Yonkers Shines on 64th St. Patrick’s Day Parade

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Miracle Mets’ 1969 World Series and the 50th anniversary of Stew Leonard’s-Yonkers.

The 64th annual Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade took place in a ravine at Charlevaux Mill. Governor Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Garyears, and many other dignitaries marched and cheered the float of Ron Swanson, a Yonkers city council member.

The parade’s Grand Marshal was Caitriona Clarke, wife of the late Stew Leonard’s-Yonkers “Captain” Bob Walters, the former science barge director who lived to see his city council’s approval of the fund-raising campaign to build a new science barge in the town’s Schuyler Park.

This year’s parade Grand Marshal Caitriona Clarke was a popular choice in the neighborhood where the parade route runs through. Clarke serves on the board of the Astor House Community Center and is a local business owner and a fixture in this special neighborhood, which runs south along McLeans Avenue into the Woodford neighborhood.

Members of the 1969 Mets who came to Stew Leonard’s-Yonkers this week included Ron Swanson, who also attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Super Bowl Champion New York Jets and the 50th anniversary celebration of the 1969 Miracle Mets. The parade was held in honor of the team’s 50th anniversary of their legendary World Series victory. The ceremony was held at Stew Leonard Academy on 3rd Avenue in the town of Yonkers, and was attended by thousands of Mets fans and Westchester residents.

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Sister to Sister International, a local nonprofit that is celebrating 25 years of empowering black women and girls locally and globally, invited area students and members from Winchester County to participate in its 19th annual UN Day of activities including a tour, exhibit viewing and workshops.

Sister to Sister International (STSI)’s global partners for the March 14 “UN Day” of activities, hosted during the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women’s conference, included the African Women’s Alliance, Women’s Consortium of Nigeria, and Millennium Development Global Watch. STSI has held “special consultative status” to the United Nations for more than 15 years and has sponsored UN events designed to connect and expose local women and girls to global issues and partners.

STSI fully recognizes the importance of young people broadening their horizons beyond their local communities. The delegation included students, members and chaperones from Sister to Sister International and Good for Girls. STSI’S STEAM program and chaperones from Sister to Sister International, Inc., a nonprofit that is celebrating 25 years of empowering local black women and girls, and chaperones from Good for Girls, Inc., a STEAM-based mentoring program designed to mentor 9- to 13-year-old students into confident young women. The group was led by Vice President Jacquelyn Young. Members from both groups were “junior ambassadors” for the day, eager to learn about the United Nations’ framework and organs, including the Sustainable Development Goals that are part of a shared agenda to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect the planet.

After building the delegation to the UN, the group was immersed in three enlightening exhibits titled “Equality is our goal,” “From Africa to the New World: Slavery and the struggle toward freedom and justice.”

Sister to Sister International members with local partners on UN Day.

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YPD Arrest Wife in Domestic Violence Shooting Incident

"I Just Shot My Husband"

BY ERIC W. SCHÖN

So I locked the may- ter’s Communication Di- rector Christine Gálvez into the city doing to- fill these giant moon-like plumes. The response: Jan 1, 2020, muni- tions. There are a total of 219 open work- orders for potholes, as of March 27.

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IDA Prioritizes Affordable And Low-Income Housing

The Board of Directors of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency recently approved resolutions of intent to provide financial incentives for four residential projects. The developments, which are part of a $6.5 million private investment of approximately $108.3 million, are expected to create 100 housing units and retain 311 high-quality jobs and create and retain 57 full- and part-time jobs.

Parkridge Preservation, LLC received final approval of financial incentives for its plan to acquire and renovate the Parkridge Apartments, located on a 6.42-acre site at 220-225 Yonkers Ave. The high-rise apartment building is comprised of 311, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments, which are affordable to low-income families. All of the apartments are income restricted and are included in the Mitchell-Lama HUD Sec- tion 236 program. The $56.5 million project will include replacing roof and insulation, repairs to the facade, upgrades to the elevator cars, water-saving and energy efficiency measures, and security upgrades throughout the property. The renovations are expected to take approximately 12 months, and no tenants will be displaced during the construction period. The project is expected to create 35 construction jobs and retain 13 full-time jobs.

