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## Diverse Slate of State Supreme Court Democratic Candidates Set to Make History



Yonkers City Court Judge Tom Quinones

By Dan Murphy

One of the choices that Westchester voters will make on Nov. 2 and in early voting, will be to elect five members of the NYS Supreme Court from the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess Counties.

This year's slate of democratic State Supreme Court candidates comprises a diverse group that if elected, will make history. Three of the five democratic judicial candidates are from Westchester. They are: Yonkers City Court Judge Tom Quinones, Greenburgh Town Justice Christie D'Alessio and attorney James Hyer. Rounding out the ticket are Dutchess County attorney Tom Davis and incumbent State Supreme Court Judge Robert Berliner.

Yonkers City Court Judge Tom Quinones is seeking to become the first Hispanic Judge elected to the State Supreme Court from Westchester. First elected to the Yonkers City Court in 2016, Judge Quinones has presided over one of the busiest local courtrooms in Westchester for the past five years.

Prior to sitting on the Yonkers Court, Quinones served for 20 years as a Family Court Magistrate in NY County, where he presided over court proceedings including determinations of support, both contested and uncontested paternity proceedings, and other family court matters.

Judge Quinones also served as a Chief Hearing Examiner for the New York City Department of Health, giving him four decades of service to the people of New York in the court system.

An active participant in community life in Yonkers, Judge Quinones has served for 10 years on the Yonkers Exchange Club. He is married to his wife of 25 years, Odette, and they have three children.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh said, "This year we have a very special election for NYS Supreme Court Justice serving in Westchester County. Judge Thomas Quinones currently serves on the Yonkers City Court.

"I have had the pleasure as an attorney to appear before Judge Quinones and I can attest to his compassion, leadership, awareness of the needs of many young men and women, problems that may arise as the result of other social issues, and I can tell you Judge Quinones is fair and someone who listens to all sides. Judge Quinones is able to make decisions that are in the best interests of law enforcement, best interests of social justice and each and every individual," said Sayegh.

There seems to be a unified Yonkers behind Quinones campaign. A recent event for Judge Quinones was held by Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers Democratic Party Chair Tom Meier, Yonkers PBA President Keith Olson, and many other Yonkers democrats and members of the legal community in Westchester's largest city.

Yonkers large Latino community is also gearing up for a large turnout on election day for Judge Quinones and his slate of Democrats for State Supreme Court in the 9th JD.

Greenburgh Town Justice Christie D'Alessio brings more than 20 years --or over 20 years--of legal service to the people of Westchester, and wants to continue that service as a Supreme Court Judge. Elected to the Green-

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## High School Sports is Back, Yonkers!

### Roosevelt High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team



Pictured above are members of the Roosevelt High School Varsity Soccer Team. Their hard work and efforts are symbolic of the different high school sports program going on this school year.

It is good to see these student athletes competing once again, and being allowed to practice, exercise, and learn about playing as part of a team, and giving your best efforts.

Regardless of their record of wins and losses this year, congratulations and best of luck in the remainder of your games.

Please send us your Yonkers sports photos to risingmediagroup@gmail.com.

## YPD Looking To Track Down 2 Who Called in Bomb Threats to Montessori Acad. & YMHS



By Dan Murphy

School age children have it tough enough, after two years of dealing with COVID learning, both in class and remote. Now two bomb threats called in by an anonymous person at two Yonkers public schools has resulted in evacuations and a loss of class time for children and teachers. While Yonkers police did not find a bomb at either location, it distracted the staff and students in the Yonkers Public Schools enough to cause outrage from YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Mayor Mike Spano, and Police Commissioner John Mueller, as the work to find the culprit has begun.

On Sept. 30, an early morning anonymous bomb threat called into Yonkers Montessori Academy prompted an evacuation of the building and re-directing the school buses out of an abundance of caution for the safety of students and staff. First responders were dispatched to the school, proceeded with their search, and by 9:30 a.m. gave the all clear for everyone to return to the school.

The Sept 30 call, and the Sept. 29 call to Yonkers Middle High School, which add to the recent number of irresponsible anonymous threatening calls to public schools throughout the county, provoked outrage from the City and Board of Education leaders and Yonkers parents. "This reckless behavior is unacceptable," stated Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada. "These disruptive incidents are unsettling to our children, who have just returned to their normal school day routines," added Dr. Quezada. "Throughout this unfortunate experience today at Yonkers Montessori Academy, all of our students and staff were safe. Our school and District administrators diligently followed District Emergency Management protocols during this situation and immediately notified Yonkers Police and Fire Departments. Our educators and school staff do an outstanding job to keep our children safe."

"The safety of our students is paramount and we will not allow threats like the one we saw today jeopardize that," stated Mayor Mike Spano. "The coordinated multi agency effort speaks to the professionalism and swift action of our first responders and Yonkers Public Schools staff. We continue to review all safety and emergency protocols as to ensure our children are never put in harm's way."

Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez, noted, "These occurrences bring all of the City's resources to our schools to ensure everyone's safety, and their response is always immediate. The collaborative efforts of District and school administrators, teachers and staff is commendable, they remain focused on keeping our students safe and at ease."

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## Bisexual Greenburgh Cop Files Sexual Harassment Lawsuit



Greenburgh Police Officer Kristin Stein

By Dan Murphy

A bombshell lawsuit against the Town of Greenburgh, the Greenburgh Police Department, and 16 Greenburgh Police officers alleges a pattern of sexual harassment against Officer Kristin Stein.

The allegations in Stein's lawsuit include a sexual assault from a 2019 incident in the Greenburgh Police headquarters where Officer Stein was leaning over a table to collect pamphlets when police officer Jeff Cerone, "grinded against her rear, rammed himself into her backside with his genitals, then threw her towards the middle of the room", according to the lawsuit.

Several Greenburgh police officers are caught on a body cam recording laughing after the alleged sexual assault took place, but it does not show the actions of Cerone. One officer that was not laughing was Kristin Stein's brother, who was also a Greenburgh cop, and was in the room. The body cam was from police officer John Pilla, who had mistakenly turned it on during roll call.

Numerous other incidents of inappropriate texts, comments, sexual jokes, remarks, sexual solicitations, negative work assignments, silent treatment, uninvited sexual attention, displaying pornographic photos, are all

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## Yonkers Rotary Donates Books to Library



**Yonkers Rotary members handed over 250 hardcover books to the Riverfront Library**

The Yonkers Rotary Club has donated over 200 hardcover books to the Riverfront Library in Yonkers. September was Rotary's Education and Literacy month during which Rotarians are urged to undertake projects that expand education and literacy opportunities across communities. The donated books are from the personal collection of Club Vice-President and District Area Governor Bina Ahmad and Past District Governor Mahbub Ahmad. Five Club Rotarians were present at the handing over of the books to the Director of the Library Sandy Amoyaw, who is also the Club Historian and a long-time Club Member. In addition to the two donors, Club Rotarians Lawrence Farah and Anissa Latif also helped with unloading the books.

The Director of Yonkers Public Libraries Jesse Montero was a guest speaker at a recent Yonkers Rotary Club meeting. He said the Library System was looking to expand its holdings to cater to a wider audience. Accepting the books, Director of the Riverfront Library, Sandy Amoyaw thanked Area Governor Bina and Past DG Mahbub for their thoughtful donation. He said the books will help expand the breadth of the holdings of the Library and may be shared with the other branches of the Yonkers Library system. AG Bina said most of the books were collected over a period of years for their home library which they are now downsizing. PDG Mahbub said the books in a large library will be available to many more readers rather than just beautifying a small home library. Most of the books are contemporary fiction, including sets by authors, John Grisham, Lawrence Sanders, Clive Cussler, Robin Cook, and others as well as classics. This is the Club's third donation of books to the Yonkers Libraries. Earlier donations were to the Will Library and the Riverfront Library.

Yonkers Rotary has been serving the Yonkers Community as well as the international community for over 100 years. Its projects include, the new basketball court at Barton Park, the school playground in School 9, as well as numerous local projects including feeding seniors and destitute families during the pandemic, delivering masks to local philanthropic organizations, providing pencils to Yonkers 1st grade to participate in a Club project or to join the Club, Contact membership chair, George John (join@yonkersrotary.org) Yonkers Rotary members handed over 250 hardcover books to the Riverfront Library

## YHS Football: Force Game Goes Down to Last Play, Brave Lose to Best Team in Westchester



**Yonkers Force QB Atticus Oelkers hrows a long pass in last second loss to Fox Lane**

**By Phil Foley**

This past weekend saw our Yonkers teams the Brave and the Force fight very hard as they lost their battles but improved mightily! Last Friday night the Brave lost to last year's New York State Champs New Rochelle HS 33-0.

The Force lost to Fox Lane HS 19-14 last Saturday night. The Yonkers teams are very young and by getting the much needed experience the future looks great for the future of our Yonkers teams. Especially with our Junior Varsity teams feeding players who know the teams system which can make for championship caliber teams in the future.

We are also very lucky to have two real great experienced head coaches in Vic Chiappa of the Brave and Anthony Fava of the Force.

In the Yonkers Force game versus Fox Lane Atticus Oelkers threw a 68 yard TD pass to Malachi Keels. Atticus also had a 2 yard TD run in the game! Defensively for the Force. Brian Espinal and Quadir Holmes anchored a defensive line in a strong defensive effort!

Coach Fava said after the game, "The kids fought for every second of the game. We made costly mistakes that took the W away from us. We may have lost the game but we earned everyone's respect with our tough play. We've made improvements each week this season, but now the toughest toughest part of our schedule is ahead of us. There are no weeks off in Section AA."

