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## Yonkers Police Department Issues

### HALLOWEEN CURFEW



**BE SAFE NOT SORRY**

CHILDREN MUST BE HOME BY THE TIMES LISTED BELOW:

11 and under..... 10:00 pm 6:00 am\*

12-13 year olds..... 10:30 pm 6:00 am\*

14-16 year olds..... 11:00 pm 6:00 am\*

To provide for a safe and enjoyable holiday, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced that the Yonkers Police Department will issue a citywide curfew for children 16 years of age and younger on Halloween night – Monday, October 31.

“Halloween is a spooky holiday meant to be enjoyed by all, which is why we are taking a proactive approach in providing a safe, fun-filled night for our communities,” said Mayor Spano. “The City will impose its traditional late-night curfew on young people, and I ask that residents remain vigilant – Halloween is a holiday that is meant to be fun, but you can do so while being safe. Protect yourselves and others by making smart choices.”

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, “We want our young residents to have fun while being safe – please look out for each other with the increased pedestrian traffic, and plan on being home before the annual curfew. We will also have extra police officers working to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable evening.”

As part of the curfew, the Yonkers Police Department advises:

Children ages 11 and younger must be home by 10PM

Children ages 12 to 13 must be home by 10:30PM

Children ages 14 to 16 must be home by 11PM

Exceptions include:

Accompanied by parent or guardian.

On an errand with parental permission, with prior notice to YPD Community Affairs Division – 914-377-7293

½ hour after the end of school, religious and volunteer public entertainment — no later than 12:30AM unless police are notified by host organization 24 hours in advance

½ hour after work — with proof from Employee

All youngsters 16 and under not subject to curfew if on or immediately next to their home (and if neighbor does not object)

Violators of the curfew will be taken to the nearest Yonkers Police Precinct, and parent/guardian will be notified. For more information about the Halloween curfew, contact the Yonkers Police Department at 914-377-7293.

## The Battle of the Nice Guys Turns Nasty, But Nader Sayegh Deserves Your Vote



L-R-Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Janine Rose, and City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen at Yonkers Chamber debate at St. John's Riverside Hospital

By far the most interesting political contest this year in the great City of Yonkers is the race for Assembly in the 90th District, between incumbent democrat Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, and republican councilman Mike Breen.

Both gentlemen are good public servants for the people of Yonkers. Both want to continue their public service. Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, in our view, has proven himself to be a strong advocate for Yonkers in Albany, and while we appreciate Breen's work on the council, there is no reason to remove Sayegh from his post. We endorse Sayegh for re-election.

At the beginning of this campaign, many political watchers wondered how two “nice guys” would campaign against each other. Unfortunately, the negative politics we see today also came to Yonkers in this race.

We choose to ignore the negativity, and point to some differences between Sayegh and Breen. Breen wants to go to Albany, to effectuate change. Sayegh wants to work within the democratic supermajority in Albany to help Yonkers.

Sayegh has exceptional experience in the field of education, as an educator and a member of the Yonkers Board of Education. That experience, in our view, is beneficial to the students, staff and taxpayers of Yonkers.

Yonkers residents are living with higher costs for food and fuel and worry that the rise in crime in New York City, depicted on the nightly television newscasts, will arrive here in the future.

Sayegh has worked in the Assembly to address these issues to help the residents of Yonkers. He has passed or co-sponsored legislation to waive the sales tax on diapers and on gas.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh loses some points in this match up with some because he is too moderate, too collaborative, and too focused on delivering results for Yonkers. For example: he helped deliver record anti-violence and anti-crime

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## May the Force Be With You! Yonkers Force Win Superintendent's Cup 64-8!



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Fans and supporters of the Yonkers Force and the Yonkers Brave football teams came out to fill the stands at Roosevelt High School on October 22. And from the first play after the kickoff, the Force scored on a long touchdown pass from QB Atticus Oelkers to Angel Aquino and never looked back.

The final score was Force-64-Brave-8. Force Coach Anthony Fava said that all of his players were able to get in the game, and that seven of the Senior leaders on the Force scored touchdowns.

The MVP of the game was Alvin Martinez, who is the second QB for the Force. Martinez scored three TD's in the game, for a total of 16 for the year. After being injured last year, Martinez has made a remarkable comeback, and had 142 total yards in the game.

The Force led 48-8 at halftime and produced 468 yards for the game. Oelkers had the most total yards for the Force, with 160 yards passing and 78 yard rushing.

The Force defense was tough, allowing only 61 total yards and generating five turnovers. Fava and the Force congratulated the Brave on a hard fought game and for not giving up. “We’re two different teams, but we’re one city, and one family.”

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## Yonkers Police Bust Smoke Shops Already Selling Marijuana Products



Members of the #YonkersPD 2nd Precinct and 4th Precinct have been busy with the The City of Yonkers smoke shop task force (YFD, DHB, and Code Enforcement) inspecting local businesses for compliance. Inspections have taken place all over the City, including:

Ashburton Avenue, Bronx River Road, Central Park Avenue  
Kimball Avenue, Lake Avenue, McLean Avenue, Palisade Avenue, Odell Avenue, Yonkers Avenue

186 Ashburton Avenue has been SHUT DOWN pending compliance  
850 Bronx River Road has been SHUT DOWN pending compliance  
15 Palisade Avenue has been SHUT DOWN pending compliance

Our goal is not to hurt small businesses and building owners; however, we will not allow unlawful premises to impact the quality-of-life of our communities. The City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department will continue to ensure that all establishments are operating within the confines of the law.

Read it All Online at

Yonkerstimes.com

## 66 Black & Hispanic Teens Missing in NY: Many from Westchester & Yonkers



*Missing teens from Yonkers, Keira Leon, left, Ethan Aponte and Aiden Early*

*Visit [www.missingkids.org/](http://www.missingkids.org/) to learn more.*

*By Dennis Richmond Jr.*

Ashley Williamson, 16, went missing last month in Mount Vernon. There was no major media coverage for her. Keira Leon, 13, went missing last month in Yonkers. I didn't see anything on News12 Westchester. Jayden Jennings, 17, went missing from Dobbs Ferry less than a week before Ashley. Nobody sent out an alert. Ethan Aponte, 16, went missing in Yonkers in June. Why are so many Black and Hispanic children going missing in New York?

