, educating, and empowering' justice-involved youth by providing them with the help they need to succeed. We are proud to be part of this initiative to help our most vulnerable and forgotten population have the same opportunities others have."

Jordan Cormier, Director of Programming at Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, said: "Empowering our youth with laptops is not just about leveling the playing field; it's about providing them with the tools to bridge the digital equity divide, ensuring that every young mind has an equal opportunity to explore, learn, and succeed."

John Emra, Atlantic Region President, AT&T, said: "AT&T is proud to collaborate with organizations like Human-I-T, 914 United and Youth Shelter to help close the digital equity gap in New York. Many students in New York lack the devices needed for digital learning. Access to connectivity is vital in helping to bridge the digital divide and we are glad we can provide these resources to those that need them most."

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organization is more committed than ever to not only continuing that mission, but expanding on it, so from November 10th through November 19th, YoFi Fest will present around 125 films from 24 countries, as well as from right here in our own backyard. The films include features, documentaries, shorts, animation, music videos, web series, and student work.

"When we started the film festival nine years ago, Yonkers wasn't known as a film-friendly city," added Steck, "But with an increasing number of movies and television shows shooting here, and a new studio complex right outside our YoFi Digital Media Art Center, it's beginning to feel like people are realizing what we've know for awhile—Yonkers is Hollywood on the Hudson!"

Most of the film programs will be followed by a live Q&A where the audience has the opportunity to ask the filmmakers questions about their movies. "The filmmaker talkbacks are one of the best parts of the film festival," said Patty Schumann, the festival's co-founder and programmer, "This year almost every one of our filmmakers plan to attend their film's Q&A."

The festival provides an amazing opportunity for audiences to watch films that they might not see anywhere else. FilmFreeway named YoFiFest one of the "Top 100 Best Reviewed Festivals" nine times. It's also been named "Best of Westchester" twice by Westchester Magazine, and it was named as one of the top ten reasons Yonkers was voted the "Hippest Town in the Lower Hudson Valley" by The Journal News/LoHud.

All the screenings and workshops are being held in downtown Yonkers within a few blocks of each other at either the Yonkers Riverfront Library theater, directly across the street from the Yonkers Metro North Train Station, or YoFi's own year-round DMAC (Digital Media Art Center). The festival is convenient to public transportation, as well as several nearby parking lots.

Besides the festival, YoFi offers year-round programs, screenings and events throughout the winter and spring. This year it piloted its new TEAM (Training for Employment in the Arts and Media) program that gives 18-26 year olds the skills they need to enter the entertainment industry in entry level positions. The program is preparing to expand and start its next cohort in January, 2024. The participants will receive classroom instruction, as well as location visits, mentorship and job placement.

Information and tickets are available at YoFiFest.com.

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Latimer Signs Slate of Environmental Laws



County Executive George Latimer, with L-R Legislators Catherine Parker left, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, Legislator Ben Boykin, Legislator David Imamura

In a significant milestone for the residents of Westchester County, County Executive George Latimer signed several crucial environmental bills that have been crafted by his Administration, through the County's Director of Research Ellen Hendrickx and Director of Environment, Energy, & Sustainability Peter McCartt, and refined through months of collaboration with the Board of Legislators. These bills represent the County's commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our community by addressing pressing issues and meeting the evolving needs of our residents.

Latimer said: "The signing of these bills into law is a testament to the power of collaboration and the steadfast dedication of our Board of Legislators to improve the lives of Westchester County residents and protect our planet's future. Through their hard work and our shared commitment to good governance, we have crafted and signed laws that address pressing issues in our community. Further, our bold steps towards expanding access to Electric Vehicle charging stations and electrifying our car and bus fleet reflect our determination to lead the way in sustainability."

