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AT&T & STSI Partner For Girls Coding Camp

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Speaks to Group



Photo by Donna Davis. L-R: STSI parent and board member Dr. Darlene Russell, STSI founder Cheryl Brannan, State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and New York AT&T President Amy Kramer.

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins visited The AT&T and STSI All Girls Coding Camp recently to address the 22 participants on the importance of girls engaging in a science, technology, engineering and math education and career path. The two-and-a-half-week program, held at the Yonkers River-

front Library is the region's only all-girl coding program exclusively for young black and girls of color.

Stewart-Cousins recently stopped by the library while the program was taking place, during which students and teachers demonstrated

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PAL Honors Three With Green Jacket



Photo by Ed Whitman. L-R: PAL President Howard Berman, Michael Minerva of Empress EMS Ambulance Services, Yonkers Police Commissioner Charles Gardner, Captain Sean Moran of the Yonkers Fire Department, and PAL Executive Director Doug Grey.

The Yonkers Police Athletic League held its annual dinner gala June 27 at Mulino's Lake Isle. This year's honorees were Yonkers Police Department Commissioner Charles Gardner, Michael Minerva from Empress EMS Ambulance Services, and Yonkers Fire Department Captain Sean Moran.

PAL President Howard Berman presented all three with the PAL Green Jacket, which is one

of the highest honors given to those who serve the people of Yonkers and help the PAL in its mission – to improve the quality of life for all youth of Yonkers through educational and athletic programs.

Also honored at the gala was Sal Corrente for his many years as PAL boxing coach. Corrente was recognized for the many boxing cham-

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Sears Closes Landmark Cross County Locale

Should Commercial Development Be Halted in Westchester?



The Kardashian sisters at the Sears at Cross County Shopping Center in 2012.

By Dan Murphy

In just seven years, the way in which American consumers purchase their products has completely changed. In 2012, the Sears at Cross County Shopping Center welcomed the Kardashian sisters, who made an appearance at only a few of Sears' "golden stores," including Cross County, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of their Kardashian Collection of clothing and prod-

ucts for girls.

A few years later, Jaelyn Smith came to Sears at Cross County to sell her wares featured at the store. Now the legendary and top-selling Sears store at Cross County is closing, in part, yes, because of a horrible management team and failed market approach to retail in America today.

A Sears spokesperson confirmed that the

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Yonkers Homeless Shelter Relocates

Temporary Location Until County Finds Additional Space



A homeless shelter located in Getty Square in Yonkers for decades has moved.

By Dan Murphy

A long-discussed plan to move a homeless shelter from downtown Yonkers has finally come to pass. On June 30, The Sharing Community closed its Getty Square location at St. John's Episcopal Church. The lease, which expired at the end of 2018, was not renewed at the request of the church and its leaders.

Both parties agreed to a six-month exten-

sion to allow Westchester County, which is responsible for the housing and the costs of the homeless population in Yonkers – and all across the county, to find another location.

The county was actively looking to purchase for a shelter last year and this year. A dozen spaces were considered for purchase, and in January, the county made an offer for one of

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Exchange Club Honors Spelling Bee Winners



This year's Spelling Bee winners with YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada and Exchange Club of Yonkers members.

The Exchange Club of Yonkers recently held its 55th annual spelling bee with more than 75 fifth-graders from Yonkers elementary schools. The students were all seated on the stage at Saunders High School's auditorium – excited and ready to compete

School Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada

thanked the Exchange Club for sponsoring the popular event, and wished all of the contestants luck. Mayor Mike Spano, a 25-year member of the Exchange Club, joined in to wish all the contestants good luck and to congratulate them for having been chosen by their respective schools

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Summer Thoughts On Yonkers Politics

By Dan Murphy

Now that the Democratic primary is over, following are some letters, emails and thoughts on Yonkers politics.

Last week we wrote about a split in the Yonkers Democratic Party. Yonkers Democrat Gloria Johnson corrected our story, writing to us:

"Mr. Murphy, while you are correct that there is a split in the Yonkers Democratic Party, you are incorrect about who Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins supported and who County Legislator Christopher Johnson supported.

"Legislator Johnson supported Terrence Miller in the First Council District primary, while Mr. Jenkins did not endorse a candidate. Mr. Jenkins supported Jose Alvarado for county legislator, while Johnson supported Lucy Casanova.

"I do agree that the party is split and trying to determine who will lead in when Mayor Spano leaves office in four years – or some have speculated that he will leave in two years. Have you heard that, Mr. Murphy? If you have, can you explain why he would leave early? Thanks."

Thanks for the letter, Ms. Johnson, and the correction. I have not heard anything about Mayor Spano's future, other than he wants to win in November. He does have an opponent

in Republican Mario De Giorgio, and I think all of his focus is on that race, and not two or four years down the road. De Giorgio, who recently had a fundraiser that netted \$10,000, is said to be spending the summer trying to find supporters and backers for his campaign.

Another letter, buy Pat Baldwin of Yonkers, brings up the topic of having disagreements of opinion on the Yonkers City Council.

"Mr. Murphy, thanks for printing the comments from City Council members. I like to read what each of them had to say. I also watch the meetings on TV.

"The most interesting part of the City Council meeting when they voted for the budget was that Council President Mike Khader was challenged by Councilwoman Corazon Pineda to vote for the budget and make it unanimous.

"I think the council president was completely in his right to vote 'no' on the budget if he wanted to. I remember in years past that Councilwoman Joan Gronowski would vote 'no' on the budget, and I think former Councilman Christopher Johnson and former Council President Chuck Lesnick also voted 'no' on budgets.

"It's OK to have a 6-1 vote on a budget. Why does it have to be unanimous?"

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'Four Ballets in One Exciting Evening' at Untermyer Park



The Connecticut Ballet will present a free performance Saturday, July 13 at Untermyer Park.

The Untermyer Performing Arts Council will present "Four Ballets in One Exciting Evening of Dance," performed by perennial UPAC audience favorite Connecticut Ballet, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at Saunders High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers. Narrated by Brett Raphael, "Four Ballets in One Exciting Evening of Dance" will feature world premieres by choreographers Joseph Locarro and Marden Ramos, as well as revivals of a classical trio by August Bourmonville and Jahain Clark's ballet "Pearls."

Raphael, Connecticut Ballet's artistic director and founder, was chosen by George Balanchine at the age of 10 to receive a Ford Foundation scholarship to study at the School of American Ballet. He has brought his insights as an award-winning principal dancer, choreographer and teacher to the UPAC audience.

The Untermyer Performing Arts Council is an all-volunteer group that brings diverse, professional programs to the people of Yonkers and beyond. Formed more than 40 years ago, it has brought free entertainment to Untermyer Park each of those years.

This program, done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, was made possible by ArtsWestchester with support from Westchester County government and the City of Yonkers. The Empire City Casino, State Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins, State Sen. Shelley Mayer and many supporters provide additional support for this program.

For more information, call the Untermyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line at 914-375-3435, or visit www.untermyer.com or www.untermyerperformingarts.org.

Community Council Meets

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will meet Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in the Fourth Police Precinct, 53 Shonnard Place, Yonkers. Captain Hanley, precinct commander, and his executive officer Lt. Foley, will preside and

address matters of concern.

Everyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Police Precinct is invited to participate.

Yonkers Parks Day is July 13 At 4 Neighborhood City Parks



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MAYOR MIKE SPANO
&
The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation



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The City of Yonkers will celebrate Yonkers Parks Day in honor of National Parks & Recreation Month on Saturday, July 13 from 1 to 5 p.m. at four city parks.

"Our parks are the cornerstones of our city and the fabric of our neighborhoods and communities," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Paying tribute to our parks during National Parks & Recreation Month helps to encourage our residents to visit these four local parks and enjoy great music, games and the company of their neighbors."

Yonkers Parks Day will be held at Lennon

Park at the corner of Lake and Park Avenues, Annette Vizzini Park at Mile Square Road and Little John Place, Lincoln Park at South Broadway and McLean Avenue, and Stilwell Park at 1018 McLean Ave.

Each of the four parks will feature arts and crafts, music, sports activities and more – free for all Yonkers residents.