Yes the one thing to remember about this game with Fox Lane was that the Force had 4th and goal with 40 seconds left and got stopped by a good Fox Lane team who posted their 3rd win of the season. The Force play Scarsdale HS this Saturday at Roosevelt HS. Kick off is at 1:30 pm.

The Brave played a great team last Friday against the reigning State Champions! They are getting better! Coach Chiappa told me, "They played hard and they never gave up!"

The Brave travel to Port Chester HS this Saturday! Kick off is 1:30 pm.

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### Fourth Precinct Community Council

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday October 21, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct 53 Shonnard Terrace, as was usual before the COVID19 crisis. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome. All elected officials are welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Curtis will be available to discuss matters of interest.

### Email Letter to the Editor:

I am appalled that anyone would post an article on someone’s personal health status.

You clearly state in your article that he did not share this information with you, but you found out from another source.

It is not ok for anyone, let alone a media source to publish an individual’s health history. That is no one’s business unless the individual chooses to share.

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MK, Yonkers

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## Wait A Minute Mr. Postman!



By Eric W. Schoen

Remember the good old days at the United States Postal Service, USPS. Mail men and woman would deliver the mail neatly dressed in their uniforms. You knew their name. You knew approximately what time they would arrive. The only deviation would be on the one day your mail person had off. If you went on vacation the mail person would bring your mail to your home or apartment the day you returned.

If you lived in an apartment building you didn’t need to have your mail addressed to you with an apartment number. You didn’t know the zip code you were sending your letter to. Someone at the post office would look it up and add it. If you got a package the mail person would ring your doorbell vs. just leaving the package at your door with no knock. The mail person would go out of their way to leave your package with a neighbor so it wouldn’t sit on the porch or at your apartment door.

So what happened? Try leaving off the zip code. Return. Try leaving office the apartment number. Return. Package, thrown at your door with no knock to see if you are home. Yep. Left with a neighbor? Fat chance.

Other than at the Post Office, chances are the person delivering your mail is not in regulation uniform. Probably has a head set or ear buds listening to music. If you have a slot do you think that mail is going to be put in it. If it is half is probably sticking out. Perfect for criminals to get to.

I don’t blame the mail carriers. I blame the supervisors. Try to reach a supervisor at the 10701 post office in Yonkers. Better chance of reaching the President. I’ve been told by other Post Office Supervisors that trying to reach anyone at the 10701 Post Office in the beautiful, old building in Getty Square on Main Street is an impossible task. I’ve experienced it myself. Only when you go in person and raise holy hell will you get a response.

This all started when 10-15 years ago the postal service tried to modernize bringing in young college graduates that knew nothing about mail delivery. The postal service years ago would promote from within. Now you have kids who have never delivered a piece of mail running the candy store.

And friends, sad to say it’s going to get worse. Donald Trump got a majority on the Post Office Board of Directors and brought in some clown named Louis DeJoy, a businessman who knows nothing about the postal service. His mission given to him by President Trump was to make the post office self sufficient and cut wherever he could.

Now I’m not just blaming President Trump for this mess. I am blaming President Biden too. Biden obtained a majority of Board Members at the Postal Service but for some strange reason, unbeknownst to man DeJoy still sits in charge. DeJoy is universally hated by Democrats and Republicans. Remember, the Post Office is one of the few agencies that touches the lives of every America. We all get mail delivery, some more than others. And we want that mail delivered promptly. Much of it like bills and magazines and business documents is time sensitive.

Do we hear a peep out of the United States Senate to get rid of DeJoy? A peep from Congress to get rid of DeJoy? In Yiddish it’s called bubkis (nothing). The internet is great, but it will never replace good mail service. The Congressman who represents Westchester, Jamaal Bowman is more concerned about Rikers Island than all of his constituents who rely on the mail. Some to get checks they live on, communications from beloved family members, packages in a COVID world where many are ordering over the internet.

Rikers Island has been a problem before Congressman Bowman even dreamed about running for Congress. Mayor deBlasio, not one of my favorite characters devised a plan to house those at Rikers Island in smaller jails in the neighborhoods where those being detained come from. Of course who wants a jail in their neighborhood? Congressman Bowman and his federal and state colleagues make believe that the conditions in Rikers Island developed overnight.

People who are incarcerated are innocent until proven guilty. That’s the beauty of America. But in our society there are some people who do bad things. They must be taken off the streets. They deserve basic accommodations, three square meals, and rehabilitation so they don’t do the same things over again. A timely hearing to determine their innocence or guilty.

