City Council Majority Leader Michael Sabatino, right, and Minority Leader Mike Breen can run for a third term if they decide to do so. Continued on Page 9

The City of Yonkers' top fire and building code scofflaw and landlord, Aurielo Assuncao, was arrested last week after avoiding bench warrants resulting from more than 70 fire and building code summonses issued by the Yonkers Fire Department and Department of Housing and Buildings. Assuncao was on the radar of the Yonkers Police Department and is being held for an appearance in Yonkers City Court for code violations at the five properties he owns or租赁.

“Let this be a sounding alarm to landlords in Yonkers — we will not stand for individuals who ignore fire and building codes and subject the harm’s way,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “We will not tolerate the treatment of the homes you provide to your tenants.

The defendants are identified as Javier and Olga Lozano, both 54, of Michigan. They have been charged with one count of first-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class A-4 felony, and have been remanded to the Westchester County Jail. The alleged heroin consists approximately 200,000 individual “decks” with a street value of several million dollars.

The arrest of Assuncao comes Mayor Spano's administration’s focus on reining in some of the deadbeat owners who think they are above the law. The action taken today is just one example of how Yonkers is cracking down on the deadbeat owners who think they are above the law.

Over the last eight years, Assuncao has owned and held for an appearance at 6, 8, 9 and 13 Riverview Place, and 141 Beech St. The property owner or landlords with a history of fire and building code scofflaws.

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Vinnie Bagwell Brings ‘Sola & Olumide’ to Life

Yonkers-based artist and sculptor Vinnie Bagwell recently held a private reception at an studio to showcase the statues of the Enslaved Africans Rain Garden project and to allow guests to see up-close the life-sized sculptures of the next piece to be casted, “Sola and Olumide.”

All four sculptures are slated to be placed near the Rain Garden at a future date. Bagwell was especially delighted to have world-renowned artist Otto Neals pay a visit from Brooklyn.

“Sola and Olumide” will be one of the next pieces to be casted for the Rain Garden sculptures, with City Council Majorly Leader Michael Sabatino, Councilwoman Shanae Williams, and Robert Voorheis.

References:
- "The City of Yonkers has designated near the Rain Garden sculptures, with City Council Majority Leader Michael Sabatino, Councilwoman Shanae Williams, and Robert Voorheis." Yonkers Rising, Friday, January 25, 2019.
- "As a student of history, I know the natural pendulum swing that politics takes," he said. "I was the right person at the right time and now in the age of Trump we have a new Legislature elected in 2017. Will compromise come back? Yes. I always believed that if you give a little then everyone wins a lot.” Kaplowitz said about Perez. "We both opposed the gas tax and she joined me and helped me get the bipartisan coalition. We are both out of phase now so it was inevitable. But we are not being forced out. I’m leaving on my own terms and I might run again someday. I’m making this decision now because of the new rules for primaries and picking candidates.”

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Youth Bureau Raises Awareness Of Human Trafficking

In observance of Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the Westchester County Youth Bureau is partnering with the Children’s Village and Westchester Jewish Community Services to provide additional resources to young people who suffer from human trafficking. In an effort to educate and inform young people of the resources that are available to them, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Assistant District Attorney Scott LeBouef announced the implementation of the Human Trafficking Awareness Program.

The program is designed to train youth service providers who serve youth that are at risk of human trafficking. It is critical to raise awareness of the risk factors associated with human trafficking, and to provide information on how to identify and respond to situations where young people may be at risk of being trafficked.

“Human trafficking is a serious crime that affects people of all ages and backgrounds. It is an issue that we must work together to address,” said Latimer. “By raising awareness among young people and those who work with them, we can help prevent human trafficking and support those who have already experienced it.”

The program will be conducted by the Westchester County Youth Bureau and will include workshops, training sessions, and educational materials. The goal is to empower young people to recognize the signs of trafficking, seek help if they suspect it, and report it to the authorities if they know someone who is at risk.

