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INAUGURATION DAY IN YONKERS 2016

Chief Judge Martinelli Takes Oath for 3rd Term



Yonkers City Court Chief Judge Michael Martinelli takes the oath of office, administered by the Hon. Alan Sheinkman at the Hudson River Museum, with wife, Jeanne, looking on.

Hundreds of well-wishers and elected officials gathered recently at the Hudson River Museum to witness the swearing-in of Yonkers City Court Chief Judge Michael Martinelli, the eldest son of former mayor Angelo Martinelli, who was successfully re-elected to his third 10-year term to the bench in the 2015 election.

Surrounded by fellow jurists throughout the state, county and city, Martinelli was sworn in by the Hon. Alan Scheinkman, chief administrative judge for the Ninth Judicial District. The ceremony included the "Pledge of Allegiance," lead by Atticus Oelkers, grandson of Supreme Court Justice J. Emmett Murphy; an invocation given by Fr.

Maurice Moreau, pastor of Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart; a greeting from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; and a personal tribute by the judge's son, Michael A. Martinelli Jr.

Martinelli is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Saint John's University School of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1975 and was a successful attorney and litigator before being elected to the bench in 1996. He has served as the chief judge since 2007.

The ceremony concluded with refreshments provided by Chef Peter Kelly of X20. All in attendance agreed it was a great day for Judge Martinelli and the City of Yonkers.

Spano Takes Oath of Office At Philipse Manor Hall Councilmembers, Judges Also Sworn In



Mayor Mike Spano takes the Oath of Office from Judge Tom Dickerson for a second term at historic Philipse Manor Hall in downtown Yonkers, with First Lady Mary Calvi and son Michael looking on.

The City of Yonkers hosted its 2016 inauguration ceremony Jan. 1 at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano was sworn in for his second term as the 42nd mayor of the City of Yonkers. Others that were sworn in include City Court Judge Michael A. Martinelli for a new term,

new City Court Judge Thomas Quiñones, and Yonkers City Council members Christopher Johnson (First District), Michael Sabatino (Third District) and Michael Breen (Fifth District) for their second terms.

The ceremony was preceded by an interfaith

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Sabatino Begins Another Term



Congressman Eliot Engel administers the oath of office to Councilman Michael Sabatino, with husband, Robert Voorheis, at his side.

Quiñones Appointed First Hispanic City Court Judge



Mayor Mike Spano administers the oath of office to Judge Tom Quiñones, with the Quiñones family looking on.

Last week, Mayor Mike Spano announced his appointment of Thomas Quiñones as a new City Court Judge for the City of Yonkers. Spano swore in Quiñones on Jan. 1 at the city's inauguration ceremony at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site on Warburton Avenue.

Quiñones will serve as Yonkers' first Hispanic City Court judge.

"I am proud to appoint Tom Quiñones as our new City Court Judge," said Spano. "Tom has been in public service for nearly 30 years, serving the New York community, especially our most vulnerable population, assisting families and children in need. Tom's professionalism, deep knowledge and experience in the ju-

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Breen Sworn Into Office



The Hon. Tom Dickerson administers the oath of office to Councilman Mike Breen, with wife, Patty, by his side.

Johnson Inaugurated to Second Council Term



Councilman Christopher Johnson takes the oath of office for second term, administered by City Court Judge Evan Inlaw, with wife, Tai Johnson, looking on.

Photos by Donna Davis

Yonkers Loses Its Hero on the Hudson

Kay Kendrick – 1935-2016



Kay Kendrick

The City of Yonkers mourned the loss of one of its longtime community servants with the passing of Kay Kendrick last week at the age of 81. Kay passed away at St. John's Hospital after living her life to the fullest, and living her life on the banks of the Hudson River in Yonkers for more than 60 years.

Kay and her husband, Frank, were the heart and soul of the U.S. Volunteer Lifesaving Corp. founded in 1887. The purpose of the Lifesaving Corp. in Yonkers was to save and prevent the deaths of persons who had fallen in, or jumped into the Hudson, or whose boats had become disabled.

Kay and Frank lived comfortably in a recreation vehicle on the Yonkers waterfront before the redevelopment of the downtown began in the 1990s. With two rescue boats, Kay and

Frank were ready to respond to an emergency on the river at any time, and happily provided a service that would have cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars per year for free – and did it for half a century!