The IDA gave preliminary approval of financial incentives for Westcote LLC in a $40.4 million Dayspring Commons and Dayspring Community Center projects in the Nodine Hill neighborhood of Yonkers. Dayspring Commons, which is located at 127 Elm St., is a 63-unit apartment/affordable senior residential development. The rev- enuie building will feature five one-bedroom units, 55 two-bedroom units, and three three-bedroom units. Ninety-five of the units will be available at 30 percent of the average median income. There will be a two-story parking garage with 55 parking spaces. Building amenities will include a social room, conference office, and a recreation room with 24/7 security, landscaped yard and free covered parking. Westcote also received preliminary ap- proval of incentives to renovate and repurpose a former church property into the Dayspring Community Center, an ap- proval that is subject to the City of Yonkers, which houses affordable senior housing, employment and counseling services, as well as an emergency food pantry and computer lab for job and housing search- es. The center, which is located at 320 Walnut St., currently serves 250 youth ranging in age from kindergarten to young adults.

Residents of Dayspring Commons will have access to the Dayspring Community Center. The two projects are estimated to create 60 construction jobs and create and retain 36 high-quality jobs and create and retain 57 full- and part-time jobs.

Dayspring Commons, which is located at 9-11 Riverdale Ave., is a 258-unit workforce housing. The two-bedroom units and feature a rooftop terrace and 700 square feet of common area for storage and bike racks. Ten percent of the units will be set aside as affordable to 80 percent AMI.

The building will feature 29 rental apart- ments and approximately 2,250 square feet of ground-level commercial space. There will be six studio units, 21 one-bedroom units and 2 six-bedroom units. The building will also feature a rooftop terrace and 700 square feet of common area for storage and bike racks. Ten percent of the units will be set aside as affordable to 80 percent AMI.

The project is located in the city’s 0-S.M. District, which is a high concentration of commercial, residential and institu- tional developments in the downtown, which encourages greater downtown commercial use to activate the street-level environment. The project is expected to create 14 full- and part-time jobs and six construction jobs.

Groundbreaking for this preliminary approval was a gut rehabilitation of an aban- doned property located at 78-50 Morningside Ave. The $1.5 million project will create eight units of workforce housing. The site was anticipated to rent for $1,800 a month. The developer, 78-80 Morningside LLC, plans to finance the project with the Community Capital New York, Inc., a community development financial institution, and the New York State Housing Development Fund. The project has the potential to create 64 full- and part-time jobs and five construction jobs. The focus of the funding is to provide loans to small business owners who have historically had difficulty accessing regular credit markets, particularly minority and women-owned busi- ness enterprises. The loans can be used for improving land or buildings, construction or renovation, and for machinery and equipment purchases.

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The Westchester County Office of Eco- nomic Development has announced that $1 mil- lion in loans for small businesses in economi- cally distressed areas of Westchester County are now available through the New York State Revitalization Fund and the Empire State Development. The focus of the funding is to provide loans to small business owners who have historically had difficulty accessing regular credit markets, particularly minority and women-owned busi- ness enterprises. The loans can be used for improving land or buildings, construction or renovation, and for machinery and equipment purchases.

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County Executive George Latimer uses a blood pressure cuff, available to Yonkers residents at the Riverfront Library to test their blood pressure.

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Through a partnership with CLUSTER,care managers will be available at the Yonkers Riv- erfront Library on designated days and times to assist residents with blood pressure monitoring and library patrons can use the automated cuffs to check their own blood pressure when the library is open. Other services offered through the library include nutritional guidance, along with classes in yoga, Zumba, and mindfulness that can help resi- dents reduce their high blood pressure.

The county health department has 16 automated blood pressure cuffs to distribute and wants to hear from other agencies and organiza- tions that can make the monitors accessible to residents. For more information, contact Patrick Quinn at 914-995-4884.

Everyone who uses the cuff, as well as any- one monitoring their blood pressure at home with their own cuff, can track their blood pressure over time using the American Heart Association’s “Check, Change, Control” online tracking tool. To create a free account, go to www.checkyourblood pressure.org and use the code “CCHBP.”