The environmental law package includes:

- The Lead Free Parks Act which will create a process for monitoring and remediating drinking water in all County parks to ensure its safety
- The Addressing Asthma in Communities of Color Amendment which will create a subcommittee of the African-American Advisory Board dedicated to studying the high rates of Asthma in communities of color
- The Renewable Energy Database Act which will allow the County to assist municipalities in their move to create more renewable energy by establishing a database to encourage siting of renewable energy infrastructure on municipal property
- The Equity in Environmental Legislation Act which will ensure that all communities are treated fairly when the County is considering any new law in an effort to combat historical cases of violation of environmental justice

In addition to these legislative wins, Westchester County is proud to announce its ambitious efforts to expand access to Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and electrify the County's car and bus fleet. Now, nearly all (90%) of the County's 325 buses are either all electric or electric hybrid. Additionally, 33 public EV Charging Stations have been installed and another 206 in process which will be up and running by the summer of 2024 (with at least another 148 will be installed by the fall of 2025). In line with the County's dedication to sustainability and a cleaner, greener future, the County is taking significant strides to reduce our carbon footprint and promote the adoption of electric vehicles. By enhancing the accessibility of EV charging stations, buses and the County's EV fleet, Westchester is encouraging residents to embrace electric transportation options, reducing emissions and contributing to a healthier environment.

McCartt said: "We take our role as good stewards of our County very seriously – and the County Executive's signing of these wide ranging bills shows it. I am looking forward to working toward the implementation of these important initiatives."

Hendrickx said: "These accomplishments, both in legislative improvements and our commitment to sustainable transportation, underscore Westchester County's dedication to its residents and the environment."

Chair of the African American Advisory Board Barbara Edwards said: "The Addressing Asthma in Communities of Color Amendment is a critical step forward in addressing a pressing health concern in our communities. This law underscores our commitment to the well-being of our residents, particularly those in communities of color who have been disproportionately affected by asthma."

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers suffragettes on a float in Getty Square

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

Monday, October 23rd

October 23, 1890: General Thomas Ewing, Jr. held a reception in his home at 80 High Street to honor his war hero brother-in-law, renowned Civil War military hero William Tecumseh Sherman. After the death of her husband in 1829, Widow Sherman was left without money to raise her 11 children; the Sherman family had to be broken up. Senator Thomas Ewing, Sr. of Ohio took William in and raised him. Ewing Sr. stood up as godfather when 10-year-old Sherman converted to Catholicism at a ceremony held in the Ewing family home. Ewing Sr., the first Secretary of the Interior, later obtained a commission to the United States Military Academy for 16-year-old Sherman. Sherman later married foster sister Eleanor "Ellen" Ewing in 1850 in Washington DC; President Zachary Taylor and Vice President Millar Fillmore attended the ceremony.

October 23, 1892: Eickemeyer-Field, Eickemeyer Dynamo Machine and Yonkers Machine Companies consolidated. They formed the Eickemeyer-Field Manufacturing Company to make electric railroad equipment and power and electric light plants.

Tuesday, October 24th

October 24, 1776: The first shot of the Revolution in Yonkers was fired at Southgate, now the Crestwood section of Yonkers.

October 24, 1919: Even with five days of rain, the Knights of Columbus Memorial Hut Drive goal had reached its halfway mark, with a total collected of more than \$62,500.

October 24, 1952: James Beamish of Yonkers, President of the Westchester CIO Council, made the first donation of money from Westchester unions to the John Acropolis Foundation, a living memorial to Mr. Acropolis. Acropolis, President of both Local 456 and the Westchester Federation of Labor, had been murdered in his home on Warburton Avenue. Rewards of \$37,000 were posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of his slayers. Local 456 posted \$25,000 and the County of Westchester posted \$5,000 of the total. His killer was never identified, remaining one of Yonkers' most puzzling unsolved mysteries.

Wednesday, October 25th

October 25, 1908: The Manor Hall Committee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society made an appeal for articles of historic interest for Manor Hall.