Kay worked the radio, and coordinated with the police, fire and the U.S. Coast Guard, for emergencies on the river. Together with Frank on the boats, they rescued more than 30 people who ended up in the rough currents of the Hudson for –different reasons.

Kay and Frank also pulled more than two dozen bodies from the Hudson over the course of their stewardship of the pier. This unfortunate task fell to Kay and Frank, but they did it with pride to try and give the families of those lost peace in the fact that they had the bodies of

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Another Year of Yonkers H.S. Sports in 2016



Mayor Mike Spano helps start the Gorton vs. Saunders High School game last year. Photo by Phil Foley.

Look for more local high school sports coverage in Yonkers Rising, thanks to Phil Foley. We encourage all parents and coaches to contact him at pfoley14@aol.com and we will highlight your student athlete or team.

Recently, in a conference matchup, Palisades Prep defeated Yonkers Montessori 69-54. YMA took a 4-point lead into the half but came out flat in the third period, and continued to play poorly into the fourth period. Palisades Prep outscored YMA in the second half by 19 points.

Terrance Mullins from Palisades Prep led all scorers with 30 points; Dwight Allen contributed 15 points, along with his game control and many assists for Palisades Prep. YMA was

led by Philip Ladson with 24 points.

YMA also traveled to North Salem to participate in the North Salem tournament.

The Sacred Heart Irish (boys' varsity) defeated Clark Academy 71-68 at Sacred Heart Gym on Dec. 2. The game featured several lead changes, with the Irish jumping out to an early first-quarter lead. Clark, however, could not be counted out, as they continually answered Sacred Heart fast-break points with accurate shooting from 3-point range.

In what could very well be a preview of playoff basketball, the Sacred Heart Lady Irish (2-0, 1-0) shook off a slow start to defeat archrival Saint Barnabas on Dec. 1 at Sacred Heart Gym, 46-39.

Youth Acting Classes

Winter semester acting classes for young performers, taught by Artistic Director Jason Summers, are now underway at the Westchester Sandbox Theater.

With years of professional experience and a lifelong passion for working with children, Summers will help young performers develop the skills and confidence they need to shine on stage. Through a mix of humor, kid-friendly acting exercises and games, as well as a lesson-based curriculum, students will be exposed to a variety of acting techniques that

will help them grow in ways they never imagined.

The winter semester runs through March 16, from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays for those in kindergarten through third grade, and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for those in fourth through seventh grade.

The cost for the semester is \$395.

Westchester Sandbox Theater is located at 931 E. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. For more information, call 914-630-0804 or visit www.wstshows.com.

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Disabled Firefighters & RIP Joe the Barber

By Eric W. Schoen

Something has been bothering me the past few weeks. Let's call it "Yonkers math," or better yet the way the city of Yonkers does business.

Forget about Yonkers for a minute...let's talk about the private sector. You work, you earn wages, and if you are overpaid for any reason the bookkeeper, finance manager, comptroller or other person who authorized the payment is "out the door."

If the overpayment is through no fault of your own, the company may seek to recoup the money. If it values the work of the employees involved, this will be done in a way to have minimal impact. Or, as the song from "Frozen" so eloquently sung by Idina Menzel says, the company may "let it go."

Well, friends, let's come back to Yonkers. It doesn't work that way in our fair city. And who does the city pick on? None other than our disabled firefighters. Let me talk about one of them for a minute.

This firefighter, about my age, rushed into a fire in a crack house at Riverdale Avenue and Ludlow Street. Crack, for those of you unfamiliar, is a drug. No expert here, but I believe it is smoked or injected. When the powers that be wanted to tear down those crack houses in the 1980s to build the Hostos School, opposition occurred, fearing the loss of housing, and they remain to this day. Hopefully they have been cleaned up.

This firefighter, trying to do his duty and save lives and put out the fire in the dense smoke, got a needle stuck in his hand. First thing was fear of some disease being on the needle. This needle did so much damage to his hand that after numerous operations it still, to this day, does not function properly.

One day while this firefighter was going through surgery after surgery to get feeling back in his hand, he came in on light duty into fire headquarters with a metal contraption imbedded in his hand. The device reminded me of the plane the men flew in the movie "The Magnificent Flying Machine." Just looking at the device made me feel the pain this firefighter was in.

So back to the way Yonkers does business... On Oct. 2, disabled firefighters receiving 207-a benefit (a special benefit the state gives to firefighters disabled on the job) received a letter from a Carlos Moran, commissioner of human resources (and an active supporter of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano) putting them on notice that the "city is reviewing overpayments" they may have received.

