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Saunders Boys Continue Successful B-Ball Season



The Saunders varsity boys' basketball team's winning streak continues.

The Saunders boys' varsity basketball team continues its magical season.

The Blue Devils made it to the County Center in White Plains to play mighty Mt. Vernon in the Class AA semifinals. The last time Saunders reached the County Center was in 1983.

Coach Anthony Nicodemo and junior guard Derrick Felder are the off-the-court and on-the-

court leaders of a hard-playing team that continues to shock the Westchester high school basketball crowd.

The 2014-15 Saunders boys' basketball team is one victory away from making history. Defeating Mount Vernon would secure their spot in the finals – and in Yonkers' history books.

Go Blue Devils!

Yarzulo to Albany: Show Me the Money

Requests \$89M More in Proposed YPS Budget



Dr. Michael Yarzulo, superintendent of schools at YPS, celebrates President Abraham Lincoln's work and life with students from the Eugenia Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School.

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Yarzulo is on a mission. After one year in office leading the 27,000 students and 3,500 staff member at YPS, he has come to a harsh conclusion; there are not enough resources or funding to provide the students in Yonkers with their constitutional to receive a "sound and basic education."

"These kids deserve better, so I'm playing hardball for them this year," said Yarzulo, who recently sat with Board of Education President Nader J. Sayegh for an exclusive interview with Yonkers Rising. "They deserve the same educational opportunity as other Westchester County school districts, but they aren't getting it and haven't gotten it for years.

"I see our students' potential, and to deny them the right to achieve their potential is illegal," continued Yarzulo. "The neediest kids in Westchester receive the least support, and that's wrong. Yonkers is contributing more than any other 'Big 5' city to its education – 45 percent – while Buffalo contributes 15 percent. It's hard for me to go to the city and ask them to do more, so I'm going up to Albany."

Yarzulo has presented a proposed budget for YPS for the 2015-16 school year, with expenditures totaling \$584 million, or 13 percent more than the current year's budget of \$495 million. In a budget presentation to the Board of Education two weeks ago, Yarzulo made the case for the additional funding.

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Yonkers Remembers Black Officers Who Served Their City

In celebration of Black History Month, we remember and honor the deceased African-American police officers from the Yonkers Police Department.

Officer Norman Downes (appointed March 16, 1958, retired May 26, 1978)

Norman Downes Jr. was born in Yonkers in 1932. He attended Yonkers Public Schools and graduated from Roosevelt High School. As a cross-country runner, his team won the 1949 All-City and All-County championships.

Norman attended several semesters at Columbia University in New York City, then joined the United States Army in November 1950. During the Korean War (1951-53), he was a corporal and chief clerk in the finance office, but later volunteered to be part of the 82nd Airborne Division, First Ranger Battalion, as a paratrooper.

As an honorable veteran, Norman was appointed to YPD on March 16, 1958. During his career, he served in all of the four precincts. For a short time, he was selected to serve in the Scooter Squad (Lambretta-Motor Scooters).

Very early in his career he was the organizer of the very first Yonkers Police Guardians Association, in the late 1960s. Norman was chosen to serve as its first president, but he felt that a ranking officer would achieve greater goals for the organization, and that Lt James Barrier should be – and was – elected president.



Police Officer Norman J. Downes Jr.

In November of 2001, Norman was elected president of the Westchester-Rockland Police Guardians Association.

Known to his friends as "Stormin Norman," he retired from the YPD in May 1978. Norman then owned and operated Ups-N-Downs, a t-shirt business.

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Civil Rights Hero Turns 100 in Westchester



Dr. Olivia Hooker with Coast Guard Auxiliary members, including, from left, (front) Yolanda Robinson ADSO-PB, Flotilla 6-4; Pat Push FC, Flotilla 6-8; Dr. Olivia Hooker, Flotilla 6-8; Peg Millar FSO-SR, Flotilla 6-8; (rear) Karen Schullere VFC, Flotilla 6-8; and Barbara Schulz FSO-VE, Flotilla 6-8. Missing from the picture is Connie Fowler of Yonkers Flotilla 06-08. Photo by Donna Davis.

By Dan Murphy

The Hudson River Museum in Yonkers last week celebrated the life and 100th birthday of Dr. Olivia J. Hooker, whose service

to the country as a civil rights trailblazer and military pioneer was commemorated by the Yonkers Commission on Human Rights.

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'Stop & Shake' Encourages Better Police-Resident Relations



"Stop and Shake" creator Hector Santiago with Mayor Mike Spano and Police Commissioner Charles Gardner.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week joined Police Commissioner Charles Gardner; members of the Yonkers Police Department; Police Benevolent Association; Yonkers Captains,

Lieutenants and Sergeants Association; Shawn Patterson Howard, CEO of the Yonkers Family YMCA; resident Hector Santiago; and other

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City Council OKs Borrowing \$40M for YPS

The Yonkers City Council voted Tuesday to approve a \$40 million bonding and borrowing plan for the Yonkers Public Schools, to help close a \$40 million budget hole in the school district created two years ago by a major budgeting error and overestimation of state aid.

The budget error, uncovered two years ago, was originally estimated at \$55 million. However, that number was reduced to \$40 million through cost-savings measures. As part of the state budget agreement last year, Yonkers was permitted to bond \$40 million through deficit financing, and borrow the funds to pay for the error.

The caveat that comes with the borrowing is that the State Comptroller's Office now has budgetary review over the City of Yonkers budget. The loss of local control over the city's budget has been the reason several members of the City Council have objected to the borrowing plan.

At Tuesday's council meeting, the vote was 5-2 in favor of the \$40 million in bonding, with Council President Liam McLaughlin and Councilman Dennis Shepherd voting no. Both McLaughlin and Shepherd explained their no votes by pointing to the state control over Yon-

kers finances, and said that borrowing to pay for services rendered two years ago is bad financial practice.

The two other Republican members of the City Council, Majority Leader John Larkin and Mike Breen, reluctantly voted for the borrowing, and joined with the three Democrats in explaining that the solution of borrowing \$40 million is the best solution out of a difficult and unfortunate situation.

The council also passed a resolution urging the state to eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment. If the GEA were eliminated, the City of Yonkers and the school district could benefit with millions more in state aid. More on how State Senate Republicans are also calling for the elimination of GEA will be featured in next week's Rising newspaper.

The council is also expected to move forward with a lawsuit against the state for constitutional violations and improper funding of high-needs school districts across the state.

The council did not have on its agenda the negotiated new contract for Yonkers Firefighters Local 628.

'Quinn for the Win' Tourney Raises Funds for ALS



Ice Bucket Challenge founder Pat Quinn with the winners of his 3-on-3 basketball tournament-fundraiser for ALS research at Yonkers PAL.

Yonkers resident Pat Quinn held his organization's ("Quinn for the Win") second annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament recently at Yonkers Police Athletic League. This event brings together 32 teams of three to five people to play basketball and rally behind Quinn's battle with ALS, often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Many spectators came all day to watch the local talent of the teams and support the cause.

This event is especially important to Quinn because he is a huge basketball fan. He played the sport at Iona Prep and played in recreational leagues with most of the players in the tournament up until 2012 – when he first started experiencing twitching and muscle fatigue in his arms.

Basketball is Quinn's passion and it gives him a sense of support and encouragement for

individuals to come out and play their hardest to win the championship.

Congratulations to this year's winning team, the White Plains Panthers, including Jimmy Higgins, Farid Johnson, Greg Muller (2015 Most Valuable Player), Brendan Callahan and William Justin.

The event can only get bigger and better for next year, and Quinn for the Win is ready for the third annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament in 2016!

Quinn is staying strong while fighting Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

He thanks the highest fundraising team, Purple Caterpillars, for raising \$1,950, and the highest individual fundraiser, Matt Downs, for raising \$1,300 for ALS.

YoHo Featuring Artwork By Deborah Holcombe



Artistic works of Deborah Holcombe in her YOHO artist studios.



Artist Deborah Holcolombe's subjects consist largely of still-life glass objects that are dependent on light for the desired reflection and refraction effects, and her former studio was just not fit for the job.

"There were glasses, bottles and everything else stacked all around," she said. "I was breaking glasses."

Holcombe moved from the smaller studio space in her attic to YOHO Artist Studios, Westchester's largest artist studio building, in October. A friend referred her to YOHO, where she is happy to have found all the space, light, and storage area she needs.

Holcolombe's work is a masterful exploration of refraction and the distortion of still-life – specifically glass, as it reacts to light and the materials behind it. Her subjects range from common,

everyday moments involving fruits and tea towels juxtaposed with wine glasses and glass bowls, to unexpected and surprising scenes, such as the spilled wine and jagged broken glass in "Lost Wine No. 2."

Holcombe is a graduate of Tyler School of Art, Temple University, having earned a bachelors of fine arts degree. Her work, which is primarily oil-painted still-life on canvas, has been featured in Yonkers' Blue Door Gallery, where she has been recognized with an "Honorable Mention."

Additionally, she is a member of the Edward Hopper House Art Center in Nyack, and this month will be contributing to the Modharts Gallery in New Rochelle.

Find out more about Holcombe's work at www.yohoartists.com and www.deborahholcombe.com.

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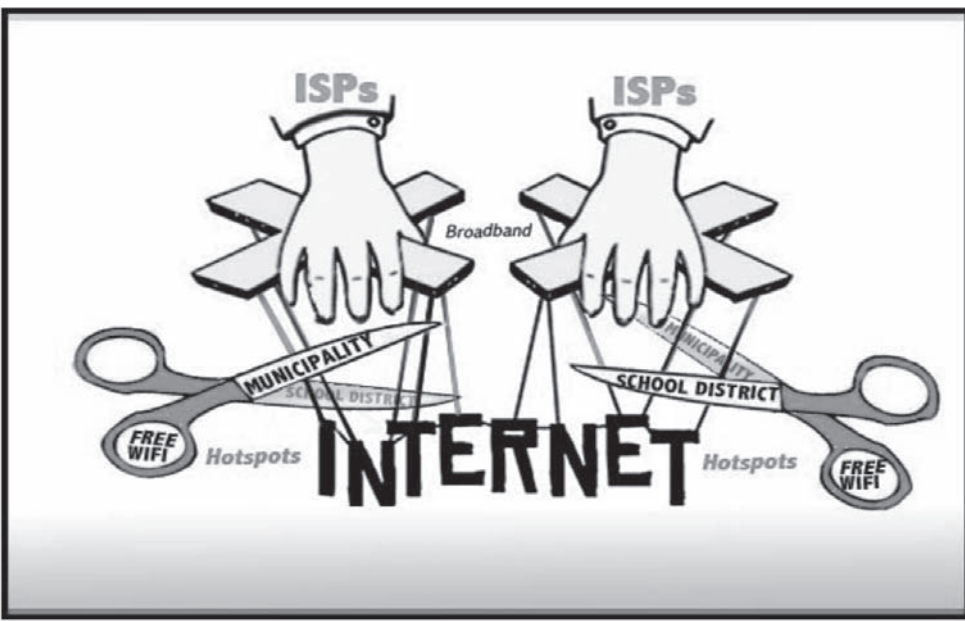
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Leading the Local Charge to Free WIFI



By Derickson K. Lawrence

The reality of regional wireless Internet and its irrevocable and profound impact on kindergarten-through-grade-12 digital learning are within our grasp. President Barack Obama announced Jan. 14 the need for new regulation via the Federal Communication Commission that would force states that currently block competition at the municipal level to open the process.