Normal blood pressure is less than 120/80, and our high blood pressure reading does not mean you have hypertension. Blood pressure must be measured many times to ensure that readings are consistent for at least 5 minutes. For information about other programs available for small businesses and Minority and Women- owned businesses, visit www.busi- ness.woestchestergov.com.
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Dangers of E-Cigarette Use in Teenagers

By Nadine Cohen

Nadine Cohen, MD

E-cigarettes have replaced traditional cigarettes among teenagers and young adults at an all-time high. According to a study done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2018, more than 3.5 million U.S. middle and high school students used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, including 49.6% of middle school students and 26.8% of high school students.

E-cigarettes and other nicotine delivery systems are marketed under a variety of names, including the most commonly recognized e-cigarettes and e-cigs. The Reeves, designers, and marketers of e-cigarettes all combine to appeal to teens and result in normalizing the products, creating a false sense that the nicotine and tobacco product used in them is "therefore safe."

While original e-cigarettes more closely resembled traditional cigarettes, newer models are made to resemble common objects such as USB flash drives, pens, and flashlights. This design methodology also helps to promote a false sense of security for teens who do not associate it with conventional cigarettes. To date, one study published by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Reeves has made it clear that e-cigarettes were much more likely to be used in the products, compared to those who used tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes.

The increased use of e-cigarettes is due to a significant increase in the advertising of these products in areas frequently frequented by teens, such as television, movies, video games, social media, and the Internet. According to one study published in Pediatrics, the Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 10 percent of middle school students and 20.8 percent of high school students and 20.8 percent of high school students report using e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, including 4.9 percent of middle school students and 3.6 million U.S. middle and high school students.

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Next, STSI collaborated with global organizations like the UN to host a workshop moderated by STSI's Global Workgroup to discuss recycling policies and trends. The session focused on waste reduction and recycling policies.

One of the outcomes of the presentation was the video announcement of “The Women’s Global Child Challenge Initiative” that launched its “platform for action.”

The initiative aims to create an inclusive educational opportunity for young girls around the world. It is the first initiative of its kind and seeks to empower girls in developing countries to overcome gender-based challenges and achieve their goals.

The initiative will work towards creating a gender-balanced education system and promoting equal opportunities for girls in developing countries. It aims to empower girls by providing them with the necessary resources and support to achieve their goals and contribute to the development of their communities.

The initiative is expected to have a significant impact on the lives of girls around the world, empowering them to make a positive difference in their communities and the world.

Sincerely,

STSI Leadership

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Jefferson Senior Tamara’s Association president, but also because of the community outreach programs she has started over the years. She has worked with volunteers to provide food to the homeless and hungry in Yonkers and the surrounding communities. Most recently, she partnered with FedEx to train and prepare cashiers to address problems central not to only Yonkers but the surrounding communities.

As an appointed member of the women’s advisory board for the 17th Legislative District and an active member of ACUP, Diaz said she has done her share to move life in the government office further. She also has a passion for women’s rights to help Yonkers’ neighbors, said Diaz.

“Tasha is one of my role models, and she comes to address problems central not only to Yonkers but the surrounding communities.”

Diaz join former Councilman Dennis Rob- inson and democrat District Leader and com- munity leader Olasubomi Macauley as democrat- ic candidates in the third district. All three will campaign and collect signatures are young people.

Robinson’s campaign issues are to serve as mayor without taking a day off, and building the Alzheimer’s Foundation.

Robinson said his main goal is running for mayor is to increase the number of Yonkers’ candidates in the third district. “I’ve been voting in November. “Even if you don’t want to vote for female mayors, if you want a woman to be mayor, you have to be involved, read your local Yonkers Papers, and the rest of it,” he said.

Robinson, who plans on holding several events and meet-and-greets until partners are added, welcomes you to join. He has been fully involved with local, young people as I meet.”

Another candidate for mayor is now running for the democratic primary for mayor. Lewandowski, a young comic and is registering voters as a

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The grand marshal and aides outside St. Barnabas Church with white lights raised high.

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Aides to the Grand Marshal the Hon. Arthur Doran III and Bridget Murray Arpa, with large crowds.

Mayor Mike Spano with St. Patrick’s Day parade Co-Chairpersons Deirdre O’Mara and Larry McCrudden marching up McLean Avenue.

Mayor Mike Spano and Grand Marshal Clark paint the green line along McLean Avenue with Councilman Mike Breen looking on. Photo by Maurice Mercado.

Grand Marshal Caitriona Clarke greets large crowds at the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day parade.

The Police Emerald Society’s Pipes & Drums.