Then on Oct. 15, Moran sends the disabled firefighters a letter that says the Oct. 2 letter was sent in error. The new letter says "the city is still reviewing the matter." It appeared that lots of highly-paid people and "special counsel" was brought in because the city's attorneys couldn't handle the screwed-up job.

In the private sector, those who authorized the over-payments and the special counsel handling this matter and advising the city would have been out of a job. From what I see, that's not the case in Yonkers.

Continuing our saga... on Dec. 9, the third day of Chanukah and during the days leading up to Christmas, Moran sends out an almost identical letter to the Oct. 2 one, this time saying the city "reserves the right to recoup overpayments" and reducing benefits to the disabled firefighters. Moran then goes on to afford the retirees with the opportunity to "be heard" (strange choice of words) and present evidence objecting to the city cutting their benefits.



Eric W. Schoen

Well, at least the inspector general of Yonkers, a man we don't hear from much as "everything in Yonkers is on the up and up," had the common sense to not expect much help from those who may or may not have the information he needs. In a letter dated Nov. 30 to Deputy Mayor Susan Gerry, Inspector General (doesn't that title sound very Pirates of Penzance-ish?) Brendan McGrath stated that he expects a lengthy investigation and doesn't expect "cooperation of individuals who are no longer under the jurisdiction of this (his) office and who, frankly may have no inclination to assist in such an investigation."

So here we have a classic case of the difference between how the private sector and government operates: Private sector would have terminated those who authorized the payments and the legal eagles causing letters to be sent out in error. Government just blames it on the employees and makes them look like the bad guys right before the holidays.

Both government and union officials admit there are problems with the 207-a system. Ninety-nine percent of those who receive these benefits have been injured legitimately in the course of duty. Sadly, the other percent received benefits because of the "friends and family" program so prevalent in Yonkers. It's sadly who you know, and not what you know; not just the current administration – but going back a long, long time.

When you hear talk of disabled firefighter benefits being cut, think of the guy who got a needle in his hand trying to save lives and put out a fire. Sadly, he will never have full use of his hand again. Imagine that!

RIP Joe the Barber

Last week Joe Lapreziosa died. The name might not mean much to you, but to those who lived in south Yonkers or resided in a nursing home or hospital, he was known as "Joe the Barber." Growing up he was the last chair at Sam's Barber Shop on Radford Street and South Broadway – "last chair" because he was the youngest of the barbers. He then moved his shop to South Broadway by McLean, and finally cut hair at Sprain Brook Barber Shop on Tuckahoe Road next to Staples.

"Joe the Barber" cut my hair as a child after Sam Dobkin (a.k.a. Sam the Barber) retired. He cut my hair for my Bar Mitzvah and dried my hair with a new device that he had in a black box. That new device in 1973 is what we now call a hair dryer. Mom and Grandma had their hair dried with a hair dryer or sat under the one in the beauty parlor. I felt so special when Joe used the dryer to dry my hair.