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as of October 24th, 2022, 66 Black and Hispanic teenagers are missing in New York. Those missing in Yonkers, Keira Leon, Ethan Aponte, and Aiden Early, are all under 18-years-old. Unfortunately, most Black, and Hispanic teenagers that go missing never get national media coverage. Last year, a Google search for the name "Gabby" instantly pulled up articles about Gabby Petito. Gabby, 22, was a slain white woman. Gabby received national media coverage, but Keira, Ethan, and Aiden didn't.

In 2021, NPR said, "tens of thousands of Black girls and women go missing every year. Last year, that figure was nearly 100,000. Yet their cases hardly ever grab national headlines." A journalist in California is doing what she can to try to change that, by telling as many of their stories as she can — and hopefully helping them get the justice they deserve. Our Black Girls centers on the often untold stories of Black girls and women who have gone missing or, in some cases, were found dead under mysterious circumstances." The website was created four years ago by Erika Marie Rivers.

Why are Black and Hispanic teenagers specifically targeted? Dr. Umar Johnson and the late Dick Gregory talked about organ harvesting. People are stealing organs from Black and Hispanic people. Illegal activity, such as payment for this process, takes place on the dark web. Hopefully, none of the 66 missing children might have a connection to the dark web.

Other than organ harvesting, teenagers are missing due to sex trafficking. Last year, a man was arrested for sex trafficking in Detroit on October 14th. A man in Milwaukee, 45, was arrested last year too. According to FOX6 Milwaukee, some of his charges include "interstate transportation for prostitution" and "interstate transportation of a minor for criminal sexual activity." On October 24th of this year, Florida police broke up a sex trafficking ring. This stuff is serious. Dozens of Black and Hispanic teens are going missing, and there's no outcry. Where is the national media attention?

I don't know if any of the missing teenagers have been found. I haven't found any information stating that they have. I also don't know if any of the missing teens in New York are victims of organ harvesting or sex trafficking. The hope is that the families and friends of all these victims find their loved ones. That could only happen when more people start talking.

Visit <https://www.missingkids.org/> to learn more.

## Hudson River Museum to Celebrate Halloweekend and Dia de Muertos



Trick or treat this year at our annual Halloweekend celebration and enjoy family-friendly activities! Explore our haunted historic home on a Gothic Glenview Tour, learn about the stars in our spooky planetarium show, The Sky Tonight: Night Frights, create a jar-o'-lantern to take home in our Family Art Workshop, and meet some scaly friends at our Live Reptile Show with the Wizard of Lizards! Guests who come in costume will receive candy in the lobby throughout the weekend.

In Mexico, Dia de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is observed every year on November 1 and 2. Dia de Muertos is a special holiday meant to celebrate death and life, when, unlike any other holiday, mourning is transformed into celebration. Families create an ofrenda, or altar, where they honor the lives of their past loved ones. These ofrendas are believed to encourage visits from the departed souls as they hear their prayers, smell the food, and join the celebration!

Weekend events include:

Saturday, October 29: 12:30pm — Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda, 1–4pm — Corazones y Marionetas de Papel, 1pm — Gothic Glenview Historic Home Tour, 2pm — The Sky Tonight: Night Frights, 3pm — Gothic Glenview Historic Home Tour, 3:30pm — Beyond the Sun

Sunday, October 30: 12:30pm — Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda, 1–4pm — Jar-O'-Lantern, 1pm — Live Reptile Show, 1pm — Gothic Glenview Historic Home Tour, 2pm — The Sky Tonight: Night Frights, 3pm — Gothic Glenview Historic Home Tour, 3:30pm — Beyond the Sun

The Sky Tonight: Night Frights Saturday & Sunday, October 29 & 30, 2pm In celebration of Halloween, explore the scariest phenomena and creepiest sights the Universe has to offer. Bottomless black holes, ghostly nebulae, terrifying planets with rain made of liquid glass, and even some haunted-house worthy sites right here in the Solar System. But don't worry, the full moon won't turn you into a werewolf. Recommended for ages 8+; 60-minute live and interactive show. Advance reservations are encouraged.

Live Reptile Show with the Wizard of Lizards Sunday, October 30, 1–2pm Don't be scared—they won't bite! Enjoy a live and interactive exotic reptile show with the "Wizard of Lizards" from Reptile Party. Learn all about the habits and habitats of his eight scaly friends this HalloWeekend. Recommended for ages 5+.

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## The Debate over Busing in Westchester: Latimer Fires Back at Critical Bee Line Report



***“In your zeal to find fault with our efforts, you have shown your unwillingness to be “included” but rather to sit outside the process and be critical. So be it,”***  
***County Executive George Latimer***

**By Dan Murphy**

For those of us who have lived in Westchester for most of our lives, the Bee Line Bus service has provided reliable and safe transportation for residents for 50 years. A public private partnership between Liberty Lines Bus Company, and Westchester County Government, is a unique one, but one that many believe has provided the best arrangement for both the taxpayer and the riders.

On October 17, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, issued a report critical of the PPP between the county and liberty lines, but also critical of the way county government has handled bus service for its residents.

“Today, the residents of Westchester County are saddled with an antiquated, under-performing, inefficient and unaccountable bus system that is woefully inadequate for today and tomorrow’s needs...Routes are generally infrequent, do not go where lots of people want to go, and operating costs are above-average while service levels are below average. Performance metrics based on public data prove that Westchester County’s transit is inferior in most respects to the service in peer jurisdictions like Nassau County,” states the summary of the report.

The report goes on to blame the so-called “inadequacy of the Bee-Line”, on “an opaque governance system granting a permanent contract monopoly to a private company with minimal public oversight, a lack of responsiveness to evolving consumer preferences, and decades of political leadership that neglected transit riders’ needs.”

