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## Halloween at the Hudson River Museum



April Armstrong, right, will read spooky stories, and Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds – a Live Radio Frightfest" will be featured at the Hudson River Museum's Halloween.

"Halloween" is scheduled to take place at the Hudson River Museum on Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating for those in costume, a star show at 2 p.m. titled "Night Frights," make-your-own

Halloween hats with glow-in-the-dark paint, and more.

On Saturday, "Halloween Stories with April Armstrong" will take place at 3, 3:30 and 4 p.m.

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## Assemblymember Mayer A Fighter for Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer has represented Yonkers in the 90th Assembly District since 2012. In recent elections, including this year, Mayer has run unopposed, with most seeing her lack of opposition as a testament to her ability to represent Yonkers in Albany for the good of all, regardless of political party.

A self-described "activist legislator" and a "fierce advocate for Yonkers," Mayer presented Yonkers Rising with an impressive list of accomplishments that she has worked on in Albany for the city that she has called home for all of her life, which is included at the end of this story.

Number one on the list is the yearly state budget battle for additional education funding for the Yonkers Public Schools. Included in the push to find and get agreement in Albany for additional dollars for YPS this year was the effort to create and pass legislation to rebuild the district.

Mayer led the effort in the Assembly to pass legislation that created the Joint Schools Construction Board, including changes from the original proposal that came from Mayor Mike Spano. "We took the mayor's bill and improved it significantly and made it stronger," she said. "There is a strong project labor agreement piece to it because I feel strongly about hiring local contractors when possible.

"We also included anti-nepotism clauses and we got agreement after negotiations with



Assemblymember Shelley Mayer

the governor's office, who had to go along and accept this," continued Mayer. "No other city has ever sought an increase in their capital funding reimbursement for their schools. It is essential for the future of Yonkers to have a strong school system for parents and for people interested in moving to Yonkers."

In 2017, Mayer and her colleagues from the Yonkers delegation to Albany – Sens. Andrea

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## Festive Pet Parade Comes to Yonkers Waterfront



Bring your furry friend to the eighth annual Downtown Yonkers Pet Parade on Oct. 29.

Area residents are invited to bring your pet in costume to the eighth annual Downtown Yonkers Pet Parade, sponsored by the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District, on Oct. 29 starting at 1 p.m. the Waterfront Esplanade.

Contests will be held for cutest pet, most unusual costume, best costume and more, with special prizes to be given at the end of the parade. There is no cost to participate.

The starting point and registration will

be located at 1 Pierpoint St., across from the Yonkers pier. Be sure to sign up and get your number when you arrive. If you wish to sign up in advance or if you would like more information, contact the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID at [info@yonkersdowntown.com](mailto:info@yonkersdowntown.com) or 914-969-6660.

Also, be sure to check out the new pet store aptly named Bark and Purr at the waterfront while you are showing off your pet. Check them out at [www.barkandpurryonkers.com](http://www.barkandpurryonkers.com).

## \$39M for YPS in Doubt; Teach Evals Needed by Dec. 31 YFT Wants a New Contract

By Dan Murphy

Negotiations between The Yonkers Federation of Teachers and the Yonkers Board of Education on new teacher evaluations, also known as the Annual Professional Performance Review, and a new contract for the city's 2,000 teachers, appear stalled, with a looming Dec. 31 deadline for the school district to have in place a new evaluation system – or lose \$39 million in state education aid.

The two sides have been negotiating throughout the year, despite some distractions, which include the YFT's two top officers – President Pat Puleo and Vice President Paul Diamond – caught on videotape by Project Veritas "advising" an undercover reporter posing as a teacher to cover up details of improper incidents with students.

Despite the video and the calls for Puleo and Diamond to resign, the YFT and the BOE continued to negotiate a new teacher evaluation pact and a new contract, although the two were not linked, despite Puleo's prior

comments that the two have traditionally been completed in tandem.

Last week, the YFT basically blew up any progress on APPR or a new contract by filing a notice of claim against the BOE for improper practices and violations of the Taylor Law, accusing that Board of Education "acted unlawfully, arbitrarily and capriciously" during contract negotiations.

"The Board of Education's most recent proposals are individually and in total substantially less in value and benefits than its prior proposals" and represent "bad-faith bargaining... done with the intent to frustrate, delay and prevent the negotiation of a new collective bargaining agreement," according to the claim.

Published reports have YFT negotiating team members stating: "Once again, Mayor (Mike) Spano and the Board of Education are playing political games. Around Memorial Day, the YFT and the city had all but dotted the 'i's and crossed the 't's on a majority of

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## Latimer's Fight Against Common Core a Legacy



State Sen. George Latimer is fighting for Westchester Schools.

By Dan Murphy

State Sen. George Latimer is for the third time in four years facing the most challenging election in Westchester County, on Nov. 8, as he seeks a third term to represent the 37th District, which encompasses parts of Eastchester, New Rochelle, and the towns of Eastchester, Rye, Mamaroneck and North Castle.

One of Latimer's common themes in his campaign is his attempt to present substance

and not sound bites to the debate in this election. One of the greatest ways he has provided substance to his constituents is in his role as the ranking Democrat on the Senate Education Committee, and his opposition to Common Core and the over-testing of students in Westchester.

"To me the issue is pretty simple – it's about local control of schools," said Latimer,

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## We Endorse: Anthony Scarpino For District Attorney



Anthony Scarpino for district attorney.

Very seldom, in today's world of hyper-partisan politics, do we find a candidate that supersedes political parties. When electing a candidate for district attorney, the voters of Westchester should not base their decision on political party, but rather who will fairly and justly seek justice and enforce the laws of our

state, and make sure the residents of our county are kept safe.

Anthony Scarpino is that type of candidate and will make that that type of district attorney for all of Westchester, and we endorse Scarpino for DA on Nov. 8.

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## Yonkers Loses a Hero



YFD Lt. John Rodriguez

The City of Yonkers mourns the loss of Yonkers Fire Lt. John Mario Rodriguez, "J-Rod," a resident of Yonkers, who passed away Oct. 19. He was 53 years old.

He was born in Cuba to the late Mario Rodriguez and Hilda Rodriguez Nardizzi, who survives him. John was the beloved husband of Jo-Ann Finning Rodriguez; to whom he was married for 26 loving years. He was the loving father of John and James Rodriguez, and dear brother of Hilda Kapeles, Teresa Gover, Ana Caldararo and the entire Yonkers Fire Department. John is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Lt. Rodriguez was a member of the YFD for 16 years, where he most recently had the title of LT TL71. In addition to serving as a firefighter, John was a licensed plumber, working for Performance Plumbing and Heating. He was an avid golfer, but most importantly a truly loving and devoted husband and father who will be dearly missed by all.

"John Rodriguez was first and foremost a family man, a loving and devoted husband and proud father," said Yonkers Firefighters Local 628 President Barry McGoey. "John was a heroic and brave fighter who had the respect and admiration of all of his brother and sister firefighters. The Yonkers firefighters grieve with John's wife and two sons who are in our thoughts and prayers."

Lt. Rodriguez was undergoing treatment for 9/11-related cancer and succumbed to that battle. Appointed to the YFD in 2000, and promoted to lieutenant in 2012, he most recently served at Tower Ladder 71. He received six letters of commendation and unit citations for his actions serving the people of Yonkers.

A funeral was held at Flower Funeral Home, with a Mass at St. John the Baptist. Donations in his name can be made to The Ronald McDonald House New York at [www.rmh-newyork.org](http://www.rmh-newyork.org) or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center at [www.mskcc.org](http://www.mskcc.org).

## YMA, Palisades Prep & Gorton Romp in HS Football



YMS seniors play their last home game, but their win means that they do play again!

By Phil Foley

Yonkers High School football continued its season last weekend with many great games. If you would like to see a high school championship game, there will be one this Saturday afternoon when the undefeated Gorton Wolves take on Pelham at 2 p.m. at the Saunders H.S. field on Palmer Road in Yonkers. This game will be for the championship of the Hudson River League.

Last Saturday was the first round of the Hudson River League playoffs. In the first game, Pelham defeated Riverside 21-0. In the second game, Gorton defeated Saunders 8-6 in a hard-fought game. (Both games were played at Pelham the H.S. field).

"Yes, this was a real emotional game – both sides played their hearts out," said Coach Dan Dematteo. "I really take my hat off to the kids on both sides... They represented the city very well."