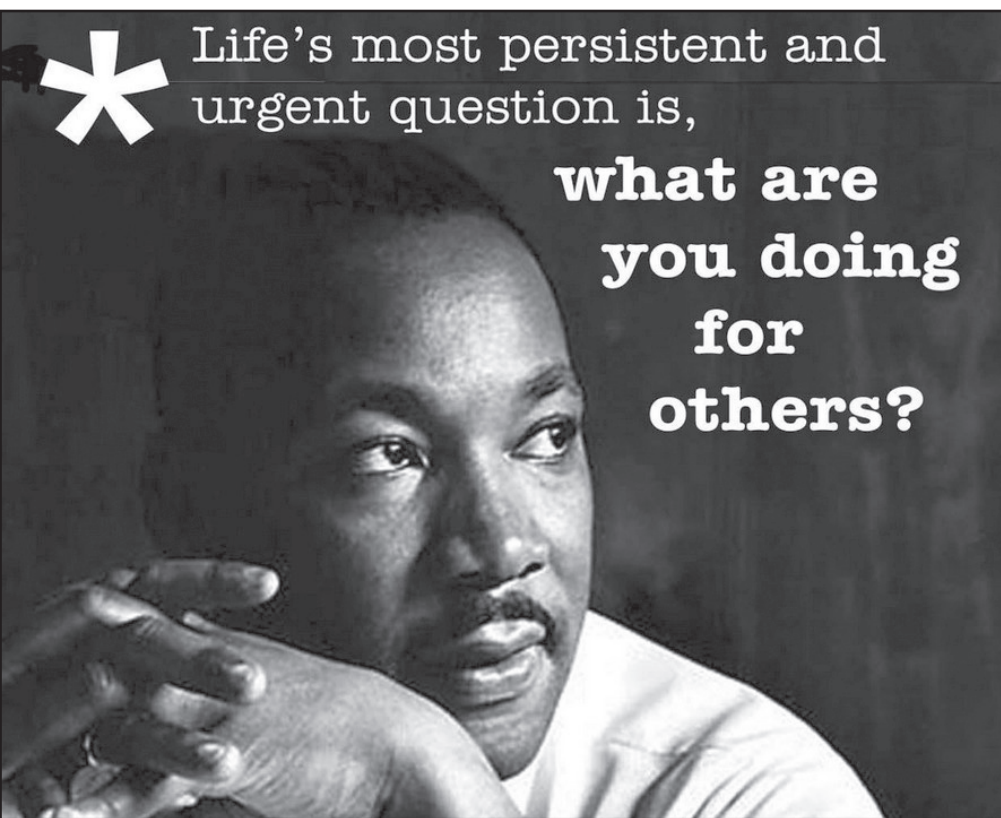
After he left full-time barber shop work he cut hair, male and female, at nursing homes and hospitals. He worked part-time at the Sprain Brook Barber Shop and cut my hair as an adult when Mario, the owner of that shop, was on vacation. It was probably 30 years after my Bar Mitzvah cut.

Joe's obituary said he was 88 years old – but 10 years ago he was 82, so the math doesn't add up. We will never know how old Joe was.

Normally the "Joe the Barbers" of the world pass away without nary a mention in the newspaper. Rest assured that Joe is up there in heaven making the ladies and gentlemen look fantastic!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com and follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Catch the Westchester Rising Radio Show featuring Dan Murphy and Eric Schoen on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on WVOX 1460 on the A.M. dial or on the Internet at wvox.com and click on "listen live."

Nepperhan Center Celebrates 30 Years of Honoring MLK



Participate in a program at the Nepperhan Community Center on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18.

Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., founded in 1942 and currently located at 342 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, will celebrate 30 years of paying tribute to the nation's greatest civil rights activist the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 18.

For the past 29 years, Nepperhan Center has honored the life and legacy of Dr. King with an annual breakfast, however for the 2016 celebration it will honor his brilliant career with a banquet at 6 p.m. at the Castle Royale, 92 Waverly St., Yonkers.

This year's theme is "All Lives Will Matter, When Black Lives Matter." The 2016 honorees will be, for the Dr. King Distinguished Service Award, Yonkers Mayor the Hon. Mike Spano and Yonkers Commissioner of Police Charles Gardner. The Dr. King Community Service Award recipients will include Winston Ross (posthumously), former executive director of WestCop; Ron Williams of Ron's Trucking; and Theresa Hollomon, executive administrative assistant of the Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.

The master of ceremonies will be the Rev. James Nathaniel Hassell of the Kingdom Christian Cultural Center in Yonkers. This year's keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant of the Empowerment Temple Church in Baltimore, Md.

Bryant pastors a congregation of more than 12,000 members and also serves as the national youth and college director of the NAACP for the past six years. He is an accomplished author, having written four books, and his ministry is in high demand both in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Join in this auspicious occasion – all tickets are \$50 in advance or \$55 at the door. There will also be a silent auction available to the public. For more information or to reserve a ticket or a table, contact Theresa Hollomon at 914-965-0203.

Elder Dr. Jim Bostic is the executive director of the center, and Arthur Melendez Jr. is the dinner chairman for the event.

Happy Anniversary, Aquehung

The Aquehung Women's Democratic Club recently celebrated its golden anniversary. Aquehung, the Indian name for "by the river," was founded in 1965 by Andrea Olsen, who had been an editor for Britannica Dictionaries.

"She knew the derivation and etymology of every word..." said longtime member, Ann Muro.

The organization originally had as its members – Democratic women from the fifth, 11th and 12th wards in Yonkers – that is, the east side of Yonkers. Years later, Aquehung welcomed women from all of Yonkers as members.

The recent gala was held at the Riverview in Hastings and was attended by members, friends, candidates and elected officials. This year was special in that it was the first time in 50 years that the honoree was a man.

