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Yonkers Will Never Forget Sept. 11, 2001



Mayor Mike Spano and families who lost loved ones on 9/11 toss flowers into the Hudson River during a remembrance ceremony. Photo by Donna Davis.

On Sept. 11, 2015, the City of Yonkers held ceremonies at its two 9/11 memorials to commemorate and remember the Yonkers residents who died Sept. 11, 2001. Twenty-six Yonkers men and woman died 14 years ago in the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., and Yonkers joined together to mourn their loss – but to also celebrate their lives.

Six U.S. Army servicemen from Yonkers who lost their lives serving our country in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were also honored. In the morning, Mayor Mike Spano, Police Commissioner Charles Gardner and members of the City Council joined with families who lost loved ones, for a ceremony at the city's waterfront. *Continued With More Photos on Page 11*

Groundwork Hudson Valley Celebrates 'Green' Success



From left are Groundwork Hudson Valley President Rob Baron, honorees Karen Lawrence and Wendy Zimmermann, GHV Executive Director Rick Madger, honoree Glenn Pacchiana and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. Photo by Donna Davis.

By Dan Murphy
A large crowd of supporters joined at X20 Xaviars on the Hudson on Sept. 9 to celebrate one of Yonkers' great environmental organizations, Groundwork Hudson Valley, at its Urban River Party gala and fundraiser. This year's honorees included Sarah Lawrence College and its president, Karen Lawrence; Glenn Pacchiana, president and CEO of Thalle Industries; and Wendy Zimmermann, vice chairwoman of Groundwork's Board of Directors. Funds raised at the event will be used to

sustain Groundwork's programs throughout Yonkers, including the youth Green Team, which employed 15 Yonkers teens this summer building a park for seniors at Walsh Road, and running the weekly Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers Market. Other programs supported will be the Science Barge, community farms at Philipse Manor Hall and Buena Vista Avenue, and the Yonkers Rail-Trail for walking and biking – to break ground this fall. For more information, visit www.groundworkhv.org.

Meet You on McLean For Fall Festival

The McLean Avenue Merchants Association will host its fifth annual fall festival along McLean Avenue between Woodlawn and Aqueduct avenues Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be rides, games, 10 beer gardens, food and drink from all the restaurants on McLean Avenue and surrounding areas, and food trucks and unique vendors from around the community. Free shuttle service is available from Empire Casino at Yonkers Raceway. For more information, visit Facebook.com/mcleanmerchants, and we will see you on McLean!



Viva Perez! Wins 3rd Victory for County Board in 5 years



County Legislator Virginia Perez, left, with Councilwoman Corazon Pineda on Primary night.

By Dan Murphy
The fragile 9-8 bipartisan coalition majority on the Westchester County Board of Legislators cleared its first hurdle with the victory by Legislator Virginia Perez in the Democratic primary

in Yonkers on Sept. 10. Perez was re-elected to a third term on the BOL by defeating Piedad Abreu by a 53-47 percent margin, with more than 1,200 votes cast.

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Jenkins & Johnson Score Primary Wins



County Legislator Ken Jenkins



Councilman Christopher Johnson

By Dan Murphy
Two Yonkers Democrats easily won their primary challenges Sept. 10, with County Legislator Ken Jenkins defeating Nicole Benjamin by a 979-631 margin, and City Councilman Christopher Johnson defeating Ivy Reeves 640-385. Their victories in the Democratic primary

ensure both will be victorious in the November election. Jenkins, former chairman of the BOL and president of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, proved that the voters in the 16th District know him and are pleased with his *Continued on Page 8*

Chinese Invest \$200M In Downtown Yonkers Join Collins Enterprises for Final Phase of Riverfront Apts.



From left are Arthur Collins, president of Collins Enterprises; Ning Yuan, chairman and CEO of Strategic Capital; Yi Lui, commercial counselor at the Economic and Commercial Section of the Consulate General of China in New York; Dwight Collins, principal of Collins Enterprises; and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

By Dan Murphy
Getting the first investor, or developer, to come into your community and begin the transformation is always difficult. The downtown Yonkers waterfront back in the 1990s was a dif-

ferent place than it is today, with development now realized. Former Yonkers Mayor John Spencer welcomed Collins Enterprises as the first company *Continued on Page 8*

YHS Football, Week Two



Gorton High School's football team has a high-powered offense and many different players that can score.

By Phil Foley

In week two action, Gorton High School had another successful outing by easily handling Peekskill 39-19.

The game was played at Gorton on Sept. 12. Thanks to Coach DeMatteo for providing Yonkers Rising with his team's results – and, yes, once again they were pretty impressive!

Romarch Smith led the attack with eight carries for 150 yards and 1 touchdown. (He had a 68-yard run for his touchdown.)

In the second quarter, Robbie Hamilton had a 35-yard punt return for a TD. Robbie also threw a 22-yard pass to Ayo Shokeye for a TD. Also scoring two TDs was Ian Ricketts on an 8-yard run and an 18-yard run, respectively. Anthony Smith rounded out the scoring with a 25-yard run.

Marvin Barnett chipped in by kicking four extra points.

In other action, Saunders High School defeated Lincoln High School at Saunders Field on Sept. 12, 20-0. Thanks to Coach Paul Ronga for providing Yonkers Rising with his team's game information.

Three touchdowns and one two-point conversion accounted for all the scoring. The touch-

downs were scored by the following players: In the first quarter, Markiece Jones hit paydirt on a five-yard TD run. In the second quarter, Richie Kirwin ran four yards for a TD score.

In the third quarter, Markiece Jones scored his second TD of the game on a nice 16-yard run. Justin Reid added the two-point conversion.

This week the big game of Yonkers will be the Gorton-Saunders game. This Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Saunders H.S., two undefeated teams meet; so far this season no team has scored on Saunders.

In other results from Sept. 12, Hastings beat Palisades Prep 28-13 and Roosevelt beat Yonkers H.S. 48-14.

In girls' volleyball, Lincoln defeated Palisades Prep. The game was played Sept. 9, and Lincoln won in all three sets. Scores were 25-11, 25-16 and 25-9.

Palisade stats: Taniha Bryant had one ace, one assist and one kill; Christina Green had one assist; Niya Nelson had two aces; and Khadijah Ibrahim had one ace.

Thanks to Palisade coach Laura Della Rocca for the game information.

Coaches, please send game results and pictures to pfoley14@aol.com.

Fine Artist Finds a Common Thread at YOHO



Artist Lisa Samalin in her YoHo studio.

Lisa Samalin of Studio 533 at YOHO believes in her responsibility to provide her audience not only a visual artistic experience, but also an emotional one – and she delivers. Her fine art paintings succeed in giving a sense of nostalgic familiarity that she hopes can be appreciated by everyone who views them.

Samalin joined the YOHO art studios in February 2015, however, this is not her first time around. Her first artist studio in the area was a space she shared with eight other artists in a neighboring building during the late 1980s. Regarding her current studio, however, Samalin said: "As soon as I stepped in, something clicked – it just felt right."

There is something autobiographical in each painting that Samalin creates – however figurative it may be – that also strikes a strong personal chord with her viewers. People viewing her paintings feel something they might

not be able to pinpoint or describe, but it is instinctively familiar and heart-felt. Samalin has a pronounced ability to discover a common thread within the collective unconscious, where common points in everyone's experience can be seen in painting form.

"My desire is that anyone from any culture, time, level of life and economic background would have a response that is visceral," she said.

Samalin is also a contracted muralist, and one of her upcoming projects is to paint 32 walls in a children's hospital. She is also an active member of the Catskills Arts Society, where she will hold a private installation in the elevator gallery titled "The Old Invisible Woman."

For more information about Samalin's work, visit www.lisa-samalin.com. For more about YOHO Artist Studios in Westchester, visit www.yohoartists.com.

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These, Too, Are Illegal Political Signs

By Eric W. Schoen

Political signs on public property in Yonkers are illegal.

Friends, it's that time of year again: We have already been barraged with political signs on public property, roadways, utility and light poles in Yonkers — and all over Westchester.

And that was for the Democrat surrogate judge's race! My guess is that most people haven't a clue what a surrogate judge does, but signs for both of the candidates who were running dotted our roadways. As did signs for various county legislators and City Council seats in Yonkers.

The signs are disgusting and their placement has to stop. In Yonkers, like most communities, placement of political signs on public property is illegal. The candidates know this. How can we elect people to uphold the laws if they don't follow the laws themselves?

In Yonkers, we need Mayor Mike Spano and the public works commissioner to direct city workers to remove the signs from public property. Public works employees travel throughout the city. They can remove the signs and tell candidates they can pick them up at the public works garage.

To be honest, that is more generous than Mayor Spano has to be.

The mayor can order the signs removed from public property and throw them away. But, hey, I am not looking to cause chaos in the Yonkers or Westchester political communities. I simply want the sign pollution that has been allowed to go on for way too long to stop.

Political signs on the lawns of people who agree to have them on their property are totally legal. Billboards, which of course candidates have to pay for, are totally legal. Before these signs started to appear all over our communities, billboards were how candidates developed name recognition and got their messages out.

Direct from the City of Yonkers website is the following page on posting of signs:

"It is illegal to post signs

"It is illegal to place any advertising on public property. This includes posting signs for yard, tag or garage sales, political signs or any other event on telephone poles, traffic posts, bus stops or in the city's right-of-way.

"A violation of this chapter shall constitute a Class II offense with a fine of \$250 to



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\$5,000."