October 10, 1911: Hawthorne Avenue's Agnes Edgar was the first Yonkers woman to take a trip in a "flying machine!" She flew with Airman Hopert, later telling a Yonkers Herald reporter, "I think it is the grandest thing in the world. I cannot express how much I love it... I am going up again as soon as I can get an opportunity." She also commented she would love to have her own plane. She lived in the family residence at the corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Downing Street but spent a good deal of her time abroad. An expert horsewoman, she had a particular interest in sports.

Thursday, October 26th

October 26, 1929: Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly ascended to the top of the Proctor's Theater's building flagpole to begin a weeklong perch. Years later in November 1948, he painted the flagpole on top of the Recreation Pier at the Foot of Main Street.

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A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 85 ENTITLED, 'FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMINAL ACTS' IN RELATION TO FORFEITURE OF VEHICLES ATTEMPTING TO EVADE POLICE OFFICERS.

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.

MIKE SPANO Mayor
Date: October 12, 2023

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October 26, 1936: Time Magazine paid tribute to Hirsch Jacobs, one of the leading horse trainers in the country. Jacobs had married Yonkers own Ethel Dushock, and the blissful couple was pictured arm-in-arm, smiling happily. At the time of the article, Jacobs had saddled his 150th winner of the season; the Jacobs stable had 60 horses, with 40 of them actively racing.

Friday, October 27th

October 27, 1917: Mrs. William Ives, leader of the Yonkers Suffrage Party, led more than 100 Yonkers women to Yonkers City Hall to visit Mayor Lennon; the group then went on to march in the New York City Suffrage parade.

October 27, 1944: In honor of Navy Day, The Herald Statesman saluted Yonkers native Rear Admiral Ralston Holmes. Born in 1882, he was appointed to the US Naval Academy in 1899; after graduation, he served as Executive Officer and Gunnery Officer on the various ships and in 1920 became the commanding officer of the Mayflower, the presidential yacht. In the late 1920s, he served as Naval Attaché to the Embassy in Rome, and then became Commandant of Midshipmen at Annapolis. At the time of this recognition, Holmes was Commander of the Naval District headquartered at San Diego. Although placed on the retired list in 1943, he remained on active duty for two years.

Saturday, October 28th

October 28, 1776: American Forces crossed Mile Square and Sprain Roads on their way to the Battle of White Plains.

October 28, 1904: Barney Oldfield entered his 80-horsepower Peerless in the 10-mile race at the Empire City racetrack.

Sunday, October 29th

October 29, 1910: A replica of Robert Fulton's Clermont was docked at the city pier to enable Yonkers residents to inspect the ship. Artifacts that belonged to Fulton and the period in which he lived were on display.

October 29, 1941: Although there were reports that sanitation workers wanted to work on Election Day to avoid having to work for candidates at the election polls, the Common Council voted to give them the day off without pay.

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.

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Pines Police Department is coming to New York offering interviews and jobs to certified police officers. It can't be that big a department, and if they are going through the expense of coming to New York they are either really having a hard time recruiting or want the type of tough training NY officers receive.

A couple added a \$200 speeding ticket they received to their wedding registry. And one of their guests is paying the ticket as a wedding gift. With the economy like it is who knows what else couples will include as possible wedding gifts!

R.I.P. Suzanne Somers. America's thighs thank you! Her portrayal of a dumb blonde in Three's Company Will long be remembered.

Consumers faced with high grocery prices are buying store brand food and beverages. Have you gone to the grocery store lately? Prices are out of control. Many of the store brands are made by the companies that make the name brands!

A Columbia University professor was quoted as saying the attack on Israel was exhilarating and energizing. And sadly he still has a job.

On a positive note, If you are in the market for a beautiful cat or dog don't forget Yonkers has plenty of cuddly animals at the Yonkers Animal Shelter ready for adoption!

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Hip Hop, continued from pg 1-

“My lyrics educated people and elevated people. Yonkers had a lot of venues in the late 70’s and 80’s that nobody talks about. It was growing in the Bronx, and it was growing in Yonkers. We had our own practitioners and there were practitioners coming in.”