By the president tipping the scale, he officially kicked off the race to broadband and faster wireless speeds.

What's neither part of the president's message nor Gov. Andrew Cuomo's recent State of the State Address regarding broadband is that it will take bold innovative steps, strong local leadership and public-private partnerships to forge and change the existing paradigm. It could start in any city or municipality – maybe even in Mount Vernon.

Soon, New York school districts will start spending funds from the \$2 billion Smart Bond Act, yet absent a clear strategic framework that encourages public-private partnership (such as municipalities, schools and communication vendors working together), and the heavy lift of free Wi-Fi becomes the burden of individual communities. Today, the largest growth segment of consumers of digital data is children between the age of 10 to 17 – and they are found in the classroom.

As more innovative educational "applications" are introduced in schools, expect demand for access to those apps to increase outside of schools, with distant learning. Hence the greater need for free, ubiquitous Wi-Fi-hot spots, as opposed to the cellular wireless "data plans," especially in rural and poor urban school districts.

Historical Precedence for Free Service & Continuous Change

Municipalities have the authority through a 1984 federal statute to articulate "the needs and interest" of the larger community to the Internet Service Providers – the local digital infrastructure providers. More to the point, school districts and municipalities already enjoy free public access cable today, as a derivative of that statute – specifically PEG – as one of the give-backs to the community for a municipality's cable franchise agreement.

Imagine the combined leverage created when municipalities and districts are sitting on the same side of the negotiating table, making the case for today's equivalent of PEG services – Wi-Fi hot spots.

A changing regulatory environment has helped meet the ever-increasing communication needs of consumers. Take the Federal Communication Act of 1996, which raised the stakes by allowing any communications business to compete in any market against any other, and also added Internet service to the mix. The thinking was that competition would drive a more diverse set of services and lower costs to the consumers. As a result, Verizon (a former phone company provider) can get a franchise agreement and bring local communities "triple play" – phone, Internet and cable.

FCC 96 also spurred continuous change. Put simply, it ushered more vendor consolidation through acquisition (such as Comcast/Time Warner), and an ever-changing range of wireless services (such as 3G, 4G and 4G LTE).

On Feb. 26, after a decade of discourse, the FCC is set to rule in support of "net neutrality," a decision that will further support a level playing field for all consumers (municipalities and school districts) to access the Internet.

Local Strategy to Change the Paradigm

The first conversation should be on the merits of a partnership, which includes "the needs and interest of the community."

After a partnership is formed and a basic set of standards is developed, the next conversation is the negotiation strategy with Internet service providers. Greater clarity from the state in regard to guidance and use of funds from the Small Business Administration or "Prop 3" will help that process. But all team members need to be on the same page.

What will work here, however, is the option for "co-opetition" – competitors working together for the "local public interest" with upside potential for each participant. With incentives of matching funds (from SBA to the ISPs, and newly announced New York State broadband funds of \$500 million) the opportunity is to negotiate a compelling proposition for a phased technology infrastructure build-out, as a foundation for regional Wi-Fi hot spots and a pathway to faster wireless speeds.

If additional competition is warranted to "cut the existing strings," municipalities ought to open the doors to that, as well.

Benefits

Beyond accommodating education's shift toward digital learning, like electricity a century ago, free Wi-Fi and broadband have the propensity to drive economic growth, create jobs and engender a buzzing ecosystem of commerce. During his State of the Union address Jan. 20, the president again underscored the importance of broadband.

"I intend to protect a free and open Internet, extend its reach to every classroom and every community, and help folks build the fastest networks so that the next generation of digital innovators and entrepreneurs have the platform to keep reshaping our world," he said.

The leadership of the City of Mount Vernon deserves kudos for warming to the idea. A cursory look at charters of southern Westchester cities (White Plains, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Yonkers – a multi-region block and a microcosm of the state) shows the issuance of non-exclusive, revocable licenses to incumbent franchisees.

That's good news. But they will all require charter updates to establish standards and address this rapidly-changing environment of broadband and the opportunity for free regional Wi-Fi. A bottoms-up approach is the way forward. And, I am rooting for the home team to lead the charge – the City of Mount Vernon.

The author is a former director of Gartner Consulting, and chairs the Westchester County Home Owners' Coalition.

This, Too, is the Oscars, Ethics and Parking Victory

By Eric W. Schoen

Oh the weather outside is frightful...

Wait a minute! It's not July in Florida. It's February in New York!

The Oscars

While the world debates whether Neil Patrick Harris did a good or bad job hosting the Oscars and who the host will be next year, maybe the debate should be whether the awards ceremonies are relevant anymore.

You have a movie like "American Sniper," which has taken in more than \$300 million at the box office, win a single award for sound editing while a movie that has taken in a little more than a tenth of that, "Birdman," which wins for best picture.

Some would like to blame "American Sniper's" loss on political considerations, but that's just not the case. Academy voters year after year show their love for weird, supposedly artistic movies that 99 percent of the public would walk out of the theater on and demand a refund for.

As for "Birdman's" main competitor this year, "Boyhood," I would rather have watched paint dry.

Movies are close to \$13 at the multiplex. Take my word for it: You and your family will enjoy the other movies in the best picture category – "The Grand Budapest Hotel," "The Imitation Game," "Selma," "The Theory of Everything" and "Whiplash" – much more than "Birdman" or "Boyhood."

Let's hope that one day, Hollywood comes up with a system which awards movies that people want to watch rather than "artistic" gems that no one cares about.

Ethics

New York State government and Albany...the mere mention of either brings more laughs than the funniest comedy at the multiplex.

Public officials are required to disclose all outside income more than \$1,000; no Legislator or legislative employee can receive compensation in connection with a pending bill or resolution; lawmakers can't represent companies in legislative matters or refer the companies to their own firms; and lawmakers convicted of corruption lose their pensions.

Pretty basic stuff.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo should not have to threaten to veto the New York State budget unless these "reforms" are put in place. There are many good men and women with integrity who represent us in Albany, and they need to rise up and reform the pay-to-play system that exists and weed out the bad apples. And quickly!

Love for America

Let me preface my remarks by saying I have been a fan of former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani for many years. I truly believe that if it were not for some bad political calculations by his handlers, he would have given President Barack Obama a run for the money in the 2008 presidential election.

He was the mayor of New York City on 9/11 and had to attend hundreds of funerals for those who died when our country was attacked. He takes terrorism seriously – as we all should.

So when he sees an administration in Washington that many feel is not taking terrorism as seriously as it should, it troubles him.



Eric W. Schoen

Giuliani is a bright guy who should have known better than to say that Obama does not love America. Giuliani's remarks don't help his cause, or his party, and embarrass our country in the world at a time when we don't need to be any more embarrassed. We must all be united in our fight against those forces that seek to bring destruction to our shores.

And our senators and congressmen and women need to stop the nonsense

threatening to shut down the government or Homeland Security. Those TSA folks screening us at the airport are more show than substance, but they are all we have and their jobs and pay and those that support their work should not be threatened by partisan political bickering.

Alternate-Side-of-the-Street-Parking in Yonkers? Why?

The goal of alternate-side-of-the-street parking is to clean the streets and allow city workers and those that need access to the street (Con Edison, telephone companies, etc.) the ability to perform the services they provide without being blocked.

Why the City of Yonkers gives out tickets to motorists who do not move their cars on alternate-side-of-the-street parking days in the middle of winter when the temperature is zero degrees and street cleaning is not taking place and work is not being done on the road just boggles the mind.

It is just a simple way to annoy people and generate revenue.

Victory!

Yonkersites, it is time to rejoice! The people who patronize stores on Midland Avenue and area merchants made their voices heard loud and clear: The Yonkers Parking Authority has removed the fancy parking meters that were tested on Midland Avenue, depriving parkers of the free 10 minutes they need to run in for their egg rolls, sushi, pasta, pizza and prescriptions.

Several weeks ago in this column I outlined the merchants' and patrons' plight and encouraged all those involved to make their voices heard by contacting the Yonkers Parking Authority and registering their dissatisfaction with the new, fancy parking meters. You did, and although the signs for the fancy meters have not been removed, the authority listened and reactivated the old meters, giving motorists a free 10 minutes.

Now we need all the people who contact me and this newspaper complaining about the Yonkers red light cameras to contact their elected officials and voice their displeasure with the money-grubbing program. If the politicians don't want to end the program, at the very least demand signage at the approach to intersections with the cameras alerting motorists.

If Mount Vernon, which just started its red light camera program, can put up signage at the approach to intersections with red light cameras to alert motorists, Yonkers can, too!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@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.

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Consider Donating Blood During American Red Cross Drive

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano has announced that the city, along with the Yonkers Police Benevolence Association and the Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall.

"Blood donations are needed every day and many of us possess the ability to donate," said Spano. "With the assistance of our finest men and women of the Yonkers Police Department, the City of Yonkers is providing an opportunity for employees and residents to make an impact on someone's life."

According to the American Red Cross, every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. is in need of blood. Although 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate, less than 10 percent of people actually do each year.

To donate blood you must be in good health and feeling well; be at least 17 years old in most states, or 16 years old with parental consent if allowed by state law; and weigh at least 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger, and all high school donors.

"Since the shelf life of blood is only 42 days, the blood supply constantly needs to be replenished," said Thomas Kane, account manager of blood donor services for the American Red Cross. "We're urging all healthy individuals 16 years and older to make an appointment and roll up your sleeves March 20. All blood types are needed. If your blood type is type O, A negative, B negative or AB negative, please consider donating Red Cells, which will be available to do at this blood drive. Every blood donation really does make a difference."