If the city enforced this in the surrogate judge's race, it would solve all of Yonkers' fiscal problems!

The Yonkers Charter and Code has more information on allowable signage. I won't bore you with the details, but you can Google it if you wish.

In October 2012, Spano mounted a major publicity campaign cracking down on the illegal

placement of political signs on public property. In September 2015, it is time once again for the mayor to announce publicly a campaign to rid Yonkers of sign pollution, and remove illegally-placed signs. Hopefully, other communities in Westchester and our county and state will do the same.

You can do your part by calling the mayor's Helpline at 914-377-HELP (4357) to report illegal political signs on public property.

Bronxville Parking

One way communities generate revenue is by increasing parking fees on city or village streets, and a way to further increase that revenue is to expand the days and times the public has to pay to park on the respective streets. It is usually done under the pretense that by increasing fees or limiting time vehicles can park, it encourages parking space turnover so that more people can patronize local stores.

Three cheers for Bronxville Mayor Mary Marvin, who in an announcement expanding the times meters will be in effect stated: "Finances, as always, played a part. The anticipated revenue generated will conservatively result in the lowering of village taxes by a full 1 percent."

Of course, the mayor had to throw in, "After intensive observation, we noticed that cars in front of our theatre, restaurants, health clubs, etc., were utilizing the free evening parking but not frequenting village establishments. This is detrimental to our local commerce."

I don't know where these people would be going. There is no mention of that in the release, but I will leave it to your imagination and to people smarter than I am.

I have never seen a community that enforces parking regulations more strenuously than the Village of Bronxville. One day I parked on the street, shopped at the A&P, brought my gro-

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Yonkers Teacher Honored

Lucy (Pustola) Sohanchyk is one of seven recipients of the Sacred Heart High School Heart to Heart Award, a proclamation from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Yonkers and a citation from the Office of the City Council President. She was also presented with the title of honorarium by the Office of the City Council.

Sohanchyk has been a history teacher at Sacred Heart High School since 1981 and performs many other duties there, as well.

The 2015 Sacred Heart High School Yearbook was also co-dedicated to the honoree, who resides in Harrison with her husband, Richard (owner of OnPoint Image and Design in Pelham), and their son, Gregory, a junior at Yale University.



Lucy Sohanchyk

Sherwood House Celebrates 275 Years With Gala



The pre-revolutionary Sherwood House in Yonkers.

The Yonkers Historical Society will host an upcoming gala dinner to celebrate the 275th anniversary of one of the few remaining pre-Revolutionary War tenant farmhouses in the New York Metropolitan area. It was built about 1740 by Thomas Sherwood on land leased from Frederick Philipse and was purchased in 1801 by Yonkers' first physician, Doctor John Ingersoll.

The historic Sherwood House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is owned and maintained by the Yonkers Historical Society. The Sherwood House Museum, located at 340 Tuckahoe Road, re-opened for the season

Sept. 13.

The Gala Committee announced that Steven Byrns, chairman of the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, has been chosen as the honoree for the fundraising dinner; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano is honorary gala chairman.

The primary goal of this fundraising event is to make Sherwood House handicap accessible.

The 275th Anniversary Gala will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Zuppa Restaurant, 59 Main St., Yonkers. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Contact Beth Fitzgerald for reservations.



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Petey Needs a Family



Bring Petey into your home.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Petey is a 2-year-old, 50-pound mixed-breed dog who is at the shelter because his owner could no longer care for him. He is a calm, well behaved dog who walks nicely on leash and appears to be house trained. He listens when you speak to him and knows "sit," "down" and "give paw."

He loves to play ball and brings it back to

his person every time, and Petey will gladly let you have his ball if you ask for it. He likes other dogs, but does not seem comfortable around cats. He is a great dog for city or suburban homes.

Visit Petey at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day. For more information, call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time. Emails may be sent to lesliem147@gmail.com.

Fall into Fitness With Yoga, African Dance & More

The Yonkers Riverfront Library has announced its schedule of upcoming fitness classes for the fall. All classes are free and open to all levels of experience, and will be offered in the Community Room on the second floor of the library. Participants should wear comfortable workout clothing.

Beginners' yoga will take place Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. Explore how yoga can help you de-stress, become more flexible, relax and improve your breathing and concentration. There are a limited number of yoga mats available, so participants are encouraged to bring their own.

African dance classes will be held Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Explore the technique, styles and rhythms of Africa.

Zumba will be held Thursdays from 6 to 7

p.m. on Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. Fall into fun and fitness with Zumba – a high-intensity workout set to Latin and world music.

Belly dancing classes will be held Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. One of the oldest dance forms, belly dancing involves the entire body and helps with posture, flexibility and muscle tone.

These programs are part of the library's initiative to promote healthy lifestyle choices and are presented in partnership with the Southwest Yonkers Community for All Ages and Affinity Health Plan.

Riverfront Library is located at One Larkin Center and is accessible to the disabled. Parking is available at the nearby Buena Vista Parking Garage and Warburton Parking Garage. For more information, visit www.ypl.org or call 914-375-7966.

Sunday Hours Resume at Yonkers Public Library

Sunday hours will resume at the Yonkers Public Library beginning Sunday, Sept. 13 and continuing through June 26. All three library branches will be open from noon to 5 p.m. every Sunday, except March 27 (Easter Sunday).

Do you find it difficult to make it to the library on weekdays or Saturdays? Sunday hours make it easy for you to take advantage of all that the Yonkers Public Library has to offer, including books, music, movies, comput-

ers with Internet access, free Wi-Fi, programs and more.

Visit the Riverfront Library at One Larkin Center (across from the Yonkers Metro-North train station), the Grinton I. Will Branch at 1500 Central Park Ave., or the Crestwood Branch at 16 Thompson St.

For additional information about the Yonkers Public Library, call 914-337-1500 or visit www.ypl.org.

Yonkers NAACP Presents Bard Prison Initiative

The Yonkers Branch of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Nepperhan Community Center, 342 Warburton Ave.

The guest speakers will make a presentation about Bard College's Prison Initiative, which provides college courses to men and women in prison in New York State: Laura Liebman is the director of development for the Bard Prison

Initiative, which is funded through individual donations and grants. The program has no endowment, does not charge tuition and receives no public funding.

And Wesley Caines is a re-entry specialist/coordinator/advocate for the Brooklyn Defender Services.

For more information, contact Mari da Silva, chairperson of the Criminal Justice Committee, at 914-968-2859.

Parks & Rec Announces Fall Programming

The Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation has opened registration for residents and non-residents of all ages to participate in fall community recreation programs, at www.yonkersny.gov, announced Mayor Mike Spano last week.

"Fall is a beautiful season to be outdoors and take advantage of all that Yonkers has to offer," he said. "This season the Yonkers Parks Department will offer many new and exciting recreation programs and I encourage everyone to be part of it."

Several community events will kick off this season, including the 90th running of the Yonkers Marathon and Half-Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 18. This year's race will feature a new route and include a 5K race. Fall in Yonkers also brings with it parades and festivals, like the McLean Merchants Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19; and the Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The parks department fall program includes activities and sports for residents of all ages. Children 3 to 5 years of age will enjoy two educational programs – "Little Learners" and "Time with Me" – as well as sports squirts and pre-ballet.

Older children will enjoy recreational activities for a variety of interests, ranging from acoustic guitar to babysitting training, hip hop, theatre and violin. Teens can participate in similar recreation activities for their age group. The popular "Little Cooks" program has been expanded to offer older children age 10 to 12 the opportunity

to learn hands-on preparation of healthy snacks.

Condors swimming and Yonkers recreation will reach new heights this season at the Mark Twain Pool in Yonkers. Teaming up with USA Swimming and the Westchester-Fairfield Swim League, swimmers in Yonkers will receive hands-on instruction by professional coaches. Open try-outs for the Condors Swim Team will be held through Friday, Sept. 25. Swimming programs are also available at the Mark Twain Pool for every age group – from tots to seniors – and includes competitive swimming and learn-to-swim classes

Senior citizen recreation this season includes access to 13 senior centers, and specialist programs including free recreation classes for fitness, computer and arts and crafts. Senior residents can also participate in a matinee show and lunch at Westchester Broadway Theatre to keep residents active and enjoying all the area has to offer.

Finally, Project Friendship is offering a multitude of special events and activities including storytelling, pet therapy, theatre workshops and yoga. Delightful Dining is also back this year, where participants will enjoy an hour of dining and etiquette. The annual Project Friendship luncheon will take place in October.

The complete brochure may be viewed on the City of Yonkers website at www.yonkersny.gov, then clicking on "Recreational Programs" on the right side of the page. More information is available by calling 914-377-6450.

Allegro Singers to Present 'Mostly Tchaikovsky'

"Mostly Tchaikovsky – the 175th Anniversary of Tchaikovsky," a musical, will be presented by The Allegro Singers featuring Soprano Monique McDonald and Friends on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library, Grinton Will branch, 1500 Central Park Ave. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Seating will be in the 325-seat Pincus Auditorium at the library.

This program is sponsored by Friends of the Yonkers Public Library.

This year is the 175th Anniversary of Tchaikovsky. The program will consist of beloved arias and art songs by the great Russian composer and popular Jewish and Broadway musical selections. Inna Leytush will accompany McDonald on piano.

McDonald's dynamic stage presence and stunning vocal gifts are establishing her as one of the most beloved sopranos of our time. Her powerful and moving performances have captivated audiences and critics alike, drawing praise from the New York Times, LA Times and Opera News,

among others.

