Summer Interns Help Create New Attraction at Untermyer Gardens

Mayor Spano Appoints Jamal to Board of Education

The Untermyer Gardens Conservancy is midway through a major summer project called the Rhododendron Walk. This new garden is located near the new Ruin Garden, close to the Old Croton Aqueduct gate, and will re-imagine the collection of rhododendrons once cultivated by Samuel Untermyer, once one of the finest collectors in America.

Working under the leadership of Liz Dreeben, a conservancy gardener, a crew of seven Yonkers public high school students has been transforming this area. About an acre of land was cleared of brush and invasive plants. Next, a collection of rhododendrons and azaleas from various parts of the world are being planted. This will be an area of great beauty for all to enjoy.

This project is a part of a larger effort to create a garden that will be open to the public year-round. The Conservancy is seeking donations to help fund this project.

Let’s All Help Pat Quinn Find a Cure

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By Dan Murphy

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The other members of the African-American Advisory Board are Chairman Gene Johnson, Secretary Kyivna Byrnes, Community Outreach Coordinator Elaine Morgan, Sandy Aymen, Donna Temple-Brown, Arthur Melendez Jr., and Leroy Temple.

Walker recently finished an art project at Daylighting Phase III, where one of the utility boxes is now a colorful addition, and pictured below.

The African-American Advisory Board, Katori Walker, left, and Angela Williams.

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Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel

Captain Lauren Morgens will help participants discover a unique hands-on experience. Sailing, setting sails or simply enjoying a picnic and sail on Kalmar Nyckel. The Tall Ship of Delaware arrives in Yonkers for Hudson River sails Friday, Aug. 16 through Sunday, Aug. 18. Don’t miss your chance to sail aboard a 17th century Swedish naval vessel.

Advance tickets are recommended and can be purchased at www.KalmarNyckel.org. Book ASAP or by calling 302-428-7847. Tickets are $50 for adults and $35 for ages 17 and younger.

The ship will be docked at 71 Water Grant St., Yonkers, adjacent to X20 Xaviar’s Restaurant.

Kalmar Nyckel will kick-off its visit with an afternoon sail from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, and two sails a day Saturday, at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Schedules are available online.

Kalmar Nyckel is an authentic, replica of the Dutch-built armed merchant ship that founded New Sweden in present-day Delaware in 1638. Passengers are invited to discover the remarkable story behind this great ship. The original ship returned to the Swedish navy after crossing the Atlantic a record eight times – one of the great ships of its time.

“We are excited to be returning to Yonkers after Kalmar Nyckel’s great introduction to the city last August,” said Cuffy Parrella, executive director of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. “Our goal is to give people a chance to enjoy sailing and experience a slice of maritime history for themselves.

The summer schedule includes voyages to Norwalk Harbor, Vt.; Cambridge, Md.; Provincetown and Salem, Mass.; as well as Kingston, N.Y.; Bristol, Pa.; and Historic New Castle, Del.

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Upcoming Events in Yonkers

**August 3 – The Ice Bucket Challenge is scheduled at 1 p.m. at Empire City Casino, 1011 Trolley Pkwy Dr.**

**August 4 – The second annual Family & Fun Fest is scheduled at Central Park, 1000 Main St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**August 6 – Yonkers Police Department’s Night Out is scheduled.**

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State Sen. Shelley Mayer

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently signed into law State Sen. Shelley Mayer’s bill that will allow kids in the state to join in the political process and run for local, city, and county offices. Mayer said her bill, introduced in June, allows young people to run for town justice, school board, village board, city council, and county legislature and would even allow them to run against incumbent state legislators.

“Not only will this bill give a voice to the young people of our communities, but it will make local government more accessible to our young constituents,” Mayer said. “This bill will not only encourage young people to take a more active role in our democracy, but it will also encourage our elected officials to be more accountable to their constituents.”

The bill passed both legislative chambers with bi-partisan support and was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on August 1.

Mayer is the chair of the State Senate’s Democratic Conference and serves as the Conference’s Majority Leader. Mayer represents the 35th District, which includes the communities of Yonkers, Harrison, Tarrytown, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, and Scarsdale.

Save the Children

to serve their community in public office from running for office,” continued Mayer. “An excited mayor, Mrs. Ferguson from the Hempstead Union Free School District, shared, ‘Thank you to the students, staff, and parents for your hard work. I am thrilled that this bill allowing our children to use campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses instead of a re- treat of the parent’s campaign funds to the executive of their duties of public office.

“This is a historic day for parents, particularly mothers, across Westchester and the state,” said Mayer. “I am thrilled that my bill allowing parents to use campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses instead of a retreat of the parent’s campaign funds to the executive of their duties of public office will become law.”