For more information, please visit WestchesterCountyNY.gov/YouthBureau and follow them on Facebook and Twitter.
Arts Council Teresa Fund. The title provides per-
Winners will hold their title for a year and win each year by the caliber of singers at such a young
city has to offer,” said Spano. “I’m impressed
city, bringing together the very best singing talent
Department of Parks, Recreation and Conserva-
County – a wealthy county in comparison to spurn New York.
We gave 70 percent of the funding to the poorer school,
but it never found its way to the poorer schools,” said, Cuomo, who claims that schools are underfunded because the districts aren’t distributing the state funds to every school.
Overall, Cuomo’s budget calls for a 5.6 percent increase in state education funds, or a total increase of $1 billion to public schools across the state. It would be the third consecutive year the state Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department, totaled for twice that amount, or a $2 billion increase.
Cuomo has proposed an education exp-
mandate to the rich schools in the district. “We want to mandate this state can say a quality education for every child regardless of income, race or zip code,” he said.
In his governor’s announcement about wealthier schools in poorer districts applies to Yonkers. The Yonkers Municipal Department has been reviewing state educa-
tion funding in spotless districts, but Yonkers leaders claim that Cuomo’s argument doesn’t apply to their city.
VPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quinones said the new “proposition should be that we are ensuring that every single school has exactly what they need, and that we also consider those additional mandates associated with a particular school.”
Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Samantha Rosado-Criollo added, “A majority of our students come from two zip codes and they’re not wealthy zip codes, so the formulas has to be looked at.”
Cuomo’s budget also calls for an increase of $335 million in foundation aid, which is used to add standard aid to high-need districts, like Yonkers. “That matter was not what education advocates had hoped for.
Instead of focusing on leveling the edu-
ances that include reduced extra-curricular
activities; reduced art, music and sports; fewer
school districts like Scarsdale, and poorer
districts like Yonkers. That number was not
distributed to their city.
What are we spending in Scarsdale per pupil,
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The York State Educational Conference Board,
By Dan Murphy
Cuomo Says Poorer Schools Should Get More State Aid
How Will It Affect Yonkers?
Next Yonkers Idols Sought; Contest Kicks Off Feb. 2

The 2018 Yonkers Idol Natalie Nuhko and Junior Idol Brandon Hernandez.

Yonkers Mayor Michael Sharpe and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Communi-
tainment announced yesterday that the city is searching for Yonkers’ next great young singers to compete for the titles of Yonkers Junior Idol 2019 and Yonkers Senior Idol 2019. Celebrating its 12th year, the three-round competition will kick off on the Ni-
idge Hill Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 2.

“Yonkers is a wonderful tradition in our city, and it is my pleasure to announce that we have our 12th competition, and I look forward to attending the final event again this year.”

Those interested in auditioning must be be-
ten the ages of 13 and 19 years old to qualify for the Junior Idol contest, and between the ages of 14-19 years old to qualify for Yonkers Idol honors. Idol hopefuls should contact the City of Yonkers at 914-684-1300, courtesy of the Unpacking Art Council Talent Fund. The title provides per-
formance opportunity at numerous City of Yon-
kers venues throughout the colony’s year. First auditions will be a cappella and invited to one or two rounds of song. Call backs will be announced at a later date. The final round of competition will take place in April, with the dates still to be determined.

Call backs will audition a different song for the next round.

Online registration is required at www.Yon-

For more information on the competition, visit www.YonkersNY.gov, call 914-684-1377 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Fri-

Congratulations to Yonkers Idol Natalie Nuhko, who won the first annual competition. The title was asked to speed up its production of 90-mil-
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Jan. 31, 1937: Judge William Bleckly im-
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and was decorated with a picture of Council Presi-
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On This Day in Yonkers History...
Chris Cuomo Gives Us The Truth About the Wall

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and CNN Host Chris Cuomo

By Dan Murphy

For many Washington residents, it’s now almost a nightly ritual to tune in to a network and watch a little drama unfold even before getting to the coffee table. It’s called “the golden hour” to the cable news networks, where you go head-to-head with their top shows.

MSNBC had “The Rachel Maddow Show,” which is now the number one cable news show. Close behind is Fox News and “The Sean Hannity Show.” Both Maddow and Hannity have gone head to head for years and both are polar opposites of the other, with Maddow and MSNBC presenting a progressive narrative and Fox and a conservative discourse.

While Chris Cuomo and CNN usually present a left of center slant to the news of the day, Fox and a conservative Maddow and MSNBC presenting a progressive narrative, and Fox and a conservative slant.

None of this is ok. Enough with the stunts and the letters and the bo. Do what you were ALL elected to do. PUT some and Police must make a deal and vote it on. Stop making good people pay for your bad job performances.

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But we’re not a wall away. And if you say we have … that’s why they have them. They’ve been built and changed for years. If you want more, fine, it’s probably a sound judgment.

“Barriers matter,” he said. “They always have — that’s why they have them. They’ve been built and changed for years. If you want more, fine, it’s probably a sound judgment. But we’re not a wall away. And if you say we are, you lose for sure. You need to address the system.”