She is becoming known as one of the prominent Verdian Sopranos of her generation.

After receiving high praise for her debut performance in the title role of "Tosca" with Teatro Comunale di Bologna, Italy, McDonald began her foray into the Verdi heroines, such as Aida, Leonora in Il Trovatore, Elisabetta in Don Carlo and Lady Macbeth. She made her New York City opera debut in the role of Donna Anna in Mozart's "Don Giovanni" and Seattle Opera debut in the title role of Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos."

McDonald has sung in opera houses all over the world, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Japan. She now resides in NYC and in addition to performance, is sharing her talents with the next generation of young artists through private sessions and master classes in leading conservatories throughout the world and NYC public schools.

For more information and directions, call the library at 914-337-1500.

3rd Precinct Council Meets

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Ave., Yonkers.

Usual quality-of-life concerns and other important issues will be discussed. Residents

and merchants of the southwest Yonkers area are urged to attend this important community meeting.

For more information, contact President Bob Stauff at 914 476-2284 or Capt. Peter Butler at 914 377-7427.

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The non-profit Wolf Conservation Center teaches people about wolves, their relationship to the environment and humans' role in protecting their future. As a humane animal-themed organization, the Yonkers Humane Society said the Wolf Conservation Center is well aligned with its mission to save animals' lives.

Admission to the Yonkers Humane Society's first fundraising event is \$35 per person,

and proceeds from tickets sales will directly benefit many programs to aid needy and vulnerable pets in Yonkers.

Space is limited; reserve your spot by mailing checks or money orders, made payable to Yonkers Humane Society (indicate if you're bringing a guest) to Yonkers Humane Society at South Station, 335 Broadway, P.O. Box 22, Yonkers, NY 10705.

Or, pay with PayPal at www.yonkersshumanesociety.petfinder.com; scroll down on the home page and click the PayPal button. Indicate in a message that you're registering for the event and if you're bringing a guest.

For more information, call 914-751-7870 or email paragontails@gmail.com. For more about the Wolf Conservation Center, visit <http://nywolf.org>.

Yonkers Civil Rights Pioneer Winston Ross Dies

Winston A. Ross, LMSW, CCAP, president of CAPLAW, Inc., Board of Directors and former executive director of Westchester Community Opportunity Program, passed away at his home in Somers, N.Y., on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. He was 73 years of age.

In 1989, Winston received the New York State and National Social Worker of the Year Award. He was honored by Westchester County in 2012 for his professional and civic accomplishments and presented with the Black History Month and Trailblazers Award. Over the years, he was recognized by many organizations for his involvement in the community.

As president of the Board of Directors of CAPLAW, Winston guided the nonprofit membership organization as it provided the legal, governance and management resources to the national Community Action Agency network. As established by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, CAAs have been working to strengthen low-income communities and to help low-income individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and economic security.

Winston's tenure with the Westchester Community Opportunity Program began in 1984 and continued until his retirement in August 2013. He was past president of the Yonkers Branch NAACP (1971-78); past first vice president of the National Association of Community Action Agencies; former chairperson of the NYS Social Work Board; and past first vice president of the National Association of Social Workers.

Always active in the fight against discrimination, Winston, as president of the Yonkers NAACP, did the research and initiated action



Winston Ross

leading to the federal case against the City of Yonkers. Until his death, Winston served on the NYS NAACP as ACT-SO chairman. He was a member of the Westchester NAACP ACT-SO Committee; the Yonkers NAACP Executive Committee; Westchester Residential Opportunities Program, Inc.; and Aids Related Community Services and Housing Action Council. He was also a member of the Westchester County African-American Advisory Board; the Westchester County Criminal Justice Advisory Board; the Westchester Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute; and the Rotary Club of Yonkers.

An active member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Yonkers, he also chaired its Trustee Board since 1973.

Winston Ross was born in St. Kitts, British West Indies, on Dec. 2, 1941, but grew up in Yonkers. He received his bachelor of science degree from New York University and entered the U.S. Army to serve his country. After he was honorably discharged from the military, he began his social work career with the New York City Department of Social Services and earned his master's degree in social work from Columbia University.

He is predeceased by his parents, Reginald and Ruby (nee Swanston) Ross, and his brother and sister-in-law Clarence and Sandra Ross. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosalind (Lynn), his brothers William Ross (Myrna) and Frank Ross (Cecelia), his sister Agnes Jeffery, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Winston's name to Westchester ACTSO (checks payable to West. Reg. ACTSO Coalition), PO BOX 57, Elmsford, NY 10523.

'Hero' Shows Youth Another Side of Yonkers



Actor Oscar Isaac as Yonkers Mayor Nick Wasiczko, with Nay Wasiczko.

By Zipporah Osei

Before "Show Me Hero" aired, I didn't have much reason to think about Yonkers in the years before I was born. I had little reason to believe that just 20 or so years ago, the city had been engaged in a conflict as controversial as the desegregation crisis. In fact, in all my years living in Yonkers and learning in Yonkers Public Schools, I had never once heard about the crisis.

So when news started to spread around the city that a series about Yonkers was being made, I felt little more than a slight interest in it. I thought it was nice that I could watch this film about the city and be able to recognize the locations, but other than that I didn't give the series much thought.

I found out about the show's content only three months before it was set to release, from a teacher who had been in the district at the time. When I thought about desegregation in cities, I thought about the South and Civil Rights marches. I knew also about the busing crisis that had happened in Boston from 1974 to 1988, but that seemed an anomaly to me. Things like that didn't happen in the New York and certainly not in the 80s after so much progress had been made for the Civil Rights of black people and other people of color.

Watching this series opened my eyes to a history that I feel is often kept hidden from the city's younger residents, and gave me explanations to questions I didn't know had answers.

On a purely superficial level, the movie was wonderful to watch. Knowing the locations in the movie added to the experience, and the people involved were wonderfully portrayed by the actors. Although I cannot speak to the accuracy of Oscar Isaac's portrayal of then-Mayor Nick Wasiczko, I can say he made the man someone likeable that I could sympathize with.

Wasiczko wasn't just the political figure I had expected him to be, but a person. He worked tirelessly and he messed up, and for that he was vilified. It was a sad story, but an admirable one.

I nearly found myself forgetting these were real people whenever Spallone got on the screen - I couldn't believe that a person who had lived in and governed in this city could be so bold in his refusal to desegregate.

But to me, the most compelling characters were those who lived in the Schlobohm Houses. Their stories added the touch of humanity this series needed to show who the fight was really against. These characters were the representations of the people I know and grew up with and I was proud to see their stories told.

There was a certain heaviness I felt when watching the protest and rioting scenes, particularly those that took place at City Hall. To think that just 10 years before I was born there had been riots up the street from where I live over keeping people like me out of the "white" east Yonkers was not only shocking, but disheartening.

A lot has changed since 1988. The housing was built without the consequences the residents of east Yonkers had feared and there has since been little to no protest over the matter. But there remains a sort of unspoken division among the residents of Yonkers. With east Yonkers still being predominantly white, and the downtown area being a mix of all other nationalities, it can be clear that there is a distinction even to this day. Among those living in the poor neighborhoods of the downtown area, there is a sentiment that east Yonkers is its own city that cannot be infiltrated. Similarly, someone from east Yonkers has likely never set foot in Getty Square.

And while those invisible lines are broken on days like Riverfest or for city parades, there remains the sense that each party has its own place.

I hope this series ushers in a sense of unity among the residents of Yonkers through an understanding of what the city has been through. With our history now out in the open, there is no more time to hide from or refuse the truth. The task now is to continue down the path of equality the city was forced onto in 1988.

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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.

Bid 5962 – Opening date 9/30/2015: Furnish and deliver two Segway ES3 Patrollers, or Yonkers approved equal (SR).
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Volunteers Needed for Emergency Prep. Drill

The Westchester County Health Department is seeking several-hundred volunteers to participate in an emergency preparedness drill Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Westchester County Center.

People of all ages – including parents with young children and people with disabilities, college students and faculty, community groups, seniors, members of faith-based communities, businesses and the public – are encouraged to register in advance. No special training or experience is needed.

Playing the part of residents, volunteers will walk through a simulated medication distribution exercise and learn which medication they would be given if they had been exposed to anthrax. No actual medicine will be handed out.

“The health department continuously trains and prepares for emergencies, but this is one exercise where we urge as many residents as possible,

from a wide variety of backgrounds, to participate,” said Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Am-ler. “I hope residents and civic groups will answer our call. This exercise will help our department sharpen our readiness skills and it can also be reassuring to residents to see public health professionals working hard to keep you safe.”

To join the event, go to www.health.ny.gov/Go2Clinic and click on “Westchester” to register. View the attachments and remember to print out the free parking pass. If you need help registering, call 914-995-7425. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Everything you need to know to participate will be provided to you the day of the exercise.

The purpose of the drill is to test the emergency response capabilities of the Westchester County Health Department, including the ability to dispense medication quickly and accurately to a large group of people. Holding the exercise is required by the state.

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to develop two parcels along the waterfront back in the 1990s, and last Tuesday, Mayor Mike Spano joined with many city officials and Collins to break ground on the third and final phase of its Hudson Park apartments, and a third tower to be built along the 16 acres of Yonkers waterfront that has been transformed over the past 20 years. This includes the Riverwalk Esplanade, City Pier, X20 Restaurant and nearby environmental projects and parks.

The success of Collins' Hudson Park apartments has drawn the interest of Chinese investment company Strategic Capital, who will partner with Collins on the \$85 million construction costs for the final apartment tower and whose total investment will reach \$200 million for the three Hudson Park buildings.