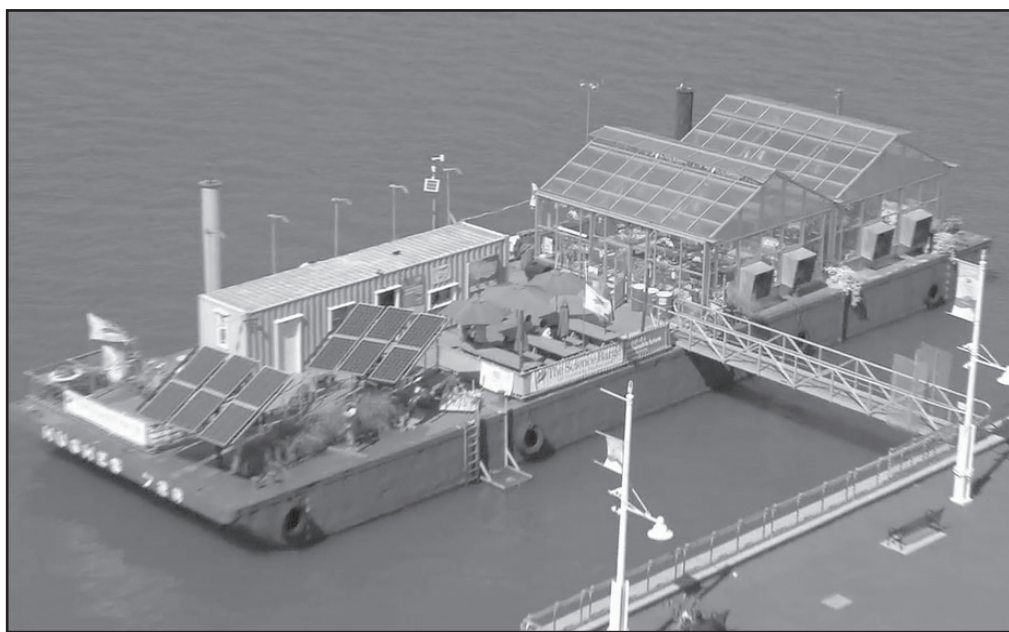
"We thank Mayor Spano and the city for providing this opportunity to lead by example in our community," added Thomas Phelan, Yonkers CLSA president. "The blood drive is a way to donate our time and resources to ultimately benefit hundreds of lives."

Keith Olson, Yonkers PBA president, said: "Yonkers PBA is eager to join our city leaders and fellow police officers in this effort and help give renewed life to those in need."

The American Red Cross will administer the city's blood drive in the Ceremonial Courtroom, on the fourth floor of Yonkers City Hall. Residents are encouraged to schedule an appointment to donate at www.redcrossblood.org using the keyword "yonkerscityhall," or by calling 1-800-Red-Cross (733-2767).

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NY Power Authority Releases Energy Master Plan for Yonkers



The Yonkers Science Barge leads the way for self sustaining energy.

The New York Power Authority last week unveiled a bold set of initiatives that will help Yonkers reduce overall energy costs and carbon emissions, advance energy sustainability and support clean energy technologies and jobs.

Announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in his State of the State message, the Yonkers energy initiative is part of the Five Cities Energy Plans, which could save some of New York's largest municipalities up to \$400 million annually in energy costs. Also participating are Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse.

Cuomo also announced funding for a new energy competition that will award millions in funding to the most innovative energy project proposed by the five cities. Under the \$35 million, five-year program, a state-funded energy manager position will be created for each city, and a "race-to-the-top" competition will award up to \$20 million to the most forward-thinking, advanced energy projects.

"The Yonkers Energy Plan will create clean-tech jobs; save consumers, businesses and taxpayers money; and make our energy infrastructure more reliable," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "Yonkers is already one of the most energy-efficient cities in the nation. This plan and our ongoing partnership with NYPA will help build on that success and cement Yonkers' position at the forefront of urban sustainability and as a national model for its green initiatives."

Energy-saving measures outlined in the Yonkers Energy Plan include benchmarking energy use in large buildings, teaching sustainability in Yonkers schools, expanding the use of renewable energy and promoting public transit-oriented development. To view the complete plan, visit: www.nypa.gov/YonkersEnergyPlan.html.

The Yonkers plan is the culmination of a year-long process, spearheaded by NYPA, which included data collection and analysis and stakeholder engagement with participation from local utilities, civic and government entities, and environmental groups. Designed to be highly participatory, NYPA hired the energy services firm Arup Group to oversee the process.

To support implementation of the plans, NYPA will create five new energy manager positions to help implement and be accountable for the newly completed plans for each city, and establish an energy liaison position to serve as a link between New York State agencies and authorities and the five cities, and provide technical expertise and streamlined support.

Also, it will finance grants to facilitate implementation, including initial startup costs and a race-to-the-top competition for carrying out large energy projects, showcasing new technologies and accelerating clean energy markets.

NYPA will help the cities implement the plans and monitor their progress. These efforts will expand and build on other NYPA programs, including energy-efficiency financing, NY Energy Manager, and K-Solar, a program to install solar photovoltaic systems at schools statewide.

The Five Cities Energy Plans initiative expands upon the BuildSmart NY Program, established by Cuomo in 2011. The cities will work toward the goal of improving energy efficiency 20 percent by 2020 for municipal facilities and 20 percent by 2030 citywide, including private buildings. NYPA is the lead agency for implementing BuildSmart NY, which mandates a 20 percent energy-efficiency increase in state-owned and managed buildings by 2020.

Over the last three years, Spano and the City of Yonkers have undertaken one of the most ambitious municipal sustainability programs in New York State. Known as Yonkers Green City, the city's ongoing initiatives, which include the installation of 12,000 new LED street lights, will save Yonkers taxpayers \$20 million in energy costs over 10 years and reduce the city's carbon footprint by 12 percent.

"I thank Gov. Cuomo for his leadership and his continued support for the City of Yonkers," said Spano. "We look forward to participating in the competition and securing funds to expand sustainability efforts in our city."

To read the Yonkers Energy Plan, visit www.yonkersny.gov/energyplan.

Learn About Updated FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps

An information session on the recently updated Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance rate maps will be held Wednesday, March 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The maps, which identify at-risk areas of flooding in the Long Island Sound and Hudson River coastal municipalities of Westchester County, are used by insurance companies to determine a property's flood insurance requirements.

"Flooding is the number-one-rated disaster in the United States and an issue of particular importance in Westchester," said County Executive Robert Astorino. "Becoming informed about the potential for flooding is one way to prepare for the risks and costs of recovery from a disaster."

Astorino said the new maps may now include some Westchester properties in a special flood hazard area that previously weren't included, and owners of these properties may be required to carry flood insurance. FEMA staff will be available at the County Center to discuss these possible changes.

The maps will be available for viewing at

the information session. To identify and consult the appropriate map, county residents will be able to look up their property address via the "Base Flood Elevation" tool. Representatives from FEMA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Westchester County Department of Planning will be on-hand to assist in explaining the maps and to help answer flood risk and insurance questions.

All are welcome to attend, however the communities most impacted by the updated maps are Briarcliff Manor, Buchanan, Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Harrison, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington, Larchmont, Mamaroneck town and village, Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining town and village, Peekskill, Pelham, Pelham Manor, Port Chester, Rye city, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown and Yonkers.

Admission to the March 11 information session is free. Parking at the County Center, located at 198 Central Ave., White Plains, is \$7. For more information, contact David Kvinge, director of environmental planning, at 914-995-2089 or dsk2@westchestergov.com.

Upcoming Westchester County Nature Centers Events

A number of activities will take place the weekend of Feb. 28 and March 1.

The public is invited to submit artwork for the "Seasons at Lenoir" exhibit between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday at the Lenoir Preserve on Dudley Street in Yonkers. Artwork must have been inspired by the preserve and wired and ready for hanging.

Also on Saturday, learn how Native Americans lived, hunted and played during the "Lenni Lenape of Lenoir" at 1 p.m. For more information, call 914-968-5851.

On Saturday and Sunday, during the Sugar-

house Chat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge on Route 121 South in Cross River, the evaporator will be producing winter's sweet reward - maple syrup. For more information, call 914-864-7322.

Then on Sunday, "make-n-take" animal plaster tracks at Marshlands Conservancy on Route 1 in Rye at 2 p.m. For more information, call 914-835-4466.

To learn more about Westchester County nature centers, visit www.westchestergov.com/parks.

Academic Excellence

Nicole Fox of Yonkers has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., having earned a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast and electronic communication.

Fiona McGovern, of Yonkers has graduated from the University at Albany, having earned

a bachelor of arts degree in rhetoric and communication.

Lizbeth Merelo of Yonkers has graduated from the University at Albany, having earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She graduated Summa Cum Laude.

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Visit Willow at the Yonkers Animal Shelter at 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or noon and 4 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time, or email lesliem147@gmail.com.



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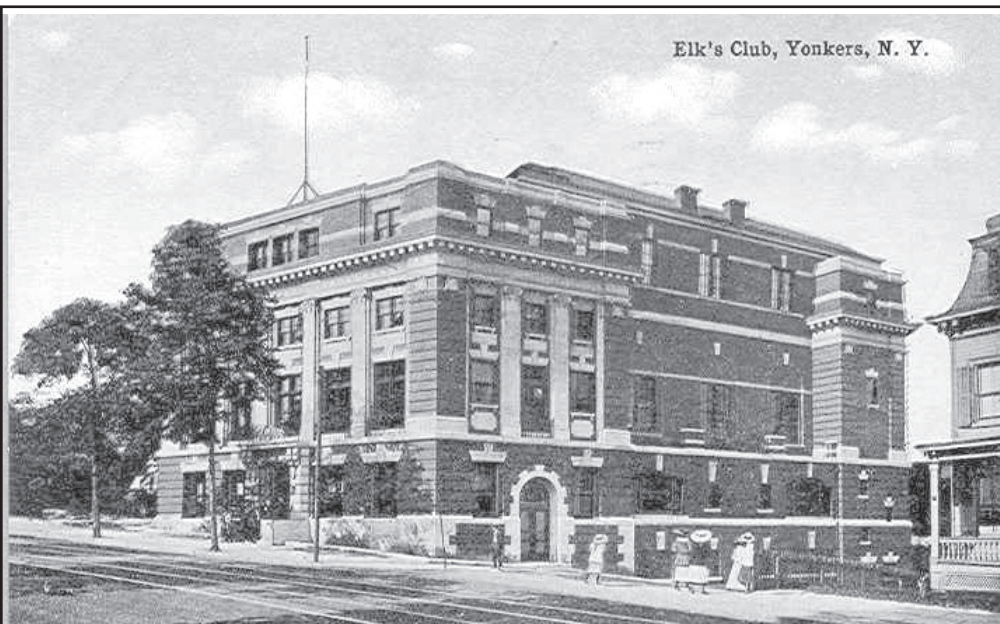
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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Elk's Club, Yonkers, N. Y.

The Yonkers Elks Club

By Mary Hoar
President, Yonkers Historical Society
Monday, March 2

March 2, 1920: Judge Joseph F. Daly gallantly championed the cause of woman suffrage in a speech given at "Roanoke," his home at 120 Hudson Terrace. He argued that the influence of the woman's ballot was imperative to eradicate the injustices of politics.

Tuesday, March 3

March 3, 1888: Ground was broken for St. Joseph's Hospital.