The star of the game for Gorton was Malik Jones who had 139 yards rushing on 21 carries and the winning touchdown. Jayden Lambert also had 48 yards on three carries for Gorton. Jaylen Fields had eight tackles, and Eddie Ortiz and Lambert had five tackles for the defensive unit of Gorton.

For Saunders, Joshua Chambers had 189 all-purpose yards in the game, and D.J. Lestagez tallied a TD.

Good luck in the championship game,

Gorton!

The Yonkers Montessori Academy defeated Croton-Harmon 26-8 in a game played at YMA on Saturday afternoon. The YMA boys avenged a last-minute loss earlier in the year by dominating their opponents for the entire game. The seniors on the team reminded everyone to stay humble and keep working, and came out with a convincing win.

The game took a Vince Lombardi 1950's approach – run, run and run. Control the clock and your own destiny!

As a team, YMA rushed for a total of 324 yards. Stars of the game for YMA were Jalin Davis with 25 carries for 140 yards and three TDs, Phil DiSalva with 90 yards on 11 carries, and Juan (The Fridge) Garcia also had a TD for YMA.

Above all, Coach Elie Moise gives much of the credit for the win to his offensive line.

In other action, Palisades Prep defeated Yonkers 25-0 last Saturday. On Friday, Lincoln lost to Nyack 41-0 under the lights in Nyack.

This week's games are all Saturday, Oct. 29, and they include: Briarcliff/Hamilton at Lincoln H.S. at 11 a.m.; Pawling vs. Yonkers at Roosevelt H.S. at 1:30 p.m.; Pearl River at YMA at 1:30 p.m.; the Hudson River consolation game at 1:30 p.m. featuring Riverside vs. Saunders at Gorton H.S.; and the Hudson River championship game at 2 p.m. featuring Pelham vs. Gorton at Saunders H.S.



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## Polish Community Honored at City Hall



Mayor Mike Spano, left, and Fr. Arnold Chrapkowski, general superior of OSPPE, middle, exchange proclamations and gifts with the Rev. Tomasz P. Wilk.



Parade committee members with Assemblymember Shelley Mayer, Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino and Jr. Miss Polonia 2016 Olivia Glogowska of Yonkers.

Photos by Ed Whitman

Mayor Mike Spano welcomed members of the Polish American community to City Hall recently to celebrate Yonkers' vibrant Polish-American residents and congratulated the 2016 Westchester County Pulaski Parade Marshal the Rev. Tomasz Wilk, pastor of the Church of St. Casimir in Yonkers.

The mayor also presented a proclamation to Fr. Arnold Chrapkowski, the general supervisor of the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit. He is

visiting from Warsaw and attended the reception and gave the mayor a present – a replica of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, which has been associated with Poland for more than 600 years.

Miss Polonia Westchester 2016 Natalia Ogorek of Yonkers is away at college and was represented at the reception by her mother, Anna, but she and Jr. Miss Polonia 2016 Olivia Glogowska of Yonkers were congratulated for their honor.

## The Gov., the Pres., and News 12

By Eric Schoen  
Governor Cuomo and  
Airbnb

Pay-to-play is alive and well and living in Albany. As well as, of course, in Washington, D.C. Bowing to the pressure and the dollars of the hotel and real estate industries, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has attempted to shut down Airbnb in New York State.

For those of you just arriving on the planet, Airbnb allows people around the world to make a little extra money renting out a spare room, a couch, an apartment or a castle. You can even, from time to time, rent a room in little ol' Yonkers!

Airbnb acts as the booking agent and gets paid a fee for that. The goal is to get you a room where you want with the amenities that you want at the right price.

Why has Airbnb been so successful? Look at the hotel industry. You rent a room for a day and you are lucky if you get 20 out of 24 hours. Check-in time at 3 or 4 p.m.; check-out time at 11 a.m. Hotels claim they need the time to clean rooms. Not my problem! Hire extra people to do the cleaning!

How many of us have checked into hotels or motels and have had problems? The room smells of smoke, bathrooms are far from spotless, and there are non-working amenities like swimming pools, fitness centers and even the occasional hair-dryer.

Hotels charging for Internet usage in 2016 is absurd. Let's not even talk about the insane prices hotels from two to four starts charge.

Is the hotel industry suffering? Look at Yonkers. The cheapest three-star hotel on Tuesday of this week was \$169. I have seen the prices go up to \$250 to \$300. Granted, Yonkers is a wonderful town, but quite often it is cheaper to stay in New York City than in our beloved homeland. And in New York City you can get a hot pretzel or chestnuts roasting on an open fire 24 hours a day!

The hotel building boom is alive and well in New York City. Come to visit New York when a big convention is in town and you will pay big bucks for a room. So frankly, I can't believe that Airbnb is hurting the hotel industry in the Big Apple.

New York City has problems with antiquated rent regulations, and co-op boards that are not willing to take action when people break the rules. If co-ops don't want tenants participating in Airbnb, they need to put that in their rules and regulations – and enforce it uniformly. Everyone complains but like usual, no one is willing to take action.



Eric W. Schoen

You may remember my first Airbnb experience where at 2 a.m. I went to my Airbnb rental after a family party in Philadelphia completely sober and found out that I would be sleeping on the upper bunk of a bunk bed... in a room packed with three bunkbeds and six people. After I left I notified the authorities of this disaster waiting to happen.

Instead of shutting down an industry, Cuomo and our state leaders need to come up with some reasonable regulations for Airbnb-type services.

Let's not make believe that Airbnb is something new. People have been renting out their homes and apartments in the short term for years, from New York City to New Jersey.

### The Presidential Debate Last Week

For a bright billionaire, Donald Trump clearly missed the spot at the presidential debate last week. Moderator Chris Wallace gave him the last word. He should have recited all the controversies surrounding Hillary, as well as economic and foreign relations problems facing our country and said, "If you are happy with the way this country is going, vote for my opponent. If you are not and don't feel you are better off than you were eight years ago, vote for me."

Asking Trump if he would accept the results of the election? What does that mean? If Trump feels there is fraud he has every right to go to court. I don't see his supporters storming the White House. In this Democracy we have always passed power from Republicans to Democrats seamlessly. I doubt that is going to change.

In a week and a half and it will be all over! May the best woman or man win!

### Shakeup at News 12

I remember sitting at the offices of the North Yonkers Preservation and Development Corporation in 1988 discussing the wiring of Yonkers for cable television and the hope for expansion of local news on one of the many stations that would soon grace our homes. Up to that point, the local news was filmed by high school students at a studio at the Preservation and Development Corporation and put on a public access channel on cable television.

One of those students broadcasting local news was Mary Calvi. Yes, that Mary Calvin, WCBS star and wife of our mayor. We talked about introducing public access television to Yonkers and having a local news broadcast on one of the many new stations. At first the local news just came on at 4:30 p.m. and continued to maybe 8 p.m. Fast forward to today, and you have a 24-

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## Engel Blasts Meager Social Security Increase

Congressman Eliot Engel, lead sponsor of the Guaranteed 3 percent COLA for Seniors Act, recently responded to the Social Security Administration's announcement that seniors' Social Security benefits would increase just 0.3 percent in 2017, a bump of about \$5 per month for the average senior citizen.

"This year's disgraceful cost-of-living increase would be laughable if it wasn't so upsetting to see how our seniors are being treated," he said. "COLAs are vital to our seniors, who rely on these increases to make ends meet. Seniors' Social Security benefits have not gone up more than 1.7 percent since 2012. These paltry increases fail to account for the real costs seniors face and could force many to forego crucial expenses, like medication — a heartbreaking choice no senior should be forced to make."

What makes this problem all the more upsetting is the fact that it's fixable, said Engel.

"COLAs are tied to a measure of inflation called the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers," he explained. "This index doesn't adequately measure the types of costs frequently incurred by older Americans. The CPI-W puts a heavier



Rep. Eliot Engel

emphasis on expenses more commonly incurred by the general population. Seniors have different spending habits, usually spending less on travel and gasoline and more on medication and housing.

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics tracks an alternative index, the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly, which specifically accounts for seniors' typical expenses — like medical care and shelter — to measure inflation. Using the CPI-E would allow the government to more accurately base COLAs on the true living costs that seniors face. And, importantly, the CPI-E regularly determines a greater cost-of-living increase than the CPI-W."