Called Hudson Park River Club, the new 230,000-square-foot building will include 213 studio and one- and two-bedroom rental units, along with amenities such as a health club, event space, a recreation area and parking for 160 vehicles.

The new building will be located adjacent to the city's esplanade overlooking the Hudson River and will complete access to the public waterfront, Paddling and Rowing Club, and Beczak Environmental Center and Habirshaw Park.

“This is precisely the type of development we need in Yonkers to meet a growing demand for people who want to live in a diverse and urban environment while enjoying our beautiful waterfront,” said Spano. “This new community complements the great work that has already been completed and will ensure that Yonkers remains a destination for years to come.”

Construction of the previous building, Hudson Park North, included 294 apartments

with 5,500 square feet of community space and a courtyard; it was completed in 2008. Hudson Park South, which opened in 2003, consists of 266 one- and two-bedroom rental apartments and 15,500 square feet of professional office and retail space.

The latest phase of Hudson Park is expected to be completed in mid-2017. With this new building, Strategic Capital's total investment will reach \$200 million for the three buildings.

“In partnership with the City of Yonkers and Collins Enterprises, we will finish the last phase of Hudson Park and continue serving the Yonkers community with this wonderful space to live, work and play,” said Ning Yuan, chairman and CEO of Strategic Capital. “We are enthusiastic about growing this partnership with Collins Enterprises over the long term, because it is never just about this one project, but also about our shared passion on building spaces for convenient and lively modern lifestyle.”

“As we begin the final stage of development, Hudson Park River Club exemplifies our commitment to the City of Yonkers,” added Arthur Collins, president of Collins Enterprises. “We're grateful to the city and so pleased to have a new partner, Strategic Capital, to help us realize a vision that began long ago.”

Hudson Park is located just blocks from the Yonkers Metro-North train station, which is a 25 minute commute to Grand Central Station. In recent years, Yonkers has attracted many new companies, including world-renowned restaurateurs, entrepreneurs and technology and biotechnology companies in the immediate vicinity of Hudson Park looking for great space and an urban environment.

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Seniors and Health Care

Red Cross Encourages Blood Donation

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help their communities prepare for emergencies by giving blood during National Preparedness Month this September.

Blood drives will take place Sept. 18 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the North Salem firehouse, 301 Titicus Road, and from 11:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the White Plains Presbyterian Church, 39 North Broadway; as well as Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at John Jay High School, 60 North Salem Road, Cross River, and from 2 to 7 p.m. at Mamaroneck EMS, 220 North Barry Extension.

Becoming a regular blood donor is one way to help ensure communities are prepared for any emergency, including those where blood transfusions are needed. The Red Cross also encourages the public to get prepared by making a disaster plan for their homes or work places.

A sufficient blood supply is central to ensuring hospitals are prepared to meet patient needs in times of disaster, including the very personal ones that can happen any day. Because blood takes about 48 hours to be tested, processed and made available for patients, it's the blood already

on the shelves that can help save the day when emergencies occur.

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for patients needing transfusions. The Red Cross needs blood donors of all types – especially those with types AB, O negative, B negative and A negative – to give blood regularly.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor mobile phone application, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). For information on planning for emergencies and preparedness training, visit redcross.org/prepare.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Yonkers Primary Political Wrap Up ... & A Few More

The heralded "Yonkers Women's Ticket" of four Democrats – Virginia Perez, Ivy Reeves, Nicole Benjamin and Natasha Freeman – has fizzled out.

Perez won re-election on her own, and only Benjamin distinguished herself on Primary Day. Her vote totals were higher than anyone had expected and she ran a serious campaign. Her efforts, praised by Phil Reisman on WVOX radio, warrant a future run for office if she wants one.

Freeman never made it to the primary in her attempted challenge for City Council in the 3rd District against Councilman Michael Sabatino, as her petitions were deemed invalid because she used two different names for herself on two different sets of petitions.

Mayoral candidate wannabe Fred Hernandez' petitions were also knocked out, and the examples of Freeman and Hernandez should show anyone who wants to run for office in Yonkers to get an experienced friend or political ally to create and help circulate your petitions. If you don't get on the ballot, the rest is history.

Staying in the 3rd District, Republican City Council candidate Michael Meyer won the Independence Party primary with a write-in campaign against Sabatino. We hear that Meyer got more than 50 write-in votes, to 15 for Sabatino.

Meyer's victory means this contest will probably be as close, or closer than when the two faced off four years ago, with Sabatino winning a narrow victory. But this primary, more

importantly, shows the inability and incompetence of the leadership of the Yonkers Independence Party.

Yonkers Independence Party Chairman Dhyalma Vazquez didn't deliver any votes for Sabatino on the line, just like she talked the talk for Hernandez' mayoral run – but in the end didn't collect enough signatures from her own party to get him on the ballot. Also interesting is that Vazquez, while very vocal in the days and weeks before petitions were due, has been silent ever since she handed in a surprisingly low number of signatures for a candidate for Yonkers Mayor...hmm.

One key to the Sabatino-Meyer race will be at the top of the ticket. Just like four years ago, Sabatino will have Mayor Mike Spano at the top of the ticket. And while Meyer will have an active candidate for mayor in Bill Nuckel at the top of his GOP ticket, right now, Spano appears to be cruising toward re-election.

Finally, we hear that a sitting Yonkers City Court judge will resign his post at the end of the year. Hezi, at the Yonkers Tribune, has had the story up on his site for some time. While we have no formal news on this matter, one indication that's it true is the behind-the-scenes activity for candidates interesting in getting appointed by Spano, should a vacancy arise in the near future.

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End-of-Life Issues an Important Conversation

In an effort to inform health care professionals and the public of the importance of having Medicare pay for discussions about end-of-life issues, Sarah Lawrence College's End of Life Care program recently led a national seminar on the issue.

Nearly 100 health care professionals, academics and social workers from across the United States joined in for the free online discussion, or webinar, about a proposal to have the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 and older cover advance care planning and end-of-life discussions with patients.

The topic, which has caused some controversy and misunderstandings with the Affordable Care Act legislation in recent years, when opponents mischaracterized the concept as so-called "death panels," is again timely as the period for public comment recently ended and a decision could be made as early as November. The workshop presenters were Joshua Lapps, government relations manager at the Society of Hospital Medicine and graduate of Sarah Lawrence College's Health Advocacy Program; Deborah Jones, a health advocate and graduate of SLC's Health Advocacy Program; and Rebecca O. Johnson, associate program director of graduate and professional studies for the End-of-Life Care Program at SLC.

The webinar was the first in a series of online offerings through the college's End-of-Life Care program.

"With an aging population and advances in medical care, this is an important health care discussion to have," said Johnson. "We all have a stake in these essential quality-of-life issues. The ramifications are important to patients and families, doctors and health care providers and the health care industry as a whole, and Sarah Lawrence College's end-of-life program is committed to be at the forefront of the conversation."

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services has been active in the discussion. Earlier this year, the organization put forward a proposal that supports patient- and family-centered care for seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries by enabling them to discuss advance care planning with their

providers. It's consistent with the American Medical Association's recommendation to make advance care planning services a separately payable service under Medicare.

The aim of SLC's webinar was to inform health care professionals of the proposals and encourage them to take part in the public comment period. If adopted, the legislation would go into effect Jan. 1, and accomplish a number of objectives, including:

- * Recognize the value of the service to physicians, patients, families and the community at large;

- * Encourage patients (and families) to express views regarding life and death, which can influence the plan of care when patients are well and when they are not;

- * Acknowledge that health status changes over time, perhaps necessitating additional discussion;

- * Raise public awareness of end-of-life planning through advance directives;

- * Promote a consideration of the economic consequences of end-of-life choices, especially if further intervention will be of no benefit to the patient;

- * Increase visibility of palliative care as a treatment option for many conditions, even if death is not imminent;

- * Allow time for actions – including a change of providers – to ensure the patient's wishes will be followed;

- * Assist physician practices with future resource planning, for example, training and staffing.

The webinar attracted people from all over the country, including professionals from Memorial Sloan Kettering, Columbia University, New York University, Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University, Villanova's College of Nursing, Center for Hospice Care, Boston College and New York University's Langone Medical Center, among many others.

To learn more about this issue and others, check out Sarah Lawrence College's End-of-Life Care program, or visit www.sarahlawrence.edu.

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By Julissa Javier

Social Security assistant district manager, Yonkers

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The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 27.

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The City of Yonkers mourns the loss of one of its own, and one of Yonkers' Finest and a Sept. 11, 2011 responder, last week with the passing of Lt. Roy McLaughlin, who died at the age of 38 on Sept. 11, 2015.

Roy McLaughlin was born in the City of Yonkers on May 11, 1977. His father is Ret. Capt. Roy McLaughlin. Young Roy attended St. John The Baptist grade school on Yonkers Avenue. He would later graduate from Fordham Prep High School in The Bronx before attending the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany, N.Y. He left college when he was called for his appointment to the Yonkers Police Department.

Roy was appointed to the Yonkers Police Department from his home at 59 Borcher Ave., on Aug. 12, 1998 and assigned shield 941. After completing his six months of recruit training, Probationary Police Officer Roy McLaughlin was assigned to patrol duty in the 4th Precinct on Feb. 15, 1999.

P.O. McLaughlin received his first promotion Jan. 1, 2007 when he was elevated to the rank of sergeant. He was transferred to the 3rd Precinct, serving as a patrol supervisor. Two years later, on Jan. 16, 2009, the sergeant was transferred to the Warrant Squad where he would remain for more than three years.