Those who are guilty of serious crimes deserve serious jail time. The bail reform passed by the State Legislature several years ago is a disaster. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said it earlier this week in the pages of our daily newspaper. I’ve heard it said again and again by the same State officials that approved it. Meanwhile you have the District Attorney in Manhattan saying don’t set high bail. Some officials say let those who have committed crimes leave Rikers Island. Something wrong with this picture. Wonder why businesses have not come back to New York. People are afraid of crime. Period!

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**Yonkers Historian & Yonkers Rising Columnist Mary Hoar**

**Among American-Irish Association Honorees**



*Mary Hoar*

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The Mass will be celebrated at 1:30 PM with a cocktail hour, open bar and full buffet dinner and dancing to follow. Entertainment will feature the popular Tara Gold band along with performances by the NY Studio of Irish Dancers and the Deirdre O'Meara School of Dancers.

This year's honorees are: Rev. Brendan Fitzgerald, Pastor of Saint Barnabas Church and a native of County Kerry, Ireland and chaplain of the NY Kerry Association. Ms. Mary Hoar a retired Yonkers Public School teacher, former President of the Yonkers Historical Society and President of the Yonkers Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, Rev. Christopher Keenan OFM chaplain at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale the Bronx and also chaplain to the New York City Fire Department, and the hosts and producers of the popular weekly Irish Sunday afternoon radio show entitled Ceol Na N Gael hosted by WFUV Radio Station at Fordham University.

Journal ads are available by contacting Carol Daly at 914 439-5773. For ticket information contact Eileen Carey at 914 963-1407 and cost is \$85. per person and reservations are required by October 27, 2021.

**State Supreme Court Elections, continued from pg 1-**

burgh Town Court in 2018, D'Alessio has served as a Westchester County Assistant Attorney from 2001-2014, and as a court attorney to State Supreme Court Judge Minihan.

A respected jurist with a proven record of experience and integrity, Judge D'Alessio has served on the Greenburgh Town Court since 2018, where she has presided over criminal, civil and small claims matters, and youth court proceedings.

Judge D'Allesio has also served as an acting Judge in several local City and Village courts across Westchester, including of Yonkers, White Plains, Elmsford, Irvington, Larchmont, Sleepy Hollow, Tuckahoe and Mamaroneck.

A dedicated wife and mother of three, Judge D'Allesio is known as a Judge who renders justice to the people with compassion, fairness and common sense. "Raised in a modest blue-collar family, I have always followed my parents' example to work hard for opportunities. I have never forgotten my humble roots which keeps me grounded and drives me to serve the community with care. To make a timely decision backed by reason and compassion and rooted in law. This is my goal every single time I take the bench," said Judge D'Alessio.

Attorney James Hyer is currently the President of the Westchester County Bar Association. Hyer has also served as an Administrative Law Judge for the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, Corporate Counsel for the Legal Aid Society of Westchester, and a Hearing Officer for the WCBA Grievance Committee.

If elected to the bench, Hyer would be the first openly gay Judge on the State Supreme Court in the 9th JD.

Attorney Tom Davis has spent much of his life and legal career as an advocate for the disabled. He is a former trustee of the Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley and is a member of the Executive Committee of Abilities First, Inc., a large not-for-profit agency providing residential, educational and rehabilitative services to the developmentally and intellectually disabled.

An-accomplished and respected Supreme Court practitioner, Davis brings 29 years of legal experience in complex cases as a trial attorney. A Dutchess County resident, Davis is a Fair minded attorney known for temperament that is suited to serving on the judiciary.

Through the course of his 29-years of practicing law, Tom has predominantly represented individuals, not corporations or institutions. His experience representing those who have come to the courts for justice has taught him that every person who appears in court deserves respect, compassion and fairness.

Also running on the democratic ticket is incumbent State Supreme Court Judge Robert Berliner. Judge Berliner was elected to serve as a Justice of the State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District since 2008. Berliner, who lives in Rockland with his wife Fran of 45 years, 2 children and 3 grandchildren

Prior to his election to Supreme Court, Justice Berliner served in the Rockland County surrogates court and foreclosure court, and in the Westchester Country Matrimonial part.

Berliner brings the experience of serving on the Supreme Court for the past thirteen years, where he has distinguished himself as a fair, even handed Justice.

The Republican candidates for State Supreme Court in the 9th JD are, Rich Guertin, James Hendry III, and Mark Starkman. Tom Davis is running on both party lines.

Early voting starts on October 23 and the last day to register and vote in Oct. 8.

**Bomb Threats, continued from pg 1-**

portant than the safety of our children and we want parents and community members to know these recent bomb threats are unverified, uncorroborated, and that there is no credible information to believe that our kids were in any real danger. We are working with our local, state, and federal partners, and have committed every resource, to identify, apprehend, and charge the person responsible for making these calls; they will be found and held accountable for scaring families with young children and wasting First Responder resources that should be available to help others."