March 3, 1914: The formal dedication of the new home of the Yonkers Lodge of Elks at South Broadway and Kellinger Street was conducted by Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Leach and his staff.

March 3, 1935: Sarah Lawrence's invasion of the male-dominated world of polo proved successful. At an exciting match watched by a large crowd, the Yonkers college's all-female squad beat the Yale University team by one point, with a final score of 10-9.

Wednesday, March 4

March 4, 1910: Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore was elected president of the new Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association at a meeting at her home and was credited with much of its success. By 1913, the Yonkers group had formed the entire state in women suffrage units, working in all assembly districts. After more than seven years, the group was rewarded when the suffrage amendment was passed in New York State, on Nov. 6, 1917.

March 4, 1932: Police searched Grant Avenue and Lincoln Park for kidnapped Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., after an anonymous note was found in an East Yonkers mailbox.

Thursday, March 5

March 5, 1834: Frederick Weed bought the Sherwood House for \$1,200, and the Weed family occupied this home for almost 90 years.

March 5, 1942: Women working in the Yonkers Genungs department store were given the opportunity to run the store for three days while all male executives were to do their bidding. Appointed to fill these temporary positions were Filomena Torres as president, Margaret Potenza as vice president, Connie Annunziata as store manager, Selma Engle as assistant manager and Mary Cannon as personnel manager.

Friday, March 6

March 6, 1903: Ground was broken for the Yonkers Lace Works factory to be built at Riverdale Avenue and Downing Street. Its first factory was located at Wells and Woodworth Avenue.

March 6, 1943: World War I hero and Yonkers Police Department Patrolman Robert Busch waded through waist-deep mud, snow, ice and water in the Nepperhan Creek in a near-zero gale to rescue a man trapped in the muddy mixture. The man had fallen from the Ben Franklin Transportation Company's pier at the foot of Dock Street.

Saturday, March 7

March 7, 1925: Chicken thieves used an expensive limousine to cart away 17 fat hens from a Mulberry Street chicken coop in an early morning raid.

March 7, 1925: Thomas Rail of 100 Alexander Ave. saved the life of young Teresa Salvage of 972 McLean Ave. When her dress caught fire in a vacant lot near her home, Rail beat out the flames with his hands and wrapped the tot in an apron thrown to him by a nearby woman. He took her to a nearby drug store where staff gave first aid



Mrs. Arthur Livermore

treatment while waiting for the arrival of a local Woodlawn doctor.

The child's back, stomach and left arm were severely burned, but it was expected she would recover completely. The good doctor took her home.

March 7, 1930: Health Commissioner Clarence Buckmaster announced that the new health center to be erected behind City Hall would have a penthouse for use as quarters for the "menagerie" of the Bureau of Laboratories.

Sunday, March 8

March 8, 1915: Patrolman Jerome F. Linehan caught a runaway team of horses after a brewery dray on runners, loaded with kegs of beer, overturned at Warburton Avenue and Dock Street. The kegs - once liberated from the wagon - rolled downhill, much to the amusement of children who were sleigh riding.

March 8, 1915: Fifteen deputy sheriffs, armed with repeating rifles, patrolled the grounds of a farm at Tuckahoe and Grassy Sprain Road to prevent animals or birds from visiting the property. An epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease, ravaging the dairy herds in Yonkers, had been found on that farm. By quarantining the farm, the city authorities hoped to prevent the spread of the disease, which is fatal to animals.

A second farm was quarantined the next day, and the health bureau issued a warning to all consumers to pasteurize their milk.

March 8, 1922: J. Raymond Hannon of 333 Warburton Ave. was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross for evacuation of wounded under heavy shellfire during the Somme offensive in March 1918. He served with the U.S. Ambulance Corps and previously was decorated with the French Croix de Guerre.

March 8, 1925: An unnamed veteran musician and actor, who claimed to have accompanied many of noted actress Maggie Cline's appearances at the Warburton Theater, was placed on three months probation by Judge Boote, after the actor had been arrested for incessant and loud ukulele playing. The police kept the ukulele.

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

FBI Director, Yonkers Native Talks Candidly on Race & Policing

By Dan Murphy

FBI Director and Yonkers native James Comey recently delivered a speech at Georgetown University, where he addressed his concerns and historical perspective on race relations and policing in America.

Following is a large portion of Comey's speech:

"With the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, the death of Eric Garner in Staten Island, the ongoing protests throughout the country and the assassinations of NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, we are at a crossroads. As a society, we can choose to live our everyday lives, raising our families and going to work, hoping that someone, somewhere, will do something to ease the tension, to smooth over the conflict. We can roll up our car windows, turn up the radio and drive around these problems, or we can choose to have an open and honest discussion about what our relationship is today - what it should be, what it could be, and what it needs to be - if we took more time to better understand one another.

"Unfortunately, in places like Ferguson and New York City, and in some communities across this nation, there is a disconnect between police agencies and many citizens - predominantly in communities of color.

"Serious debates are taking place about how law enforcement personnel relate to the communities they serve, about the appropriate use of force, and about real and perceived biases, both within and outside of law enforcement. These are important debates. Every American should feel free to express an informed opinion - to protest peacefully, to convey frustration and even anger in a constructive way. That's what makes our democracy great. Those conversations, as bumpy and uncomfortable as they can be, help us understand different perspectives and better serve our communities.

"Of course, these are only conversations in the true sense of that word if we are willing not only to talk, but to listen, too.

"I worry that this incredibly important and incredibly difficult conversation about race and policing has become focused entirely on the nature and character of law enforcement officers, when it should also be about something much harder to discuss. Debating the nature of policing is very important, but I worry that it has become an excuse, at times, to avoid doing something harder.

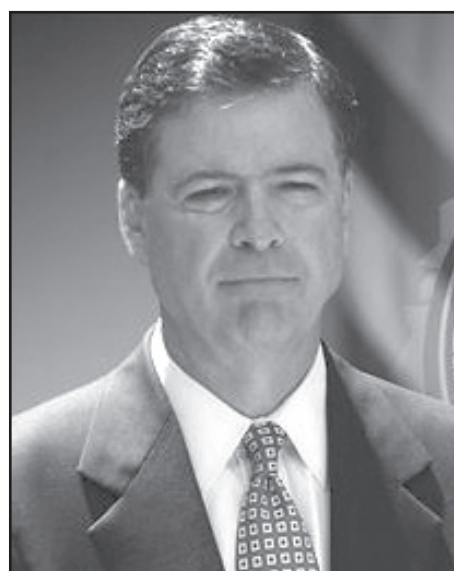
"Let me start by sharing some of my own hard truths...

"First, all of us in law enforcement must be honest enough to acknowledge that much of our history is not pretty. At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups. It was unfair to the Healy siblings and to countless others like them. It was unfair to too many people.

"I am descended from Irish immigrants. A century ago, the Irish knew well how American society - and law enforcement - viewed them: as drunks, ruffians and criminals. Law enforcement's biased view of the Irish lives on in the nickname we still use for the vehicles we use to transport groups of prisoners. It is, after all, the 'paddy wagon.'

"The Irish had tough times, but little compares to the experience on our soil of black Americans. That experience should be part of every American's consciousness, and law enforcement's role in that experience - including in recent times - must be remembered. It is our cultural inheritance.

"There is a reason that I require all new agents and analysts to study the FBI's interaction with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to visit his



FBI Director and Yonkers native James Comey

memorial in Washington as part of their training. And there is a reason I keep on my desk a copy of Attorney General Robert Kennedy's approval of J. Edgar Hoover's request to wiretap Dr. King. It is a single page. The entire application is five sentences long, it is without fact or substance, and is predicated on the naked assertion that there is 'communist influence in the racial situation.'

"The reason I do those things is to ensure that we remember our mistakes and that we learn from them.

"One reason we cannot forget our law enforcement legacy is that the people we serve and protect cannot forget it, either. So we must talk about our history. It is a hard truth that lives on.

"A second hard truth: Much research points to the widespread existence of unconscious bias. Many people in our white-majority culture have unconscious racial biases and react differently to a white face than a black face. In fact, we all - white and black - carry various biases around with us. I am reminded of the song from the Broadway hit, 'Avenue Q': 'Everyone's a Little Bit Racist.'

"Part of it goes like this: 'Look around and you will find, no one's really color blind/Maybe it's a fact we all should face, everyone makes judgments based on race.'

"But racial bias isn't epidemic in law enforcement any more than it is epidemic in academia or the arts. In fact, I believe law enforcement overwhelmingly attracts people who want to do good for a living - people who risk their lives because they want to help other people. They don't sign up to be cops in New York or Chicago or L.A. to help white people or black people or Hispanic people or Asian people. They sign up because they want to help all people. And they do some of the hardest, most dangerous policing to protect people of color.

"But that leads me to my third hard truth: Something happens to people in law enforcement. Many of us develop different flavors of cynicism that we work hard to resist because they can be lazy mental shortcuts. For example, criminal suspects routinely lie about their guilt, and nearly everybody we charge is guilty. That makes it easy for some folks in law enforcement to assume that everybody is lying and that no suspect - regardless of their race - could be innocent.

"Easy, but wrong.

"Likewise, police officers on patrol in our nation's cities often work in environments where a hugely disproportionate percentage of street crime is committed by young men of color. Something happens to people of good will working in that environment. After years of police work, officers often can't help but be influenced by the cynicism they feel.

"A mental shortcut becomes almost irresistible and maybe even rational by some lights. The two young black men on one side of the street look like so many others the officer has locked up. Two white men on the other side of the street - even in the same clothes - do not. The officer does not make the same association about the two white guys, whether that officer is white or black. And that drives different behavior.

"The officer turns toward one side of the street and not the other. We need to come to grips with the fact that this behavior complicates the relationship between police and the communities they serve.

"So why has that officer, like his colleagues, locked up so many young men of color? Why does he have that life-shaping experience? Is it because he is a racist? Why are so many black men in jail? Is it because cops, prosecutors, judges, and juries

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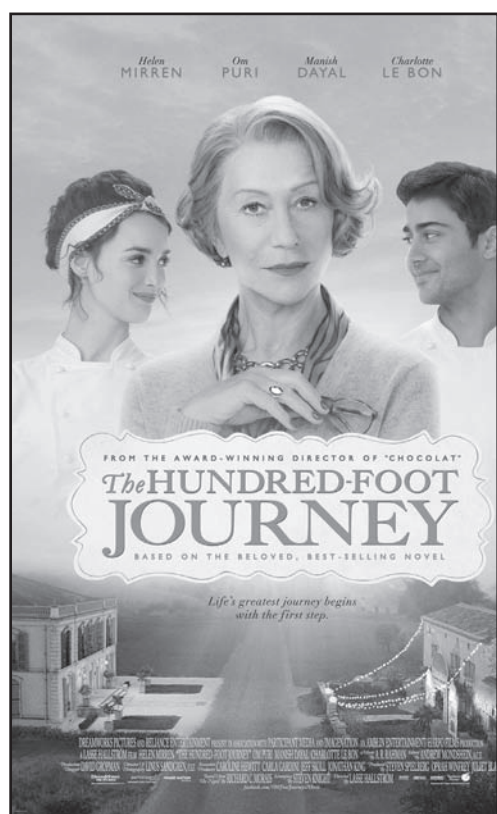
Author Morais to Discuss 'The Hundred Foot Journey'

Author Richard Morais will return to Sarah Lawrence College on Friday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Donnelly Theatre in the Heimbold Visual Arts Center, for a screening of "The Hundred Foot Journey," based on his acclaimed novel of the same name. The screening will be followed by a reception and discussion with Morais and film history faculty member Malcom Turvey.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Morais, 81, is an American born in Portugal and raised in Switzerland. As a renowned journalist at Forbes magazine for 25 years, he lived in London and was able to travel, live and write around the world. His first book, "The Hundred Foot Journey" (2010), reflects this global awareness and is both an international and New York Times bestseller, while his newest book "Buddhaland Brooklyn" (2013) has also received praise.