Engel has introduced the Guaranteed 3 percent COLA for Seniors Act, which requires the use of the more appropriate CPI-E to determine the Social Security COLA.

"In addition, my bill would ensure seniors receive a minimum 3 percent COLA every year, even if the CPI-E COLA falls below this amount," he said. "Our nation's seniors should not struggle to survive on account of an obsolete formula and congressional inaction. I will continue pushing to remedy this issue and finally afford seniors the annual COLAs they deserve."

## Domino Sugar Donates To Science Barge



From left are Bob Walters, Ann-Marie Mitroff, Refinery Manager at Domino Sugar Matt Shue, and Stacey Hall.

Representatives of Domino Sugar boarded the Science Barge on Yonkers' waterfront Oct. 19 with a check in hand to recognize the organization during what has become a joyful annual event.

"Thank you, Domino, for backing the Science Barge from the time we brought it to the Yonkers waterfront until today," said Groundwork Hudson Valley's Acting Executive Director Ann-Marie Mitroff, after receiving a check for \$10,000 from Matt Shue, the plant's refinery manager.

Domino has been refining sugar along the banks of the Hudson River since 1921, and the Yonkers facility — located just two blocks south of the Science Barge — is one of three major Domino refineries in the U.S. The other two are in Baltimore, Maryland and Chalmette, Louisiana.

"We are lucky to have had this generous support from our good neighbors every year since the barge came to Yonkers in 2008," said Director Bob Walters.

The Science Barge, owned by Groundwork Hudson Valley, recently received new solar panels and a new Iron Edison battery bank, doubling its capacity to produce and save energy to power its greenhouse growing systems. With this upgraded

solar system and its wind turbines and rainwater catchment system, the barge can operate entirely off the grid.

"At ASR Group, we are always looking for ways to promote sustainability, both at our refinery and within the Yonkers community, which is why we've been glad to support the Science Barge for all these years," said Shue. "In addition to its focus on sustainability and renewable energy, the STEM-centered educational programs offered by Groundwork are another reason we're so happy to support the Science Barge."

Science Barge educators are now rolling out new climate change curricula, thanks to a recent grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association to provide cutting-edge education in climate change and resiliency to Yonkers school students over the next two years. The program, called "Global, Local, Coastal — Preparing the Next Generation for a Changing Planet," will also be conducted at CURB and Groundwork's EcoHouse.

New exhibits have been installed on the barge to help build awareness and understanding about the impact of climate change among students and weekend visitors.

## Riverfront Library Announces Eat Smart New York Program

The Riverfront Library is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension to present a workshop with nutrition educator Rebecca Radachy to teach participants how to stretch food dollars with smart budgeting, food selection and low-cost recipes.

Join Radachy on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and learn to "Enjoy Healthy Food that Tastes Great." Learn to prepare tasty foods while lowering salt and sugar and switch-

ing to healthier fats, with samples and recipes provided. This program is free and will be held in Room 2B on the second floor. Call 914-375-7966 to register.

The Riverfront Library, located at One Larkin Center, is accessible to people with disabilities. Parking is available at sidewalk meters and for a fee in the nearby Buena Vista and Warburton parking garages. For more information, visit [www.ypl.org](http://www.ypl.org).

## Bus Route Study Findings To Be Revealed at Meetings

Residents and bus riders can learn more about the findings and proposed recommendations of a study of Bee-Line routes 7 and 13 at two public meetings next week. The meeting for Route 13 will be held Oct. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains; and the meeting for Route 7 will be held Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mount Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square.

Routes 7 and 13 are two critical east/west routes in the Bee-Line system. The Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation is reviewing strategies for achieving efficiencies in order to reduce running times and make the routes more convenient and appealing to riders. The routes operate in the densest areas of the

county and serve residential developments, as well as major employment and commercial centers.

Both routes are among the top 10 busiest Bee-Line routes, with a total combined weekday ridership of approximately 11,000 passengers.

The meetings are intended to give the public an overview of the routes as they currently operate, and to discuss the study conclusions, including strategies that could be implemented to improve service, such as opportunities for bus stop consolidation, addressing traffic bottlenecks, considering different patterns of service and transit signal priority.

The meetings will consist of a presentation and opportunity for questions and comments from the public.

## Lucy Needs a Family



Lucy is an active female.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Lucy is a beautiful brindle and white, mixed-breed dog about 2 years old and 48 pounds. She arrived at the shelter as a stray dog and no owners ever showed up. Lucy is a smart dog who knows her basic commands, walks nicely on leash and loves children. She has met several children younger than 5, and although they didn't adopt her, she did well with the children. She's respectful and never jumps on them

or crowds them.

Lucy is not a fan of the kitties, but she does like other dogs — mainly calm males who like to play and will let Lucy be the leader. She would make a good family companion. She's also very athletic and would be good on an agility court, as she sounds like the wind and can catch a ball or Frisbee mid-air with almost no effort.

Visit Lucy between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at Yonkers Animal Shelter, or call 201-981-3215 for more information.

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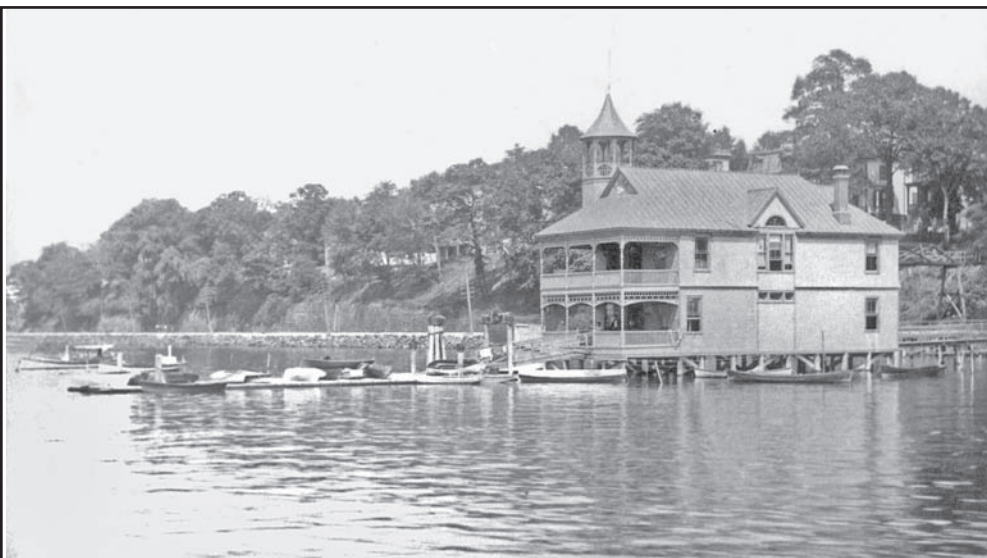
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# On This Day in Yonkers History



The Corinthian Yacht Club

By Mary Hoar  
President emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

## Monday, Oct. 31

Oct. 31, 1912: Corinne Knickerbocker presented a life-size bust of George Washington to Mayor Lennon for the City of Yonkers. Created by the late Wilson MacDonald, it was a replica of Houdon's life mask of Washington, molded directly from Washington's face in 1785. MacDonald made many castings of this bust, numbered them and wrote on the back, "This is a mathematical reduction of the original Life Mask Bust of Washington, sworn to by Wilson MacDonald, Copyright 1899, The Menry-Bonnard Bronze Co, Founders NY 1899."

Oct. 31, 1942: City Manager William Walsh challenged the right of Westchester County to sell land in the Grassy Sprain watershed to the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company for its high-tension power lines.

## Tuesday, Nov. 1

Nov. 1, 1920: St. Joseph's Church held a memorial service for Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney of Cork, Ireland, held at exactly the same time as his funeral in Ireland. Prior to the service, more than 3,000 Yonkers mourners paraded to the church, led by a hearse. British troops had stormed Cork City Hall and arrested MacSwiney on charges of sedition; he began a hunger strike in protest. Worldwide support included riots in Barcelona, a New York waterfront strike, and mass demonstrations around the world. King George V tried to intercede, but the British Cabinet, led by Lloyd George, refused the king's appeal for clemency. MacSwiney died in London's Brixton Prison after 74 days without food.

Nov. 1, 1933: Police Chief Edward Quirk put his men on alert to prevent disorder when the "Hunger March," on its way to Albany, entered Yonkers. The local Yonkers Communist group fed the marchers while in our city.