The name was submitted by Mount Pleasant Township school counselor Linda Rosenthal for sponsoring the bill in the Assembly, and thanks you to Gov. Andrew Cuomo for signing the bill into law.

In a May 2019 decision, the Federal Elections Commission ruled unanimously in favor of New York congressional candidate Luis Gutierrez Salmon’s appeal to the FEC to use campaign funds to pay for a campaign for her two young children while she ran for office.

The New York State Board of Elections received an advocacy opinion in October 2018 that allowed candidates seeking local or state-level office to use their campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses incurred as a direct touch of campaigning.

By authorizing the bill into state law, a candidate’s right to use campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses is protected from administrative changes enacted through the state Board of Elections.

John Anthony Lopez

John Anthony Lopez loves taking on a journey. Soon, he will have the chance to take that journey once again. The Yonkers resident has been cast as the Man in the Yellow Suit in the White Plains Performing Arts Center’s Stage 2 production of “Tuck Everlasting,” opening this weekend and running through Aug. 11.

A local, high school art teacher and theatre director, is approaching the end of his teaching career and said he is looking forward to transitioning full-time into performing and directing full-time once he retires from teaching.

In my portraits or sculptures, my direct- ing, singing, and, of course, stage work, I find it immensely challenging and rewarding to convey the emotions and the nature to the emotional core of the audience,” he said.

“I believe the opportunity to direct a show that allows giving of joy being of the heart, and attempting to convey both the warmth and the audience with the same character.”

A heart-warming, napkin-sized musical about living life to the fullest, “Tuck Everlasting” centers around a girl named Winnie Foster. When she is told to stay out of her family’s farm, a tractor pulls her into a magical world.

The name has been announced by Mayor Michael Spano, who has served as a member of the mayor’s ad- ministration since January 2015. He held various positions in the mayor’s office while working as the liaison to the Madison American Advi- sory Board and the Madison American Enter- prise. Jamal also played a crucial role in Spano’s successful campaign for mayor, serving as the communications director.

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He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in communications from Fordham University. He also serves on the Board of Directors at the Yonkers-based Richmond Commu- nity Arts Center, is a member of the Yonkers Board of Education, and recently served as the president of the Yonkers Police Youth Council.

“I look forward to working with Communi- cations Director Jamal,” said Mayor Spano. “Jamal is a passionate, hard work- ing Mayor Spano has chosen me to serve in this role, where I can continue to serve the residents of our bountiful city.”

Jamal replaces Vincent Parise, who recently left the position to pursue other career opportuni-"
**Medicare For All Would Wipe Out Jobs, Pensions & 401(k)s**

By Sally C. Pipes

President Donald Trump famously made health care one of his campaign issues, vowing to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. And while he may never see that through, other Republican candidates such as Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Representative Peter Roskam (R-Ill.) are calling for similar policy changes. This week, a new report from the conservative Cato Institute offers a stark warning that a Medicare-for-all plan could have dire consequences for the American economy.

The report, "Medicare for All: The Costs of Abolishing Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance," by Cato Institute senior fellow Clyde L. Car钒el, presents a detailed analysis of the potential impact of a all-payer single-payer health care system on employers and workers.

Car钒el argues that a Medicare-for-all system would significantly increase the cost of health care, leading to higher taxes and lower wages for workers. He also contends that the system would be unaffordable for many Americans, particularly those on lower incomes.

"Medicare for All" would wipe out jobs and pensions, according to the report. It estimates that a single-payer system would lead to a loss of 14 million jobs and a reduction of 11 million in the number of 401(k) accounts. This would result in a net loss of $240 billion in wages and $1.8 trillion in lost retirement savings.

The report also notes that a single-payer system would require significantly higher taxes, which would likely be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices. This, in turn, would lead to a decrease in economic activity and job creation.

Car钒el suggests that a more practical solution is to focus on improving the current employer-sponsored health insurance system, which provides coverage to over 170 million Americans.

"Medicare for All" is a rising tide that will not lift all ships, Car钒el writes. "In fact, it will sink all the ships that are not insured by the government." He argues that a single-payer system would be a disaster for the American economy, and that the country would be better off focusing on improving the current system.

The report's findings are likely to be controversial, as they challenge the conventional wisdom that a Medicare-for-all system is the best way to provide health care for all Americans. However, as the cost of health care continues to rise and the population ages, the issue of health care reform is likely to remain at the forefront of political debate.
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CT Woman Allegedly Stole from Performers at County Center

Worchester County Police arrested a Connecticut woman for allegedly stealing cash from a sports locker in White Plains. Aniyah Booker, 18, of Hamden, was taken into custody last week following a probe by detectives from the General Investigations Unit. She is being held without bond in the Town of Ossining Jail.