“We have also learned from channel surfing that the cable news shows, including “Cuomo Prime Time” that most terror suspects get here on an airliner entering into the U.S., and that most illegal immigrants fly into an American country come from ports of entry, in trucks, cars and boats.

Cuomo said that his comments about the rhetoric in that a hotel, parking garage and event center on South Fourth Avenue. But as the mayor was announcing plans for development in downtown Mt. Vernon, Moody’s, “A” credit and bond rating agency, took the dramatic step to withdraw its credit rating for the city, blaming the city’s long-term lack of transparency with its financial records as the cause,” reported News 12.

Mayor for a day.”

“Whereas this Board of Education is

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Dear Editor:

There is no difference between R. Kelly and the other people who have been accused.

The recent documentary “Surviving R. Kelly” has been very useful in bringing attention to the problem of sexual abuse. It has also exposed the extent of the problem, especially with regard to young girls and women. However, the problem is not limited to R. Kelly alone. There are many other people who are involved in this kind of behavior.

We must all be committed to bringing an end to this problem. It is not enough to just ask for changes in the law. We need to take action and make sure that those who are guilty are held accountable.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
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greatness and provision regardless. To succeed in what
of the political landscape may look like, on the
level, the real change happens in small places
among everyday ordinary citizens.

We do not have to account to the mind-
sets of mean-spiritedness, insensitiveness and so
many of the biases that are pervasive in today's
national climate. When we come together, lay-
er on the truth of those values, and Muslims are
able to fiction, there is nothing we cannot
not overcome.

Fuller Center for Housing

Gets Check from Elks

The Fuller Center for Housing of greater
New York City, the new arm of help for those
who have been displaced by the recent nation-
ally, has been a part of so many com-

The Fuller Center for Housing’s Executive Director Jim Killoran accepts a check from the
Elks of Mt. Vernon-Yonkers 707. The Elks members presented Killoran with a
check for $200 to help with the Fuller Cen-
ter’s many veterans initiatives. The same
day Killoran accepted the check, he found
housing for a 69-year-old Marine who was
homeless and living in his car, and was asked
to help paint a 93-year-old veteran’s home in
New Rochelle.

Killoran thanked the Elks for the donation
and is enjoying his new partnership with the Fuller Center for Housing. But he would ref-
nounce to our readers about the upcoming event.

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Mt. Vernon

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by another student when the mayor and Fafhoy
went to the high school.

Surprisingly, Brown said that neither the
mayor nor Fafhoy should be blamed for her
daughter being assaulted and claims that there
are fights at the high school every day. Brown
and most of the residents of Mt. Vernon, have
doubted the mayor’s decision to em-
brace Fafhoy, who has been banned from sev-

eement to share decision making, there is nothing we can-

Mr. McMahon earned a master’s degree in
English from the University of Minnesota,
attended Stepinac, not only performed in St-

tively show, motion picture or play.

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Stepinac alumni Jon Voight and Albert
Alda with their teacher/mentor the Rev. Bernie
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By Dan Murphy

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who believed that people can turn their lives around and inspired many people to do good in their lives, we give you the story of Peter Hadley, to remind everyone of the importance of not giving up.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner recently interviewed Peter Hadley for his WVOX 1460 AM radio show, where he talked about the challenges in his life that he has overcome.

His biggest challenge was overcoming an horrific addiction to cocaine. Peter lost every thing because of this addiction and had five overdoses. Peter Adams should have his life back. He changed his life forever when he just had enough and was resigned to the fact that he would be an addict forever.

Hadley tried to commit suicide by jumping into oncoming traffic. Fortunately, the driver did not cooperate, and avoided hitting him. He blacked out and woke up in a punch ward. He was released four weeks later and was home.

Peter Hadley is no longer homeless and is a real estate agent with Keller Williams. He first met Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner when he stopped by Steve Hall with a woman who was about to be evicted from her apartment.

Feiner offered help to find affordable housing for the woman and expressed frustration that it is so hard to find landlords willing to accept Section 8 certificates — even for people who work. It’s also difficult finding affordable housing in Westchester, period.

Peter and his partner have dedicated their lives to making a difference and help these families and individuals get out of the shelter. We are impressed by his passion and desire to help those less fortunate.

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Several local musicians, friends and members from St. Barnabas Church also took part in the festivities, and the sound of Irish music and dance got everyone at Rory’s in the mood for the upcoming Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day parade, to be held March 23 at 1 p.m.