## Wednesday, Nov. 2

Nov. 2, 1903: Merrit and Chapman Wrecking Company began the work of moving the Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club to its new site across from 785 Nepperhan Ave. pontoons were placed under the house at low tide; once the tide turned, the rising water lifted the house clear of its old foundation at the foot of Vark Street. The house and pontoons were towed to the new spot and floated into position. The falling tide lowered the house until it rested on its new base.



Terence MacSwiney

Nov. 2, 1929: Yonkers resident and trans-Atlantic pilot Captain Lewis Yancey led a fleet of planes to Yonkers from Roosevelt Field to support Mayor John Fogarty's election campaign. Yancey and his wife, the former Gertrude Civello, lived on Cornell Avenue.

## Thursday, Nov. 3

Nov. 3, 1904: Yonkers Republicans held a torchlight procession as part of the celebration for the coming election night. An estimated 4,500 people took part in the parade.

Nov. 3, 1923: A crying baby saved the occupants of 26 Washington St. Choking on the smoke fumes, the child's wails woke them all to find a fire in the rear of the store in the building. Chief Mulcahey estimated the damage to be approximately \$800.

Nov. 3, 1930: William Tilden, the "Big Bill" of the tennis world, made a personal appearance at Proctor's theater. Tilden appeared with the comedy team in a skit and topped the vaudeville bill accompanying the movie.

## Friday, Nov. 4

Nov. 4, 1912: The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society gave a room in Manor Hall to the Keskeskick Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to be used as its headquarters. Ellen Hardin Walworth and 13 charter members founded the chapter in 1895 and named it Keskeskick, the Algonquin word for "stony place."

Nov. 4, 1931: Joseph Loehr was elected mayor, defeating Harry Laragh by 6,883 votes.

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# Two Yonkersites Play Key Role at Untermyer Gardens



Andrew Schuyler, right, and Marco Polo Stufano are making Untermyer Gardens a better place.

Two Yonkers residents have become an important part of the nationally known team of gardeners restoring Untermyer Park and Gardens, which is quickly becoming a national attraction thanks to a public-private partnership between the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy and the City of Yonkers.

Since its establishment in 2011, the conservancy has raised more than \$2.5 million to fund capital and horticultural improvements, plus funding for six gardeners.

Andrew Schuyler is a fourth-generation Yonkersite. He attended PEARLS before graduating from Archbishop Stepinac High School. After graduating from college, he worked briefly in 2012 at Untermyer Gardens, which confirmed that horticulture was his passion. He then won an internship to work at the Golden Gate National Park in San Francisco.

Marco Polo Stufano, founding director of horticulture at Wave Hill and horticultural advisor at Untermyer Gardens, recommended Schuyler for the Professional Gardeners Training Program at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, the leading school of horticulture in the country.

After graduating with honors there, Schuyler had two more internships, one at Vallarta Botanical Garden in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and the other at Great Dixter in England. The latter is considered one of the finest gardens in the world.

He began work as a horticulturist at Untermyer Gardens in August.

Stewart Molina grew up in Yonkers. He attended Yonkers Public Schools and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 2010. From 2007-12, he worked for Groundwork Hudson Valley.

Having received the highest possible recommendation from Groundwork, Stewart was hired as a seasonal worker at Untermyer Gardens for three years. He has played an important role in maintaining the grounds, having learned skills required for an ornamental public garden.

The Untermyer Gardens Conservancy is proud of these two Yonkers citizens and has benefited greatly from their skilled work. Indeed, all of Yonkers is indebted to them for the magnificent transformation that is ongoing at Untermyer Gardens.

# SLC Hosts 'Day in the Life Of the Hudson' Event

Sarah Lawrence's Center for Urban River at the Beczak recently held a "Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary," a statewide program that connects thousands of students across New York in collecting scientific data on one day.

On Oct. 20, students and teachers from St. Ann's School in Brooklyn and graduate students in Sarah Lawrence College's Art of Teaching program simultaneously collected scientific data on the river with students and teachers at more than 80 sites from New York City to Albany.

Armed with seine nets, minnow pots and water testing gear, thousands of students caught and released many of the Hudson's 200-plus species of fish, tracked the river's tides and currents, and examined water chemistry and quality.

The data collected by students provides insights into an ecosystem spanning 160 miles of the Hudson River and New York Harbor, and is posted online within a few days of the event. Sharing the data via the web helps students better understand how their piece of the river fits into the larger Hudson estuary ecosystem.

Now in its 14th year, "Day in the Life" is sponsored by the Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Lamont-

Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. A list of participating schools, site locations and times can also be found on the DEC website at [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/47285.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/47285.html).

Victoria Garufi, director of education at the college's Center for Urban River at Beczak, said the day provided students with an amazing learning laboratory, as well as helped collect valuable scientific data for further study. "This is a living laboratory that brings the Hudson River to life for children across the state," she said. "It also provides great teaching experience for our graduate students who are participating in the day."

Ryan Palmer, director of the Center for the Urban River, said he was thrilled to partner with the Hudson River Estuary Program on this long-standing program, and looked forward to continuing to support its Action Agenda with CURB's citizen-science work, youth education programs, Hudson River Environmental Conditions Observing System Station, and Yonkers' only true Hudson River access site.

"We are doing the work we set out to do," he said. "It shows that the center is thriving and succeeding not only at engaging the community, but at collecting and sharing data that will lead to future initiatives to protect the environment."



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## On This Day

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The Democrats won control of the city, winning all posts on the Board of Estimate for the first time in the city's history.

### Saturday, Nov. 5

Nov. 5, 1918: Women of Yonkers exercised the privilege of voting for the first time.

Nov. 5, 1927: The Police Association presented a flagpole in memory of the late Mayor James Lennon at ceremonies in Lennon Park on Lake Avenue.

Nov. 5, 1929: Mayor John Fogarty held a victorious "at home" in the evening after confirmation of his re-election. Friends, neighbors and political allies poured into the Fogarty home on Leighton Avenue while auto sirens tooted, and boys, men and girls blew horns.

At the height of the noise in the street, the men bundled the mayor out and into the first of a long line of cars to make a tour of the city. Cars continually joined the convoy, reaching a count of several hundred. Led by a detail of motorcycle police, they traveled to

Getty Square, where crowds were so heavy that traffic was stopped. Handfuls of confetti were thrown into the open cars as they continued up Broadway to Sacred Heart, the Shonnard Place firehouse, the Republican City Club and the Elks' Club.

### Sunday, Nov. 6

Nov. 6, 1909: One of the featured attractions of the Horticultural Society of New York's exhibition in the Museum of Natural History was a specimen bush with more than 1,000 chrysanthemums from Samuel Untermeyer's Greystone estate in Yonkers.

Nov. 6, 1931: Hungry thieves looted James Butler's grocery store on Elm Street. They ate their way through dozens of cans of sardines and washed them down with soda water and cider. Patrolman John Curran discovered the theft as he walked his regular beat.

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

## \$39M for

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items in a new agreement. Now, the city and Board of Education are renegeing on what they had previously agreed to; and we're calling them on it."

The Board of Education called the YFT's accusations "baseless."

"The Yonkers Federation of Teachers' claim that the Board of Education (BOE) is 'renegeing on a near-deal to settle a new contract, is baseless,'" the BOE said in a statement. "The discussions in late May referenced by the YFT were clearly nothing more than proposals for presentation to the trustees and eventually to the city; in no way was this near a complete package. Moreover, due to the actions of the president and executive vice president of the YFT in early June, the district was forced into a position to re-evaluate the district's bargaining priorities.

"Notwithstanding, the Board of Education's contract negotiation teams remain as committed today as they have been throughout discussions to fair equitable contracts with all of its bargaining units. And, the superintendent's Annual Professional Performance

Review negotiation team, which is separate and apart from the contract negotiations team, has been insistent and persistent in their negotiations for a signed APPR that must be approved by the New York State Education Department by Dec. 31.

"Since the implementation of the state law that mandates all school districts have an approved APPR no later than Dec. 31, 2016, Dr. Edwin Quezada, superintendent of schools, has been explicitly clear that a signed APPR is not and should not be dependent on a signed contract," said the BOE. "In addition, Dr. Quezada continually reminded the YFT that \$39 million in state aid is at stake without an approved APPR.