Al Sorano held that distinction and was

proud to have been honored. Al, a businessman and active member, supporter and leader of the Yonkers Democratic Party, thanked Aquehung for such an honor.

Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer was the recipient of the first Andrea Olsen Founder's Award. Everyone agreed that Andrea, who recently passed away, would have been proud to see Shelley with the award.

Also presented with special recognition were four Yonkers union leaders: Barry McGoe, president of Yonkers Firefighters Local 628; Eric Dronzek, president of Yonkers Fire Officers; and representing the police department were Keith Olson, PBA president and Tom Phelan, CLSA president.

Aquehung President Mary Beth Dillion thanked everyone for attending and joining the special celebration.

Editor's Note: Another Year for Yonkers Rising

Let me take this opportunity to thank our loyal readers of Yonkers Rising. It is your interest in our paper that keeps us motivated to produce a weekly newspaper that highlights the positive happenings in the city, while also keep a watchful eye on city government and the Yonkers Public Schools.

Thanks to the Yonkers City Council for its designation of Yonkers Rising as the official newspaper of the city, and thanks to Mayor Mike

Spano for his continued support of our paper.

Appreciation also goes out to our small team of editors, office staff and graphics layout, that makes sure we get a paper out every week.

Finally, to our team of volunteer journalists and reporters, we thank you and applaud your dedication to our paper. Without you, Yonkers Rising wouldn't be around for another year.

On behalf of our Publisher Nick Sprayregen, Happy New Year, Yonkers!

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Fireman Helping First Responders Handle Stress

JohnDavid Gonzalez, a Yonkers firefighter, is striving to be a different kind of hero in 2016. Stationed at engine 310, the Yonkers Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical services to the City of Yonkers. Annually, these highly-trained and skilled first-responders are called to approximately 18,000 emergency calls. These individuals are routinely exposed to traumatic stress in the course of their duties and the impacts at times can be significant.

With a devotion to not only serving the community of civilians, firefighter JohnDavid Gonzalez, with a master's degree in social work and a license in clinical social work, has opened a practice in Irvington to cater to the community of first-responders who are experiencing high levels of stress on a regular basis.

"It is normal to have difficulty with the things we see, hear and do on the job," said Gonzalez. "Particularly with first-responders and veterans, they are ordinary people put in extraordinary circumstances, often too consumed with everyone else's well-being to take care of their own. There continues to be a stigma about seeking help, as for many, simply asking for help is a sign of weakness. I don't believe that to be true.

"As human beings, what we see as first-responders is going to have a toll on us one way or another – especially when compounded with the everyday stresses we experience in civilian life,"

he continued.

While some departments throughout Westchester offer their squads mental health resources, many do not, and many first-responders worry about confidentiality or respect on the job if those resources were to be utilized. There are specific situations that increase one's vulnerability to traumatic stress – having no control over the volume of calls, having to continue responding to emergencies after an especially disturbing call, or being in the service for a long time.

These first-responders may feel helpless in the face of overwhelming demands such as a prolonged or failed rescue, or having a partner or a peer killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. Many have experienced and mourned the suicide of a peer or have seen the death of a victim they may not have been able to save.

Gonzalez offers a safe, confidential and impartial haven to work through job and life stresses for these everyday heroes – something that makes him special and effective in his mission. Of course, his services are not limited to this population, as he has ample experience including working with veterans, issues of substance abuse, anger management, depression and anxiety.

His practice is located at 49 Main St., Apt. 1, Irvington; office hours are Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m. For more information, call Gonzalez at 929-352-6384.

Mayor Re-Issues Heating Regulations

Mayor Mike Spano and the Department of Housing and Buildings last week re-issued Yonkers' annual heating regulations and heat emergency hotline for all tenant-occupied residential buildings.

"There is no denying the cold weather has arrived, so we are once again announcing these protections that help keep our home environments safe and warm," said Spano. "I encourage residents to contact the Heat Emergency Hotline if they feel their residence does not meet heating requirements so that immediate action can be taken."

The regulation requires that from Sept. 15 to May 31, every person, firm or corporation in the City of Yonkers is required to maintain a temperature of no less than 68 degrees Fahrenheit in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms. Indoor occupied work spaces shall be supplied heat during this period to maintain a temperature of no less than 65 degrees. Additionally, outside the aforementioned dates, whenever the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees the inside temperature is to be no less than 68 degrees between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., and no less than 65 degrees between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

In addition, hot water is to be maintained at a minimum temperature of 120 degrees at all

times.