For more information regarding the day's festivities, contact the City of Yonkers Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department offices at 914-377-6450.

Letters to the Editor

Re: YPS Eliminates Polystyrene Food Trays

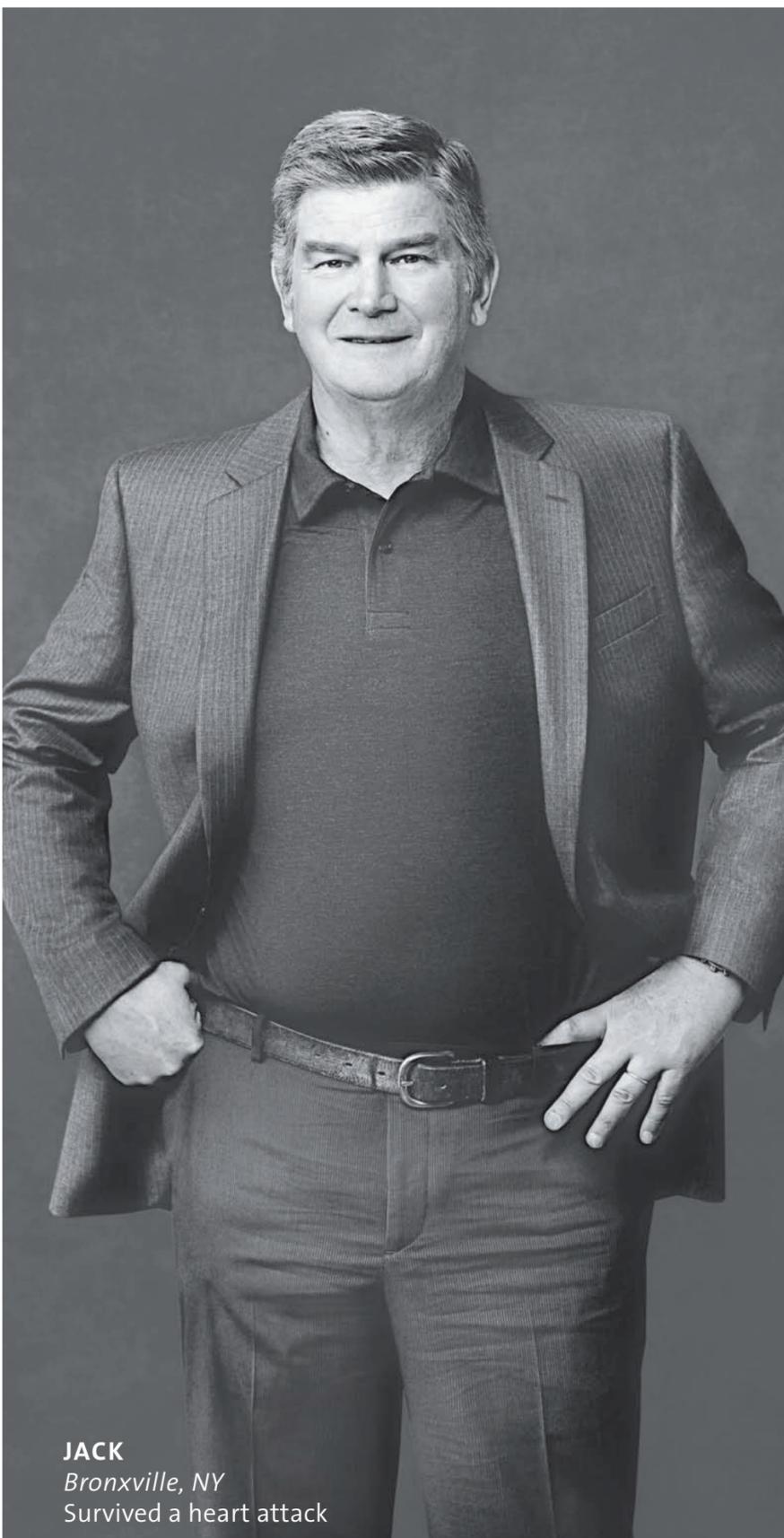
Dear Editor:

While I believe the elimination of polystyrene trays is beneficial for the environment, I have to question whether their replacement with recyclable trays may not lead to concerns regarding the cleanliness of the recyclables. Far too often recyclable trays are given a quick and inadequate

sponge wipe before being put back into service.

For the sake of the children who will be using the recyclables, I would hope that the transition to recyclables is accompanied by stringent cleaning/drying protocols.

Jerry Longarzo
Yonkers



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Messiah Baptist Church Celebrates 145 Years

'Broadway to Messiah' is July 20



"The Flip Side of the Coin - The Brothers Speak."

Messiah Baptist Church, located at 76 Warburton Ave., is the oldest "black church" in the City of Yonkers, celebrating 145 years in 2019. Messiah has been designated by many as the "Mother Church" of most of the African-American churches in the Yonkers area.

Messiah has a rich history that provides both religious and community support to many in the city. The church has the prestigious record of having a number of influential persons and programs birthed of its many ministries. Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Activist the Rev. Al Sharpton, and others have participated in programs at Messiah. Professional entertainers such as R&B artist Mary J. Blige and others were active in the church before becoming successful.

Over the past years, the Messiah Church building has fallen into disrepair. The Rev.

Frank Coleman Jr. and the congregation are in the process of raising the funds necessary for the repairs that will bring the building back to the standards of which the church has always been proud.

On July 20, the Men's Ministry of Messiah Baptist Church is bringing "Broadway to Messiah" with a gospel musical comedy play titled "Flip Side of the Coin- the Brothers Speak!" The show will begin at 7 p.m.; doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with light refreshments served. Tickets for the performance are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door.

The public is invited to "come see what the brothers have to say" and support Messiah in its efforts to renovate the church. For tickets and reservations, contact Harold Mckoy at 914-309-2466, Richie Terry at 914-310-3718, or Eugene Johnson at 914-720-4527.

Celebrate Good Times, Come On!

By Eric W. Schoen

Lately it's been like one great, big party around here. First it was the Yonkers and New York City gay pride celebrations. Next came the 4th of July fireworks throughout the county, and right here in Yonkers at Cross County Shopping Center and on the Yonkers Waterfront. As we go to press, the U.S. women's soccer team is parading down the Canyon of Heroes in lower Manhattan — an extravaganza reserved for special occasions.

One thing all of these special occasions have in common is families getting together to enjoy good times. We forget the political bickering coming out of our nation's capital and celebrate the good times we wish could happen every day.

So what's next? There are so many events going on around town from concerts at the magnificent Untermyer Park to the downtown waterfront. From our libraries to the Hudson River Museum, there is something for everyone! And did I mention the re-opening of the activity pool at Sprain Ridge? Thank you, County Executive George Latimer, for making that happen.

Now, let's get down to some serious business...

Kudos to County Clerk Tim Idoni's Staff

I have been a Notary Public since I was 18. Now, that doesn't mean you can call me in the middle of the night and invite me to your house for lox and bagels because you have something to be notarized. But, through my work and in life as called, I am happy to notarize documents.

So I go to use my Notary stamp the other day and see that the date is expired. This is one thing I never let happen — paying for it myself rather than having the government pay for it when I worked in government because I didn't want any problems or delayed checks, as happened many years ago.

I know that the New York State Department of State handles notaries. I called the department, was on hold for 40 — yes, 40 — minutes. When I finally got through, the pleasant operator told me that the Westchester County Clerk's Office handles Notary renewals. So, off to White Plains I went.

Of course, with two new knees, the alarm detector (you enter the County Clerk's Office through the courts) went off. Fortunately I was wearing shorts, so my incisions were not encumbered and clear to see. I went to the Notary Division and the staff could not have been nicer. The kind clerk, a woman I believe had the name Josephine, calmed me down and told me we can take care of this.

I think she went in her drawer and pulled my renewal out. It had been returned by the Postal Service as "addressee unknown." I knew why it had been returned. My apartment number was not listed in the state or county files. When I applied for the Notary more than 40 years ago, they never asked for an apartment number.