"Conversely, the YFT has made it abundantly clear to both the district's contract and APPR negotiating teams that it will withhold approval on the APPR until such time as there is an agreement to what they consider all of the terms of their contract. Essentially, the YFT is using the APPR and \$39 million in state aid, which it knows the district cannot afford to lose, as leverage until such time as the district is willing to agree to their demands on other items in their contract, such as raises. The district refuses to gamble with the educational well-being of our most precious resource – Yonkers children, and the Yonkers community.

"The BOE is fully committed to resolving these issues and has scheduled multiple negotiation sessions with the YFT," said the board. "The Yonkers Public Schools continue to make significant gains in student achievement outcomes, parental involvement and improvements in delivering instruction. These accomplishments are a result of the work and commitment of the outstanding professional teachers, administrators and support staff who serve the children. The Board of Education trustees, mayor and the superintendent of schools are confident that through continuing collaboration this will be equitably resolved, there is too much at stake for our staff, our students and the City of Yonkers."

At the Tuesday BOE meeting, the board voted unanimously to give its legal counsel the authority to take "any and all appropriate legal action(s) necessary to address any improper practice charge existing by the Yonkers Federation of Teachers relating to the negotiation of the Annual Professional Performance Review for Teachers and directs the Corporation Counsel, or his designee, to prosecute the same forthwith..."

Off the record, BOE and city officials are now concerned that YPS will not meet the deadline and lose \$39 million in state aid next year. "If we lose \$39 million in school aid, the biggest hit will be taken by the teachers – we will have to lay off hundreds of teachers," said one city official. "What is Pat (Puleo) thinking?"

Earlier this year, Spano stated that he would not negotiate with the YFT on a new contract with Puleo as president, and Council President Liam McLaughlin called on Puleo to resign. And a report from Inspector General Brendan McGrath also deemed that Puleo and Diamond should be terminated.

# Legal Notices

Notice of formation of Chudoku LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/23/16 Office location: Westchester County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: 465 E. Lincoln Avenue #617 Mt. Vernon, NY 10552 Purpose: any lawful act.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC REAL ESTATE AUCTION CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK

Notice is hereby given of a public real estate auction of the parcel of real property consisting of 73 Vernon Avenue (6-6325-7) and 71 Vernon Avenue (6-6325-8), Yonkers, NY. The lots will be auctioned as a single parcel. The City of Yonkers acquired the properties via In Rem foreclosure.

The public auction will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2016 in the lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, White Plains, NY. The starting bid for the parcel will be one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). The high bidder will be required to make a 10% down payment immediately after the auction and provide the balance of purchase price at closing within 45 days. Bidding is not subject to contingencies. All bidders agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of Sale.

City of Yonkers Department of Planning & Development

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## The Gov.

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hour news operation.

Back in 1988, Yonkers Councilman Charlie Cola spearheaded the cabling of Yonkers. Cablevision was slow to service some of the low-income areas in Yonkers, so Cola put pressure on them.

I remember Cablevision filming its first local election debate. I was involved with the local League of Women Voters, who asked me if I would provide some commentary on the debate or knew of someone who would. The league was non-partisan, and I was working at City Hall and thought it would be a conflict of interest so I said no.

Imagine if I had said yes. I could have been a talking head (or clown) like we see on every station on our television sets today!

The details are coming out in bits and pieces but we will apparently soon see a major shakeup at News 12. A French company known for coming in and downsizing has purchased News 12.

Janine Rose, Grace Noone, Tara Rosenblum and many of the other anchors and reporters at

News 12 have become party of our family, particularly since local news is practically non-existent or minimal in the Herald Statesman (oops, Journal News). Dave Wolf, a name you would not know unless you are in the business, does a super job putting all the pieces together.

The problem when you are doing a local news broadcast and bring people in who are not familiar with the areas that they cover is that they make mistakes that can't be taken back. When you see Janine, Grace, Tara and other longtime reporters at News 12 (even Joe Rao, the weatherman with hair second only to Donald Trump), you know that are watching people who know the community and fairly report on it.

Things change. I just hope that News 12 continues to bring us news "As local as News Gets" by experienced reporters, anchors and producers. We will be watching!

Reach Eric Schoen at [thistoosyonkers@aol.com](mailto: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 or on the Internet at [wvox.com](http://wvox.com) and click on "listen live."

## Halloweekend

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April Armstrong is a featured storyteller in the Hudson Valley, a place of lively ghosts and ghouls at Halloween time. Listen to her tell spooky – but not too spooky – stories in Glenview's Great Hall. Hear about a spooky house, a witch and a special kind of horse, and about a strange and wonderful cookie that makes a bad situation bet-

ter.

This program is for ages 4 to 10.

On Sunday, a costume parade featuring a contest with prizes is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Also, a planetarium program featuring Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds – a Live Radio Fright-fest" will begin at 3:30 p.m.

This real-time radio show will be presented by Spring Training Productions. The story starts when a seemingly harmless meteor strike turns out to be the vanguard of a mega-Martian attack.

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# Seniors and Health Care

## 'Safe Sleep' Campaign Aims To Prevent Infant Death



County Executive Robert Astorino, right, introduces a live demonstration of the "ABCs of Safe Sleep" as given by Dr. Jennifer Canter, director of the Child Abuse Pediatrics Program at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, with new parents Oscar and Bruny Bravo with their son, Daniel, 8 months old.

County Executive Robert Astorino recently introduced a public awareness campaign aimed at preventing infant deaths attributed to unsafe sleep environments by promoting the "ABCs of Safe Sleep" throughout Westchester. The "ABCs of Safe Sleep," as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and others, is a reminder that the safest way for babies to sleep is "Alone, on their Backs, and in a Crib."

"Any preventable infant death is one too many," said Astorino. "Every parent, family member and caregiver needs to know the safe way to put babies to sleep. We're talking about saving lives."

Joining Astorino were representatives from the county's departments of social services and health, the District Attorney's Office, the medical community, parents and nonprofit partners.

The bilingual campaign will include a video, county bus shelter and interior bus advertisements, posters and flyers that illustrate the "ABCs of Safe Sleep" in both English and Spanish. Westchester County will promote the campaign through its various programs and offices, in addition to its email newsletter, website and social media platforms. The video will also be available to show in county offices and health clinics.

In addition, nonprofit partners will help distribute the information to more than 750 child care providers and more than 3,000 parents

through the Child Care Council of Westchester, as well as through the Westchester County Diaper Bank in partnership with the Junior League of Central Westchester. All materials are available to medical practices and community groups to share more broadly, as well.

For more information, visit [www.westchestergov.com](http://www.westchestergov.com) or contact DSS Deputy Commissioner John Befus at [jab6@westchestergov.com](mailto:jab6@westchestergov.com) to learn more about becoming a partner.

"Losing a child is absolutely devastating," said DSS Commissioner Kevin McGuire. "But the worst thing is when the death could have been prevented. It's critically important that all parents know the 'ABCs of Safe Sleep,' and that they share these practices with anyone caring for their child."

Talk to all caregivers about the "ABCs of Safe Sleep" to keep your baby safe and reduce the risk of SIDS, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Use #SafeSleep to share on social media.

Remember: Babies should always sleep alone in a crib – never with adults, siblings or pets in the crib; with no blankets, pillows, wedges, bumpers or toys; and in one more layer of clothing than you. Always place you baby on his or her back, not on the tummy or side. Use tightly fitted sheets with no blankets in the crib, and never put your baby down to sleep on a couch, futon, chair or waterbed.

## Breast Cancer Program Receives Grant for Outreach

NewYork-Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital has been awarded funding from the state health department for a breast cancer screening program.

As one of 37 centers in New York State with designation from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, NYP/Lawrence Hospital was encouraged to apply for the grant. This three-year funding, which is part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's \$90 million initiative to fight breast cancer, will allow the program to staff a full-time breast cancer screening navigator who will help reduce barriers to screenings, such as transportation, and assist those in need of a screening in finding a location.

The goal of this initiative is to increase New York State's breast cancer screening rate by 10% over the next five years. Staff will work very closely with the NYS Cancer Services Program to assist individuals without insurance to get referrals to screening centers that participate in that Program.

Dr. Michelle Azu, director of breast surgical services and chairperson of the NAPBC-accredited breast program at NYP/LH, assistant professor of surgery at Columbia University Medical Center and a member of the ColumbiaDoctors faculty practice, said: "Studies clearly show that access to screening programs is important, and that some patients experience barriers to obtaining taking part in these initiatives. We know that screening allows for early detection of breast

cancer, and the earlier a breast cancer is identified, the better the outcomes.