"The Hundred Foot Journey" was turned into a major motion picture released in 2014 starring Helen Mirren and Om Puri, and produced by Juliet Blake, Oprah Winfrey and Steven Spielberg. The film garnered a Golden Globe nomination for Helen Mirren, as well as awards from the Heartland Film Festival and the Norwegian International Film Festival.



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Hudson Chorale Benefit to Feature Debut of Cello Trio

Hudson Chorale is offering music lovers an opportunity to experience the magic of the cello in an intimate setting Sunday, March 15 starting at 3 p.m., during its annual fundraiser at the centrally-located Chappaqua Library, 195 S. Greeley Ave.

The program will feature the New York-based trio VC3, an exciting new ensemble composed of three cellos and dedicated to exploring the repertoire, old and new, for this uniquely sonorous combination. The group came together in 2014 when these gifted and experienced professional musicians determined that, together, they could offer a level of depth and excitement that would be unequalled in the world of the

three-cello trio.

In addition to the concert, attendees are invited to enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and conversation before and after the musical presentation. Since seating for the concert is limited, reservations in advance of the performance are highly recommended.

The suggested tax-deductible donation for attending the fundraiser is \$50 per person, and all proceeds will be used to support other professional musicians used by Hudson Chorale during its performance season. Tickets are available by phone at 914-332-0133 or email at janice.landrums@icloud.com. For additional information about the chorus, visit www.hudsonchorale.org.

Phelan – the directive encourages officers to approach, introduce themselves to, and shake hands with residents.

"Stop and Shake will provide our officers increased opportunities to have positive interactions with members of our community," said Gardener. "I believe a simple handshake and cordial conversation between police officers and the public will result in increased communication, mutual respect and improved overall police/community relations here in our city."

Through Stop and Shake, residents are also encouraged to approach Yonkers police officers, introduce themselves and shake hands. If an officer is engaging in an active assignment, such as issuing a ticket, residents are asked to politely wait until the officer's work has concluded before exchanging pleasantries.

Spano called Stop and Shake a shining example of how communities can work together to improve conditions for all residents.

"No matter what color your skin is, what religion you practice or the language you speak, shaking hands sends a universal message of respect and camaraderie," he said. "One conversation at a time, one handshake at a time, we can build a stronger Yonkers – and we can do it together."

Legal Notices

CORPORATION NOTICE
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LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on February 24, 2015, and approved by the Mayor on February 25, 2015, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the CITY OF YONKERS, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Vincent E. Spano, City Clerk
City of Yonkers, New York

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO.5-2015

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIQUIDATING CURRENT DEFICITS IN THE YONKERS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND AS OF JUNE 30, 2014; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$41,718,751; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$41,718,751 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The bonds are authorized to liquidate current deficits in the Yonkers City School District General Fund as of June 30, 2014, pursuant to Chapter 55 of the Laws of the State of New York of 2014 ("Chapter 55") and Section 10.10 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York.

The period of probable usefulness is ten (10) years. The amount of obligations to be issued is \$41,718,751. A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the City at City Hall, in Yonkers, New York.

Dated: February, 24, 2015
Yonkers, New York

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER T11 FUNDING Plaintiff, against MARCOS GONZALEZ, CAROL GONZALEZ, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/7/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the lobby of the court house, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, County of Westchester, New York on 03/13/2015 at 10:00AM, premises known as 140 AMACKASSIN TERRACE, Yonkers, NY 10703 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, SBL#: 2.-2432-1.2. Approximate amount of judgment \$29,812.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 60689/2013. Bidders must bring deposit of either 10% of the bid or 100% of the estimated judgment amount as set forth above, whichever is greater. CHECK MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO REFEREE ONLY. NO CASH ACCEPTED. Francis J. Malara, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1129787

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER T-11 FUNDING, Plaintiff, against ANDRE C. TOMPSON A/K/A ANDRE C. THOMPSON, VALENCIA THOMPSON, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/22/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the lobby of the court house, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, County of Westchester, New York on 03/13/2015 at 10:00AM, premises known as 249 HOOVER ROAD, Yonkers, NY 10710 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, SBL#: 3.-3251-35. Approximate amount of judgment \$22,495.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 60612-13. Bidders must bring deposit of either 10% of the bid or 100% of the estimated judgment amount as set forth above, whichever is greater. CHECK MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO REFEREE ONLY. NO CASH ACCEPTED. Karl A. Scully, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1129476

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: KAT CANTWELL VIRTUAL ASSISTANT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 16, 2015. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served c/o Katrina Cantwell, 69 Central Parkway, Mount Vernon, New York 10552. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity within the purposes for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to the Limited Liability Company Law provided that the limited liability company is not formed to engage in any act or activity requiring the consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency, or other body without such consent or approval first being obtained.

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'Stop & Shake'

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Yonkers residents to officially launch "Stop and Shake," a city-wide initiative to encourage more communication between police officers and the public.

The initiative, created by Santiago along with participation from members of the YPD, encourages the public and police officers to build personal relationships through a common greeting – the handshake.

"The debate over 'Stop and Frisk,' and the events that unfolded in Ferguson and Staten Island, have brought issues of race, policing and poverty to the top of the national conversation," said Mayor Mike Spano. "But too often we focus on what divides us, instead of finding common ground to unite us. That's why Stop and Shake is so powerful."

Yonkers Police Commissioner Charles Gardner last week released an official police department directive, establishing Stop and Shake as one of its policies. With strong support from the two police unions that represent law enforcement personnel in Yonkers – the PBA, led by Det. Keith Olson and the CLSA, led by Lt. Thomas

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Elder Law Attorneys Help Plan for Kids with Disabilities



Elder law attorneys Anthony Enea and Sara Meyers of Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP, at the New York State Bar Association's 2015 Senior Lawyers Section annual meeting.

Westchester elder law attorneys Anthony Enea and Sara Meyers of Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP in White Plains, recently addressed common issues in planning for children with disabilities at the New York State Bar Association's 2015 Senior Lawyers Section annual meeting.

With millions of baby boomers coming of age, Enea and Meyers urge those who are parents and caregivers of disabled children to take a proactive role in planning for the future.

The annual meeting marks the latest speaking engagement for Enea and Meyers, both highly regarded for their expertise, integrity and fierce commitment to the protection of the rights of seniors, the disabled and their families.

Enea, who spoke on utilizing Special Needs Trusts, also served as the program chairman.

"SNTs are often considered the legal centerpiece of a plan for a disabled person," said Enea. "Depending on the benefits he or she is receiving, an SNT can be utilized for food, clothing, cell phone and other necessities. SNTs are designed to provide funds without affecting a disabled person's eligibility for government benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income."

Named Westchester County's "Leading Elder Care Attorney" at the Above the Bar Awards, Enea is the past chairman of the NYSBA's Elder Law Section. His practice areas include elder law; Medicaid planning and applications; special needs planning; wills, trusts and estates; guardianships; and estate litigation.

He was named Best Lawyers' 2015 Trusts and Estates "Lawyer of the Year" in White Plains, a Top 25 "Super Lawyer" in Westchester County, and received the 2014 Golden Harvest Corporate Award from the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services for outstanding and lasting contributions to Westchester seniors.

"For an aging baby boomer with a disabled child or grandchild, a properly drafted SNT can provide a level of comfort knowing that a significant step has been taken to ensure his

or her future care and well-being," said Enea. "It's always best to the discussion early and take action to secure the best type of SNT for your circumstances."

An authority on Medicaid and special needs planning, Meyers discussed utilizing Article 17A and Article 81 guardianships for disabled children.

"There are a number of factors to consider when deciding whether to seek legal guardianship, including what form is most suitable (personal, property or both)," said Meyers. "In many instances, Article 81 of New York's Mental Hygiene Law offers an ideal guardianship solution by ensuring that the needs of the disabled person are met while also allowing him or her the greatest amount of freedom, independence and flexibility possible."

"Article 17A of the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, on the other hand, is a diagnosis-driven guardianship granting broad authority to the guardian," she continued. "Most often, Article 17A guardianships are utilized for a person who will not be able to care for himself or herself due to mental retardation or developmental disabilities. They do not permit tailoring and limiting the authority of the guardian."

Named a "Super Lawyer" for the New York Metro region, Meyers' practice areas include elder law; home health care; Medicaid planning; wills, trusts and estates; and guardianships. She is the immediate past chairwoman of the Westchester County Bar Association's Elder Law Committee and a member of the NYSBA's Elder Law Section and Trusts and Estates Section.

A frequent lecturer for both the WCBA and NYSBA, Meyers is also an editor of the Westchester County Bar Journal and the NYSBA Elder Law Section's Elder and Special Needs Law Journal.

Enea, Scanlan and Sirignano, LLP is located at 245 Main St., White Plains, with additional offices in Somers. Elder law attorney Anthony Enea can be reached at 914-948-1500 or www.a.enea@esslawfirm.com. For the latest news, visit www.esslawfirm.com or www.westchesterelderlawblog.wordpress.com.

New Approach to Hearing Voices Explores Meaning

One hundred and seventy people connected through their computers Feb. 18 to take part in a webinar about the newly formed Hearing Voices Network of the Lower Hudson Valley. The enthusiasm represents the program's innovative way of understanding the experience of hearing voices – an approach based on understanding each individual's experience and its unique meaning in their lives.

The webinar featured Lisa Forestell, director of community supports at Western Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community; and Marty Hadge, peer facilitator at RLC and a trainer for Hearing Voices Network USA, who both identify as voice-hearers.

Participants listened raptly as the two explained the Hearing Voices approach and shared their experience and success with bringing Hearing Voices groups to their own community, as well as facilitating efforts elsewhere.

Jeremy Reuling, director of the Mental Health Association of Westchester's Sterling Community Center, served as moderator.