I have received all the Notary renewal forms they have sent me for more than 40 years. I have lived at an address with four units for 40 years. My name is clearly marked on the door. Why they would return it to the sender "addressee unknown" simply boggles my mind. But that's our U.S. Postal Service for you. They hire young carriers who are not



Eric Schoen

invested in the communities they service. That's why they didn't know me.

So Josephine gets out my card, I sign my name, pay the \$60 for five years and off to notarize I go! She even extended the term for four months, the time that my Notary had lapsed. No penalties, no having to take the test again — it was all very simple.

County Clerk Idoni and his staff made me a happy camper. Now, if only the post office could get its act together.

Pay to Park

on Jury Duty

Yes, friends, I have been called to jury service. It's an honor and I really enjoy doing it.

Don't complain about crime if you don't make the time to perform jury service, it's that simple.

Every time I have served on a jury I was provided a place to park my car free of charge. The court system respected those who gave up their valuable time to serve on juries.

So now on the jury notice it says you have to pay for parking until you are selected to be on a jury. Are you kidding me? When I called to ask how much time I should put in they told me four hours. What's up with this?

You want people to serve jury duty and you can't comp their parking? The state will only pay for parking if you are selected to sit on a jury. Who's idea was it to nickel and dime people doing their civic duty?

If the state can't comp the totality of my parking, it must be in bad shape. Our government should be encouraging, not discouraging people to do their civic duty.

I'll keep you posted!

Water Safety

If you don't know how to swim, stay out of the water — or just wet your feet or use sprinklers. A friend was in a private pool last week and saw a man taken out, bleeding and unconscious. He had hit his head on the concrete the pool is made of and probably did not know how to swim.

Plenty of organizations in this area offer swim classes so adults and children can learn to swim. And there are plenty of good videos, including the one produced by Stew Leonard's, on water safety. The Leonards lost a child who was swimming; both parents thought they were watching the child in the water, and it ended up neither were. The Leonards have produced this video so the tragedy they suffered doesn't happen to any other family.

As a swimmer, I am always amazed at how many people don't know how to swim or have very bad form, and they are going to hurt themselves or at the very least cause muscle strain. Many adults take swim classes nowadays.

Just make sure you are swimming in water not too deep for your swimming ability. There's no better time than now to brush up on your CPR skills and first aid skills, using online resources. The American Red Cross has some wonderful learning tools. We want you to have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show on Thursdays from 10 to 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.

Best-Selling Children's Book Author Comes to Will Library



Allison Pataki will discuss her book "Nelly Takes New York" at the Will Library.

Best-selling author Allison Pataki will read from and sign copies of her new children's book July 18 at 10 a.m. at the Will Library Children's Room, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers.

In "Nelly Takes New York," a young girl learns that the heart of the city is not in the sights of the sounds, but in the people and their sense of community. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

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Greyston Hosts Summer Job Fair



Greystone's summer job fair informed many.

Greyston's WorkForce Development Center hosted a free job fair June 25 geared toward individuals seeking entry level positions in warehousing, food service, customer service and retail. A total of 125 attendees stopped by with resumes in-hand, dressed to interview, and were able to speak directly to participating employers, including Madison Square Garden Company, Lowe's, ISSM Protective Services, CHOICE Advocacy and Case Management, the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Preferred Healthcare of New York, the U.S. Census Bureau (Bronx Office), and SUNY Westchester Educational Opportunity Center.

"For 37 years, Greyston has provided our clients with relevant training and job development expertise for their career PathMaking journeys and now we are partnering with local companies for our first job fair so we can offer more opportunities to our residents in the City of Yonkers and surrounding area" said Dail Moses-Taylor, director of workforce development.

During the four-hour fair, attendees could interview for an array of different types of positions, including cashier, tour guide, security, building

operations/porter, laborer, restaurant front of house, food prep, guest experience representative, premium cook, sous chef, standard cook, home health aids, personal care aide, outreach coordinator and residential counselor, among others.

While this was the first multi-employee job fair that Greyston's Workforce Development Center has hosted, it is planning to schedule other such events at its Yonkers campus in the future. Anyone interested in learning more about upcoming events, or registering for upcoming summer classes, may visit www.greyston.org, call 914-376-9303, or stop by June 28 between noon and 3 p.m. for a youth program summer recruitment event.

There is no fee for these classes, which have a three- to six-week time commitment and offer nationally recognized certifications in five areas, including building and construction trades safety, home health aide, culinary arts, security guard and customer service.

"At Greyston, we believe that everyone can work and excel, provided they are given the opportunity and support to succeed and thrive," said Moses-Taylor.

On This Day in Yonkers History...

By Mary Hoar
President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, July 15

July 15, 1923: After Patrolman Austin Ball made his fifth rescue in just two weeks at Peckhams's Lake, both Recreation Supervisor James McCrudden and Recreation Commission Chairman E. Wetmore Kinsley appealed to the city for better life-saving equipment at the lake.

July 15, 1929: The U.S. government acquired most of the photographs taken by Rudolf Eickemeyer to exhibit them in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. The collection included portraits and studies made by Eickemeyer and a display of the medals and awards he won for his work. At the time, Eickemeyer was long-time chairman of the Municipal Art Commission, president of the Yonkers Art Association and a trustee of the Yonkers Museum of Science and Art.

Tuesday, July 16

July 16, 1945: Employees of Yonkers riverfront companies proved they were alert, as unbeknownst to either the Chamber of Commerce or the New York City War Department's Public Relations Office, "The Sandy Hook" - a harbor boat transporting 1,000-plus men and officers - was spotted on its way to Piermont. Immediately, the eagle-eyed employees of Refined Syrups and Sugars sounded their Victory Salute greeting; other riverfront plants blew their whistles as the boat passed them.

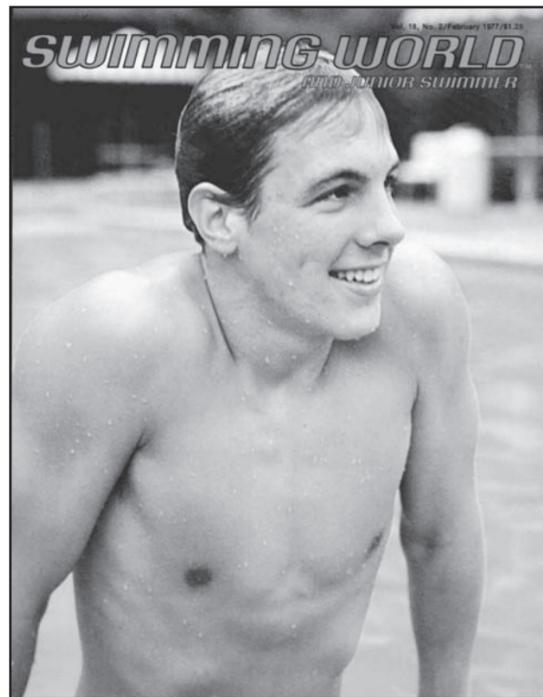
The War Department's office had no record of a troop transport passing Yonkers. The Refined Syrups crew reported: "It was a small boat, but there were troops on it. We saw them, lots of them. And when we whistled at them, they tooted and called back to us." Other companies saluting the transport were U.S. Industrial Chemicals, U.S. Shipbuilding Corporation, Phelps Dodge, Blair's Shipyard and the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company.

The Herald Statesman contacted Camp Shanks and was told, "She certainly was bearing returning veterans; the men had been taken off transports because their ships were too big to travel up the Hudson."

Wednesday, July 17

July 17, 1943: Staff Sgt. Edward Graham of North Broadway, with 42 bombing missions under his belt, was tail gunner on the "Dirty Girty," the first American Flying Fortress bomber to land in Sicily. It was an unexpected landing, as the plane had two engines disabled by enemy fire. The bomber safely put down at a landing strip that Allied troops had captured just days earlier.

July 17, 1944: Yonkers own' Sgt. Alfred Barra, staff artist for the Herald Tribune before entering the service, delighted a group of high school students near his assignment at Aloe Field in Texas. The kids had organized the Corral Club, complete with a clubhouse - one with undecorated



Yonkers' own Bobby Hackett won a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics.

ed walls. Barra, hearing of their "plight," donated one of his paintings, which the students immediately hung on the club's wall. He spent his free time in Texas painting, and many of his works hung in the Officers' Club, the Servicemen's Club, and other recreation spots in Aloe Field.