On Aug. 12, 2012, Sgt. McLaughlin was designated a detective sergeant. But, the following month, on Sept. 13, 2012, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

It became evident about that time that Roy was dealing with a very serious illness. For the next few years, Lt. McLaughlin fought a difficult fight but, despite his inner strength and all medical science was able to bring to bear, Lt. Roy McLaughlin lost his battle and died Sept. 11, 2015.

Lieutenant McLaughlin's death is considered in the line of duty, as he worked at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks and was stricken



Sept. 11 hero, YPD Lt. Roy McLaughlin

with cancer as a result.

Roy had 17 years on the job. He was a very active member of the department with an excellent reputation. He served as a Captain's, Lieutenant's and Sergeant's Association Trustee, organized its scholarship golf outings, was an active member of the Westchester County Police Emerald Society, and loved to golf. He was part of a wonderful police family; his father was Ret. Capt. Roy McLaughlin; he had two brothers, Capt. Andrew

McLaughlin and Lt. Mitchell McLaughlin; and a sister, Sgt. Meredith McLaughlin.

Roy McLaughlin was only 38 years old when he died. He is survived by his parents, and leaves his wife, Christine, and their four children behind.

Mayor Mike Spano said: "Today our city grieves with the family of Yonkers Police Lt. Roy McLaughlin, who died of cancer on the eve of Sept. 11 and was laid to rest today with a full inspector's funeral. Fourteen years ago, after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Lt. McLaughlin joined the rescue efforts at Ground Zero. He was the epitome of a first responder; he always ran in when any civilian would have run out.

"For Roy, being a Yonkers police officer wasn't just a job, it's who he was. Coming from a long line of law enforcement, Roy was born to wear the badge and he wore it with tremendous courage and empathy for his fellow citizen. He helped folks when they needed it most because that's what cops do.

"Roy was born and raised in Yonkers and he took great pride in raising his own family here. Our thoughts and prayers are with the McLaughlin family and the entire Yonkers Police Department," concluded Spano.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society at www.braintumor.org.

May God grant peace to the McLaughlin family.

Concert & Cuisine Event Is Oct. 3 in Yonkers

For the last five years, Yonkers has been making headlines as Westchester's new, hip spot to live and work. As the city emerges, media attention has been devoted to the rapid development of the city's waterfront. Brand new buildings and businesses are popping up on every block around the restored Metro-North train station. But look beyond the largely commuter-based culture of downtown and you'll find the city's soul in the more organic and thriving neighborhood of South Broadway.

Running along Broadway from the edge of the downtown district to Van Cortlandt Park, South Broadway is home to a bustling commercial center. In the immediate neighborhood, one finds colorful stores and affordable restaurants catering to a diverse community including Salvadorian, Ecuadorian, Korean, Chinese, Puerto Rican, Palestinian, Jordanian, Yemeni, North African, Italian, Irish and Greek residents.

South Broadway also serves as a primary shopping destination for residents of the grand, historic homes of neighboring Ludlow Park, Park Hill and Van Cortlandt Crest.

On Oct. 3, Yonkers' South Broadway Business Improvement District and local music presenter Urban H2O will launch "C3 on SB: Concert Culture and Cuisine on South Broadway." The free, rain-or-shine event will focus a celebratory spotlight on this culturally diverse and economically vibrant neighborhood with global music from M.A.K.U Sound-system, Atlas Soul, Spuyten Duyvil, Topsy Ox-

cart and Jameson's Revenge.

Local eateries Silvio's Italian Restaurant, La Pupusa Loca (El Salvador), Fonda 5 de Mayo (Mexican) and Yanni's Mediterranean Kitchen (Greek) will be on hand to fill the crowd with hearty international fare. And hidden gem Paletaria La Michoacana will provide the best Mexican ice cream and ice pops this side of the border!

The event is free for all-ages. Families will find plenty to do with supervised craft activities and a visit from Ronald McDonald. To encourage event-goers to explore local businesses, C3 on SB will feature a "Wheel of Fortune" give-away with prizes including a large-screen, flat panel television, X-Box One, a \$500 wine cellar dinner and a fully-staffed and outfitted child's birthday party package.

Event sponsor Groundwork Hudson Valley will be on hand to entertain guests with activities and information on its new rail trail project, which will create a pedestrian and bicycle trail along an old railway line connecting Van Cortlandt Park to Yonkers' vibrant waterfront via South Broadway's residential corridor.

Local business sponsors include 416 Owners Association, Flynn Memorial Home, J Squared Services, Fidelis Care, Silvio's Italian Restaurant, J+M Party Supply, McDonalds and Kenart Realities, Inc.

For more information and a detailed schedule, visit www.urbanh2o.org or www.thesouthbroadwaybid.org.

Chaminade Music Club Presents Soprano & Pianist

The Chaminade Music Club of Yonkers will present soprano Lilla Heinrich Szász, winner of the 2015 Joy in Singing Competition, with Australian-born pianist Lachlan Glen on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers.

The program will include original works by Schubert, Schumann, Kodaly, Wernick, Britten, Turina, Obradors and Delibes, and will last about one hour.

Transylvanian-American soprano Szász has won critical acclaim for her "appealing sound, agile coloratura and oversize wit," according to the New York Times. She has performed both operatic and concert repertoire throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, including Austria, France, Italy and Israel. She has also performed countless leading roles with professional opera companies.

Glen has performed extensively as a piano soloist, with singers and instrumental ensembles throughout the U.S., Australia and Europe. He was the founder and co-artistic director of Schubert and Co., a 2012-13 New York City festival that presented the complete solo lieder of Franz Schubert in a series of 35 recitals in a single season.

The public is welcome to attend the concert. Non-members will be asked for a \$5 donation toward the scholarship fund. The audience is also



Soprano Lilla Heinrich Szász

invited to meet the artists at a reception immediately following the concert.

For more information or directions, call the program chairperson at 914-965-5232 or Co-Presidents Marcia Klein at 914-631-6674 or Judith Skoog at 914-948-6775.

These, Too

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ceries to my car and was sitting in the driver's seat when I got a phone call. One of the Bronxville Parking Enforcement agents knocked on my window and told me I could not sit in the car without putting money in the meter.

I asked him if he was kidding. I just shopped at a store and was talking on the phone for not even 1 minute. He said, "This is Bronxville."

As a friend who owns a business in Bronxville once told me, if businesses in Bronxville had to rely on village residents to survive, they would be bankrupt. That's neither here nor there in the equation, but it is important for Bronxville officials to remember.

So, Bronxville will now enforce parking meter fees for meters on village streets from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Meters in Bronxville parking lots will continue to be enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The meters across from the movie the-

ater, Starbucks and White Cleaners along Kraft Avenue, although adjacent to the parking lot, are considered on-street meters and enforced 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Remember that, friends, when you support the Bronxville economy by catching an indie film at the movie theater or purchase a latte from Starbucks.

Keep in mind that Bronxville village meters are enforced Monday through Saturday, save for the six holidays posted on every meter - New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are enforced on Columbus Day (a federal holiday) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (also a federal holiday). Too many people I know have been ticketed when they thought parking regulations were not in effect.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com and follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Catch the Westchester Rising Radio Show featuring Dan Murphy and Eric Schoen on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on WVOX 1460 on the A.M. dial, wvox.com and click on "listen live," or via the mobile application for download free from the APP store.

Jenkins & Johnson

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job performance. Jenkins' recent appearance on News 12's Newsmakers with former City Councilman John Murtagh was a classic; Jenkins was and still is the best Democratic panelist on the show.

Jenkins victory also means his political future remains intact, and future options include another run for county executive or Yonkers mayor. But his ongoing feud with County Legislator Virginia Perez continues, with Perez' victory in her district, and her continued victories in southwest Yonkers and against the

Democratic Party machine, growing her political legend.

Councilman Johnson secured another four-year term with his victory over Reeves. This was a rematch, and for the second time Johnson reigned victorious over Reeves. Johnson's performance for the district and the fact that he ran a serious and hard-working primary campaign was too much for Reeves, whose campaign seemed to stall in August and early September.

Johnson's re-election victory also means his political future remains bright. After serving another four years on the council, Johnson will be term-limited, but he has plenty of time to figure out his next possibility.

Viva Perez!

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Now for the third time in five years, Perez has defeated the leadership in the Democratic Party in Yonkers.

Perez's victory is a testament to her ability to campaign and interact with voters, and win their support, which few politicians in Westchester can match. Her win also points to a victory for those independent-minded Westchester residents and voters - about 40 percent - who are apolitical and will vote for the best candidate regardless of party, and who want our elected officials to reach across party lines and work together.

"I am so proud and thankful to my constituents, my campaign team, my family and friends for helping me rise again to the top as county legislator of the 17th District," said Perez. "It was no secret that I fought another uphill battle, but the hill that I was climbing was senseless, inaccurate and slanderous. I always work hard for my district and for Westchester County overall. I don't take my job lightly and every decision is with the best interest of my district in mind.

"I'm happy we won and I'm honored to move on to the general election to solidify another term as an honest, humble, caring and loyal legislator to those who chose me to represent them in office," she continued. "A million times 'thank you' and save the date, Nov. 3, for the general election."

Perez will run again against Abreu, who has the Independence Party line, in November, but Perez was on the Democratic line in a district that is overwhelmingly Democratic, makes her re-election all but certain.