Enders book tells the story of this time in Yonkers. Wheels Skating Rink and Leon’s Night Club were two of the favorite early hip hop spots in Yonkers at that time. “We have been founding the history of hip hop since the beginning,” said Enders, who grew up in Yonkers, in Mulford Gardens where he wrote poetry and some lyrics with a friend. “My musical foundation was built in Mulford Gardens.”

He began his writing career by penning some of the most foundational and impactful lyrics during the earlier stages of Yonkers Hip Hop. His knowledge of the origins of Hip Hop and his talent as an author are a treasure for Yonkers.

Enders wants to create an archive of this time in Yonkers history, and the Yonkers Public Library agrees. “We hope to have this for anyone or the next generations, to build a framework for the future.”

We agree with Enders that there is no “celebration” of hip-hop in Yonkers, and there should be. He hopes to change that, and we hope to write more about it.

Sperenza, continued from pg 1-

There is a bare minimum standard of dress that Sperenza easily could have worn, jeans and a golf shirt?, just in case he did meet someone who wanted to talk to him about his race.

3-Sperenza is running for Yonkers City Court Judge. This is different than running for political office, and it should be treated as such. Judges need to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

We listened to Sperenza’s attempted explanation, to Ru Ros at Yonkers Voice. (Note: Hats off to Ru Ros for getting both ends of this story—what happened and the post interview) Link-

“I walked into the building it wasn’t locked and I wasn’t told that I couldn’t enter. The building is technically considered public property because there are more than six families living in it.

“As I was leaving, that women tried to touch me -I said I’m sorry and that I’m leaving. I was meeting the people who can vote for me”.

After talking about the incident for a minute, Sperenza said, “I don’t want to get into what happened because the person who posted that video is not on my side.

I’m not ashamed about what happened today. It’s Sunday I’m not at church with my family. First time running for office and I campaign personally.

The outpouring of people in this community that have been kind to me and positive outweighs what that woman did to me today”

Will this have an impact on the outcome? Probably not, but the behavior is not befitting of a person wanting to wear a robe and sit as the judge for the people of Yonkers,

Next week, we hope to interview Sperenza and the other two candidates for Yonkers City Court Judge, Judge Arthur Doran III and Judge Karen Beltran.

Warning Period on Fines for Not Stopping for School Bus Underway



250 Buses Equipped with School Bus Stop-Arm Safety Cameras in First Phase

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced, school bus stop-arm safety cameras will capture images of vehicles that disregard the school bus stop-arm until Nov. 13 as part of the Yonkers Safe Stop program. In the first 30 days, warnings will be issued, and no fines will be assessed. Beginning November 13, registered vehicle owners, whose vehicles are observed passing the school bus while the school bus stop-arm is extended and lights are flashing, will receive a Notice of Liability in the mail. Yonkers is the only and largest district in Westchester County and the only district among New York’s Big 5 cities to fully implement a school bus stop-arm safety camera program.

“Our obligation is to protect our children at all times, including their transportation to and from school. These stop-arm safety cameras help us enforce the laws of passing a school bus and the warning period will give motorists plenty of time to practice stopping,” said Mayor Spano. “We strongly advise drivers to be alert and to always stop when the school bus stop-arm is extended. It is never okay to put our children in danger and pass a school bus.”

As part of the City’s partnership with Verra Mobility, approximately 250 buses will be equipped with school bus stop-arm safety cameras for this 30-day warning period. Under the law, the fine for passing a school bus ranges from \$250 for a first violation, \$275 if a second offense occurs within an 18-month period, and \$300 for every following offense, if within an 18-month period. Up to 500 school bus stop-arm safety cameras are expected to be installed on Yonkers school buses by early 2024. Verra Mobility’s CrossingGuard™ school bus stop-arm enforcement solution provides state-of-the-art stop-arm safety technology to effectively capture stop-arm events.

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