Yonkers Council of PTAs Board added, "Our schools are supposed to be a safe haven for our children. We send our children off to what we believe to be secure learning environments to expand their minds and interact with friends and trusted adults. The events of this week have threatened and startled our community and threatened our children's safe place. YCPTA shares everyone's hope that these bomb threats cease, and the person(s) responsible are found and held accountable. We are grateful for the swift efforts of our law enforcement as well as our school district for keeping our children calm and secure."

Yonkers Police are still investigating both incidents.

**Greenburgh Cop Lawsuit, continued from pg 1-**

alleged in the suit, filed in Federal Court in White Plains this summer.

Kristin Stein was born in Greenburgh, went to the Ardsley schools, and comes from a family of police officers. Become a cop in her hometown was like a dream come true when she was appointed in 2017.

"Both of my parents are retired NYPD. My uncle, and godmother and lots of family and friends were police officer. And my brother is a police officer. It runs in the family, its hereditary. I looked up to my family and wanted to become a police officer since I was five years old. There was no pressure to do so from my parents, but they were extremely proud when it happened," said Stein, who said that she was harassed for more than one year.

The other part of Stein's life story is that she is bi-sexual, and when the male officers in the Greenburgh Police Department found out, the harassment against her increased drastically. "At first, I was retaliated against because I was a woman, but it became a more hostile work environment once they found out that I had a girlfriend."

Once Stein's sexuality was known by the male officers, most of whom were married, an obsession or sorts began, an example of which included a text from Cerone asking "if she was going to the beach with her girlfriend in a bikini and high heels."

Most of the officers in the room have claimed that they did not witness the incident, despite getting caught on the body cam laughing about it, and re-enacting what happened after the fact. "I was in police headquarters with my uniform on and my badge, and I was treated worse than a criminal," said Stein.

Immediately after the 2019 incident, Lt. Martin asked Officer Cerone two times, "what just happened and what the F\*(^% just happened?" Cerone said "I don't know." After an investigation, Cerone was docked two weeks of vacation time.

Stein said that after the 2019 assault, "I was never spoken to again by my supervisors, to ask if I was ok or how I was being treated. Two supervisors, Lt. Martin, and Sgt. Fernandez followed protocol and reached out to me. All of the other officers either ignored me or engaged in talking poorly about me."

Stein tried to transfer out of the Greenburgh Police Department to 8 Westchester police departments. She was hired by the Westchester County Police, only to have their offer rescinded because of what Stein and the lawsuit claims was the interference of Greenburgh Chief of Police Chris McNerney.

"I was given the job. I was told that I had the position, I passed all the drug psych interviews and was told that I had one of the highest scoring test scores. I had a start date. Now I'm blacklisted from every being a police officer again," said Stein.

Stein and the lawsuit claim that Chief McNerney told someone in the Westchester County Police that Stein was "a sexual harassment liability." "No explanation was given about why I didn't get the job. I truly believe that Chief McNerney tried to keep me captive so that I became so miserable that I end up quitting. This falls on Officer Cerone and Chief McNe

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# On This Day in Yonkers History...



Actor Robert Shayne

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

Monday, October 11th

October 11, 1930: When Charles Cannon appeared before City Judge Charles Boote on a disorderly conduct charge, he was surprised by the Judge's outrage. Cannon, told to move on from a Yonkers Avenue corner by Officer Stewart Freeman, instead, chose to hurl indecent language" and "insults on racial grounds" at the African-American officer. After sentencing him to ten days in City Jail, the good judge stated strongly, "The President of the United States and the Governor of New York could intercede for you, and it would do you no good!" Boote sent him back to his cell to begin his sentence and think over what he had done.

Tuesday, October 12th

October 12, 1930: Murder at a local dance hall ended with a stunned crowd watching the victim's wife—and attacker-- walk away! Nellie Kotellis of Orchard Street became enraged when she saw her husband Andrew walk into a nearby establishment, just behind a woman "who had been chasing him." Mrs. Kotellis followed him into the club and asked him to go home with her. When he ignored her, she thrust a potato knife into his chest and went home. The next afternoon, she became hysterical and collapsed when learning he died.. Mrs. Kotellis was founded guilty of second-degree murder, but judged to be insane and committed to Matteawan Hospital for the rest of her life.

Wednesday, October 13th

October 13, 1929: Shonnard Place Police station officers investigated the burning of a huge cross on top of the Roberts Avenue hill visible from all over Yonkers. More than two-dozen neighborhood residents had tried to pull down the flaming cross, but were driven off by the intense heat.

October 13, 1933: Welfare Commissioner Nicholas Ebbitt announced enrollment of the 100 unemployed Yonkers men to be sent to the of the Civilian Conservation Corps winter camps had begun.

October 13, 1949: Albert Lipinski of Palisade Avenue was appointed a member of the Research Department of the Atomic Bomb Commission at Los Alamos. The following year, he coauthored a paper on the rotating mirror camera design.