Interest in this race included support and spending from both parties, including Republicans and Perez' colleagues on the BOL coalition and County Executive Rob Astorino and his supporters for Perez, and from the Yonkers Democratic Party and Westchester Democrats for Abreu.

Mayor Mike Spano endorsed Perez and

made robo-calls on her behalf in the final days of the campaign, angering some loyal Democrats in Yonkers who were annoyed that the mayor had bucked the party and aided Perez.

Spano's support of Perez made him strange political bedfellows with Astorino; the two may be headed toward a clash for county executive in two years.

Although the primary was held in the 17th District, which comprises southwest Yonkers, the effects of Perez' win had countywide implications. Two Democratic county legislators, Perez and BOL Chairman Michael Kaplowitz, have joined with the seven Republican BOL members to form the majority coalition.

Perez' decision to join the coalition has put her at odds with Legislator Jenkins, also from Yonkers, who was at the time BOL chairman. Jenkins and most of the establishment of the Yonkers Democratic Party thought this would be the year they would defeat Perez.

In our Sept. 4 edition of Yonkers Rising, Perez explained the reasons she left the Democratic caucus on the BOL in 2014 with Kaplowitz.

"When I joined the coalition it was not planned - it just happened," she said. "I watched as my Democratic colleagues, led by Ken Jenkins, couldn't agree on a budget with the county executive and refused to sit down and negotiate in good faith. Ken Jenkins wanted to be the next county executive and just wanted to make Astorino look bad.

"The final straw for me was when they walked out of budget discussions and turned off the lights in the County Board chambers and walked out," Perez continued. "I couldn't be a part of turning my back on the people in my district, and bringing county government to a halt. I refused to be a part of a circus act and my constituents were proud that I took a stand because they re-elected me in 2013. People like to talk about how they work toward bi-partisanship, but they don't mean it," she said.

The people of the 17th County Board District in Yonkers have spoken, and voted, again for Virginia Perez.

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On This Day in Yonkers History ...

By Mary Hoar

President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society
Monday, Sept. 21

Sept. 21, 1923: A representative from an unnamed New York newspaper tried unsuccessfully to arrange to print 130,000 copies daily on the Yonkers Statesman presses during the strike of New York web pressman. After the offer was made by telephone, the gentleman was advised it would not be considered. He then tried to hire Statesman employees to work in the New York City plants on night shifts, but again was refused.

Sept. 21, 1936: The Yonkers Collegiate Center opened for the fall semester at School Ten. In addition to pre-registering, students had to take intelligence and psychological tests, as well as have a thorough medical exam. The examinations were made by trained members of the medical department of the College of the City of New York, sponsor of the local center. Testing was not done to bar students from attending the college, but rather the results were used for statistical purposes.

Courses offered were the basic CCNY freshmen and sophomore curriculum from its School of Civic and Business Administration. This permitted graduates of the High School of Commerce to continue their studies.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Sept. 22, 1908: Celine Swarts Baekeland, chairman of the Americanization Committee of the Woman's Council, announced the week of Sept. 22 would be known as Americanization Week in Yonkers. All activities planned would help immigrants improve their lives in Yonkers. Baekeland was the wife of renowned inventor Dr. Leo Baekeland, the "father of plastic."

Sept. 22, 1928: Nine-year-old "Baby Peggy" Montgomery appeared at Loew's Theater in a one-act playlet called "Pinched." Peggy was one of the three major American child stars of the Hollywood silent movie era, along with Jackie Coogan and Baby Marie. In 1924, at the age of 5, she was dubbed "The Million Dollar Baby" for her \$1.5-million-a-

year earnings; Baby Peggy merchandise included dolls, jewelry, sheet music and milk. In 1924, she was the mascot of the Democratic Convention.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Sept. 23, 1906: Judge Beall sentenced a Dobbs Ferry chauffeur to 15 days in county jail and fined him \$50 for driving 35 miles per hour down Warburton Avenue.

Sept. 23, 1930:

The Yonkers Police Department added a \$175 Thompson machine gun capable of firing a strip of 20 cartridges at a rate of 10 rounds per second to its equipment after Chief Edward Quirk and Public Safety Commissioner Frank Devlin tested it at the armory range.

Thursday, Sept. 24

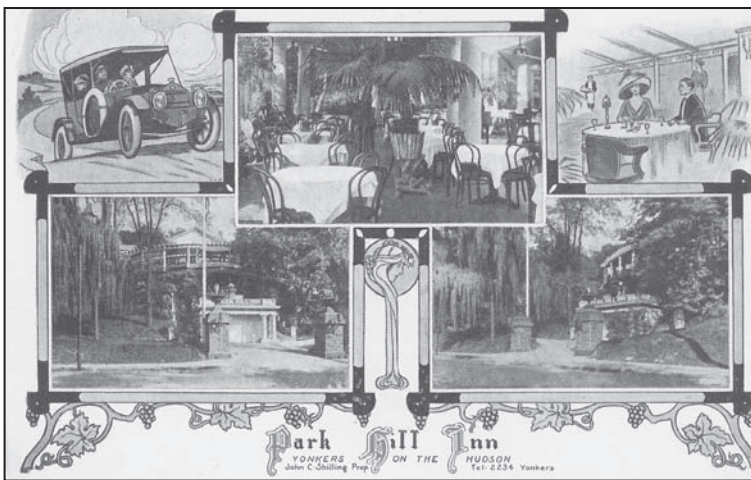
Sept. 24, 1905: A staff of 25 people was hired for the new Park Hill Inn, which opened on the grounds just south of the Park Hill station of the Putnam Railroad. The three-story-high building had 36 bedrooms, several reception rooms, a large banquet hall, grill and dining room, and a barber-shop. Experienced hoteliers J.F. Deering and M.W. Van Tassel were in charge of the inn.

The hotel had special accommodations, which were made for automobile parties, including a gasoline pump built on the ground near the inn.

Sept. 24, 1928: Yonkers was the first stop of 70-year-old Charles Seilitz, who claimed the title of "America's Champion Long Distance Rower" on his attempt to row from New York to Key West, Fla., by way of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Friday, Sept. 25

Sept. 25, 1916: Registration for admission to



A Park Hill Inn advertisement postcard from 1913.

the day classes of Saunders Trades School opened. Girls could enroll in homemaking courses, as well as other non-academic work. Courses in the skilled trades were open to boys. The academic work of English, mathematics, science and drawing was part of the required curriculum for all students.

Sept. 25, 1930: John Wanamaker and Company bought property at Central and Whittier Avenues from Yonkers florist Joseph Crowley to build a new distribution plant. The reported price was \$50,000.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Sept. 26, 1908: One hundred and fifteen starters representing more than a dozen Yonkers athletic clubs participated in the Violet Athletic Club Track Meet. The first-place club was won by the Elite Athletic Club, with the YMCA coming in second. Lawrence Christopher and Carl Schlobohm won the top individual honors.

Sept. 26, 1913: Dr. Sue Radcliffe of Morris Street was appointed to the newly-created position of medical inspector of schools, serving in case of contagious disease epidemics in the schools.

Sept. 26, 1928: The Yonkers Civil Service Board announced that more than 500 people applied for positions in the police and fire depart-



"Baby Peggy" in 1922.

ments.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Sept. 27, 1921: Rumors abounded in Yonkers that President Warren Harding had selected Col. William Boyce Thompson, known as the Copper King, to be ambassador to Germany. Official verification could not be obtained, and the rumors proved to be false, as Ellis L. Dresel was appointed Chargé d'Affaires in December 1921, and Allanson Houghton was appointed ambassador to Germany in April 1922.

Sept. 27, 1928: Former Mayor and Congressman John Andrus was given a tax exemption on 70 acres on North Broadway to build the Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial Home for Orphans.

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

Paladino Op-Ed Shines Light on Trump Agenda

An opinion piece by Carl Paladino's ran on the Yonkers Tribune website (yonkertribune.com) and, in our view, offers one of the few reasoned rationales on Donald Trump's presidential campaign and his stance on many issues.

We also find it ironic that it comes from Paladino, who was never given a fair chance in the New York media during his run for governor in 2010, losing to Gov. Andrew Cuomo by 30 points.

Trump has been able to use his own media savvy skills to get his message, and his campaign, onto most of the television news stations, which continue to interview and publicize him in anticipation of his collapse – which hasn't come after three months of Trump oversaturation across the country.

Paladino's issue-oriented piece of Trump makes us believe that perhaps he had a message to give to New Yorkers five years ago, but we never got a chance to hear it.

Whack Job or America's Savior? Who is Donald Trump and What Does He Really Stand For?

By Carl Paladino

The criticisms of Trump are amazingly missing something.

When interviewing those who work for him (or who have or have had business dealings with him) negative stories are, curiously, lacking. After all the employees he's had and all the business deals he's made there is an unmistakable lack of criticism. In fact, long-term employees call him a strong and compassionate leader and say he has far more integrity and high moral standards than many people think.

And while it may surprise many, he's actually humble when it comes to his generosity and kindness. A good example is a story that tells of his limo breaking down on a deserted highway outside of New York City. A middle-aged couple stopped to help him and as a thank-you he paid off their mortgage – but he didn't brag about that. Generous people rarely talk of the charitable acts they bestow on others.