Thursday, July 18

July 18, 1921: Yonkers police were sent to Sandy Beach near Valentine Lane after residents complained that young women were in "one-piece bathing suits," "dancing while wearing wet bathing suits," and dancing the "new-fangled numbers, the Chicago and Shimmy." Police investigated and left without chasing the girls off.

July 18, 1950: The Yonkers Board of Education hired its third African-American teacher, Willieanna Crier, to be an elementary teacher at School Six. Crier, who had a B.S. from Hampton Institute and an M.A. in education from Columbia University, came from a distinguished family. Her father, Col. Douglas Crier, served our country during WWI and WWII. During his second round of service, he was appointed commander of the 23rd Internal Security Battalion. Afterward, he worked in Yonkers City Court and served as president of the NAACP.

Friday, July 19

July 19, 1936: Yonkers Common Council declared war on radios that were played too loudly. They adopted a resolution asking the Corporation Counsel to write ordinances giving police the power to end the noise nuisance of "unnecessarily loud" radios.

July 19, 1944: When the listing of the retiring 23 teachers and principals were read at the July Board of Education meeting, Dr. Ankebrand was asked how many years of experience they had given to Yonkers schools. Deputy Superintendent William Williams did a quick bit of calculating, announcing that the retired educators

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:00pm**, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED 'HOUSING AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE CODE' IN RELATION TO VACANT BUILDINGS

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

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**Notice of Real Estate Auction
City of Yonkers, New York**

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the "Properties"). All Properties are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am in Community Room AB of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY.

The Properties auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions will be available prior to the auction at www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers.

THE PROPERTIES			
SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
1	133	3	94 ST. ANDREWS PL
1	172	92	221 BUENA VISTA AVE
1	405	1	182 FILLMORE ST
1	405	2	184 FILLMORE ST
1	405	3	186 FILLMORE ST
1	405	9	190 YONKERS AVE REAR
1	405	19	190 YONKERS AVE
2	2060	31	409 PRESCOTT ST
2	2060	42	20 MULBERRY ST
2	2062	29	15 MULBERRY ST
2	2062	30	13 MULBERRY ST
2	2062	31.32	9 MULBERRY ST
2	2097	51	7 WILLOW PL
2	2097	53	3 WILLOW PL
2	2097	54	200 WARBURTON AVE
2	2432	62.69	101 FREDERIC ST
2	2472	55	536 N BROADWAY
2	2472	59.61	544 N BROADWAY
3	3036	3	46 CHASE AVE
3	3121	18	23 POTOMAC ST
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3	3121	24	11 POTOMAC ST
3	3157	16	33 DRAKE PL
3	3157	17	35 DRAKE PL
3	3157	18	37 DRAKE PL
3	3209	56	45 CHATHAM TER
3	3209	58	41 CHATHAM TER
6	6250	28	189 SCOTT AVE

The following properties owned by the Yonkers Community Development Agency will also be offered for sale at the public auction:

1	172	94.98	223 BUENA VISTA AVE
1	509	30	77 HAWTHORNE AVE

For online bidding, the Terms and Conditions, and more information, please visit: williamsauction.com/Yonkers or call [800.801.8003](tel:8008018003).
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#1608 07/12/2019 – 08/02/2019

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

L & R REALTY OF YONICERS LLC, Plaintiff,

-against-

WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION; and "JOHN DOES #1 THROUGH #5,

ORDERED that all persons, claiming any interest in the real property described in the complaint are required to appear before this court to be held at Courtroom 1402 at the Westchester County Supreme Court courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, New York, 10601, on September 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, and show cause, if any they have, why they should not be forever barred from maintaining any action or proceeding for the recovery of the said real property which is substantially described in a deed made by YONKERS CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("YCDA"), which was recorded in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on August 13, 2018 under Control Number 582073212.

And that the said property is described in the said complaint as follows: real property commonly known as 26 Main Street, existing and situated in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York, and also known as Section 1 Block 500 Lot 2 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

Hon. Terry Jane Ruderman, JSC

9/13/19

Notice of Formation of Laylani's 4EY Latin SOul LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/2019. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Overlook Terrace, Apt 2, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SJK Distributor, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/11/19. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 22 Greystone Pl. Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

06/21 – 07/26

Formation of HYNV Associates LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/20/19. Office loc.: Westchester County. The principal business loc. is 160 Corporate Blvd., Yonkers, NY 10701. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jeffrey Kolessar, 435 Devon Park Dr., 500 Bldg., Wayne, PA 19087. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

#7076 06/07 – 07/12

Legal Notices

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

July 8, 2019
*revised

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Yonkers on **TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.** sharp, in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Yonkers, New York (building is accessible to the handicapped), on applications for Appeals from the Building Commissioner's decisions and applications for Variances under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:

CONTINUED HEARINGS

5656 – Area Variance – Michael F. Stein, P.E., on behalf of Glenbrook Development Group, owner, on premises known as 120 Hillcrest Avenue, Block: 234, Lot: 23, Zone: S-50

NEW HEARINGS

5659 – Area Variance – John R. Coogan, R.A., on behalf of Yonkers Preservation LLC, owner, on premises known as 72 Palisade Avenue, Block: 2030, Lot: 49, Zone: A

5660 – Use & Area Variance – James G. Dibbini Esq., on behalf of Nepperhan Heights Associates, LLC, owner, on premises known as 540 Nepperhan Ave, Block 2179, Lot: 25, Zone: I

5661 – Use & Area Variance – James G. Dibbini Esq., on behalf of Nepperhan Heights Associates, LLC, owner, on premises known as 578 Nepperhan Ave, Block: 2179, Lot: 5, Zone: I

JOSEPH CIANCIULLI
CHAIRMAN, ZBA

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#1613 07/12/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS

PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO 2019/2020 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Mike Khader, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2019/2020 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

Monday, July 15, 2019
City Council Chambers
City Hall
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York

6:45 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the 2019/2020 Capital Budget is on account of a new capital project, which is for the benefit of the City and the Board of Education. The total amount of the proposed increase on account of this additional capital project shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

MIKE KHADER
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
July 08, 2019

#1612 07/12/2019

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING. One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids for the following projects until **2:00 PM, on the dates below.** Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room. Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidssystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid 6425 – Opening date 7/19/2019: Twenty four month contract to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner to detainees at the City Jail (SR).
2. Bid 6423 – Opening date 7/19/2019: Twelve month contract to furnish and deliver, as needed, Cascades, or equal, EcoLogo Certified Singlefold paper towels (NG).
3. Bid 6421 – Opening date 7/19/2019: Twelve month contract to provide for the pick-up, removal, and lawful disposal of universal and hazardous waste as needed (SR).
4. Bid 6402 – Opening date 7/19/2019: Twelve month contract to provide for the pick-up, removal, and lawful disposal of asphalt, concrete, rock, brick, and dirt debris as needed (FB).
5. Bid 6424 – Opening date 7/26/2019: Furnish and install approximately 103,000 square feet of EPDM rubber surfacing at Fleming Park (FB).
6. Bid 6378 – Opening date 7/26/2019: Provide charter field trip transportation services for the Yonkers Public School District as needed for the 2019-2020 school year (DC).
7. Bid 6422 - Opening date 8/16/2019: Rehabilitation of the Tuckahoe Road Corrosion Control Facility's caustic soda chemical bulk storage tank system (AS).
8. Bid 6415 - Opening date 8/16/2019: Structural Rehabilitation of the Buena Vista Parking Garage (AS).

#1611 07/12/2019

**CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 5:15pm**, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 58 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED 'HOUSING AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE CODE' IN RELATION TO PARKING GARAGES.

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

MIKE SPANO
Mayor

Dated: July 2, 2019

#1610 07/12/2019

Tubiolo Supports Replacement of Vehicles for Para-Transit



County legislator David Tubiolo, with older County para transit vans

Recently, at a Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) meeting, Legislator David Tubiolo (Yonkers, Mount Vernon) and his colleagues authorized funding to replace outdated Para-Transit Vehicles. According to Department Heads, the current Para-Transit fleet of approximately 100 vehicles, plus an additional 40 vehicles with Para-Taxi, has slowly deteriorated over time.