"Our goal is to reach multiple patient populations, and enhance breast cancer screening for all women meeting the criteria," she continued. "Our team of experts is not just highly-skilled, but we are also compassionate and our focus is providing excellent care for every patient walking through our door."

In addition, the Carol H. Taylor Breast Health Center at NYP/Lawrence Hospital has expanded mammogram screening hours. The center, located near the hospital's main entrance, is now open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second Saturday of every month.

Dr. Lynn Chinitz, director of the Carol H. Taylor Breast Health Center at NYP/Lawrence Hospital, assistant professor of radiology at Columbia University Medical Center and a member of the ColumbiaDoctors faculty practice, said: "Breast cancer can strike those you might not expect. Seventy-five percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history and are not considered to be at high risk. That's why an annual screening mammogram is important. The goal of breast cancer screening is to detect breast cancers when they are small – when treatment is more effective and less harmful."

To schedule an appointment, call 914-787-5008.

## Adult Art Class

Adults and seniors are invited to learn about artist Henri Matisse and his artwork, then create their own vase and flower drawing based on his style, Monday, Nov. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Port Chester-Rye Brook Public Library. Learn how to use lines, shapes and angles to complete the drawing, with regular pencils and watercolor pen-

cils.

The class will be taught by Barbara Freiberg, who has been creating and teaching art classes for 13 years for children, teens, adults and families.

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## Assemblymember

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Stewart-Cousins and George Latimer, and Assemblymember Gary Pretlow – will now have to convince state leaders to increase the rate of reimbursement for Yonkers schools' construction from the current 70 to 90 percent or higher.

"We are going to try and fight to get a higher reimbursement rate," she said. "We have to make the case that we need more, and the delegation is ready to make that argument."

We asked Mayer what the perception of Yonkers is in Albany.

"I think it has improved in part because the Yonkers members of the state delegation are very unified and are on the same page," she said. "The speaker (Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie) has a good feel for Yonkers and its needs and that is an asset. The positive message coming out of the city, and the mayor's office, and the feeling of optimism on the future of Yonkers and its economic development have also helped. I have always been a proponent about the best of Yonkers and I have used my experience for our city and I think it works well for Yonkers."

Before serving in the Assembly, Mayer worked as the counsel to the Senate Democratic majority and minority during a tumultuous time in the state capital. "I learned a lot and met a lot of people who I now work with for the good of Yonkers," she said. "I like to think that I was perceived as a trustworthy, mature and responsible person during that time, and I still have that loyalty to seeing the Democrats take control of the State Senate, with my friend and partner Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins."

Mayer clearly likes her job and her ability to help the people of Yonkers. "I'm passionate about Yonkers, and my office provides enormous opportunity to make a difference," she said. "I like to work hard and deliver and I'm not afraid to disagree. I have a great staff and we enjoy meeting new people and helping them."

Even though she has no opponent Nov. 8, Mayer continues to campaign and ask for the people of Yonkers' vote.

"I've worked with every Republican leader and elected official on local issues and community issues of concern," she said. "I think people know that I am a person of good will and they don't dislike me. I would love to have a strong victory Nov. 8 and I ask the people of Yonkers for their vote."

Mayer is usually rumored to be considered by Democrats in Yonkers, and Westchester, for higher elected office. But for now, Mayer is in the right office at the right time. "My goal is to accomplish as much as I can, and if I can have a greater impact down the road, I'm open to the possibility – whatever it may be," she said.

Even though she is running unopposed, Yonkers Rising appreciates the hard work and commitment of Assemblymember Shelley Mayer. Her laundry list of accomplishments points to a dedicated, experienced and knowledgeable public servant. We endorse Mayer for re-election and believe the people of Yonkers are fortunate to have her representation in Albany.

Mayer has accomplished several legislative priorities in 2016.

### Rebuilding Yonkers Public Schools

The Yonkers City School District Joint Schools Construction and Modernization Act establishes the first phase of construction and renovations of Yonkers Public Schools. The legislation, sponsored by Mayer and Gary Pretlow in the Assembly and State Sens. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and George Latimer, creates a Joint Schools Construction Board, which has the authority to finance up to \$523 million to build up to three new school buildings and renovate up to 39 existing buildings.

The nine-member board will be comprised of city and school district leaders and their appointees, and appointments will be determined on factors including diversity and experience in education policy, financing and construction. The board is responsible for developing a comprehensive plan outlining construction and modernization projects in consultation with the New York State comptroller, the State Education Department, the Yonkers Board of Education, and community members. The comprehensive plan must include cost estimates for each project, strategies to ensure a more diverse workforce for the projects, and input from the community by requiring that public hearings be held in each neighborhood potentially impacted.

The multi-million-dollar plan includes cost-preventive measures by requiring projects to be value-engineered should they exceed anticipated project costs by more than 10 percent.

### Combating Heroin and Opioid Addiction

The NYS Assembly and Senate passed a package of legislation that will further improve the treatment and prevention of heroin and opioid addiction in New York. The legislation builds on previous efforts by the Assembly, which included \$189 million in this year's state budget for treatment and prevention initiatives, as well as safe drug-disposal programs. In addition, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services will extend the heroin and opioid addiction wraparound services program for an additional two years and identify best practices for these services.

OASAS will also ensure that all utilization review tools used by insurers and providers are consistent with OASAS-defined treatment service levels to help improve substance use disorder treatment and coverage.

One bill sponsored by Mayer and signed by the governor will help combat the opioid epidemic in New York by making naloxone, a life-saving opioid overdose drug, more readily available to help save lives. The legislation requires any pharmacy with 20 or more locations to pursue or maintain a standing order to

dispense naloxone or to register with the NYS Department of Health as an opioid overdose prevention program.

Deaths resulting from opioid overdoses have surged in the state over the last 10 years. In 2014, there were 121,000 admissions for heroin and prescription opioid abuse treatment in New York, a 20 percent increase from 2009. Currently, pharmacies in the state can, but are not required to, dispense naloxone.

### Protecting Consumers from Phony Telemarketing Calls

Mayer sponsored a bill, signed by the governor, that is geared toward helping consumers avoid unwelcome telemarketing calls by giving state regulators a new tool to pursue telemarketers who hide their identity when making calls. The bill prohibits telemarketers from transmitting inaccurate, misleading or false caller identification information to consumers and provides further enforcement of the Do-Not-Call registry.

### Increasing Funds for Vulnerable Students

As chairwoman of the Assembly Subcommittee on Students with Special Needs, Mayer has worked to ensure the students served by 853 Schools and Special Act Public Schools receive the resources they need. The schools, which serve children with unique and challenging emotional and educational needs, have been historically underfunded. Gov. Andrew Cuomo, however, announced that 853 Schools and Special Act Public Schools would receive its third consecutive year of rate increases with a 4 percent increase in reimbursement rates.

### Fighting for Good Jobs

In 2016, Mayer introduced a bill with Sen. Liz Krueger that increases accountability, oversight, and transparency of Industrial Development Agencies and Local Development Corporations. In addition to standardizing existing reporting requirements and allowing for increased local public and government input, this bill ensures jobs created from taxpayer subsidies pay prevailing wages and are subject to project labor agreements, which helps ensure projects are completed on time and on budget, employees receive appropriate training and fair pay for publicly-subsidized work, and that public investment benefits local communities.

### Veteran's Pension Credit Bill

The NYS Assembly and Senate passed a bill, which Cuomo signed into law, to extend the Military Service Credit Law of 2000 to all veterans who have served in the military. This legislation, which Mayer co-sponsored, will remove the existing date of service limitations and expand eligibility for the military service credit to otherwise eligible veterans irrespective of their dates of service.

### Stripping Pensions from Corrupt Politicians

The NYS Assembly and Senate passed a concurrent resolution that will put an end to corruption in government. The pension forfeiture resolution would amend the state Constitution by stripping pensions of public officials who are convicted of a felony related to their official duties. (For this amendment to become law, it must pass in both chambers again next legislative session. At that point, it will be placed on the ballot as a public referendum for voters to amend the state Constitution.)