But as much as all this is interesting, the real thing people want to know is: What is Donald Trump's plan for America. It's funny how so many people say they don't know what it is, or they act like Trump is hiding it. The information is readily available if people would just do a little homework. But, since most Americans won't do their own research, here, in no particular order, is an overview of many of Trump's positions and plans:

1.) Trump believes America should not intervene militarily in other country's problems without being compensated for doing so. If America is going to risk the lives of our soldiers and incur the expense of going to war, then the nations we help must be willing to pay for our help. Using the Iraq War as an example, he cites the huge monetary expense to American taxpayers (more than \$1.5 trillion, and possibly much more depending on what sources are used to determine the cost) in addition to the cost in human life.

He suggests that Iraq should have been required to give us enough of their oil to pay for the expenses we incurred. He includes in those expenses the medical costs for our military and \$5 million for each family that lost a loved one in the war and \$2 million for each family of a soldier who received severe injuries.

2.) Speaking of the military, Trump wants America to have a strong military again. He believes the single most important function of the federal government is national defense. He has said he wants to find the "Gen. Patton" or "Gen. MacArthur" that could lead our military buildup back to the strength it needs to be. While he hasn't said it directly, that I know of, Trump's attitude



Donald Trump

about America and about winning tells me he'd most likely be quick to eliminate rules of engagement that handicap our military in battle.

Clearly, Trump is a "win at all costs" kind of guy, and I'm sure that would apply to our national defense and security, too.

3.) Trump wants a strong foreign policy and believes it must include seven core principles (which seem to support my comment in the last point):

- American interests come first. Always. No apologies.
- Maximum firepower and military preparedness.
- Only go to war to win.
- Stay loyal to your friends and suspicious of your enemies.
- Keep the technological sword razor sharp.
- See the unseen. Prepare for threats before they materialize.
- Respect and support our present and past warriors.

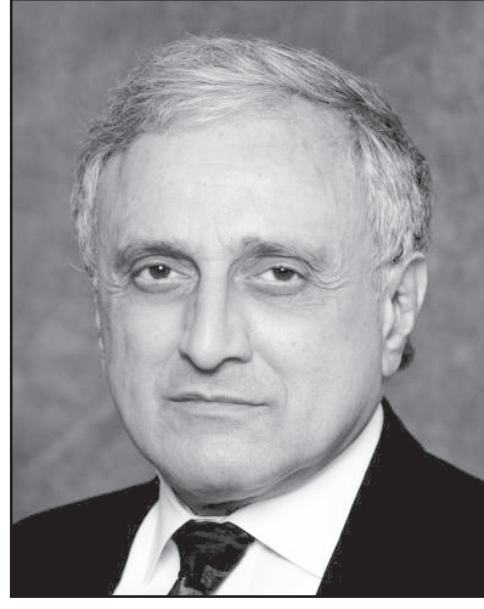
4.) Trump believes terrorists who are captured should be treated as military combatants, not as criminals, like the Obama administration treats them.

5.) Trump makes the point that China's manipulation of their currency has given them unfair advantage in our trade dealings with them. He says we must tax their imports to offset their currency manipulation, which will cause American companies to be competitive again, drive manufacturing back to America and create jobs here. Although he sees China as the biggest offender, he believes America should protect itself from all foreign efforts to take our jobs and manufacturing.

For example, Ford is building a plant in Mexico and Trump suggests that every part or vehicle Ford makes in Mexico be taxed 35 percent if they want to bring it into the U.S., which would cause companies like Ford to no longer be competitive using their Mexican operations and move manufacturing back to the U.S., once again creating jobs here.

6.) Trump wants passage of NOPEC legislation (No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act), which would allow the government to sue OPEC for violating antitrust laws. According to Trump, that would break up the cartel. He also wants to unleash our energy companies to drill domestically (sound like Sarah Palin's "drill baby, drill?") thereby increasing domestic production, creating jobs and driving domestic costs of oil and gas down while reducing dependence on foreign oil.

7.) Trump believes a secure border is critical for both security and prosperity in America. He wants to build a wall to stop illegals from entering and put controls on immigration. (And he says



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he'll get Mexico to pay for the wall, which many have scoffed at – but given his business successes I wouldn't put it past him.) He also wants to enforce our immigration laws and provide no path to citizenship for illegals.

8.) Trump wants a radical change to the tax system to not only make it better for average Americans, but also to encourage businesses to stay here and foreign businesses to move here. The resulting influx of money to our nation would do wonders for our economy. He wants to make America the place to do business.

He also wants to lower the death tax and the taxes on capital gains and dividends. This would put more than \$1.6 trillion back into the economy and help rebuild the 1.5 million jobs we've lost to the current tax system. He also wants to charge companies who outsource jobs overseas a 20 percent tax; but for those willing to move jobs back to America, they would not be taxed.

And for citizens he has a tax plan that would allow Americans to keep more of what they earn and spark economic growth. He wants to change the personal income tax to:

- Up to \$30,000 taxed at 1 percent.
- From \$30,000 to \$100,000 taxed at 5 percent.
- From \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 taxed at 10 percent.
- \$1,000,000 and above taxed at 15 percent.

9.) Trump wants "Obamacare" repealed. He says it's a "job-killing, health care-destroying monstrosity" that "can't be reformed, salvaged or fixed." He believes in allowing real competition in the health insurance marketplace to allow competition to drive prices down. He also believes in tort reform to get rid of defensive medicine and lower costs.

10.) Trump wants spending reforms in Washington, acknowledging that America spends far more than it receives in revenue. He has said he believes that if we don't stop increasing the national debt once it hits \$24 trillion, it will be impossible to save this country. Even though he says we need to cut spending, he does not want to harm those on Medicare, Medicaid or Social Security.

He believes the citizens have faithfully paid in to the system to have these services available and that the American government has an obligation to fulfill its end of the bargain and provide those benefits. Therefore, he wants to build the economy up so we have the revenue to pay those costs without cutting the benefits to the recipients. He disagrees with Democrats who think raising taxes is the answer and says when you do that you stifle the economy.

On the other hand, when you lower taxes and create an environment to help businesses they will

grow, hire more workers, and those new workers will be paying taxes that become more tax revenue for the government.

11.) Trump also wants reform of the welfare state, saying America needs "a safety net, not a hammock." He believes in a "welfare to work" program that would help reduce the welfare rolls and encourage people to get back to work. And he wants a crackdown on entitlement fraud.

12.) Trump believes climate change is a hoax.

13.) Trump opposes Common Core.

14.) Trump is pro-life, although he allows for an exception due to rape, incest or the life of the mother.

15.) Trump is pro-Second Amendment rights.

16.) Trump's view on same-sex marriage is that marriage is between a man and a woman, but he also believes this is a states' rights issue, not a federal issue.

17.) Trump supports the death penalty.

18.) Trump believes there is a lack of common sense and innovative thinking in Washington (hmm...looks like he believes in horse sense!). He says it's about seeing the unseen and that's the kind of thinking we need to turn this country around.

He tells a personal story to illustrate the point:

"When I opened Trump National Golf Club at Rancho Palos Verdes in Los Angeles, I was immediately told I would need to build a new and costly ballroom. The current ballroom was gorgeous, but it only sat 200 people and we were losing business because people needed a larger space for their events. Building a new ballroom would take years to get approval and permits (since it's on the Pacific Ocean) and cost about \$5 million. I took one look at the ballroom and saw immediately what needed to be done. The problem wasn't the size of the room, it was the size of the chairs.

"They were huge, heavy and unwieldy. We didn't need a bigger ballroom, we needed smaller chairs! So I had them replaced with high-end, smaller chairs. I then had our people sell the old chairs and got more money for them than the cost of the new chairs. In the end, the ballroom went from seating 200 people to seating 320 people. Our visitors got the space they desired, and I spared everyone the hassle of years of construction and \$5 million of expense. It's amazing what you can accomplish with a little common sense."

On top of his saving years of construction and \$5 million in expenses, he also was able to keep the ballroom open for business during the time it would have been under remodeling, which allowed him to continue to make money on the space instead of losing that revenue during construction time.

Donald Trump's entire life has been made up of success and winning. He's been accused of bankruptcies, but that's not true. He's never filed personal bankruptcy. He's bought companies and legally used bankruptcy laws to restructure their debt, just as businesses do all the time. But he's never been bankrupt personally.

He's a fighter that clearly loves America and would fight for our nation.

Earlier I quoted Trump as saying: "I love America. And when you love something, you protect it passionately – fiercely, even." We never hear that from Democrats or even from most Republicans. Donald Trump is saying things that desperately need to be said, but no other candidate has shown the fortitude to stand up and say them.

Looking over this list of what he wants for America, I see a very necessary set of goals that are long past due. Before we criticize someone because the media does, maybe we should seriously consider what he has to offer.

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Watch the Pope Address Congress and the UN



Westchester is excited for Pope Francis' New York City visit.

Manhattanville College is giving Westchester residents a chance to experience Pope Francis' visit to the U.S., with special screenings at the O'Byrne Chapel on the college's campus at 2900 Purchase St., Purchase.

On Sept. 24 at 9:20 a.m. in the chapel, residents can watch Pope Francis addresses Congress on a large television that will be set up. He will be the first pope ever to address the U.S.

Congress.

Then on Sept. 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the chapel, residents can watch Pope Francis addresses the United Nations.

Professor Peter Gardella and other faculty will be on hand at each screening to offer perspectives and to lead discussion of what the pope says.

For more information, call 914-323-5133.

Pope Visit Celebrated With Peace Pole Dedication

Senior to Represent School in Welcoming Pope in NYC



Stepinac students will raise a peace pole next week to commemorate Pope Francis' visit.



Stepinac student Brandon Cabaleiro will greet the Pope in NYC.