The local network is a grassroots initiative

working to introduce self-led support groups to the community for individuals who hear voices and have other unusual or extreme sensory perceptions, such as seeing visions. Hearing Voices challenges the stigma around such experiences by offering a supportive environment free from judgment or the assumption of illness.

Hearing Voices groups offer people who have had such experiences the opportunity to understand, learn and grow from them together. The effectiveness of the Hearing Voices approach is well documented in research literature, and growing numbers of peers and mental health providers on three continents are incorporating Hearing Voices principles into their work.

To learn more about the Hearing Voices approach, visit www.hearingvoicesusa.org, www.intervoice.com or www.hearing-voices.org.

A training for those interested in becoming a Hearing Voice group facilitator will be held March 17 and 18. To apply, email rose-nowc@mhawestchester.org.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The recent tragedy on Metro-North Railroad focused our attention once again on how fragile life can be. Our hearts go out to the families of those we lost in this terrible accident. As well, we offer our sincere gratitude to all the first-responders who were there to assist in every way possible.

What many of us may not realize is that when similar events occur and critical injuries result, severely injured victims have the best chance of surviving when brought as quickly as possible to a level-one regional trauma center – in our case, Westchester Medical Center.

Central to the United States' well-developed trauma system, level-one trauma centers are organizations uniquely qualified and capable of handling the most severely ill and injured children and adults. These centers have the resources, skilled staff, equipment and infrastructure in place and at the ready 24 hours a day to handle the most critical patients.

On that Tuesday night, Feb. 3, when notified of the incident, Westchester Medical Center officials issued a special alert, bringing to bear hundreds of well-trained and well-drilled professionals, opening several fully-staffed operat-

ing rooms, readying an already busy emergency department and putting in place the trauma and support teams to handle what could have been a large number of victims.

In the end, the number of severe injuries was thankfully low, but all were delivered to teams highly trained in trauma, burn and other specialties associated with this type of incident.

Westchester Medical Center and all of the hospitals in our region and our first-responders are part of a critical health care fabric, saving thousands of lives every year, with little fanfare. Our level-one trauma center daily sees critically injured adult and pediatric trauma victims and severely ill children and adults brought from throughout the Hudson Valley to receive lifesaving treatment in trauma, burn, traumatic brain injury, cardiac, transplant and other specialties – all available right here in our backyard.

We all too often take for granted the amazing work that is done in our region every day to keep us healthy and safe. Our thoughts continue to be with the victims and families of this incident and the many who were pressed into service and answered the call that evening.

Assembly members **Sandy Galef Tom Abinanti**

Regency Extended Care Center Celebrates Presidents' Day

Residents of Regency Extended Care Center observed Presidents' Day, Feb. 16, by sharing patriotic thoughts and songs.

They were greeted by Bishop Brian Canaday of the Shrine of the New Covenant, who connected the theme of the day to insights on the meaning and history of Black History Month. Canaday underscored the need for all to appreciate the many different backgrounds of those who are American.

Cicely Greaves, a Yonkers activist, demonstrated the special empathy she felt addressing the group as one whose mom presently is in a similar residence. She urged all to appreciate the present moment, while enjoying the positive personal memories as they come to mind.

Along with Canaday, she noted the unique contributions of black America.

Resident Maria Ianuzzi offered an invocation and benediction, and fellow resident Charles Hueston offered his own historical perspective in commemoration of Black History month. Emcee Bob Stauf, community liaison, led the group in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America the Beautiful."

Recreation Director Ana Leiva hosted the event, with staff providing decorations and refreshments.

For more information about Regency Extended Care Center, located at 65 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, call 914-963-4000 or visit www.regencyextendedcare.com.

Saving the Lives of Mothers During Pregnancy & Childbirth

White Plains Hospital has been part of the Safe Motherhood Initiative since its inception last spring – a state-wide effort of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District II, in New York State. The SMI's goal is to decrease morbidity and mortality during pregnancy and childbirth.

The Safe Motherhood Initiative focuses on three specific areas: Obstetric hemorrhage (severe bleeding), severe hypertension (high blood pressure) and venothromboembolism (blood clots).

ACOG works with more than 100 hospitals throughout New York, providing participating hospitals with standardized protocols, toolkits and in-person training.

The Safe Motherhood Initiative has been implemented at White Plains Hospital by Dr. Jay Lupin, director of obstetrics and gynecology; Jane Ciaramella, perinatal clinical nurse specialist; and Bonnie Thompson, nurse manager.

"We already have an excellent track record

when it comes to patient safety," said Lupin. "With the Safe Motherhood Initiative, we are using evidence-based protocols to ensure that every patient giving birth at White Plains Hospital has a positive experience."

"The Safe Motherhood Initiative has already resulted in improvements, such as getting our patients quicker access to needed medications during hemorrhage, through better placement of medication and communication with our pharmacy," added Ciaramella.

As part of SMI, White Plains Hospital staff meet on a regular basis, conduct training drills and post information throughout the labor and delivery unit to improve outcomes in maternal health.

The Safe Motherhood Initiative is provided at no cost to participating hospitals. SMI is the result of a grant provided to ACOG District II from Merck for Mothers, a philanthropic campaign focused on eliminating maternal mortality.

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In order to understand what Yarzulo is requesting, we have to go back to the 2010-2011 school year budget, which was decimated as a result of state budget cuts due to the recession. Mayor Phil Amicone and the City Council at that time cut hundreds of teachers, staff and programs including art, music and sports.

Since then, YPS has slowly restored some of the cuts from five years ago. But Yarzulo wants to restore the district, its teachers and programs back to pre-2010 levels immediately, and "in perpetuity."

More than 380 new staff members, including more than 350 new teachers, are included in Yarzulo's budget plan.

"We are asking for 28 guidance counselors, 20 school psychologists, 28 social workers, 21 school safety officers, 46 special education teachers and 26 reading teachers," he said. "One of my goals is to have everyone reading on level by the third grade. I have some concerns about reading results in some schools, but we do not have the resources to provide intervention. You can't ask the teachers to succeed unless you give them the tools."

Fifteen art teachers, 12 music teachers, 15 library teachers, 15 physical education teachers and four physical education teachers who would help restore junior varsity sports to the high schools, are also part of Yarzulo's plan.

The students at YPS have done without these staff members and positions for the past five years – and Yarzulo wants them back. With 2,000 more students in the district since 2010 (including 1,200 more expected this fall), the district has been educating more students with less money.

"This budget is not about want, it's about need," said the superintendent. "There's a lot of staffing I want to put back. I want our kids to have academics, music and art; support for social emotional issues. I want our special education students to be put in classes here in Yonkers; they are being transported out of district for a lack of space and staff, at a cost of between \$50,000 to \$90,000 per student. That's not fiscally responsibly. We need to bring our special education kids home."

A lack of classroom space is also a huge concern for Yarzulo and the district. An architectural report found that the district is in need of 6,000 more class seats, and while the district is in negotiations with the Archdiocese of New York on three catholic Yonkers schools that have closed, those spaces will be used for the new full-day pre-kindergarten program starting this fall.

BOE President Sayegh echoed Yarzulo's call for more dollars for the students, and made the case again for Yonkers to receive its fair share of state aid in comparison to the other Big 5 school districts.

"When you compare Yonkers to the Big 5 cities in education aid, the lack of equitable funding is where the problem lies," said Sayegh. "When you have a high-need school district, you can't keep putting 28 to 30 kids in a class, when 25 to 30 percent of our students are either classified in need of special education or English language support. Seventy-five percent of our stu-

dents come from poverty. Their families are not property owners, but our education aid is based on our property values.

"We can't continue to base our budget on a 2010 budget that made cuts that are not normal," he continued. "This budget is the first step in the process in addressing our serious issues of a need for additional staff and space."

The budget for Yonkers Public Schools has become more complex. Last year, the district received a bailout – or one-time payment – from New York State totaling \$28 million. Yarzulo and the city are hopeful the \$28 million becomes an annual recurring revenue from the state.

YPS also needs to use \$40 million in bonding authority given by the state last year, to pay for a \$55 million budget error that was uncovered two years ago. The district overestimated – and overspent – \$55 million in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and needs to borrow \$40 million to close budget deficits from those two years.

The City Council approved the borrowing at its meeting Tuesday.

After utilizing the \$40 million in bonding, and hopefully receiving the \$28 million again from the state, Yarzulo and the district are still \$61 million short of a \$584 million budget for next school year.

Excepted small increases from the city and from the state education aid formula should total between \$15 million and \$20 million, leaving a \$50 million hole.

The city could raise property taxes and exceed the tax cap, but that would result in residents not receiving their property tax rebate checks from the state.

Additional State funding, in addition to \$28 million, plus \$40 million in borrowing authority, plus the yearly increase in state education funding of \$12 million or so, will be a hard sell. But with a state surplus of \$5 billion being divided in Albany, Yarzulo said now is the time to rectify funding for YPS.

"We're doing our best and our graduation rate is now at 67 percent – only 3 percent below the state average," he said. "We are getting it done, but it's a slippery slope and my people are running out of steam. You can't put 30 kids in a class without the support they need. We can't continue with no art and music, and without a true sports program for kids who want to compete. This is a total inequity and it has to stop."

"I need to put back what was taken away," continued Yarzulo. "All I want is to give the kids a chance to get into college and compete in the job market. They are capable of unlimited success – let's give them the resources they deserve."

Yarzulo's budget plan will now be reviewed by Mayor Mike Spano, who will present his city budget to the City Council next month. The council will review and adopt a budget by July 1.

YPS must also await the results of the state budget, due April 1.

The Yonkers Council of Parent Teacher Associations will hold a forum on the budget at 6 p.m. March 4 at Roosevelt High School, 631 Tuckahoe Road. The superintendent will present the 2015-16 recommended budget and Mayor Spano will present the long-term capital improvement plan for the comprehensive rehabilitation and redevelopment of the physical plant of the Yonkers Public Schools.

"I come from a law enforcement family. My grandfather, William J. Comey, was a police officer. Pop Comey is one of my heroes. I have a picture of him on my wall in my office at the FBI, reminding me of the legacy I've inherited and that I must honor.

"He was the child of immigrants. When he was in the sixth grade his father was killed in an industrial accident in New York. Because he was the oldest, he had to drop out of school so that he could go to work to support his mom and younger siblings. He could never afford to return to school, but when he was old enough, he joined the Yonkers, New York, Police Department.

"Over the next 40 years, he rose to lead that department. Pop was the tall, strong, silent type – quiet and dignified, and passionate about the rule of law. Back during Prohibition, he heard that bootleggers were running beer through fire hoses between Yonkers and the Bronx.

"Now, Pop enjoyed a good beer every now and again, but he ordered his men to cut those hoses with fire axes. Pop had to have a protective detail, because certain people were angry and shocked that someone in law enforcement would do that. But that's what we want as citizens; that's what we expect. And so I keep that picture of Pop on my office wall to remind me of his integrity, and his pride in the integrity of his work.