Thursday, October 14th

October 14, 1942: Yonkers native Robert Shayne Dawe, former School Thirteen student and son of Grosvenor Dawe of Belmont Terrance, played the lead in the 600th performance of Claudia in a downtown New York theater. Beside appearing with Ethel Barrymore in White Oaks, he had previously had roles in "This Land Is Bright," Both Your Houses," and "Night of January 16." Professionally called "Robert Shayne," he went to Hollywood shortly afterwards and signed with Warner Brothers. He probably is best remembered for playing Inspector Henderson in the 1950s series, Adventures of Superman. In the early 1950s, an ex-wife accused him of Communist associations and he briefly was blacklisted until the charges were proved unfounded by the House Un-American Affairs Committee.

October 14, 1983: Former Yonkers Board of Education President Robert Jacobson testified in US District Court Yonkers officials destroyed the education environment of School 10 in Southwest Yonkers. The Board of Education was promised land on Riverdale Avenue to create a playground for the students and neighborhood; instead, Jacobson said, "The city cannibalized park and recreation property to build a shopping center around the school," calling it an "air shaft" school in the middle of a housing project and shopping center. Former City Manager Scher told the board although they were promised land surrounding the school, Yonkers needed it to add more low-income apartments to make River-view "financially worth building."

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**Leave Opening  
Fallsburg School District  
Mathematics Teacher**

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School is seeking a qualified math teacher to fill a high school leave replacement vacancy available immediately through Nov 29, 2021. Candidates from all New York regions are encouraged to apply as this position can be taught virtually from a remote setting. An experienced candidate may perform all duties of the job virtually through synchronous teaching. Salary: \$105 to \$125 per day, increases to \$250 per day after 10 days. NYS 7-12 Cert. Required.

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Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

If you were to ask people in Yonkers, the second largest city in Congressman Bowman's district, the city where he lives what's more important to them, the quality of their mail service or the state of Rikers Island, I bet over half would not know what Rikers Island was. The Congressman is my neighbor in the Park Hill Section of Yonkers. People are upset about the lousy mail service we get. I speak to a broad spectrum of people in Congressman Bowman's district and very few have positive things to say about the United States Post Office.

President Biden has a majority on the United States Postal Service Board and can't get rid of DeJoy? And we wonder why we had the fiasco in Afghanistan? But I blame the postal service mess not only on Biden but on our United States Senators and Congressman who are allowing this debacle to happen.

DeJoy's plan. Examine and possibly raise postal rates twice a year. You can expect mail being delivered 140 or fewer miles to be delivered within two days. Within three days for mail traveling between 140 and 930 miles. Four days for mail traveling between 930 and 1,907 miles. And within five days for mail traveling longer distances. All increases over the current delivery time frame.

The increased time stems from a change that moves more mail delivery to roads and out of planes. About 20% of first-class mail was previously transported by air, but USPS said just 12% of mail will be sent by plane under the new changes. To be honest I view these time increases as a gift from DeJoy to Federal Express, United Parcel Service and other private services who will deliver the mail faster for a higher price. And provide campaign cash to DeJoy's supporters.

Something I never understood. A piece of standard 1 ounce mail from Yonkers to White Plains costs the same as the same piece of mail from Yonkers to California. This makes absolutely no sense. The transportation costs from Yonkers to California certainly are greater than the cost from Yonkers to White Plains. A package traveling the same distance costs more, why not a piece of plain 1 ounce mail. Has anyone every studied that? Good way to raise funds to keep mail travel times from changing.

Our friends who represent us in Washington, D.C. from the President on down have a lot of explaining to do how they let the once proud United States Postal Service go to shambles.

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" is emblazoned on the main Post Office in New York City. Is that true anymore?

Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisonkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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**AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN THE CEREMONIAL COURTROOM, YONKERS CITY HALL, 4TH FLOOR. CURRENT CDC GUIDELINES SHALL CONTINUE TO BE OBSERVED REGARDING ATTENDANCE BY THE PUBLIC. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV, THE DAY OF THE MEETING IF VIEWING/STREAMING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

**CONTINUED HEARINGS**  
 # 5736 – Area Variance – James J. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 26 West 5th Street LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 83-94 Vineyard Avenue & 150 Ridge Avenue, Block: 2170, Lots: 9, 78, 82, 84, 85, Zone: M (B23753)

# 5743 – Area Variance – David Steinmetz, Esq., on behalf of Miroza Tower LLC, owner, on premises known as 40 aka 44 Hudson Street, Block: 502, Lot: 1.10, Zone: DWD (B26744)

# 5758 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of The Plant Powerhouse LLC, owner, on premises known as 45 Water Grant Street, Block: 2635, Lot: 1, Zone: IP (B27856)