Westchester County Executive George Latimer responded to the report in a letter, dated Oct. 25 and in comments to this reporter. Latimer explained that upon taking office in 2018, his administration was not ready to cancel the PPP with

Liberty Lines, but wanted to take a year to examine the operations and the needs of the people. So Latimer and Westchester County, negotiated a five-year extension with Liberty Lines, which was shorter than the usual 10-year extension.

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## Election Day and Halloween



*by Eric Wolf Schoen*

It’s hard to believe that Election Day is less than 2 weeks away. Campaign signs are up all over town, and for the most part candidates are keeping signs off city property. County and State property, well that’s another story. I think the word got around from Mayor Mike Spano pretty quickly this year that signs are illegal on city property and only legal on private property with the owner’s permission or on billboards that are on private property again with the owners permission.

This year’s election is a ‘puzzlement.’ Let’s face it, our elected officials on the state level, Andrea Stewart Cousins, Shelley Mayor, Nader Sayegh and Gary Pretlow do a good job ‘bringing home the bacon’ negating for the most part the horrible fiscal situations Yonkers and it’s hard working employees have gone through for so many years. The fact that we have a good leadership team who have worked their way up the Albany ladder is cause for celebration. But many of us disagree with the way our legislators vote on the issues.

The bail reforms made over the last few years have put criminals on the streets and not in jail cells. We read of those who committed crimes being let go without bail walking the streets of our cities simply committing more crimes and again walking out of jail with a little penalty. It’s a vicious cycle that must come to an end. What’s the saying? You do the crime you do the time. It’s that simple. But we have watered down the bail laws to allow criminals to be set free.

What does this do? Frankly make us afraid to go out the door. Put fear in use that we are next. A society cannot be run this way. Meaning the revolving door must stop. Legislators are supposed to represent the opinions of their constituents. I have said it before the residents in the 4 districts in Yonkers discussed above are not in favor of bail reform as it is right now. When criminals do crimes they belong in jail and away from the general population. It’s as simple as that.

We know that Andrea, Shelley, Nader and Gary are all incredibly honest. They are kind and provide good constituent services. They care about us and our needs. They must take more interest in their constituents safety. Yonkers is the 6th safest city of its size which should make us feel good. Tell that to the guy that got mugged. Tell that to the three people who recently died of overdoses of phenylalalyne given to them by people with no care for life. Tell that to the next person involved in a crime.

So in my case, I will vote for Nader and Andrea as their opponents have failed, maybe due to lack of money, to come to the table to get where their messages across. In Nader’s case with the proposed court ordered redistricting by the State Assembly he might not be my Assemblyman in the not to distant future with court ordered redistricting. Additional craziness court ordered. You want to know what turns off voters. An approved districting plan overturned by the judiciary requiring a third and fourth vote for their assemblyman. ‘Who’s on first, What’s on second?’

Make sure you vote for 8 judges on the ballot and the environmental proposition on the reverse side of the ballot. 8 judges? Either they are unhappy with their jobs or have reached retirement age.

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## Students Deepen Passion for the Environment at Untermyer Gardens



The Untermyer Gardens is a spectacular destination in Yonkers with breathtaking panoramic views of the Hudson River.

In 2019, Untermyer Gardens formed a partnership with Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) and started offering summer internships to Yonkers Public High School students to assist in beautifying the gardens. This summer, Yonkers students continued to enhance the beauty of these magnificent gardens and make a meaningful impact at one of the most visited destinations in Westchester.

“For me, this place gives me lots of opportunities,” said Catherine, a Yonkers high school student. “It’s my first working experience and it’s a very good one because I get to see beautiful sites all day while I’m working and it gives you a good sense of pride.”

“It’s a great learning experience because they can take this anywhere in life,” said Untermyer Gardener Liz Dreeben. “Whether they decide to do this for living, they can plant a garden, make a path, use a shovel. They’ve learned a lot and it’s fun.”

This summer, students continued to work on the vegetable garden they created last year. They cut back ryegrass, turned over the soil, and planted hundreds of herbs and sunflower seeds.

“The sunflower is the national flower of the county of Ukraine,” said Liz. “The students felt that would be an especially meaningful addition to these Gardens.”

Yonkers student interns planted perennials on the rhododendron walk, restored paths with wood chips, and made steps on the paths with hills using more than 30 oak rounds. They also sifted compost, planted at the entry gatehouse, and reinstalled the tiles of the grand Vista staircase that leads from the Walled Garden to the Hudson River.

“To be honest, when I would go to parks, I would just look at the wood chips and mulch and I didn’t realize that someone had to work to do this,” said Malak, YPIE high school student. “Now, that I’m doing this and I see how hard it is, I look at all of this from a different perspective.”

“I’ve had a great time with the YPIE interns this year and last,” said Untermyer Gardener John Jacono. “They have shown me day in and day out that this new generation of young adults who ease my thoughts on our future as a society as a whole.”

This partnership has had an impact on beautifying the Gardens as well as providing experiences that will stay with YPIE students always.

“You’re able to see what people do for a living. And, you can see whether it’s right for you because you’ve experienced it,” continued Malak. “It’s cool to see how everyone here is so passionate and how they love what they are doing. It’s gardening, but it’s so much more.”

Learn more at [untermyergardens.org](http://untermyergardens.org) and [ypie.org](http://ypie.org).

## New Grant for Violence Prevention in Yonkers



The Yonkers Public Schools and My Brothers Keeper will benefit from a new three-year grant that will build on existing activities and expand strategies to prevent and reduce youth violence. The new project, called Project P.A.V.E. (Prevention, Anti-Violence, Empowerment) will provide support for high school students who have been targets, bystanders, or perpetrators of bullying and/or violent acts. The grant will also provide funding for mentoring, job readiness coaching, and internships for high school students in partnership with My Brother’s Keeper.

The grant was awarded by the US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention under their Enhancing School Capacity to Address Youth Violence initiative. Student Assistance Services (SAS) Corporation, a non-profit agency based in Tarrytown, providing substance use and bullying prevention and adolescent mental health treatment for Westchester youth, will oversee the grant. Social workers and mental health counselors called Prevention Specialists using evidence-based strategies will partner with school staff and community agencies to work with impacted youth and their families.