"Law enforcement ranks are filled with people like my grandfather. But, to be clear, although I am from a law enforcement family and have spent much of my career in law enforcement, I'm not looking to let law enforcement off the hook. Those of us in law enforcement must redouble our efforts to resist bias and prejudice. We must better understand the people we serve and protect, by trying to know, deep in our gut, what it feels like to be a law-abiding young black man walking on the street and encountering law enforcement. We must understand how that young man may see us. We must resist the lazy shortcuts of cynicism and approach him with respect and decency.

"We must speak the truth about our shortcomings as law enforcement, and fight to be better. But as a country, we must also speak the truth to ourselves. Law enforcement is not the root cause of problems in our hardest-hit neighborhoods. Police officers – people of enormous courage and integrity, in the main – are in those neighborhoods, risking their lives to protect folks from offenders who are the product of problems that will not be solved by body cameras.

"We simply must speak to each other honestly about all these hard truths. In the words of Dr. King, 'We must learn to live together as brothers or we will all perish together as fools.'"

Manhattanville Launches Nonprofit Management Certificate Program

The Manhattanville School of Business has introduced its nonprofit management certificate, a program designed for nonprofit leaders, board members, volunteers, employees and those interested in the nonprofit sector.

Recognizing that no other program existed in the area to address the specific issues of today's nonprofits, an advisory board of esteemed nonprofit leaders was assembled to create this desired program. The management certificate will provide key strategies for building high-performing, transparent organizations instructed by leading practitioners.

On Feb. 4, nonprofit leaders throughout Westchester County were invited to Manhattanville to learn more about the program's offerings from Director Rhonna Goodman and Manhattanville School of Business Dean Dr. Anthony Davidson. The event included a welcome from Davidson and a program overview by its faculty.

The certificate's advisory board was also recognized for its counsel and assistance in developing the program.

"The nonprofit management certificate embodies the Manhattanville School of Business' mission to create and offer programs that focus attention on developing areas of expertise in the evolving nonprofit landscape," said Davidson. "This program is truly unique because of collaboration with nonprofit leaders across the county. Our modules directly address the skills that nonprofit leaders find most valuable."

"We found there was high demand for an academic-based program to teach the fundamental principles and skills needed to succeed in today's expanding nonprofit sector," added Goodman. "Manhattanville's nonprofit man-

agement certificate is designed to give people the knowledge needed to be effective leaders in the nonprofit world."

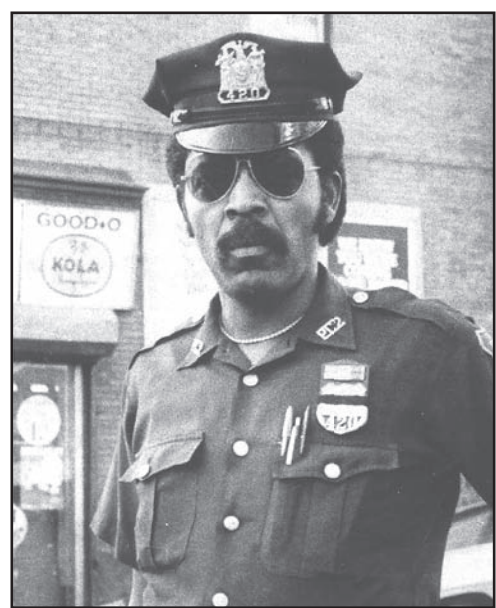
The certificate will be delivered in a hybrid format using face-to-face and video conference sessions. Participants enroll in one module per month, on a rotational basis, and can complete as many modules as they choose. Instructors are available for personal guidance after each module has been completed.

Those who complete all five modules receive the certificate and are eligible to receive advanced standing in the master's of science in business leadership degree at Manhattanville.

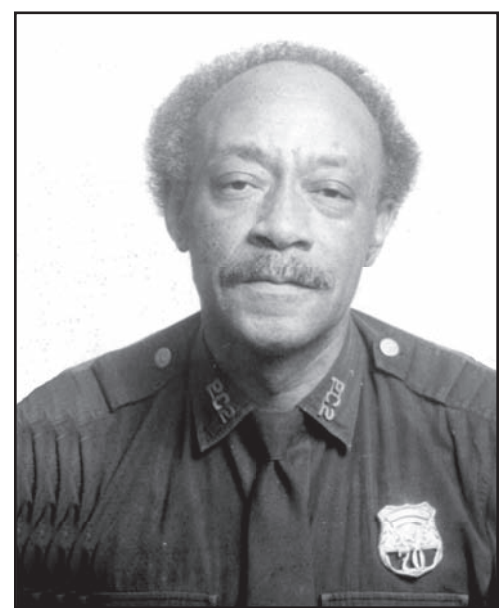
The modules and topics of focus include: financial management, such as bookkeeping, politics in budget making, contract work and basic financial software; staff management, such as human resources, organizational culture, performance measurement, staff recruitment and management; fundraising and development, such as strategic partnerships, grant writing and grant stewardship; external relations, such as collaboration with public officials, board development and governance, risk and change awareness and management, crisis preparedness and crisis management, and reframing an organization; and marketing, such as media relations, new media engagement and social media networks

The C-Suite Perspective is an optional, two-week capstone module for those who have completed the certificate or have senior-level experience.

For more information about the nonprofit certificate program, visit www.mville.edu/programs/nonprofit-management-certificate or contact Rhonna Goodman at 914-323-5150 or rhonna.goodman@mville.edu.



Police Officer Abdi I. Hipha Ali



Police Officer Lawrence Bracey

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ern on Tuckahoe Road, an in June of 2006 he was appointed deputy city marshal. Norm cared deeply about his friends in the police department and as such, every year he organized a church memorial service honoring those black police officers who had died over the years.

Ret. P.O. Norman Downes passed in March 2011 at the age of 78.

Lt. Lorenzo A. Paul (appointed Feb. 15, 1965, retired March 17, 2000)

Lorenzo Alphonso Paul was born in Harlem in June 1941. Later, his family moved to Mount Vernon, where he attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx.

As a teenager growing up in Mount Vernon, Lorenzo (Larry) Paul sang in a street capella quartet named "Plaids," consisting of two white and two black youths. He would also attend Iona College (1959 to 1962) majoring in Spanish.

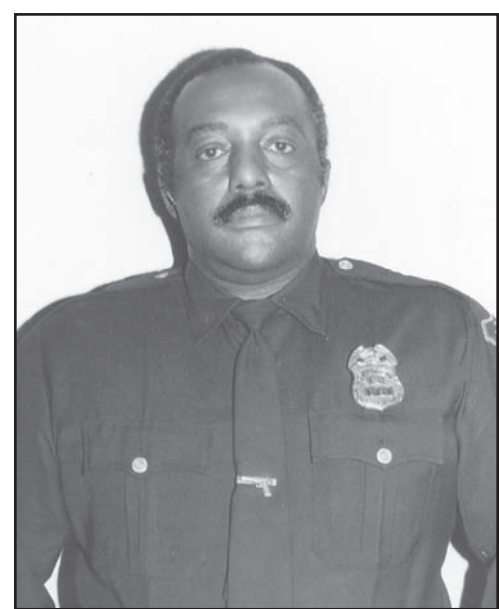
Previous to joining the YPD, Larry worked as a parking enforcement officer in Mt. Vernon.

He was appointed to the department Feb. 15, 1965. Larry and his recruit class were sent to the NYC Police Academy from February to June 1965, and upon graduation, he was assigned to the First precinct on foot patrol. Being only one of a few black police officers on the department, Larry was able to relate very well with the black community, as well as the Hispanic community due to his ability to speak Spanish.

With his communication skills, Larry was transferred to the Youth Division in January 1966 to investigate crimes committed by juveniles, as well as to work closely with the Police Athletic Community in an effort to redirect the youth of the community to sports rather than crime. For the next several years, he would be transferred back and forth between uniform patrol and youth services.

In March 1969, the department's Detective Division establishment of a Community Relations Unit, and Larry was appointed a detective and assigned as part of this unit.

For the next several years, as a detective, Larry continued to be transferred between uniformed to community relations units. In July 1985, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant,



Lt. Lorenzo A. Paul

and in November 1987, he was returned to the Youth Services Division as a supervisor of the investigators.

On July 1, 1988, Larry was reassigned to the Community Affairs Division to work closely with the minority communities in an effort to establish better relations between them and the police department. He was apparently effective in this matter because March 30, 1990, he was elevated to detective sergeant and was allowed to remain in that same division.

In October 1997, Larry was promoted to the rank of police lieutenant. He remained in the Community Affairs Division and was designated the commanding officer until he retired March 17, 2000.

Ret. Lt. Lorenzo Paul passed away in April of 2001 at the age of 59. In honor of his community relations efforts, a portion of Radford Street was renamed "Ret. Lt. Lorenzo Paul Lane."

Correction: In the Feb. 20, 2015 edition of Yonkers Rising, we incorrectly identified two pictures of African-American police officers. Officers Lawrence Bracey and Abdi I. Hipha Ali are pictured above with their correct captions. We will attempt to re-run their stories and pictures, if room permits, next week along with more on the first African-American pioneer in the Yonkers Police Department, Officer Thomas Brooks.

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are racist? Because they are turning a blind eye to white robbers and drug dealers?

"The answer is a fourth hard truth: I don't think so. If it were so, that would be easier to address. We would just need to change the way we hire, train and measure law enforcement and that would substantially fix it. We would then go get those white criminals we have been ignoring.

"But the truth is significantly harder than that.

"The truth is that what really needs fixing is something only a few, like President (Barack) Obama, are willing to speak about – perhaps because it is so daunting a task. Through the 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative, the president is addressing the disproportionate challenges faced by young men of color. For instance, data shows that the percentage of young men not working or not enrolled in school is nearly twice as high for blacks as it is for whites.

"This initiative, and others like it, is about doing the hard work to grow drug-resistant and violence-resistant kids, especially in communities of color, so they never become part of that officer's life experience.

"So many young men of color become part of that officer's life experience because so many minority families and communities are struggling, so many boys and young men grow up in environments lacking role models, adequate education and decent employment – they lack all sorts of opportunities that most of us take for granted. A tragedy of American life – one that most citizens are able to drive around because it doesn't touch them – is that young people in 'those neighborhoods' too often inherit a legacy of crime and prison.

"And with that inheritance, they become part of a police officer's life, and shape the way that officer – whether white or black – sees the world. Changing that legacy is a challenge so enormous and so complicated that it is, unfortunately, easier to talk only about the cops. And that's not fair.