"Para-Transit has a fleet of 100 vehicles completing an average of 1,100 to 1,500 trips per day with over 7,300 unique users," said Tubiolo, a member of the Legislature's Public Works Committee which oversees transportation. "Historically, Para-Transit trips have grown by approximately 3% per year. However, recently the number of trips has grown by 6%. In 2016 there were 295,000 trips, in 2017 roughly 312,000 trips, about 320,000 in 2018 and projected to be over 330,000 trips in 2019," Tubiolo stated.

Tubiolo, who chairs the BOL's Committee on Seniors & Constituencies, noted that the authorized funding will be used to replace 12 vehicles with more fuel efficient and cost efficient vehicles, benefitting the environment as well as the taxpayers.

There are 8 vehicles of 2016 Ford E-350 Vans and 4 of 2016 Dodge Caravans, with upgrades to the camera systems (wireless downloading) and to the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) systems with 4G communication standards. Both sets of vehicles are hybrids, which are more cost-effective and fuel-efficient. The caravans are able to sit 5 passengers, while the vans are able to seat 6 passengers with ambulatory wheel chair lift and accommodations. The vans are also retrofitted specifically for becoming handicapped accessible for the public.

"There is a steady increase and utiliza-

tion of unique ridership, much of it driven by our senior community, along with our disabled residents, we're becoming more accessible," said Tubiolo. "The county through the exceptional work of the Office for People with Disabilities, provides a great service to our residents with a fixed pricing of \$5 per ride, for curb-to-curb service. I'm also ecstatic that our new vehicles will be more environmentally friendly, lessening our carbon foot-print on the world."

Joseph 'Bud' Nicoletti, First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) said, "We're excited to be purchasing these new hybrid vehicles, which are at the forefront of fuel efficiency and emission reduction and with our specifications, these vehicles would be available to other municipalities that are interested in paratransit".

Tubiolo also noted that nearly 45% of the 7,300 unique riders are senior citizens who utilize Para-Transit 7 days per week for visits to the doctor, family, friends, grocery store, movies, senior centers and more. "This helps our seniors to remain independent and vibrant. Para-Transit in our county proudly goes above and beyond the required ¾ mile distance of a bus route, which once again gives seniors flexibility and freedom and helps fight senior isolationism," Tubiolo concluded.

The County's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) will be purchasing the 12 vehicles. Evan Latainer, Director of the Office for People with Disabilities said, "The addition of the new vehicles continues to allow Para-Transit the opportunity in maintaining our mission of providing exemplary public transportation services to the disabled community of Westchester County".

Yonkers Native to Star in MTV's 'Are You the One'

MTV shatters barriers with first sexually fluid cast on "Are You the One?"

Season premieres Wednesday, June 26th at 9:00pm ET/PT

MTV is set to premiere the first sexually fluid reality dating competition show in the United States. Hosted by Terrence J., the new season of "Are You The One?" will premiere Wednesday, June 26th at 9:00PM ET/PT.

In "Are You The One?"'s signature format, 16 singles head off to Hawaii in hopes of finding their "perfect match" and splitting a \$1 million

cash prize. For the first time ever, all the singles identify as sexually fluid, meaning there are no gender limitations in perfect matches, and finding love is fair game.

From coming out moments, to discovering sexual and gender identity, "Are You The One?" tells powerful stories about navigating relationships and finding love as a sexually fluid individual for the first time ever on a reality dating show.

The cast of "Are You The One?" includes Amber Martinez, 23, of Yonkers.

New Chairman of Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's

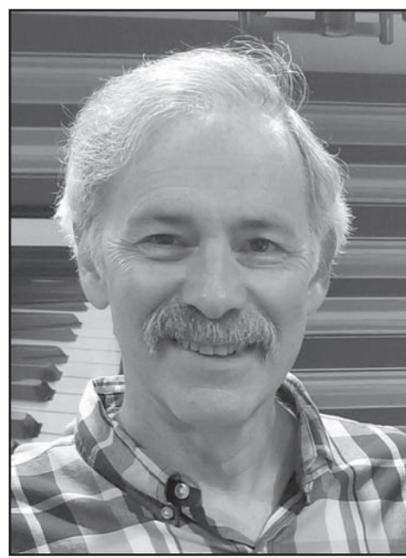
The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter has named Barry Meiselman of Scarsdale as chairman of the Planning Committee for the Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's, scheduled Sunday, Sept. 29 at SUNY Purchase.

A longtime Alzheimer's Association volunteer with a professional background in information technology and real estate investment, Meiselman is an advocate and active board member. He also recently completed a three-year term as board chairman.

Meiselman first became involved with the Hudson Valley chapter when his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and he contacted both the New York and Hudson Valley chapters for advice. He said he received the support and resources he needed from the Association.

"Since my mother got the diagnosis, I needed a good education on what to do and how to approach the disease," he said. "I appreciate everything that both chapters have given me. Because of this, I do everything that I possibly can to help find a cure."

After his mother passed away, the Hudson Valley chapter asked for volunteers to serve on its board of directors, and Meiselman said he thought it would be a great way to honor her. He has participated in the Westchester Walk to End Alzheimer's with his family for seven years. His team is called "Luba's Legacy," in



Barry Meiselman

honor of his mother.

Meiselman said he is pleased to be asked to serve as walk chairman and hopes to garner as much support for the walk as possible. "The walk increases awareness, which will help us raise the funds to find a cure," he said. "We are accomplishing such a positive thing."

The facts and figures surrounding Alzheimer's are sobering. Every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, and 5.8 million Americans are living with the disease. One in three se-

niors dies with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia.

Meiselman said these numbers drive him to support care for those affected, as well as research to find a cure. "I want to help these people and enhance the care and services for them as much as I can," he said. "The more I learned about the disease, it became very clear to me that we are dealing with a public health crisis. This is something I wanted to get involved with, for myself and for my children."

Meiselman will work closely with Westchester Walk Manager Laura Slater. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the ceremony begins at 10 a.m., and the walk begins at 10:20 a.m. To register, contact Slater at 914-253-6839 or lsslater@alz.org.

To learn more about programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

New Kids Shows Come to Playland

With the school year coming to an end and those long summer nights ahead, Playland is rolling out a slate of new entertainment and an exciting laser show that will make every trip to the park this season special, Westchester County Executive George Latimer has announced.

"There is so much new to see and enjoy at Playland this summer, you will want to be sure to catch it all," Latimer said. "Entertaining twists on favorite fairy tales, jamborees, and comedy that's just right for kids -- it's all happening right in our fantastic park every day this summer. Then at night, you'll be treated to a laser show that is a totally new experience for our patrons."

The laser light show, titled "Laser Nights: Rockin' Lights," takes place at the Music Tower Theater evenings at 8:20 p.m. and 9 p.m. With the sounds of many genres and from different eras of popular music from '70s rock and disco through the decades to what's new on our playlists this year, everyone in the audience is sure to enjoy the sounds as beams dance overhead and create images on the stage. Currently it can be seen Friday through Sunday evenings, then Tuesdays through Sundays

starting June 21.

Kiddyland shows this year include:

Coaster's Country Jamboree, an old-fashioned hoedown every day. Kids will learn some of the favorite moves of Playland's mascot, Coaster the Dragon, play some backyard-style games and jam to some of the best music Nashville has ever produced.

Katy the Kat's Comedy Show will cause giggling, chuckling and LOLing in our comedy show just for kids. Katy and her sidekick will furnish the non-stop laughs for the young and young-at-heart alike.

Funky Fairytales: Rapunzel. She's unique. She's got style. And she's oh, so colorful... She's Rapunzel! Join her and her funky crew for an all new theatrical remix that is an ultra-hip rendition of an all-time classic.

Play It DJ! Get ready to move and groove as our DJ plays your favorite dance tunes. It's your chance to show off your skills to favorites such as the Harlem Shake and the Freeze Dance.

Park hours and times for all shows are posted at PlaylandPark.org Follow us on Facebook @Playland Park Westchester County.