“Our children have limitless potential to change the world, and it is my job to deliver the resources needed to help them thrive,” said Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D (NY-16). “That’s why I am thrilled that federal funds are going to holistic youth violence prevention in Yonkers schools through this initiative. This funding will allow My Brother’s Keeper, Student Assistance Services, Yonkers Public Schools, and their partners to increase mental health services and trauma-informed care for students, which will decrease bullying and violent incidents on school grounds. I was excited to advocate for this funding for the NY-16 community, and cannot wait to see the work done with these resources.”

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano stated “Yonkers My Brother’s Keeper continually raises the bar for our youth. With the investment provided by the Project P.A.V.E. grant, our young men of color can be provided the additional community and mentoring resources needed to combat violence and bullying. Special thanks to our Yonkers Public Schools, Student Assistance Services and Congressman for their leadership in supporting our children’s future.”

### Early Voting Locations and Times

A nine-day early voting period runs from Saturday, October 29th to Sunday, November 6th. Registered voters in Yonkers can cast their ballot at any of the at three designated Early Voting locations in the City.

Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers  
Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers  
Yonkers Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers

Early Voting Hours:

Saturday, October 29 and Sunday October 30-10am-6pm.  
Monday, October 31-8am-4pm, Tuesday November 1-Noon-8pm  
Wednesday, November 2-8am-4pm, Thursday, November 3-Noon-8pm  
Friday, November 4- 8am-4pm, Saturday, November 5-10am-6pm  
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# Research Suggests that A Flu Shot Protects Your Brain from Dementia



October is the official start of flu season, and the time when many people consider getting a flu shot. In addition to protecting you from the flu, the shot may also help protect your brain.

A study released this summer found that getting an annual flu vaccination was associated with a 40 percent decrease in the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease over the next four years. The same researchers, who are from The University of Texas' McGovern Medical School, conducted an earlier study presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference that found that a single flu vaccination could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's by 17 percent and additional vaccinations in a lifetime reduced it even more.

"Our study suggests that regular use of a very accessible and relatively cheap intervention — the flu shot — may significantly reduce risk of Alzheimer's dementia," said Dr. Albert Amran, who was involved in the research at The University of Texas.

The newer study included more than 2 million people over age 65. Previous studies were smaller and often focused on people with chronic health conditions. By including a more general group of older adults, the new study's results add weight to the idea that a flu shot could reduce Alzheimer's risk.

### YOUR MEMORY & INFECTIONS: KNOW YOUR RISK

Prior studies have found that infections — including the flu, pneumonia, urinary tract infections, gum disease, and COVID-19 — are associated with the onset and worsening of memory and thinking problems.

It's not surprising then that researchers have also found an association between vaccinations and a decreased risk of dementia. A study at Duke University's Social Science Research Institute found that getting a vaccination against pneumonia between the ages of 65 and 75 reduced Alzheimer's risk by up to 40 percent. Similar results have been found in recent studies of people who received tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap); hepatitis; or shingles vaccinations.

"These findings are important because anything we can do to decrease the number of people with Alzheimer's has vast benefits. Preventing or delaying the progression of Alzheimer's lowers the burden on family caregivers, and on our state's health systems," said Doris Saintil Phildor, MPH, the New York Health Systems Director at the Alzheimer's Association.

To learn more about risk factors for Alzheimer's and ways to reduce your risk, visit [www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers/causes-and-risk-factors](http://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/what-is-alzheimers/causes-and-risk-factors)

# On This Day in Yonkers History...



W.C. Handy

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

Monday, October 31st

October 31, 1961: Thousands of Spectators saw Janet Mick, Miss Rheingold 1961, atop a float decorated as a colorful peacock throne in the 16th annual Yonkers Ragamuffin Parade. Dozens of newsboys rode The Herald Statesman float, while King Gray Cameron and Queen Beth Kertzman, both Halsted School students, rode with their court of six young ladies on a beautiful float sponsored by Emil Yedowitz and Son and the Yonkers Real Estate Board.

October 31, 1962: Mrs. Ruth Redmond, mother of long-term prisoner Hugh Redmond and speaking from Hong Kong after a visit with her imprisoned son in Communist China, announced she was "shocked at the changes in her son" after eleven years in a Communist prison. The Chinese Communists had found Redmond guilty of espionage, sentencing him to life in prison. Mrs. Redmond spent several days in Communist China, able to visit him four times, for two hours each.

Tuesday, November 1st

November 1, 1920: While being interviewed at his South Yonkers home, veteran baseball umpire William Klem opined he did not think major league baseball would ban the spitball.

November 1, 1933: Postmaster General James Farley finished his New York State tour to support Democratic Assembly candidates with a rally and open air address at Larkin Plaza; amplifiers broadcast his speech, made from the back of his open car. This was the first visit to Yonkers by a Presidential Cabinet member in many, many years.

November 1, 1951: Deputy Public Safety Commissioner William Comey reported for the first time in Yonkers' history, we had a "perfect" Halloween record, one without property damage, disorder or vandalism!

Wednesday, November 2nd

November 2, 1916: Former President William H. Taft spoke at Philipsburgh Hall.

November 2, 1935: Empire Distilling Corporation, destined to be a million dollar operation, opened at the old Syrup Products Corporation with orders for one half-million gallons waiting to be filled. Company President W. Kirk Sullivan estimated the plant's annual production would have a retail of \$2,000,000; he planned to employ 45 employees. Sullivan was hoping he could reach a satisfactory tax arrangement with Yonkers, so he could move Mills Automatic Merchandising Corporation to Yonkers; this company had 150 employees and annual sales of \$1.5 million.