### Raising Minimum Wage

The 2016-17 final budget provides New Yorkers with a minimum wage increase that will help lift countless families out of poverty. The minimum wage will be gradually increased over several years and has a more rapid implementation in downstate suburban counties where the cost of living is higher.

For workers in Westchester County, the enacted budget will raise the minimum wage to \$10 by the end of 2016, then by an additional \$1 each year until reaching \$15 an hour at the end of 2021. The state Department of Labor projects 281,104 workers in the Hudson Valley will experience higher pay as a result of the \$15 minimum wage, re-investing an estimated \$1.8 billion in the region's economy.

### Supporting Family Leave

The 2016-17 budget takes an important step forward in ensuring New Yorkers do not have to choose between caring for a loved one and earning a paycheck. The inclusion of a comprehensive paid family leave program in NYS will ensure that no worker is forced to risk his or her job to care for a loved one. When fully phased in, the family leave provision will afford employees 12 weeks of paid leave per year to care for a new child or family member in need.

The measure will be funded through a small weekly employee contribution and offer up to two-thirds of an employee's salary during their absence, not to exceed two-thirds of the statewide average weekly wage. The state Department of Labor projects 649,990 private sector workers in the Hudson Valley will become eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave.

Additionally, the budget includes increased funding for various child-care and after-school programs. The budget provides \$22.3 million for Advantage After School, which offers extracurricular activities for students in a positive environment, and provides \$3 million for Kinship Care, which affects more than 1,000 families in Westchester County.

### Improving Transportation

This year's budget has a robust plan to repair New York's aging roads and bridges, as well as a thorough commitment for public transit, especially in downstate urban and suburban communities. The enacted budget also includes more than \$55 million – an increase of more than \$3 million from last year – in operating aid for Westchester County transit services, such as the Bee-Line bus system, which provide essential transportation that sustain the local economy and meet the growing needs of those without access to cars or who use public transportation.

## Live Harmonica Music

An afternoon of music on the harmonica featuring America's Got Talent's Jia-Yi He will be presented Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Yonkers Public Library, Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave. Admission is free, no tickets are required, and seating is in the 325-seat auditorium.

Jia-Yi He will dazzle the audience playing from one to 16 harmonicas at a time, including the world's biggest harmonica, in an afternoon of classics to Broadway favorites.

Call the library at 914-337-1500 for more information and directions.

**America's Got Talent star Jia-Yi He will perform in Yonkers.**



## We Endorse

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We base our endorsement of Scarpino on three factors: his broad-based experience and prior service to Westchester; his ability, in our view, to have the respect and trust of all people in Westchester; and his gravitas and ability to immediately step into the office and enhance public safety, prosecute each case fairly, and maintain the highest standard of integrity in the office.

Scarpino comes from a family of law enforcement, where his father served as deputy police commissioner in the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Scarpino then served with honor in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and returned to the county to serve as a judge in four different capacities – as a City Court, County Court, State Supreme Court and Surrogate Court judge.

His lifetime of diverse experience, interacting with attorneys before him on the bench, helping put criminals behind bars as an FBI agent, and his family lineage of protecting and serving the public, gives Scarpino unparalleled experience to serve as district attorney.

It is also worth noting that Scarpino could have "cashed in his chips" and joined a law firm years or decades ago. And while he now serves as a partner in a prominent Westchester law firm, the fact that he waited three decades to do so shows us his commitment and dedication to public service.

Scarpino has also given back by continuing to teach at local Westchester colleges, and has successfully attempted to instill in his students respect for the law and an example of how to serve, not only at a law school but at colleges and community colleges in the area.

Scarpino's opponent is Republican candidate Bruce Bendish, who is also qualified to

## Latimer's Fight

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who has served as the top Democrat on the Education Committee for four years. "I fundamentally trust the parents and educators in Bronxville or Byram Hills to do what is best for their children and their students before anyone in Albany or in Washington, D.C."

Since 2014, state education aid has increased by more than \$2 billion, and the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which reduced funding for school districts, has been eliminated – restoring more than \$1.5 billion in funding to local schools. This has helped to hold the line on property taxes while ensuring the best education for Westchester students.

"I put public school funding on the top of my budget list," said Latimer at a recent League of Women Voters debate. "We have not properly funded our public schools in the suburbs and the urban districts. When I look at budget priorities that is number one."

The senator represents a diverse district that has different educational and budgetary priorities, including three urban school districts in New Rochelle, Yonkers and White Plains.

But Latimer's lasting legacy may be his efforts from day one to halt or modify the common core testing in New York State. After receiving an earful from parents and educators back home in Westchester, Latimer went back to Albany and confronted then-State Education Commissioner John King over Common Core.

In 2014, the Senate Education Committee hosted King, and there, Latimer repeatedly asked him to "hit the delay button" on the implementation of the Common Core standards.

"Commissioner, as committed as you are to this path, and as convinced as you are of its rightness, I am equally convinced we are on the wrong path. I think we are steaming across the North Atlantic. We have reports of icebergs out there, and we're not slowing down... Let's hit the delay button... Hit it!" said Latimer, slamming his hand on the table to announce his point.

Latimer's substance in the Common Core debate included his willingness to consider alternatives, including pieces of legislation that would have scrapped the Common Core standards and withdrawn New York from Race to the Top.

Another point Latimer had to get to state education leaders was that many of the school districts in the 37th District were already performing at high levels and were preparing their students for college and beyond. There was no need for common core testing in these districts and Latimer said aggregating data will ultimately bring down the elite Westchester public

schools that are already doing well.

serve as district attorney, and has the honor of serving under Westchester's most respected and trusted DA Carl Vergari.

After serving as an assistant district attorney under Vergari 30 years ago, Bendish has worked as a respected criminal defense attorney. In any other DA election, against any other candidate, Bendish would be an attractive candidate that would deserve our consideration of an endorsement.

But this year, Bendish is running against a legend in Westchester and someone whose resume makes him perfectly suited to serve as our DA.

Some of our readers have contacted us to complain about our recent coverage of Judge Scarpino. We have known Scarpino for more than 20 years, and his campaign reached out to us, as any wise candidate would. We were never contacted by the Bendish campaign, and they never sought our newspapers' coverage or support.

Rising newspapers has also been the only newspaper in Westchester willing to endorse Republican candidates for office. The fact that we are endorsing Scarpino, a Democrat, should also be noted, as should the fact that this race for DA – like many other political races in Westchester this year – has been drowned out by this year's race for president. That is not our fault.

Yes, we are passionate about the prospect of having Scarpino as our next DA, but for no other reason than he would be the best person for the job, and would serve in the tradition of Carl Vergari. We are confident that no one would get or seek special favor or attention before his office.

For that reason, the people of Westchester are fortunate to have this type of candidate for district attorney before them seeking their vote, and their confidence. For all of these reasons, we endorse Anthony Scarpino for district attorney. Vote on Nov. 8.

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"To treat all school districts the same as if all are equally bad is a waste of taxpayer money," he said.

Latimer has also been critical of federal education programs from Republican President George Bush (No Child Left Behind) and President Barack Obama (Race to the Top). Returning to the substance, not slogans reference, Latimer said on the Senate floor: "I'm a marketing man by profession, and I understand the value of slogans. (Coke – it's the real thing; join the Pepsi generation; call Geico and you can save 15 percent on your car insurance.) But the bottom line is: The education of our kids cannot be a slogan.

"I believe tougher standards are worthwhile, but the change in education strategy being implemented relies far too much on standardized testing, taking away teaching strategies from the classroom and placing them in the hands of Albany bureaucrats, while providing no real answer to the problems we face in urban education, where our dropout figures are alarming."

"What I saw in Albany was members of the Board of Regents out of touch with our grassroots educators, and implementing a radical change in the way we test and collect data on our students," continued Latimer. "My first concern is that we are doing this without the stakeholders having a buy-in. The teachers, administrators, parents, school boards have not been made a partner in the implementation of this. I have learned that you cannot implement something so drastic from the top down, and I did not support the over-testing of Common Core, or No Child Left Behind or Race to the Top. Call it what you want, but I stood up to the Regents and the education commissioner and now we have some modifications and change in leadership."

King since has moved on to Washington, D.C.

Latimer has also worked with state and local officials to ensure that funding for Yonkers Public Schools has been reformed and stabilized, and plans are under way to rebuild the aging educational infrastructure in Westchester's largest city.