# 5759 – Area Variance – Daniel D. Tartaglia, Esq., on behalf of Verus Development LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 345 McLean Avenue, Block: 59, Lot: 75, Zone: A (B27461)

# 5760 – Area Variance – Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of Dagro Associates II LLC, owner, on premises known as 165 North Broadway, Block: 2094, Lot: 25, Zone: BA (B23338)

# 5761 – Use & Area Variance – David Steinmetz, Esq., on behalf of 60 BV Yonkers AMS LLC, owner, on premises known as 60 (56) Buena Vista Avenue, Block: 511, Lot: 30, Zone: D-MX (B27880)

**NEW HEARINGS**  
 # 5767 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Sherena Doldron, owner, on premises known as 26 Cornell Avenue, Block: 111, Lot: 22.32, Zone: A (B28235)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK –  
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
 INDEX # 65171/2020 FILED: 8/11/2021  
 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is: The location of the real property being foreclosed. BANK OF AMERICA, NA, Plaintiff, against UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARY A. DAVIS A/K/A MARY DAVIS A/K/A MARY A PICKNEY A/K/A MARY PICKNEY A/K/A MARY PICKNEY DAVIS A/K/A MARY TEMPLE DAVIS, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s). To the above named Defendant(s): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to Answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable David F. Everett, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Westchester County, granted on the 3rd day of August, 2021, and filed with the Verified Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Westchester County. The object of this action is to bar and forever foreclose of and from all right, title, interest, claim, lien and equity of redemption in and to real property situated in the County of Westchester being known as and by 12 RISLEY PLACE, NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801, bearing tax map designation Section: 4 Block: 1320 Lot: 0038, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Verified Complaint. Aldridge Pite, LLP. Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 Our File 1395-241B

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**Friday October 15th**  
 October 15, 1946: Yonkers received final refusal from the Federal Public Housing Authority for its request for siding for the veterans' temporary houses on McLean Avenue. Mayor Curtiss Frank had sent telegrams to Senator Mead, FPHA Commissioner Myer and William Wyatt, administrator-expeditor in the National Housing agency, stating material similar to beaverboard was used on the McLean Avenue units without siding and the material, "already was buckling." All veterans' temporary housing was built of surplus Government facilities and moved from site to site. They took "satisfaction from the fact that... (they)... have been able to move and re-erect hundreds of such structures without the use of finished siding," according to Frank. The FPHA assured the mayor that they would do anything necessary to put site accommodations in a livable condition before the veterans moved in.

**Saturday, October 16th**  
 October 16, 1902: Samuel Mellor of the Hollywood Inn Club won the Hamilton, Ontario, 19-mile marathon race, the second long distance race that Mellor won in 1902. He also won the Boston Marathon. His trainers were Yonkers marathon runners William Schlobohm and E. C. Starr.

October 16, 1903: Mr. and Mrs. Julian Edwards of Sunnyside Drive returned from Europe on the Kaiser Wilhelm II after meeting with Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink about an opera Mr. Edwards was preparing for her for 1904.

October 16, 1966: Former WWII WAC Technical Sergeant Mary Sullivan Keller passed away. A resident of Mohegan Village on Tuckahoe Road, she was awarded the Bronze Star during WWII for her extraordinary service with the Army Signal Corps.

**Sunday, October 17th**  
 October 17, 1910: Armour & Company held an open house to celebrate the opening of their new "branch house" at 87-89 Woodworth Avenue. All were invited to investigate what they termed one of the largest, cleanest and best-equipped packing plants in the world, representing "the best that experience and money can buy to secure sanitary perfection and absolute cleanliness."

October 17, 1923: Although City Judge Charles Boote declined to actively campaign for reelection because the work of the court did not leave time for him to do so, more than 100 people volunteered to form a committee to do the electioneering for him. Boote felt tending to the court was more important, even if it cost him the election.

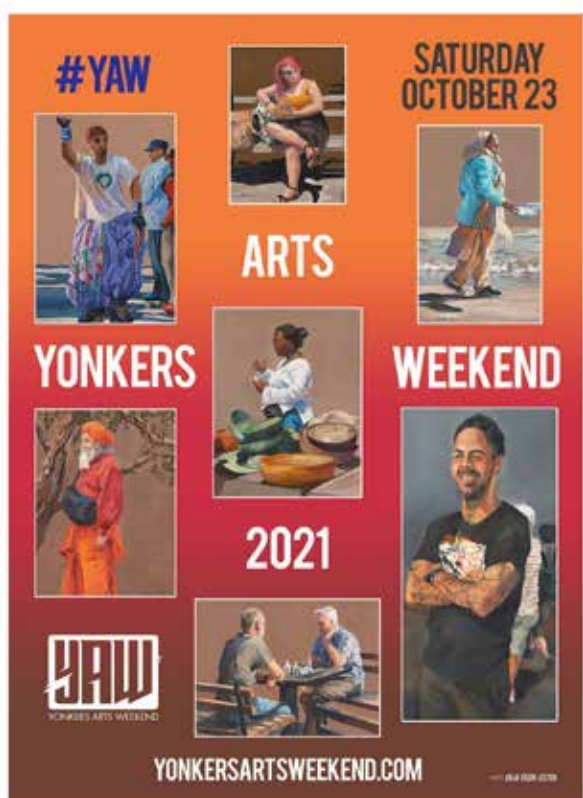
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Notice of formation of Tint Skincare, LLC filed with the SSNY on 8/23/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 137 Alexander Street, #2269, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**Yonkers Arts Weekend Returns October 23**