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**HALLOWEEN**

Remember the good old days. Wearing a Halloween costume mom had made but boy did it itch. Face makeup adding to the gloriousness of the costume. Halloween parties in classrooms where kids would bring in baked goods from home (mom didn't bake so Mr. Entenmanns or Yonkers Pastry saved the day.) the giant Halloween parade on South Broadway where all the ghosts and goblins came out. Going Trick or Treating and not having to worry that some foreign substance was in Your candy.

Moms making trick or treat bags filled with candy and prizes. From year to year we knew who gave out the best candy and treat bags and hit those apartments first. Opening the door in my costume and helping mom give out candy bags greeting my neighbors also having fun with their kids. The several parents who 'costumed up' joining their kiddies in all the festivities. The question 'what costume would the teacher wear?' With some teachers festively dressing up and the uncreative, boring teachers who just went to Woolworth's for \$1 black witches hat. Those were the ones to be worried about.

Using little orange boxes to collect for Donations for UNICEF. Would kids now a days know what Unicef is? Classes that collected the most money for Unicef Having a PIZZA party sponsored by the PTA.

My most outrageous Halloween. Marching with my colleagues in the Housing and Buildings Department as Monica Lewinsky, yes the Clinton lady. Blue jump suit and all, the famous 'stain' on the jump suit created by using wooden glue. It was a cold day but no coats over our glorious attire. We went all through City Hall including the Mayor's office. John Spencer was Mayor and I didn't know how he would take it. Would I receive my walking papers? He took it in stride laughing with all the other City Hall 'big shots'.

Second most outrageous costume. A friend called me a couple of hours before the big costume parade in the Village in Manhattan to tell me we were going to the village and dress up. The shelves at Woolworths were practically empty. I saw a nun costume in extra Large. I quickly tried it on. It fit. And off we went to the parade of parades. And who was in the front row of spectators. A friend of mine from school. We laughed, went out for a drink and a good time was had by all. By the way my friend went dressed as a hooker. He had spent over \$100 for his outfit versus the \$10 I had spent. He was upset as my \$10 Nun's costume received more attention in the parade than his did. Ah, fun, memories.

So this Halloween, enjoy yourself. Keep off the alcoholic refreshments. Make sure that for children adults check all of their candy. Use your brains to make sure you get all treats and no tricks. And a fun time will be had by all.

Then there was the year I was the Lion King. I wore grandmas old fur jacket, fur stole to wrap. Around my head, and another stole to wrap my hands. It's Halloween, go for it?

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November 2, 1955: Natalie Kink Payne was appointed to the Yonkers Public Library; she was the first African American to be appointed as a permanent employee of our library system.

Thursday, November 3rd

November 3, 1949: At the request of Annette LoCascio, Yonkers Police and private detectives began searching for her husband Joseph LoCascio of 1010 North Broadway; the couple lived with his parents. She reported he had disappeared with their six-month-old baby after the couple had an argument. LoCascio, owner of the Dunwoodie Golf Club and President of Doll and Toy Industries, had not shown up at work. According to Mrs. LoCascio, after the argument, her father-in-law told her to leave the home; she refused to go without the baby. The two men physically carried her to a car, threw her in, and drove her to her brother's home in the Bronx. She immediately called lawyer Francis Fay, who met her at the Fourth Precinct to file a complaint. Mrs. LoCascio, Fay and two detectives went to the North Broadway home; LoCascio, Jr. refused to give up the baby but said he would produce the baby in Children's Court two days later. He didn't. A warrant was issued to bring the baby to the Court, but again, he didn't. The dad, grandfather and baby had disappeared.

Friday, November 4th

November 4, 1948: Francis Cardinal Spellman announced Monsignor Thomas McMahon, a former professor at Yonkers' St. Joseph's Seminary and College, would go to Palestine to study the refugee problem in the Holy Land, and coordinate Catholic relief efforts in the region. His first stop in Europe would be in Rome to consult with Church authorities before heading to troubled region. The fighting in the Holy Land resulted in more than 460,000 refugees, with most religious congregations in Palestine in extreme need. McMahon was Vice Chairman of the American Appeal for Holy Land Refugees, an interfaith agency; Spellman was the Chairman.

November 4, 1949: Lawyers for the feuding LoCascios agreed the mom could visit her baby at the family North Broadway home the following day.

Saturday, November 5th

November 5, 1923: The Yonkers Herald published an interview with Herbert Storm, Republican and Kleagle of the Yonkers Ku Klux Klan; he strongly stated his preference for Republican Mayoral candidate Ulrich Wiesendanger. Storm stated twice during the interview, Wiesendanger would make a much better Mayor than sitting Mayor Walter Taussig.

November 5, 1923: Hundreds of Yonkers residents watched a flaming cross in the Park Hill woods! The cross was painted on a large boulder, and heavily doused with flammable chemicals. Next to the cross were the letters KKK and GOP. Two officers from the Third Precinct extinguished the fire.

Earlier in the evening, Thousands of anti-Klan leaflets were passed out throughout Yonkers, warning the voters to reelect the Democratic candidate, Mayor Walter Taussig.

Sunday, November 6th

November 6, 1944: An unnamed local soda fountain began giving girls free ice cream... if a man in uniform accompanied them!

November 6, 1948: Helen Reigle of Morris Street was the first woman in Westchester to enlist in the new Woman's Air Force (WAF)! Master Sergeant George Yanchunis from the Yonkers Army and Air Force Recruiting Station recruited her. Daughter of Peter Reigle, Helen graduated from School Three, Hawthorne Junior High School and Yonkers High School. She previously worked at the Yonkers office of the New York Telephone Company. She headed to Lackland Base for her basic training.

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6. Bid 6890 - Opening date: 11/18/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase parts and repair services, as-needed, for Smeal fire apparatus (AC).

**Force Football, continued from pg 1-**

The District's football teams merged in 2018. Student athletes from Lincoln, Riverside, Saunders Trades & Technical High School, and Barack Obama School for Social Justice form Yonkers Brave

Student athletes from Gorton, Roosevelt, Yonkers Montessori Academy and Yonkers Middle High School form Yonkers Force.