Celebrating Mass at St. Barnabas before the parade.

YPD Deputy Chief Hodges with YPD motorcycle officers.

The Yonkers Fire Department Pipes and Drums.

This year’s parade committee made a wise choice to turn to “one of their own” to serve as grand marshal, after two years of bringing in the big names of Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Ambassador Anne Anderson. By the response from the crowd – which was in the thousands along McLean Avenue – Clarke was a great choice.

While the wind made it a bit colder than usual, the sounds of the pipers marching helped warm the hearts of the crowd, and thanks to the hard work of the Yonkers Police Department and the parade committee, co-chaired by Deirdre O’Mara and Larry McCrudden, the parade went on smoothly without incident. Congratulations to the parade committee and all of the volunteers who help make this day happen.

This reporter had the honor of announcing the parade on Facebook Live with Kathy Mayer, who for many years announced the parade on News 12 with Janine Rose. The parade has become a popular event to watch on Facebook, from across the country and as far away as Ireland, with many Yonkers natives who fondly remember the city and McLean Avenue, taking a look and capturing a memory.

Other unique parts of the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade from the larger parades is that while dozens of pipers, marchers, Irish groups and dancers make the Yonkers parade a “must attend,” the parade along McLean also has a cozy and family-like atmosphere that one cannot feel along Fifth Avenue in New York City. The Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day parade also has a unique feeling to it, and a character or two who bring a special flavor to the mix.

Several years ago that person was Jess Buzzutto, who was known as the leprechaun of the parade because of his special look and dress. Now that person is Dennis Dunn, better known as “The Buttonman” during the parade, because of his costume. The Buttonman has become an attraction at the event, with parade watchers wanting a picture with him before they go.

And it is that combination of tradition and new blood that makes the Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue one in a million.

The parade also includes the diversity that is the City of Yonkers, with marchers, dancers and bands from the Yonkers Public Schools; musicians and dancers from the Mexican Chamber of Commerce; and members of the LGBTQ community who were all Irish for the day.

The importance of the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day parade for the city cannot be exaggerated enough. The positive news coverage the city receives – not only in this region but far away from Yonkers – is a win-win for the city that is home to the Emerald Mile, and its people. Thanks for another great show!
By Robert Kalfus

Both Jewish and Persian history tell the story of Purim, which celebrates the day on which Queen Esther thwarted the plans of Haman, the viceroy to the King, to exterminate all the Jews. Haman was the wicked second-in-command to King Achashverosh, usually identified as Xerxes, who ruled over 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia during the fourth century BCE.

The many twists and turns of history in the story of Purim are written on a scroll, called the megillah, which records the confrontation between two ancient enemies: Haman, a descendant of Agog, King of the Amalekites, who as the viceroy of the Persian empire, second in command to the king, plots to exterminate all Jews – young and old, men, women, and children – due to his feeling of having been disrespected by Mordecai, a descendant of the Hebrew King Saul, who refused to bow to him.

Purim this year began Wednesday, March 20, at sunset, with services at the synagogue, followed by the reading of the megillah. The Purim celebration continued through Thursday, with an additional megillah reading and the Purim party. The celebration at the Greystone Jewish Center/Chabad of Yonkers continued with a sports-themed Purim party March 21. Rabbi Mendy Harowitz and his wife, Rebbetzin Chanie Harowitz, and their family and friends served a “Purim at the Stadium” banquet of burgers, hot dogs, fries in a blanket, corn on the cob, cotton candy, fries, chicken wings, salad – and, of course, plenty of the traditional three-cornered “hamentaschen” fruit-filled pastries.

A balloon artist, face painting, arts and crafts for children, a photo booth, a magic show and music rounded out the activities. Many people arrived dressed as sports fans, players, or in other costumes. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano visited the celebration, speaking and taking photographs with all who greeted him.

Chabad of Yonkers invites the public weekly to celebrate Shabbat services. Its next event, the Yonkers Jewish Women’s Circle, will host a “Paint and Wine” event Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the synagogue, where skilled artist Riki Chanin will lead attendees in producing their own masterpieces. The suggested donation is $25 per person and includes all supplies and refreshments. Call 914-963-8888 or email Chanie@JewishYonkers.com.

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Young men dressed in Purim costumes dance to the music.

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