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Yonkers Homeless

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these properties, which was accepted. That deal fell through after the county required an environmental review be completed, which the owner did not want to allow.

In the spring, the county released a request for proposals for drop-in shelter services, and the contract was awarded to the Yonkers YWCA. On a temporary basis, the YWCA will be housing and feeding the homeless at 68 Palisades Ave., at the Kingdom Christian Cultural Center. Issues regarding obtaining a certificate of occupancy at this location that would allow for men to stay overnight at the shelter are being resolved with the City of Yonkers.

For our readers and the people of Yonkers, it is important to understand that the role of Yonkers city government in the housing of the homeless is limited; county government is making the decisions and has contracted with the YWCA to provide services.

The plan is for the Palisades Avenue location to be short term, until another space, at 21 St. Casimir Ave., is ready. And the county is still looking for additional space to purchase in Yonkers for a shelter that it will not have to rent.

The official statement from Westchester County government reads: “The Westchester County Department of Social Services is committed to providing a vital safety net for those in need of housing during their most vulnerable time. The county has long provided shelter services in Yonkers. While that commitment continues, the Sharing Community’s Men’s Drop-in Center at 1 Hudson St., Yonkers, will be closing June 30 at 6:30 p.m., and the drop-in shelter will be moving to a YWCA site at 68 Palisade Ave., beginning June 30 at 6:30 p.m. The YWCA staff will also be available at 1 Hudson St., and Larkin Plaza on June 30, at 6:30 p.m., to answer questions and coordinate rides to the new location.”

For many years, The Sharing Community was running two programs, the shelter at 1 Hudson St., which was the county-funded drop-in shelter, and a soup kitchen, not funded by the county. For several weeks before closing the shelter and the soup kitchen, The Sharing Community advised people attending the drop-in shelter that it would no longer be running the location as of June 30, and ceasing operations of the soup kitchen the last week of June.

The Sharing Community usually served 60 to 80 men per night at St. John’s. The organization applied for the new RFP, but was not awarded a new contract. The Sharing Community is also merging with Westhab, which was founded in 1981 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to address the homeless crisis and the lack of affordable housing in Westchester, which still exists three decades later.

Executive Director of The Sharing Community Nadine Burns-Lyons expressed fear that

“more people will be wandering the streets.”

But many stakeholders in downtown Yonkers, not only developers, have advocated for another location for a homeless shelter, citing both the renaissance in the downtown and the fact that The Sharing Community location was not large enough, and did not include additional programs and services for the homeless population.

That argument has been made by City Councilwoman Shanae Williams and County Executive George Latimer. Williams has, for her two years on the council, worked with the city and the county to find an alternative space with more services.

Earlier this year, Latimer said: “Additionally, advocates have requested additional space for day programs for the homeless to keep them gainfully engaged and off the streets, or away from congregating in other public buildings with other functions (libraries, transit stations).

“There are voices in the community that do not care whether we help the homeless at all, seeing it as not their problem; they believe these individuals must do more for themselves. There are other voices in the community that insist we do more for the needy. The emotion of this issue exceeds any rational discussion. The answer is in finding an appropriate facility in a workable setting, and we will continue trying to find the balance to better address the matter.”

This problem is not unique to Yonkers; in Peekskill, residents came out to oppose the proposed relocation of the only 24-hour, 365-day-a-year homeless adult shelter in the northern part of the county.

The Jan Peek House homeless shelter is currently located at 200 N. Water St., Peekskill, and is operated by Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill. CHHOP has purchased another building in Peekskill, located at 851 Washington St., that it wants to relocate so that it can better provide services to the homeless.

“The new facility is vastly superior – we’ll have a full-size cooking kitchen, which means we will be able to cook better meals for our residents, as well as teach residents how to cook, and other types of skills that help them to move forward with their lives,” said Cynthia Knox, executive director of CHHOP.

But neighbors and residents of Washington Street packed a recent Peekskill City Council meeting to express their concerns and opposition to the plan, saying they fear their property values will be affected and the safety of young children could be at risk. The shelter has operated on North Water Street for 30 years.

Some Yonkers residents posted online that The Sharing Community’s closing was a sad day. But others who questioned the timing of the move need to understand that discussions have taken place for more than a year, that the current landlord did not want to renew a contract to keep the shelter in Getty Square, and – as in Peekskill – it is difficult to find a new location for a homeless shelter.

July 20, 1976: Bobby Hackett won an Olympic silver medal in the men’s 1,500-meter freestyle competition

Sunday, July 21

July 21, 1930: Public Safety Commissioner Frank Devlin appealed to the Common Council to repair the roof of the Wells Avenue Police Headquarters. He claimed the roof was going to fall in at any moment.

July 21, 1937: Yonkers Health Commissioner Eugene McGillian officially notified the New York City Board of Water Supply that it needed to stop the Dravo Construction Company’s round-the-clock operations. He specifically asked that the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift at the Palmer Road shaft be ceased immediately, calling the nighttime operations were “a health nuisance.”

July 21, 1942: The dance of choice at the Yonkers USO was the “Hokey-Pokey.” The dance was first introduced by visiting British sailors, and became so popular that it had to be danced at least once. Everyone joined in this irresistible party dance.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety or LinkedIn and Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

Exchange Club

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to take part in the spelling bee.

This year’s spelling bee lasted until 10:30 p.m., due to the intelligence of the last four finalists who continued to spell difficult words like mosquitoes and mayonnaise correctly. Eventually, the judges – including Exchange Club member and Westchester Assistant District Attorney Michael Ashraf – agreed to call a tie for third place.

This year’s winners are: Leandro Puello of School 23 took first place, Laraviktoria Cancio of Cross Hill Academy took second place, and Yaw Akwaa of R. Siragusa and Mia Guice of Pearls Hawthorne took third place.

Parents, friends, teachers and staff in the audience praised all of the student participants, and admitted that some of the words are ones they, themselves, would have misspelled.

The winners, joined by family and teachers, were honored at an annual luncheon at Luciano’s Restaurant. Michael Ashraf presented each winner with certificates of achievement and a monetary award.

Another annual Exchange Club event is Teacher of the Year, which will be held Sept. 20, honoring School 9 teacher Pat Schepis. More information will follow.

The Sagamore

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islands.

An emphasis on children’s activities – including a massive recreation center complete with miniature golf, ping pong ball, basketball, Whiffle Ball and other games and activities organized by staff – provide young kids with a vacation of their own. A bonfire with s’mores and a horse-drawn carriage around the property are all included amenities.

Eight restaurants on the property make it possible to throw your keys in your suitcase and stay on the grounds and enjoy La Bella Vita Italian Restaurant, Pavilion, Club Grill Steakhouse, Mr. Brown’s Pub, and other, lighter, family-friendly poolside dining options.

Legendary architect Donald Ross designed The Sagamore’s golf course in 1928, which is located 5 minutes away, off the resort’s island. The inland, mountain course is reminiscent of many of Westchester’s famed tree-lined courses and two Ross-designed courses, Siwanoy and Whippoorwill. The course didn’t disappoint, with scenic vistas and challenging bunkers protecting most greens – all features of Ross designs, making the course worthy to be named one of Golf Magazine’s best 100 golf resorts.

My family stayed in a spacious lodge suite located next to the main hotel, which included enough room for my daughter and wife, and a

PAL Honors

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pions that he has work with, and was given a champion’s boxing belt by Berman, who was joined by many of Corrente’s former boxing students and by Melvina Lathan, director of youth

Sears Closes

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store, which is one of the mall’s anchors, will close in late July. “As we continue to evaluate our store network and invest in our best stores, the Sears store in Yonkers at Cross Country Shopping Center did not meet our go-forward criteria,” said the representative. “We invite our members and customers to visit our other Sears locations in the tri-state area and shop sears.com.”

But another reason Sears at Cross County, and Sears at the JV Mall has closed is because of the Amazon effect on American retail, and the ease in which all of us can buy most of the same products, and have them delivered with a day or two, without stepping out of your home.

The Amazon effect can be seen in most Westchester towns, villages and cities, where all of us know of a retail property that has remained unoccupied for some time, and we wait for months, and sometimes years, for another store to move in.