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42 vehicles were impounded and over two-dozen summonses were issued; violations ranged from fraudulent license plates, expired temporary plates, deliberately covering VIN numbers, no license plates and more. Officers also arrested two individuals for heroin and cocaine possession after a vehicle inventory search.

Driving on public roads is a privilege, not an entitlement. Vehicles that are not properly registered, inspected, and insured are a safety hazard to other motorists and pedestrians, and often degrade the quality of life of our residents; more so, many of the overnight larcenies and catalytic converter thefts often involve unlawfully operated motor vehicles.

The Yonkers Police and partner law enforcement agencies will continue to strictly enforce the rules of the road.

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funding to Yonkers. The \$1 million dollars in funding for the SNUGS anti-violence program and summer jobs and job training, and training grants for the Yonkers Police Department, are working. Yonkers achieved a ranking of 3rd safest city in America in this year's Wallet Hub Safe Communities Report.

To protect our safety, police and schools, Assemblyman Sayegh voted to limit the spread of assault weapons and ghost guns, voted to get guns off our streets and provided police training funds for defusing critical situations.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh has quietly delivered results as he worked to bring people together. He has earned your vote to be reelected to the State Assembly.

While we hope that Councilman Breen's public service will continue, we endorse Nader Sayegh on November 8.

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**Letters:**

Re Cop Shot in Bristol , Ct Ambush A Yorktown High School Alum  
Westchester Rising, October 21

Mr. Murphy:

On October 12 a domestic violence call, which was actually a ploy, brought three Bristol Connecticut police officers to a home where they were ambushed. Two were killed, the third wounded. That brought back memories of Michael Frey. Frey was an Eastchester policeman who in 1996 responded to a domestic violence call. Again, a ploy. When Frey got out of his patrol car he was shot from the second floor of the house. He died.

Eastchester has never forgotten. One reads about the impact of Frey's death on Eastchester and the various memorials concerning that death these many years later. The Eastchester police department has a car bumper sticker honoring Michael Frey. As long as I had a car, which meant several different ones over the years, I always made sure to put such a sticker on the bumper of my car.

Bristol now, bringing back memories of Eastchester then, speak to the horrendous number nationally of recent shootings of police officers, with injuries and deaths. Unfortunately, there will be more.

Donald Nawi, Scarsdale

**To the Editor:**

When Lee Zeldin was a Congressional Representative, in November 2020 Zeldin sent emails to then-President Donald Trump's chief of staff, offering advice on how to challenge and overturn the 2020 election. Zeldin has been a full-blown Trump supporter, and continues to be so. Like Trump, Zeldin says that the election results are fixed unless he wins.

Zeldin denies democracy and would violate all the votes of anyone who disagrees with him, reasons that he must be defeated for our democracy to continue.

Crime is now far below the levels of the 1980s, when more than 2,000 people every year were murdered in New York City, yet now Zeldin preys upon and promotes fear, without offering any actual solutions to reducing crime.

Robert Kalfus , Yonkers

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## LOOK Dine in Cinema -Dobbs Ferry: Something Different for a Nice Night Out



**By Dan Murphy**

For those looking for a new dining and entertainment experience here in Westchester, try LOOK Dine-in Cinema in Dobbs Ferry. My wife and I recently enjoyed our meal, movie, and the combined experience.

LOOK Cinemas was founded by Brian Schultz on the concept of, “what would it be like if you could combine a great hospitality experience with a great moviegoing experience? We are committed to bring communities together,” Schultz stated.

We arrived a few minutes before our movie, Amsterdam, began, and we found an inviting bar near the lobby, which was filled with couples and groups enjoying a drink before their movie.

We also found several accommodating staff members, who helped us with our first dine-in movie experience. They got us to our luxury (assigned) seats, which were separated enough from other seats to give us some privacy in enjoying our meal and the film.

Look Cinema-Dobbs Ferry has 8 auditoriums and the size of our theater was ideal: Not too big and cavernous, but not too small and cramped in. Our seats included a tabletop which can be moved to the side after your meal.

A number of choices on the menu provide fresh made options and standard classics, from a charcuterie board, sushi, or standard American classics including shakes and burgers. My wife enjoyed a salmon salad and a glass of wine. For dessert, we shared a fried Oreos dish that was great, and most important, the popcorn was fresh with the right amount of butter. We did not know what to expect from our dining experience at a movie theater, but our LOOK dinner met the standard of a Westchester couple looking for a good meal on their night out.

Orders can be made on your phone by downloading the app, or by scanning the menu. Or for those not tech savvy, servers came by to take your order, and delivered the meals at the beginning of the movie.

The movie screen and sound were state of the art. Our theater was about half full, and consisted of mostly couples, enjoying a date night out in some form and different ages.

LOOK Cinema opened in Dobbs Ferry in January of this year, and the theater was immaculate and provided us with a very enjoyable experience. We are debating whether to go back for another date night or bring our daughter for the next dine in movie.

LOOK Dine in Cinema offers a dinner and movie happening worthy of Westchester County. The location is also ideal, right off the Saw Mill Parkway for easy access and exit. For showtimes and more information, visit [www.lookcinemas.com](http://www.lookcinemas.com).

Latimer was also able to negotiate a \$20 Million cost reduction for the people and taxpayers of Westchester in the new contract. Next year, (2023), Westchester will bid out the bus contract in an RFP, with Liberty Lines and others submitting their proposals.