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Dr. Paolucci is a highly accomplished physician and researcher, and his skill and expertise will advance stroke care and make a difference in the lives of our patients.”

In his new role, Paolucci will continue to expand the stroke program at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, garner top talent, advance clinical research and innovation, and educate the next generation of vascular neurologists on new methods for delivering life-saving stroke care.

Paolucci has a strong interest in the management of stroke and other acute cerebrovascular emergencies, as well as participation in stroke clinical trials and research. He has been published in several peer-reviewed journals on a variety of subjects, and has spoken at national and international stroke and neurology conferences.

“I am very excited to be joining an institution that has such an esteemed legacy in providing world-class care,” said Paolucci. “I consider it a privilege to take on this new role and build upon this foundation of offering the highest quality stroke care to the patients and residents of Westchester.”

Paolucci joins NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital from Montefiore Medical Center, where he served as a cerebrovascular disease specialist, and he previously held positions at Rensselaer-Western New York School of Medicine.

He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Heart Association.

The addition of Paolucci will expand the stroke program at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital, a New York State Department of Health-designated Stroke Center where patients receive the highest quality care. The stroke program at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital has also received the American Heart and Stroke Association’s 2018 Get With The Guidelines – Stroke GOLD PLUS Quality Achievement Award and Target: Stroke Honor Roll. These awards recognize the hospital’s commitment and success in providing stroke patients with the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

For more information, visit www.nyp.org.

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The Act requires that prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes, a copy of the Bond Ordinance shall be published for public notice and comment. A copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection at the principal office of the City of the Office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

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June 30, 2019 – Just three years ago, then-Assemblyman Ron Tocci secured a transfer of the New Rochelle Armory to the City of New Rochelle for $1, in the hopes that the Army would be preserved in the memory of the servicemen who served there and for other uses for the people of New Rochelle.

In 2018, the New Rochelle City Council voted to make the building fall apart and the city has made no attempts to remove it. Members of the Save Our Armory Committee, which has led the fight to save the Army in an attempt to save it, said that the city had “abandoned the Army” and failed to properly maintain and use the building.

The lawsuit states that the city has failed to design and build a new building for veterans, which is required under state law. The city has also failed to properly maintain the Armory and has allowed the windows to be left open.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction preventing the city from demolishing the Armory, which would require that if it is not used for public benefit it must be returned to the city and the city must decide what to do with it.

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The people of Yonkers know Shaney Patterson-Howard well. She has served as president and CEO of the YMCA of Yonkers, located on Warburton Avenue, since 2008 when she became the first woman and person of color to lead the association.

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There are several free events taking place in Yonkers this month. The City of Yonkers Department of Parks and Recreation will present movies each Friday evening, which all start at dusk.


Aug. 9 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet,” rated PG, at Wakefield Park on Bronx River Road.

Aug. 16 – “Wonder Park,” rated PG, at Grant Park on Park Avenue.


Aug. 29 – The Glass Hayden Band will perform from folk music at Caryn Park on McLean Avenue.

The City of Yonkers will host several free concerts, which all start at 7 p.m.

Aug. 8 – Mariachi Sol Mixteco will perform Mexican folk music at Daylighting III Park on Nepperhan Avenue.

Aug. 15 – FDR Drive will perform pop at Andrus Park on Central Park Avenue.

Aug. 22 – Larger Than Life, a boy band tribute group, will perform at EJ Murray’s Skating Center on Tuckahoe Road.

Aug. 29 – The Guss Hayes Band will perform Irish folk music at Coyne Park on McLean Avenue.

The Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District continues its summer concert series in August, with all shows taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Yonkers City Pier.

Aug. 2 – Rock Steady Revival will perform a tribute to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin.

Aug. 9 – The Joey Berkley Band will perform with guest vocalist Chrissy Tambakis.

Aug. 16 – Anaisa will perform traditional Cuban Charanga.

Aug. 23 – Night of Blue Eyed Soul will perform the sounds of Adele, Robin Thicke, Amy Winehouse and more.

Aug. 30 – Celebrate the 60th anniversary of Motown.

Ridge Hill has an upcoming movie and concerts this month. Films will begin at sunset and start times will vary. The South Lawn is located at the corner of Market Street and Lembo Drive near Whole Foods Market (33 Market St.).

On Aug. 5, “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse” will be shown.

Philipse Manor Hall in the downtown is offering young kids and families “Colonial Game Days” on Wednesdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at noon.