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced that the City of Yonkers will host its 7th annual Yonkers Arts Weekend (YAW) festival on Saturday, October 23. The festival is a one-day event, filled with exciting new programs, workshops, exhibitions and more.

“Yonkers has secured its reputation as an artistic hub in the region and we are so excited to share that with residents and visitors each year during Yonkers Arts Weekend,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Yonkers’ rich history, coupled with our thriving arts community, transforms the City, especially the historic waterfront district, into a walkable museum. I’m thrilled that we can bring this event to our community once again.”

Since its inception in 2014, YAW has created a prominent arts district in the City of Yonkers. Several city galleries have opened, along with dozens of local and international renowned muralists and artists contributing to the City’s downtown revival. YAW attracts more than 10,000 visitors a year to city galleries, the Carpet Mills Arts District, Hudson River Museum and Untermyer Gardens.

YAW will showcase a wide range of exhibitions, free art workshops, and musical performances across four dynamic venues including:

- Pop-up galleries & workshops in the Downtown Waterfront District
- The 18th Annual YoHo Artist Open Studios at the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, and now designated the Carpet Mills Art District
- Untermyer Gardens, music by the Untermyer Performing Arts Council
- Hudson River Museum – new programs and workshops to be announced soon.

“At YAW you don’t have to be an art connoisseur to enjoy or find something that will appeal to you – it’s a fun experience for everyone!” said Yonkers Artist, Katori Walker.

This year’s Yonkers Arts Weekend marks the return of the urban arts festival after YAW 2020 was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit xx for more information visit [www.YonkersArtsWeekend.com](http://www.YonkersArtsWeekend.com)

**Yonkers High School Students Take Part in Addressing Digital Divide Close to Home**



**YPIE Summer Scholars conduct research to address the digital divide in Yonkers and similar communities across the country.**

This past year has shined a light on the disparities in digital connectivity, especially for students in communities like Yonkers, many of whom lack access to devices and reliable internet access from home.

As part of a collaborative effort, a group of Yonkers high school students spent their summer conducting in-depth research and making recommendations to address the digital inequities they and their families faced in an even more challenging way during this time.

Earlier this year, Yonkers was selected as one of many communities across the country to address this stark divide. Led by the Westchester County Association and in partnership with the City of Yonkers, STEM Alliance, Fordham University, Westhab, and Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), the Y-Zone was created as a pilot program to improve digital connectivity to the community of downtown Yonkers.

YPIE partners with high school students in Yonkers to ensure they are prepared to succeed in college and make positive change in their communities. During this summer, a group of talented, passionate students was selected to participate in this Y-Zone project to research the digital gaps in downtown Yonkers and make recommendations for Yonkers and similar communities on a national scale.

These YPIE Summer Scholars focused on three areas of importance: education, health, and employment. With the guidance of many partners, including graduate students from Fordham University, they spent several weeks involved in research, data collection, and analysis of how the digital divide impacts their community. They designed their own surveys, conducted in-person interviews, and presented their findings to a large group of students, partners, and community members.

YPIE Scholars look forward to being part of the continued rollout of the Y-Zone this fall, including assisting at distribution events at the Riverfront Library and expanding their research to determine how their findings can enact meaningful change on a local and national scale.

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

**Greenburgh Cop, continued from pg 4-**

ney,” said Stein. “Every single word is truthful and factual. My main priority is to get out the truth about what happened. I need and want things to change, particularly in the Greenburgh Police Department. There are major, major issues with the Greenburgh PD. What happened to me was never addressed properly by the Greenburgh PD. I attempted to go through the normal way, by speaking with my supervisors, who opened an investigation. I want to be a role model for other women police officers so I’m willing to sacrifice and stand up for what is right and what is wrong,” said Stein. Visit [YonkersTimes.com](http://YonkersTimes.com) to read more on this story.

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**2021 Westchester County Budget Public Input Sessions**

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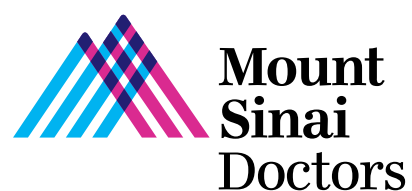
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