In his letter, Latimer was clearly not impressed with the report or the way in which they went about it. “Westchester County would like to bring to your attention areas where your three organizations have failed:

1. You failed to seek County input prior to issuing your report. I have worked with advocacy organizations over a broad array of issues. I don’t always agree with the advocacy positions but it has been my experience that when an organization has criticized County operations, they have the professional courtesy to seek our input and feedback. You did not seek our input in advance of your project; you did not seek our opinion as you conducted your project.
2. You failed to recognize that the current contract Westchester County has with Liberty Lines was competitively procured. The contract was RFP’d in 2013 under the former County Executive Rob Astorino for five years with the option for a five-year extension. In early 2018, after coming in to office in January, we met with Veronica Vanterpool, Laura Rossi and David Bragdon. You requested that we do a new RFP at that time, rather than exercise the extension. We informed you at that time that we were going to exercise that option but would do a new competitive procurement in 2023 when the extension expires. I gave my word to the leadership of Tri-State then and I am honoring that word now.
3. You failed to do your homework. If you had reached out to us, you would have known that we have a working group to do the RFP; that we are evaluating best practices and performance measures and that we have retained TransPro to assist us in this endeavor.
4. You failed to recognize the progress that the County has made over the five years of my administration:

a. We are undertaking a robust, customer driven Mobility Study which will provide necessary input for the RFP. It is important to recognize that a suburban bus transit system with various population densities is not the same as an urban bus transit system like New York City.

b. The electrification of the Bee Line bus fleet. Of our total fleet of 325 buses, 279 are electric hybrid, and 6 are full electric. The remaining 40 diesel buses will be retired over the next 12-18 months and replaced with all electric or electric hybrid. This process has already reduced air pollution from diesel exhausts at bus stops - a benefit to the riding public which you failed to recognize in your report.

5. You failed to recognize the compassion the County has for our customers and for the TWU employees of Liberty Lines who were our partners during COVID. The County suspended Bee Line bus fares during COVID, from March through September 2020. We installed plexi-glass dividers on every single bus and held COVID vaccine clinics at the facilities for drivers and mechanics - true essential workers.

6. As a result of inflation, when I suspended the County sales tax on motor fuel, I suspended Bee Line bus fares for June, July, and August of 2022. We are the only County in New York to have done so. We are doing so again during the Thanksgiving and December Holiday season.

In summary without benefit of a scientific sampling of ridership opinion, failing to share your report conclusions before addressing them at a public press conference, you would now like us to be responsive and inclusive in our future planning. We will be inclusive. We will include the people of Westchester County, the bus riders of the Bee Line system, the businesses and entities that benefit or could benefit from the system. In your zeal to find fault with our efforts, you have shown your unwillingness to be “included” but rather to sit outside the process and be critical. So be it,” writes Latimer.

While Latimer was critical of being “blindsided” by a report that some have viewed as “coming out of left field,” other riders we spoke to questioned what was the goal of the Tri-State Transportation Campaigns report. “They mentioned Nassau County but Nassau has a lot more people and gets a larger subsidy from the state for their bus service. Northern Westchester has many rural parts to it, with fewer riders. It is not an easy job to provide bus service to Westchester.”

“I would question what goal the tri-state transportation campaign has in issuing this report behind the back of our county executive? Do they want Westchester County and its taxpayers to buy a fleet of buses and hire its own drivers? What will the cost of that be? What will the bus fare for riders be? Will it be higher? Will it be double? Or was this just a hatchet job? “And after two years of COVID, and all that our drivers went through, this report doesn’t seem reasonable. Sometimes a public-private partnership works and works better,” said different riders we interviewed on the #7 Bus.



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## Who Made the \$1 Million Anonymous Donation to Iona?



**Iona President Seamus Carey, Ph.D**

Growing up in Queens, he was just like any other kid from a working-class family in New York. Today, he's a successful entrepreneur eager to give back to the school that started it all – Iona. In making an anonymous \$1 million gift, this former student-athlete says he doesn't want any recognition. He just wants others to join him.

"I want to motivate anyone who was able to get ahead in life because Iona gave them a chance to pause, reflect and give back now," he said. "I actually was going to go to Princeton University, but my dad couldn't afford to send me. Iona gave me the scholarships I needed to be able to go to college."

And it's not just about giving financially, he is quick to add.

Go to a game. Mentor a student. Offer an internship or recruit graduates for jobs. Even if it's just making it back to campus once a year for Homecoming, he believes in the power of Gael Nation and wants to engage more of his fellow alumni than ever in supporting the next generation.

"You can leave your mark in a number of ways," he said. "I always say, when you can look in the mirror and say you did something good for others – what a feeling; there is nothing better."

In particular, the gift will support strategic initiatives of University President Seamus Carey, Ph.D., who joined Iona in July 2019 and set out on a path of innovation. Shortly into his presidency, however, Iona was on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing Carey to make swift and decisive moves. Hailed as the "first to close, first to re-open," Iona nevertheless pushed ahead under Carey's leadership.

Today, the results speak for themselves. Not only has new student enrollment spiked a remarkable 30 percent over the past three years, but Iona has also acquired a second campus and is developing a premier school of health sciences in collaboration with one of the nation's top hospitals. "I really like Seamus and the vision he brings to Iona," said the alumnus. "Being an entrepreneur, I think big. He's thinking big. As a new person coming back into Iona, I see tremendous potential. I see the school is just going to another level."

In recognizing the gift, Carey said he is both grateful and inspired by the generous support. "We have charted an ambitious path for Iona, recognizing we need the help of talented, dedicated and generous alumni to help us realize our goals," Carey said.

Notably, in May 2021, Carey finalized the acquisition of Iona's new; 28-acre campus in Bronxville, N.Y., formerly home to Concordia College. Shortly thereafter, in July 2021, Carey announced a \$20 million gift to establish the NewYork-

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## Program at YPL Features Leo Baekeland

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The two-hour program will honor one of Yonkers' most famous residents, Leo H. Baekeland. In 1907, in his laboratory at Snug Rock overlooking the Hudson River, the Belgian born American chemist and entrepreneur created mankind's first synthetic plastic. He called it Bakelite, and it changed the world forever. Bakelite was integral to the beginning of the modern industrial age.

This special event will include a screening of the award-winning feature documentary, *All Things Bakelite: The Age of Plastic*, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A with the audience.

History comes alive with reenactments of Baekeland's life, rare archival footage, photographs and personal journal entries. Interviews with scientists, historians, professors, artists, as well as satirical musical performances, capture both the wonder and the curse of Baekeland's discovery.

While the film celebrates Baekeland, his invention and its descendants, it does not shy away from the global plastic problem. In the end, it offers a view into essential solutions.