A Peace Pole dedication ceremony the morning of Sept. 24 and a student fundraiser to support children with cancer are the meaningful ways Archbishop Stepinac High School will celebrate Pope Francis' much anticipated, historic visit to the U.S.

The celebration will take on a more personal, one-on-one encounter the afternoon of Sept. 25 when Brandon Cabaleiro (Class of 2016) of White Plains has the honor of representing Stepinac in welcoming the Pope in New York City. He is one of a select group of outstanding students from throughout the Archdiocese of New York who was chosen to share in the excitement of greeting the Holy Father.

Stepinac Principal Paul Carty said the school wanted to mark the special occasion in ways that would "resonate with the Pope's mission and would be in keeping with our tradition as one of nation's 50 top ranked Catholic High Schools."

"We decided that focusing on world peace and having our students dedicate their generosity toward supporting a worthy but timely cause perfectly fit the bill," he said.

As it turns out, Childhood Cancer Aware-

ness Month is being observed at the same time as the Pope's visit. Carty noted that the goal of the students is to raise \$2,000 or more by Sept. 24, when a check will be presented to representatives from Go4theGoal, the non-profit organization committed to helping children with cancer.

The check presentation will follow the Peace Pole dedication ceremony, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the school grounds. The pole, which is a hand-crafted monument about 6 feet high, displays the message and prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth." Carty said Stepinac's Peace Pole has that message translated in eight languages - English, French, Spanish, Italian, Albanian, Chinese, Korean and Croatian.

Several-thousand Peace Poles can be found in 180 countries around the world as a reminder of the need to visualize and pray for world peace.

Stepinac President the Rev. Thomas Collins (Class of '89) will lead the ceremony with a prayer for world peace. In attendance will be members of the administration and faculty, alumni, students and community leaders.

For more information, visit www.Stepinac.org.

Womenpreneur Event

Sept. 19th
12pm-5pm

Some proceeds will be donated to
My Sister's Place

Building A Stronger You

Yonkers Riverfront Library
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\$30 Advance Tix
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Light Refreshments and Hors D'oeuvre
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Schneider Seeks Yonkers' Fifth District Seat

Cliff Schneider, a 32-year resident of Yonkers, has kicked off his campaign for City Council to represent Crestwood, Colonial Heights, Lawrence Park, northeast Yonkers and the Yonkers section of Fleetwood.

"The district needs more attentive representation," he said.

Schneider is a Democrat running on the Working Families Party line who will caucus with the Democrats if elected to once again bring a progressive majority to the City Council.

He is a Vietnam veteran who was honorably discharged after four years of active duty,

is a married father of a daughter who attended Yonkers Public Schools from pre-kindergarten to graduation, and has spent most of his professional career in nonprofit administration and education. He has served as the executive director of three social service agencies, including mental health, addiction/recovery and environmental organizations. Most recently, he was executive director of the Hudson River Valley Environmental Institute, with sites on the Hudson River (Beczak Environmental Education Center) and Sleepy Hollow (Kingston Park Environmental Education Center).

Schneider has also served as a board member for several nonprofit organizations, as representative to the former Yonkers Green Policy Task Force, and for 13 years was a trustee of the Yonkers Public Library. He is currently president of the Yonkers Public Library Foundation (which raises funds for the library system),



City Council candidate Cliff Schneider

an organization that he helped to create.

Schneider has devoted much of his years in Yonkers to community development and planning, working with various agencies to foster economic growth, and has been recognized by city, county and state officials for his support and development of community-based projects as well as the Yonkers Human Rights Commission for his contributions to the city.

Noting that providing an excellent public education to all Yonkers students is of utmost im-

portance to city residents, Schneider said, if elected, he will devote much of his efforts to strengthening the school system. In addition to working to ensure kids get a good education - one that prepares them for college or for the workforce - Schneider said he will focus on making certain that other critical services aren't overlooked when it comes to budgeting.

Of great importance are the police, fire and Department of Public Works services, as well as public transportation and senior citizen programs. With a shortage of funds, he points out that every dollar must be carefully spent to preserve these essential services.

Schneider said he enthusiastically welcomes the opportunity to further serve the city he has already served for 32 years - this time as City Council representative from the 5th District. For more information about Cliff Schneider's campaign, or to ask a question or provide input, visit www.schneidercampaign.org.



Mayor Mike Spano

Sponsored by Councilwoman Corazón Pineda

WHAT: COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
WHERE: Post Street & Elliott Avenue
WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 2015
TIME: 10:30am-2:30pm

Join Councilwoman Pineda to clean up our neighborhood! Please contact our office to sign up: (914)377-6312. We will meet at the corner of Post Street & Elliott Avenue at 10:30am on 9/26/15 to distribute cleaning supplies and organize teams. Together we can make a difference!

For disposal of metal items (such as microwaves and refrigerators, please call 377-4357 to schedule pick-up (for homes with 6 families or less).

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Facts You Probably Didn't Know about the U.S. Flag

1. Our National Anthem is one of few devoted to a flag.
2. "The Star Spangled Banner," which Francis Scott Key wrote in 1815, did not become the United States' National Anthem until the year 1931.
3. Francis Bellamy, a youth magazine editor, wrote the first version of the Pledge of Allegiance in Boston in 1892.
4. The 50-star flag was designed by 17-year-

old high school student Bob Heft. He made this flag for his 11th grade history class in 1958 and earned a B-minus.

5. Students saluted the flag with their right hand, palm down and extended forward until 1942, when Congress changed it to the hand over the heart because it had too closely resembled Nazi Germany's salute.

Information provided by Exchange Club of Yonkers President Ann Muro.



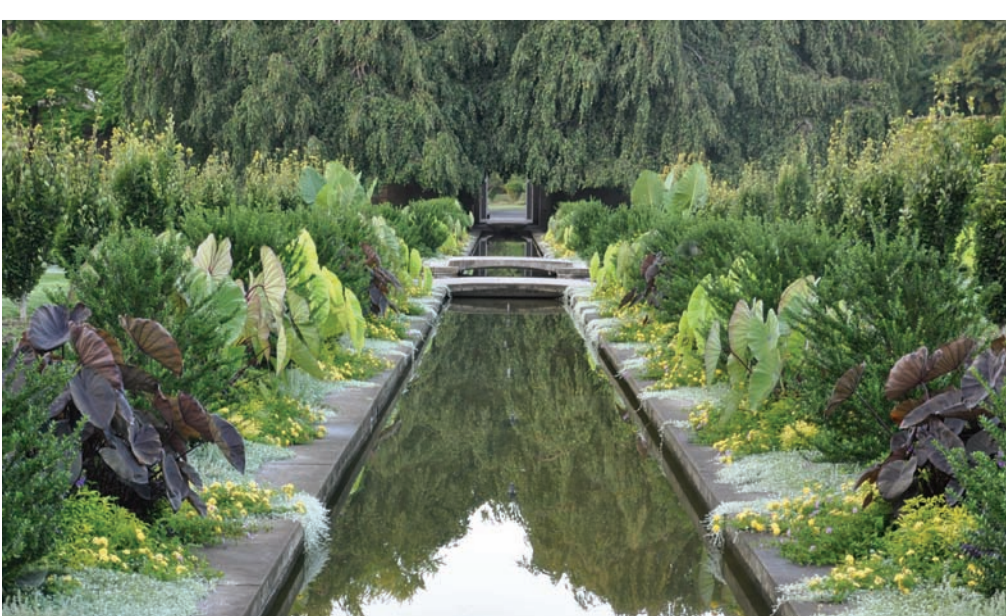
New flag poles encircle the steel beam monument from Ground zero. Photo by Donna Davis.



Students from the Charter School of Educational Excellence remember 9/11. Photo courtesy of City Hall.



A view toward Manhattan from the waterfront memorial. Photo by Donna Davis.



Yonkers Day!

at Untermyer Park and Gardens

Celebrate the gardens with us!

The people of Yonkers are invited to a special afternoon of free music and refreshments in the gardens. Enjoy free tours, lemonade and cookies, and jazz from the Victor LaGamma Trio in the Walled Garden. Relax in one of Yonkers' most beautiful places as you enjoy views of the Hudson River and the Palisades.

September 26, 2:00-5:00pm

945 N. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701

Cosponsored by the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, the Mayor of Yonkers and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.
Rain date Sunday September 27, 2-5pm



From left are Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, Judge Mary Anne Scateraco-Naber, Congressman Eliot Engel, Councilwoman Corazon Pineda and Assembly member Shelley Mayer. Photo by Ed Whitman.



Gus Hayes sings the National Anthem as Yonkers Boy Scouts salute. Photo by Donna Davis.



Veteran Jerry Collins rings a bell for those lost. Photo by Donna Davis.



YFD Deputy Chief Tom Fitzpatrick served as master of ceremonies for the Conor Park ceremony. Photo by Ed Whitman.



YPD Commissioner Charles Gardner speaks, with all seven City Council members and Hope Hollinsworth-Coaxum, far right. Photo by Donna Davis.

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front memorial along the Hudson River, which looks south toward NYC and ground zero.

In the evening, the city held a ceremony at Conor Park at the 9/11 memorial along McLean

Avenue, led by Yonkers Fire Department Deputy Chief Tom Fitzpatrick.

The loss and mourning for the city continued with the passing, on Sept. 11, 2015, of Yonkers Police Lt. Roy McLaughlin, who succumbed to illnesses derived from his work at Ground Zero as a first-responder that historic day. (See story on page 8.)

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