"Let me be transparent about my affection for cops. When you dial 911, whether you are white or black, the cops come – and they come quickly, and they come quickly whether they are white or black. That's what cops do, in addition to all of the other hard and difficult and dangerous and frightening things they do. They respond to homes in the middle of the night where a drunken father, wielding a gun, is threatening his wife and children. They pound up the back stairs of an apartment building, not knowing whether the guys behind the door they are about to enter are armed, or high, or both.

Send your letters and opinions to us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Yonkers Police Dept. K9 Unit Visits Cross Hill Academy



Third-grade classes at Cross Hill Academy were recently visited by the Yonkers Police Department's K9 Unit, when students learned about K9 officers and their special partnerships, unique abilities, amazing training and service to the community. Police Officers Christopher Barca, Brian Devitt, Chris Velez (Yonkers) and Ozzie Medina (Mt. Vernon) and their dogs visited with students.

IDA Aides Manufacturer With Downtown Yonkers Project



The location at 65 Main St. will become a women's boutique for Leggiadro International.

Boutique clothing manufacturing and affordable housing will be coming to Yonkers in two separate projects that were approved last week by the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency.

Leggiadro International, which manufactures women's clothing and sells it in its 13 boutiques nationwide, is purchasing 65 Main St. for use as a factory, cutting room, warehouse, design office and an outlet store. The building currently houses a hardware store, but is otherwise empty.

The hardware store will seek to relocate. Leggiadro International will relocate from its current manufacturing space in midtown Manhattan, bringing 20 workers to the Yonkers downtown. The company is purchasing the building for \$1.65 million and expects to invest another \$1.4 million in construction, furnishings and fit-out.

"These are skilled, high-paying jobs that are relocating from New York City to Yonkers," noted Mayor Mike Spano, who chairs YIDA. "This is a clear signal that we are appealing to an ever-wider variety of businesses."

The company's average salary is \$70,000. Leggiadro's boutiques are in New York City, Palm Beach, Dallas, Nantucket, Santa Barbara and eight other locations. The company expects to perform the renovation of the building in phases, with full completion to take 36 months.

YIDA will provide a mortgage tax exemption of \$20,700 and a sales tax exemption on construction materials estimated at \$48,575. The

company will also receive a limited property tax abatement.

In other action, YIDA approved an application by MMR Holdings to purchase and renovate a vacant building at 53 Morris St., which will result in 18 apartments.

"This will transform a building that is currently an empty eyesore and make it a home for 18 households," said YIDA President Ken Jenkins. "This is housing that is badly needed in Yonkers."

Noting that the building has been tax delinquent and in poor repair for many years, Spano said the project is the direct result of the city's aggressive policy of dealing with deadbeat landlords.

"The previous owners of this building hadn't paid their taxes in years and had allowed the building to fall into a dangerous state of disrepair," he said, "As a result of the city filing a tax foreclosure action, the building has been sold to a new, responsible owner who will bring it up to code, pay taxes and provide decent housing."

MMR Holdings, of Clifton, N.J., is purchasing the currently empty building for \$600,000, and will spend an estimated \$530,000 on rehabilitating the property. The project is estimated to take seven months to complete.

YIDA approved a \$44,388 sales tax exemption on materials used in construction, and estimated \$22,500 mortgage tax exemption, and negotiation of a limited property tax abatement.

Father John Celebrates A Decade of Priesthood



St. John's Episcopal Church Pastor John Hamilton with Assemblymember Shelley Mayer and Parks Commissioner Yvette Hartsfield. Photo by Donna Davis.

Congratulations to Father John Hamilton of St. John's Episcopal Church in Yonkers, who recently celebrated with friends and colleagues the 10th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood this month.

Father John remembers the overwhelming spirit of support and celebration from that day 10 years prior in Newark at Grace Church.

"I Will Make You Fishers of People" was sung by the men and boys' choir as dozens of clergy vested in red – along with family, friends and colleagues from New York, Georgia, New Jersey, Illinois and North Carolina – gathered to worship and pray. He said it was the most memorable day of his life.

The celebration at St. John's was equally joyous, and friends from the organizations he participates in supported him even though the weather was prohibitively cold. Representatives from the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, the Yonkers Council of Churches, the Spiritual Care and Education Commission of St. John's Hospital, the Yonkers Thursday Lunch Club, Yonkers Historical Society, The Sharing Community and Friends of Philipse Manor Hall turned out to join the celebration.

Assemblywoman Shelley Meyer attended, as well as Yonkers Parks Commissioner Yvette Hartsfield. Meyer and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano both provided proclamations to mark the day.

Since the service happened on a Sunday

morning, many people were unable to attend – but sent their greetings and pledged their prayer.

Father John preached on the healing of Simon's mother-in-law and stated that he felt he should be called Mother John rather than Father John, as like a mother, he tries to make the church a safe and supportive place of nurture and loving accountability, a place where one receives the unconditional love of God.

However, as a priest, like a mother, he can only encourage people to take personal responsibility for their lives; he cannot do it for them. Also like a mother, he takes great delight in seeing people grow into mature, spiritual people.

St. John's Church is the oldest congregation in Yonkers, founded in 1693, and has a long history of service to the community. It is currently restoring its impressive front façade windows, having raised a little more than half the funds needed. As part of the renaissance of downtown Yonkers, the church is also giving a program called "Drinking Deeply from the Well," bringing music and talks to the city to nurture spirits. The program is aimed at especially meeting the needs of those who feel disappointed by religion but crave nurture for the soul.

For more information, visit www.yonkerschurch.org.

Congratulations to Father John, and thanks for all that you do – not only for your congregation, but for the people of Yonkers.

Court Gives Westchester Victory in Housing Settlement

Westchester County will have its day in Federal Court as a result of a U.S. Court of Appeals decision, which found that the actions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are reviewable by the courts.

County Executive Rob Astorino has been embroiled in a three-year battle with HUD over the terms and compliance of an affordable housing settlement reached between the county and HUD in 2009.

Astorino has argued that "HUD acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner" when it began withholding federal funds from the county in 2011. The appeals court vacated a lower court ruling and held that HUD's actions are "subject to judicial review."

"The Second Circuit's ruling is a major victory for due process against an aggressively overreaching federal bureaucracy," said Astorino. "Just like everyone else, HUD has to follow the law. In this case, HUD was making up its own rules. That's not right and the court has now made it very clear that actions by HUD are subject to judicial review."

The case stems from HUD's decision to start

withholding Community Development Block Grants and other federal funds based on what the agency claimed was its "discretionary" power. But the appeals court rejected HUD's arguments, pointing to a number of statutes limiting the agency's authority.

"We conclude that the statutes governing HUD's administration of the relevant grants provide meaningful standards constraining HUD's exercise of discretion and that HUD's actions are thus subject to judicial review," the decision states. "The agency's adoption of regulations that might appear to give the agency unfettered discretion does not act to nullify the meaningful standards which exist in the statute."

Central to the county's case was overreach by HUD, which hoped to pressure the county to dismantle local zoning by withholding the federal grants. Astorino resisted, saying such actions went beyond not only the terms of the settlement, but also violated the home rule provisions of the New York State Constitution.

In a critical part of the decision, the appeals court noted that HUD did not have the right to reject the county's housing strategy or withhold

funding on the basis of "land use controls (and) zoning ordinances...that may affect the development of affordable housing in the jurisdiction."

Astorino said this was vindication for the county.

"A lot of people asked, 'Why are we fighting HUD?'" Astorino said. "Today's decision is a clear statement that the county was right to defend local zoning." The case now goes back to the U.S. District Court and Judge Denise Cote.

Westchester Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz took a more cautious approach to the decision.

"Today's unanimous decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (County of Westchester v. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) finding that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development actions are subject to judicial review, specifically that HUD's summary rejection of the county's Analysis of Impediments submissions is not acceptable, is a significant victory for the County," said Kaplowitz. "However, the decision does not bring back the lost \$6.7 million from 2011 and the \$15.6 million of taxpayer's money for 2012-

14, which is still imperiled. Further, the county is still subject to paragraph 32 of the 2009 Housing Settlement that requires the county to file an AI 'acceptable to HUD.' The circuit court specifically declined to rule on this question and left it to the district court to decide.

HUD is still withholding 2013 and 2014 grants of more than \$10 million, which the county will pursue.

Under the terms of the affordable housing settlement reached by former County Executive Andrew Spano and HUD in 2009, Westchester County agreed to spend "at least" \$51.6 million to ensure the development of 750 fair and affordable housing units (rental and home ownership) and to market the units not just to Westchester residents, but to minority households in surrounding counties, including New York City, as well.

Five years into the settlement, the county is in full compliance. The county finished 2014 with 454 units with financing (450 was the benchmark) and 406 units with building permits (350 was the benchmark). All 31 communities have identified potential sites and 223 units are occupied.



Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Yonkers Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, Yonkers Councilman Christopher Johnson, Senior Environmental Chemist Matthew Orefice of Westchester County Labs and Research, and Barbara Karsten YHRC and Dr. Olivia Hooker with friends. Photo by Donna Davis.

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Hooker, who has lived in Greenburgh for most of her life, was the first African-American woman to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard when she enlisted during World War II. She turned 100 on Feb. 12, and her life story — through American history from 1915 to today — is worth recognizing as Westchester and the country celebrates Black History Month.

Among her contributions to the country, in 1944, Hooker was among the first five African-American women allowed to serve in the Coast Guard as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Women Reserve. She became on the first African-American woman to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, and has used her degree as a psychology teacher and therapist.

Prior to her military service, Hooker survived one of the most unfortunate events in the Civil Rights struggle, living firsthand as a 6-year-old during the Tulsa massacre in 1921. The Greenwood district in Tulsa, Okla., also known as Little Africa or Black Wall Street, was a prosperous African-American business community, and her father, Samuel Hooker, was part of that prosperous business community as the owner of a department store.

Young Olivia Hooker met Booker T.

Washington while in elementary school.

The tale that stoked what was known as the Tulsa massacre or riot, that a young black man had touched a white woman in an elevator, spread to a lie that he had raped the girl, resulting in the excuse that the white Tulsa community needed to destroy more than 1,000 black homes and businesses, with more than 500 deaths. It has been called “one of the most devastating massacres in the history of U.S. race relations.”

Shots were fired at her home before Hooker and her family had to flee, with her mom pointing out that the guns pointed at their family behind the American flag meant “your country is shooting at you.”

Very few newspaper accounts from the Tulsa massacre exist, but a documentary film titled “Before They Die” features accounts from Dr. Hooker.

At age 100, Hooker remains an independent spirit who recently continued to cook for

herself and stopped driving only a few years ago. She is living history and the celebration of her life, co-sponsored by the CUNIE Chapter of Association of the Study of African-American Life and History, honored that.

Theresa Bowman-Smith served as the event chairwoman and Yolanda Johnson was mistress of ceremonies. The Bishop of Jazz Rio Clemente performed selected favorites of Hooker’s, and 8-year-old Ariel Reyes recited an original poem for the occasion.

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