If Democrats take control of the State Senate next month, Latimer could be in line to become the next Senate Education Committee Chair. His work on behalf of the parents, students and educators in the district certainly prepares him for that role if he should seek it.

With education always a top priority for most voters in Westchester, Latimer has a record of substance, and of listening to his constituents and returning to Albany to voice their concerns.

Latimer is running against Republican Rye City Councilwoman Julie Killian in the 37th District on Nov. 8.



## Resolve Wins the International Trot



Resolve pulls away to win the International Trot.



Resolve, with owner Hans Enggren, trainer-driver Ake Svantedt, and family celebrating victory at the International Trot at Yonkers Raceway.

Photos by Donna Davis

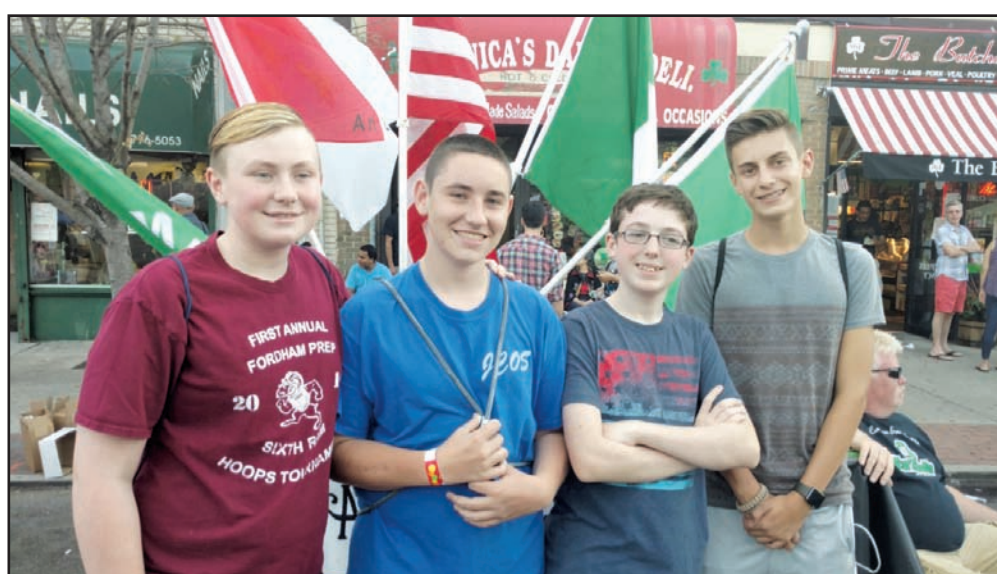
A U.S. horse won the International Trot at Yonkers Raceway last week, leading from start to finish in a record time of 2:23.4 on the mile-and-a-quarter distance on a beautiful day at the raceway. Resolve, who was the favorite at even money going into the race, led from start to finish, thanks to a perfect ride from Ake Svantedt.

Italian horse Oasis Bi, driven by Erik Idielsson, was second and Flanagan Memory of Canada, with Brian Sears in the sulky, finished third. Resole paid \$4.20

"I was hoping to control the race, and was able to do so," said driver-trainer Svantstedt in the winner's circle. "I wanted to be aggressive. He did everything himself, I was just a passenger. Once he got the lead, he was very comfortable. He could have gone even faster."

The \$1 million purse attracted horses from seven countries, and was the second year of a renewed International Trot, brought back to life with success by Yonkers Raceway and Empire City Casino president Tim Rooney.

## Woodlawn Teens Raise \$78K For Diabetes Research



The Woodlawn Warriors include, from left, John O'Connor, Christian Mauser, Michael Farrell and Adrian Djonbalaj. Photo by Ellen Mauser.

Four boys who are good friends, live within blocks of each other and were all diagnosed with type one diabetes decided to band together to raise money for JDRF, the leading organization funding type one diabetes research. Their team, Woodlawn Warriors, participates in the annual JDRF One Walk in Yonkers and has raised more than \$78,000 to date.

Although having four children who live within a mile of each other diagnosed with type 1 diabetes is unusual, it is evidence of the growing incidence of this disease. There has been a 21 percent increase in the number of U.S. youth with T1D, from 2003-09. By 2050, medical experts expect there to be a threefold increase in the number of youth with T1D.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly. It has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. If you have T1D, your pancreas stops producing insulin – a hormone essential to turning food into energy. This means you must constantly monitor your blood-sugar level, inject or infuse insulin from a pump and carefully monitor your eating and activity every day.

There is nothing you can do to prevent T1D and, currently, there is no cure.

Christian Mauser was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 21 months old. So when his good friends and neighbors Michael Farrell and John O'Connor were also diagnosed about eight years later, he told them, "It's no big deal." But Christian's mom, Ellen, was concerned for the boys and their parents because she knows how tough the daily management of diabetes is.

They all met Adrian Djonbalaj about eight years ago because he lives just three quarters of a mile away and attended religion classes with the

other boys. When they found out he also had T1D, the four families decided to band together in their fundraising efforts.

"We have so many mutual friends, it is easier for them to donate to one combined team," said Ellen Mauser. "Our original team, the Mighty Mausers, was formed right after Christian was diagnosed and the Farrells would sponsor us. Now we all walk together and raise about \$8,000 to \$10,000 each year."

The Woodlawn Warriors will walk in the JDRF One Walk on Oct. 23, and corporate sponsor Empire City Casino has donated the Yonkers Raceway as the walk path. Other sponsors include the Westchester Medical Center Health-Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Bleakley Platt and Schmidt LLP, WestMed Group and Northface. All are welcome to walk with a committed community that is passionate about doing whatever it takes to help JDRF turn "type one" into "type none."

"I am most impressed that funds to JDRF go to their mission, not to overhead," said Ellen. "It is the first question I ask any other charity. My hope is that JDRF will continue to help fund research to find a cure or better day-to-day management of T1D."

Ellen said she was thrilled to hear that the artificial pancreas received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for adults Sept. 28. "This would not have been possible without JDRF's support and advocacy... and the Woodlawn Warriors," she said.

The JDRF One Walk will take place Sunday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. (check-in starts at 9 a.m.) at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, 810 Yonkers Ave. It is 3 miles long. To register or to donate to the cause, visit [walk.jdrf.org/Norwalk](http://walk.jdrf.org/Norwalk).

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# Yonkers Veterans Welcomed at Health Fair



Clinic staff with Assemblymember Shelley Mayer.

Photos by Ed Whitman



Veteran Euler Bill Soto with Dr. Sherman, Wilson Terrero and Wilto Brusseau.



Dahlia and Emero Alexander with Veteran John Daly, and Yonkers Veterans Affairs Director Lou Navarro in the background.



The city's war memorial on South Broadway was recently vandalized.

The Yonkers VA Clinic, located at 124 New Main St., hosted a community service and health fair Oct. 13, which Yonkers Veterans Affairs Director Lou Navarro said was designed to give veterans the accessibility to a variety of community resources in one location.

Programs and services offered included voter registration, help with stopping smoking, veterans' identification cards, housing, flu shots, free dental screening, Medicaid, Food Stamps, nutrition, mental health and legal services.

Members of the Yonkers Veteran Administration Medical Group welcomed veterans to the event, and provided care and assistance in a variety of ways. If you know of a veteran who needs assistance, contact the medical group at 914-375-

8055.

In a related story, the Yonkers Veterans Memorial, located on South Broadway downtown, was recently vandalized. A police investigation resulted in the arrest of two persons for third-degree criminal mischief. The two persons arrested were homeless and temporary residents of the Sharing Community Shelter; they are not veterans.

"It is important that we respect the honor and service of those who have served our country, most notably the veterans who never came home," said Korean War veteran Mike Bennett. "That includes respecting the monuments that honor their service and where we stand and salute and remember on national holidays honoring their service."

## Halloween Spooktacular At Cross County Center

Cross County Shopping Center will host a Halloween Spooktacular featuring family-friendly spooks and thrills this weekend, featuring free festive activities and trick-or-treating for children.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, trick-or-treating at five stations will take place from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Halloween arts and crafts will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; a fortune teller will offer palm readings from 11 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 3 p.m.; and there will be strolling entertainers around the center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., there will be 25-minute storytimes every hour, an inflatable kids' maze, a coloring station, and "selfies" with Binx the Cat.

Cross County Shopping Center is located at 8000 Mall Walk, Yonkers.



Enjoy festive events Oct. 29.

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