On the panel will be the film's director John Maher, phenolic resin consultant Dr. Louis Pilato, and Yonkers Historian Mary Hear. Also being honored, posthumously, will be Hugh Karraker, the great-grandson of Leo Baekeland, who was the executive producer of the film and the driving force of bringing Leo Baekeland's little known, but important story to light. *All Things Bakelite* is a legacy left by both men that makes Yonkers proud.

Join us for a program of reflection and history.

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Leo Baekeland was president of the American Chemical Society and appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

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Baekeland's invention had a huge impact on our lives, but little is generally known about him. His peers were the likes of Thomas Edison, the Wright brothers and Henry Ford. I hope his story will inspire present and future innovators.  
—Hugh Karraker, executive producer and Baekeland's great-grandson

Leo H. Baekeland  
"Father of Modern Plastic"

Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences. The school's new state-of-the-art facilities are set to open on the Bronxville campus in January 2023.

Outside of the classroom, meanwhile, Carey has expanded opportunities by adding new club sports, performing arts, service opportunities and more. He also had the foresight to hire Hall of Fame men's basketball coach Rick Pitino, and the team went undefeated to sold-out crowds at home last season. Leveraging this momentum, Carey in July 2022 announced that Iona had officially graduated from a college to a University. The move not only reflects the prestige of an Iona education, but also the diversity of academic programs available across Iona's three schools: the School of Arts & Science, LaPenta School of Business, and the NewYork-Presbyterian Iona School of Health Sciences.

"We have a new Bronxville campus; we have a world-class collaboration with NewYork-Presbyterian; we are now a University – Iona is like a tree with deep roots ready to really grow. And I absolutely think we're just scratching the surface," said the alumnus. "I'm beyond excited to be back in the mix at Iona. But it's not about me; we're doing this all together as one. I just want to be an inspiration to others. It's time to look in the mirror and say, 'What can I do for the school that helped me?'"

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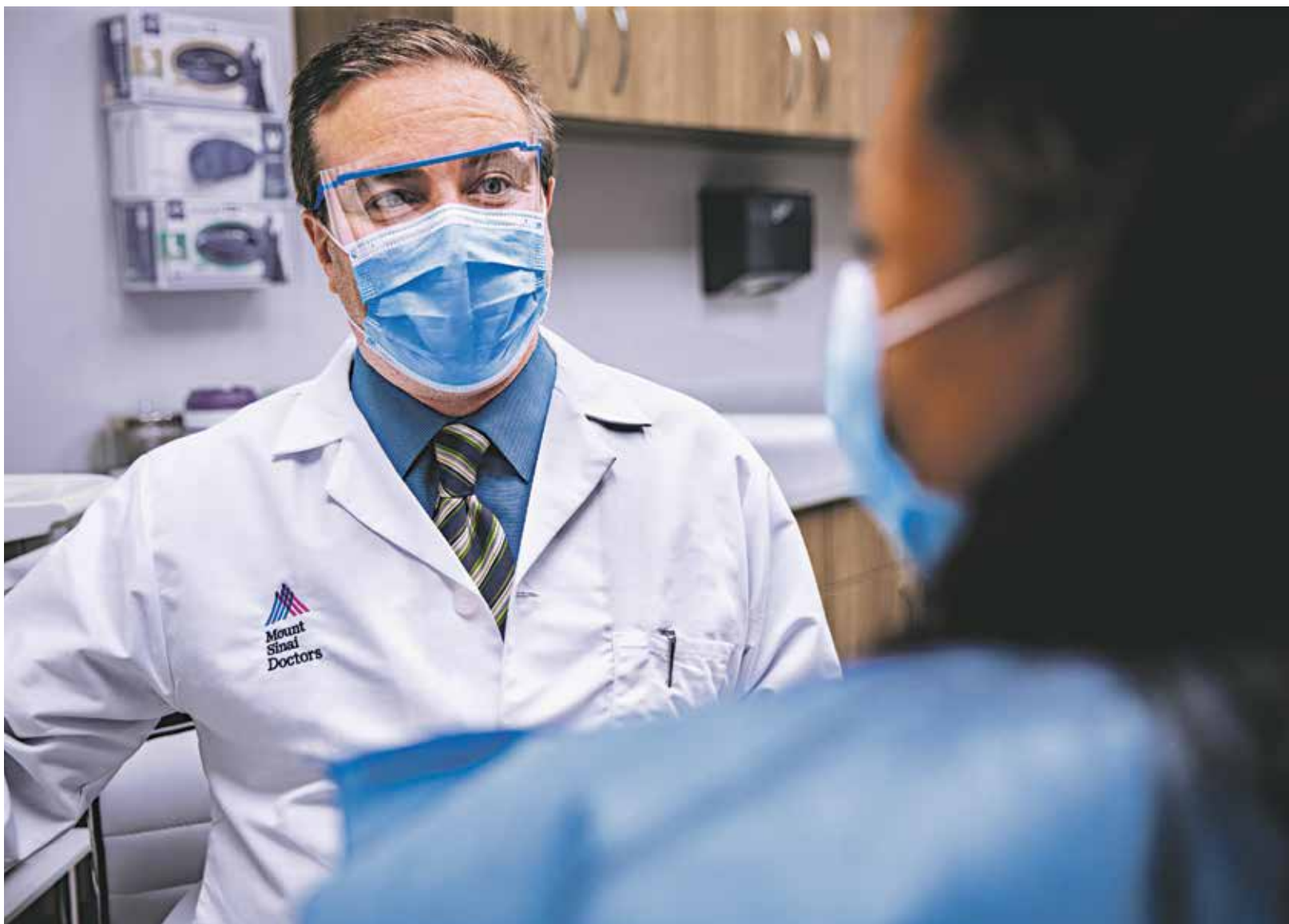


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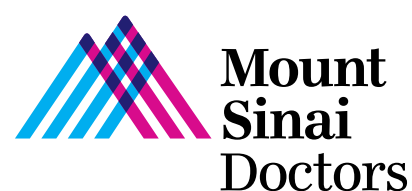
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