Part of the reason may be that the owner/landlord is doing a bad job finding a new tenant, or the rent may be too damn high. But another reason could be a glut of commercial and retail properties, which sit empty as development in the county continues with mostly residential but some additional retail continuing to be constructed. Should local governments and zoning boards stop approving additional retail development projects?

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said he wants those long-vacant commercial properties cleaned up, or else. Feiner has proposed for consideration an Eyesore Tax, which would impose an additional tax on empty storefronts and commercial properties.

One question that many residents have is: Are empty storefront still taxed at the same rate? Yes, properties that are empty are taxed as if they are occupied. But perhaps an additional fine, or surcharge, or tax, for empty retail and commercial properties might accomplish two goals: It would give landlords a financial incentive to spruce up their property or find a new tenant quicker, and it may also make developers think twice before building yet another strip mall.

The question that many of us have is: Why

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Another letter to the editor brought back an old name in Yonkers politics. John Tierney wrote:

“I am an active Yonkers Democrat and I supported the party’s endorsed candidates. One name I keep hearing again and again in Zehy Jereis.

“I’m sure you remember his name, Editor Murphy, but if you should have the guts to print this letter, then for your readers’ knowledge, let me remind them who he is: Zehy Jereis was the political operative of former State Sen. Nick Spano.

“Jereis, who became chairman of the Yonkers Republican Party, went to prison for bribery charges concerning former Councilwoman Sandy Annabi concerning the Ridge Hill development project and another development plan in Yonkers.

“Jereis was released in 2017, and like the Spanos, he has returned as a democratic political operative. But Zehy has no relationship with any of the Spanos, he is now close with City Council President Mike Khader, who I think he is related to.

“The only endorsed candidate of the Yonkers Democratic Party that lost on the June 25 primary was Dennis Robertson, in the Third

small kitchen and deck with lakefront views. The staff was friendly and accommodating.

While visiting, I read a passage in a local guide to Lake George that summed up every family’s desired result from a summer vacation. It was written by billionaire media mogul David Geffen who, as a kid from Brooklyn, spent summers camping with his family on one of the public islands of Lake George.

Geffen wrote: “If there is one thing that stands out in my mind about our yearly trips to Lake George, it’s probably that my family felt like more of a unit there than any other setting. At home in Brooklyn, it seemed like we rarely sat down together in the same room; my mother worked tirelessly at running her shop, my father’s job kept him very busy, as well, and my brother and I behaved like typical kids, running in different directions.

“Once we arrived and had pitched our tents, we had the chance to hang out together like a traditional family and get to know each other – for better or worse. I’ll always remember those camping trips as happy, wonderful, relaxing times.”

Our visit to The Sagamore was memorable, and had us already planning next year’s return trip. My wife said the views of Lake George, the spanning poolside and waterfront dining reminded her of the Caribbean. And the sights, sounds, games and activities of Lake George Village were only 10 minutes away.

Visit thesagamore.com for more information.

services, and PAL Executive Director Doug Grey.

“For all of his work over the years, Sal Corrente has been a champ for the PAL,” said PAL Board Member Mike Bennett. “Hundreds of young boys have been impacted by the lessons of boxing Sal has instilled in them, and they come back and say thanks.”

build a Lowe’s superstore in one part of Yorktown while the JV Mall dies a slow death, with a large hole from the departure of Sears? The answer is that most elected officials, and zoning and planning board members, welcome the new tax revenues that come with a new retail or commercial product, while at the same time, the old retail-commercial properties still have to pay their property taxes regardless of whether they have a tenant.

Another Yorktown location that has been vacant for a decade is the supermarket where Kmart sits. With a Turco’s and an ACME in town, is there room for a third supermarket? Probably not.

If a “golden store” like Sears Cross County can close, then are all bets off? The answer that most have, with regard to competing with Amazon, is to have more of an online presence, which doesn’t help us fill the vacant stores in our communities. Walmart now offers free two-day shipping for those spending at least \$35. For those who prefer click-to-pickup, parking areas have been altered to make this service convenient and quick.

Walmart gets it... Sears never did. It’s the evolution of the American consumer. But if developers don’t get it and continue to build more and more spaces for the next Subway or Dunkin’ Donuts, should our community leaders, elected officials and zoning and planning board members try to stay ahead of the curve?

This is not just a Westchester problem, although as I travel to the suburbs of Boston, Pittsburgh and Albany, I see a thriving retail environment and little, if any, vacant storefronts. According to a report by Coresight Research, 7,000 stores have closed in 2019 already, with another 5,000 big names like Payless and Pier One set to close by the end of the year.

More important, future forecasts predict more of the same. According to a report from UBS Securities, 75,000 more stores would need to be shuttered by 2026 if e-commerce penetration rises to 25 percent from its current level of 16 percent.

In one small piece of good news, Toys R Us is considering making a comeback after shutting all of its doors last year. The empty storefronts across from the JV Mall in Yorktown, and in Yonkers, awaits their return.

Council District. Robertson lost to Tasha Diaz, who had the support of – guess who – Kahder and Zehy Jereis.

“Let’s get this out in the open, please, Editor Murphy, and do your job informing the people of Yonkers.”

Mr. Tierney, your letter is printed, and I have heard about the return of Zehy Jereis. Perhaps there will be a story about him in future weeks, but currently he holds no official job title in Yonkers.

The Tasha Diaz victory in the Third Council District was one that surprised many on primary night. Kudos to Yonkers insider Delfim Heusler who picked Diaz before the primary. Other Democrats thought Robertson would be an easy winner, resulting in many Yonkers Democrats – and let’s just say prominent Yonkers Democrats – not using any of their political capital or resources to help him. Most of the effort, focus and resources went to Councilwoman Shanae Williams and her re-election in the First Council District.

Some Yonkers Democrats are urging Robertson to get on the ballot in November or run a write-in campaign against Diaz. That will be a tough undertaking if Robertson decides to do it. Diaz won a three-way democratic primary easily and, most of all, did it on her own, by working hard and being actively involved in the Yonkers Democratic Party and the everyday lives of the people in the Third Council District.

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had contributed 655 years of service to Yonkers schools and children.

Saturday, July 20

July 20, 1920: Because a tire blew out in the early morning hours, three thieves were captured and \$8,000 in clothing stolen from George Horton’s Men’s Wear Shop on New Main Street. Horton’s Shop, newly moved to the Flagg Building, had been burglarized 15 times at its former location.

July 20, 1933: A fleet of 24 large Italian seaplanes flew over Yonkers on its way to Floyd Bennett Field from Chicago. The fleet was commanded by the youth, bearded General Italo Balbo.

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STSI and AT&T Host STEM Summer Camp



Photo by Donna Davis. AT&T and STSI STEM Girls with Dr. Darlene Russell, STSI founder Cheryl Brannan, State Sen. Stewart Cousins, and Amy Kramer from AT&T.

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what the young women have learned during their experience, thus far.

AT&T and Sister to Sister International partnered to create AT&T & STSI All Girls Coding Camp to encourage more young black and girls of color to enter the field of technology, specifically coding – an industry that is alarmingly male-dominant. The free program has been made possible by a \$23,000 contribution from AT&T.

Participants are learning computer coding basics and how technology and computer science can be used for social good to create solutions to address issues impacting youth, such as cyberbullying, online safety, and being a good digital citizen. The camp is also connecting girls with coding projects that can make a difference in their respective schools and communities. The girls are exposed to a myriad of coding applications and go on field trips to tech settings like Apple, and meet role models.

They also conduct research on STEM job opportunities, especially related to computer technology.

STSI is a multi-faceted nonprofit established in 1994 that advocates for the advancement of black women and families of color, with special focus in the areas of education, health and wellness, and global affairs. Programs and activities offered by the organization promote academic enrichment, mentoring, life-skills and

global awareness.

Coding is quickly becoming the new literacy and is the driver of all new digital technology. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Department of Labor, much of the growth in the domestic and global economy will come from STEM-related jobs – a highly lucrative and competitive field.

It is estimated that by 2020, there will be 2.4 million unfilled STEM jobs with more than half made up of computer and coding careers, underscoring the importance of providing youth the tools and skills necessary to compete in this innovation economy. The urgency for more computer science employees is accentuated by the low percentage of females who are currently employed at major technology firms (29 percent) and women pursuing bachelors' degrees for computer science, (18 percent).

These statistics emphasizes the importance of providing programming like the AT&T & STSI All Girls Coding Camp.

"AT&T is proud to collaborate with Sister to Sister International to develop and support this innovative experience for girls, as it further enhances our commitment to providing resources for STEM-related educational programming throughout New York, and builds upon our vigorous efforts to bridge the gender and diversity gap in the technology industry," said Amy Kramer, president of New York, AT&T.

"I am so impressed by these remarkable girls and am excited to see their final projects using technology to curb cyberbullying and promote online safety – critical issues AT&T is

dedicated to addressing. It was also an honor to have Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins tour the program and for providing motivational remarks to the impressive female participants."

Cheryl Brannan, founder of Sister to Sister International, said STSI is grateful to AT&T for its support of the camp this summer.

"We look forward to working with them on an on-going basis as we strive to close the significant representation gaps among black and girls of color in STEM fields and coding skills," she said. "We are also grateful to Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins who has been a staunch supporter since our inception. Both Majority Leader Cousins and Amy Kramer are good role models and champions for advancing women in technology."

AT&T's support of this program is part of

the company's legacy of supporting educational programs focused on STEM disciplines in New York through AT&T Aspire, the company's signature \$500 million philanthropic initiative that drives innovation in education by bringing diverse resources to bear on the issue, including funding, technology, programming, employee volunteerism and mentoring.

Aspire is one of the nation's largest corporate commitments focused on school success and workforce readiness by creating new learning environments and educational delivery systems to help students succeed and prepare them to take on 21st century careers.

The program is also part of Believe New York, an extension of AT&T Believes, a larger company-wide initiative, which aims to create positive change in local communities.

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Free Summer Fun in Yonkers Continues



Enjoy a free showing of "Mary Poppins Returns" at Ridge Hill on July 15.

Following is a revised listing of upcoming concerts and movies in Yonkers for July and August.

The City of Yonkers summer concerts and movie series continues with "A Dog's Way Home" on July 12 at Sullivan Oval, and "Incredibles 2" on July 19 at Rubeo-Cielinskix Park. Movies begin at dusk.

Upcoming concerts in the park by the City of Yonkers include the Showtime Jazz Band on July 18 at Cerrato Park on Riverdale Avenue; Reprimand on July 25 at Redmond Park on Cook Avenue, and Swingadelic on Aug. 1 at Dunn Park on Vineyard Avenue. All concerts are from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Movie Mondays at Ridge Hill include "Mary Poppins Returns" on July 15, "The Incredibles 2" on July 22, "Ralph Breaks the Internet" on July 29, and "Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse" on Aug. 5. Movies start at sunset.

The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council has begun its summer events and concerts, held Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at Untermeyer Park (see story on page 2 for this week's offering). Upcoming shows include Slyvana Magda with the Katende Band and Viva Brazil Dancers, featuring part music and Brazilian cultural outreach on July 20; and "Julius Caesar" by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival on July 27.

For more information, call the Untermeyer

Performing Arts Council's Arts Line at 914-375-3435, or visit www.untermeyer.org.

The Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District has begun its yearly summer concerts on the Yonkers Pier. Upcoming shows, which take place Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., include:

July 12 – Base Camp. Be a part of the ultimate R&B experience with this six-piece band performing soul-filled classics.

July 19 – Reggaeution. Groove to reggae on the river with this international group.

July 26 – Luis Fernandez. Enjoy the sounds of Latin music and sound house.

Aug. 2 – Rock Steady Revival. Pay tribute to the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin.

For more information, visit www.Yonkers-Downtown.com.

And the Cross County Shopping Center has the following upcoming events: July 18 will be The Dirty Vice Band playing funk/soul; July 23 will be The Nerds playing Jersey Shore classics; Aug. 1 will be Big House Band playing top 40; and Aug. 8 will be The NY Bee Gees tribute band.

Family Fest is new at Cross County and will start with the Story Pirates on July 13, and a science workshop with Groundwork Hudson Valley on July 24. The School of Rock House Band from New Rochelle will perform free concerts July 16 and Aug. 6.

The Sagamore: Staying Close for Family Vacation



The Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, just north of Lake George.

By Dan Murphy

Like most Westchester families, our usual tendency for a family summer vacation was to get on a plane, or travel eight to 10 hours each way by car, and try to "outdo" ourselves or our neighbors from the last year's jaunt.

The stresses of airline delays or the grind of a day-long car ride usually take away from the desired result, so I was pleasantly surprised when my wife suggested that this year we travel less than three hours north on the New York State Thruway to spend a week in Lake George.

Our family vacation included staying several days at The Sagamore, a landmark hotel with a prestigious history located 10 miles north of Lake George in Bolton Landing. Located on a private, 70-acre island, The Sagamore offers elegant lake-side accommodations, award-winning dining, and an unmatched selection of family-friendly water and land activities ideal for family vacations, weekend getaways and one-of-a-kind events.

The Sagamore opened its doors in 1883 and catered to the wealthy northeasterners who turned the Lake George region into the favorite vacation spot of its time. A fire destroyed the property on two occasions, which was restored to its present-day glory and now sits on the National Register of Historic Places, and is a prestigious AAA-Four Diamond resort.

The historic main hotel on Lake George features 137 rooms, 54 of which are suites, all designed with Adirondack-inspired décor. The main hotel sits above both indoor and outdoor heated swimming pools with breathtaking views of Lake George. Spanning 10,000 square feet, its outdoor terraced pool deck sits next to a 95,000-gallon swimming pool and features 250 chaise lounges, as well as a separate warming pool.

The resort also has its own boat, The Morgan, a 72-foot vessel that brings guests out for a 90-minute tour of the lake and the surrounding

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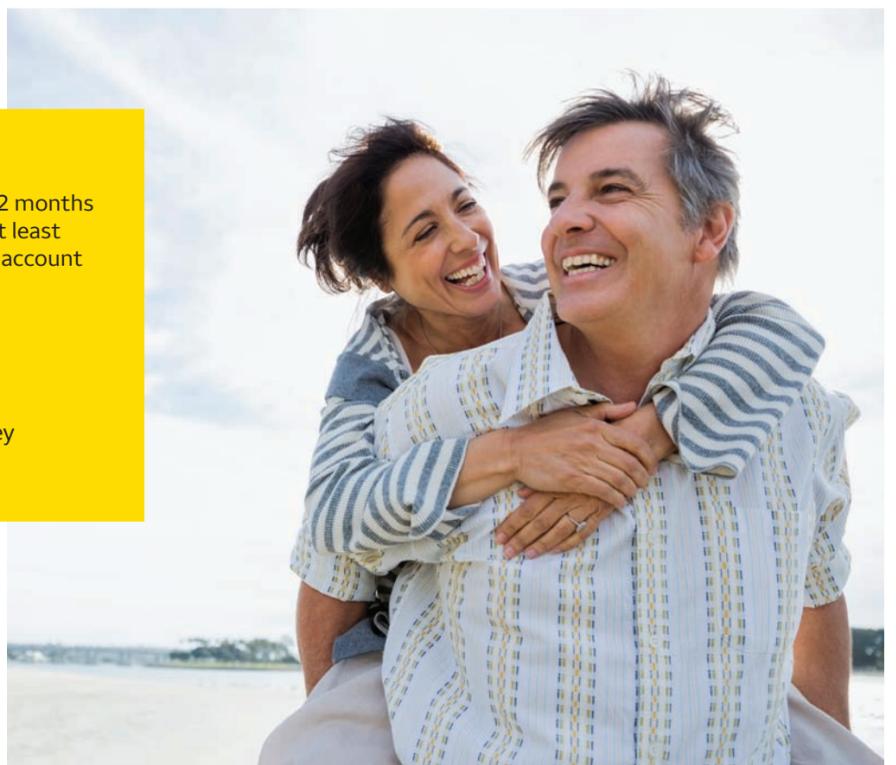
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