The Yonkers Heat Emergency Hotline – 914-965-3331 – is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week for residents living in residences with one or more dwelling units. The Yonkers Department of Housing and Buildings will respond to calls Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. during the months of January and February.

Heating regulations may be found in the New York State Property Maintenance Code, Section 602; and the Yonkers City Code, Section 58-22.

During winter months, the use of home heating equipment is common and residents should be advised of the following winter safety measures: Have your home heating system, flumes and chimneys inspected and cleaned for safe operation; maintain a safe clearance between a portable electric heater and combustible material such as furniture, bedding, curtains and clothing; turn off your portable or space heater before leaving the room; make sure the wiring is adequate for electric space heaters and check for fraying, splitting wires or overheating; and never use extension cords with electric heaters.

For more information on fire prevention and other safety tips, call the Yonkers Fire Prevention Division at 914-377-7525.

Dakota Needs a Home



Brink Dakota home today!

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has a number of pets available for adoption.

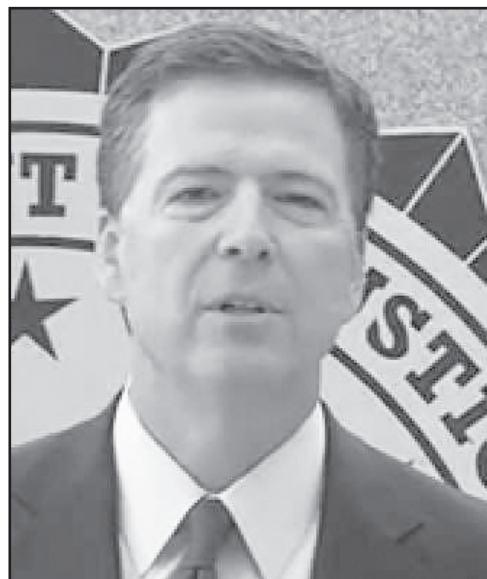
Dakota is a beautiful, young dog who was found tied to a pole in Yonkers about three or four weeks ago. She was very frightened the first few days she was at the shelter, but once she realized she was in a warm and safe place, she settled right in. She's a good-size dog, maybe 50 to 52 pounds, and probably less than 2 years old.

Dakota is friendly toward all dogs and

could also live with a cat that is used to living with a dog. She has nice leash manners and has a nice kennel presence. She plays ball like a pro – a very adoptable dog who will make a great family companion.

Visit Dakota at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. 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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FBI Director James Comey



U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara

By Dan Murphy

The residents of Westchester and New York have their civil liberties, rights and freedoms in the hands of two capable law enforcement public servants with Westchester ties: U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara and FBI Director James Comey.

Bharara has in his six years as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, which includes Westchester, parts of New York City and the Hudson Valley, won the conviction of 27 public officials – most notably former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

Gannett reporter Joseph Spector said it best: "Already, Bharara has carved out a public corruption record that rivals anyone who has held the distinguished post for the Southern District of New York... People close to him say Bharara has a calm confidence that, over decades in politics and the courtroom, has driven him toward a belief that New York is fertile ground for public corruption."

Bharara's presence in Westchester has been significant, with convictions obtained on a wide array of criminal cases, including:

The recent conviction of Sam Zherka, publisher of the Westchester Guardian. Zherka was sentenced to 37 months in prison on charges that he conspired to make false statements to a bank in order to receive millions of dollars in loans and to file materially false tax returns with the IRS. Zherka was ordered to forfeit \$5.23 million in ill-gotten gains and to pay a \$1.5 million fine.

The convictions of former Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner Connie Post and former Mt. Vernon Urban Renewal Executive Director Wayne Charles on charges stemming from their diversion of more than \$1.2 million in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that were administered by the MVURA.

The convictions of gang members for racketeering conspiracy and firearms offenses, and convictions of contractors for fraud and attempting to escape paying payroll taxes point to Bharara's willingness and interest in prosecuting cases that may not gain notoriety but are important to the law-abiding citizens in Westchester.

The one case that we continue to await from Bharara is the case of our current voting machines –the antiquated machines that have us in Westchester and Putnam casting our vote with a Sharpie and then a walk over to the scanner. No computers or touch screens are used when we cast our votes, and some are yearning for a return to the old pull-curtain ballot booths.

In 2010, Elections Systems and Software was given the \$50 million contract to provide "new" voting machines for Westchester, Putnam and New York City voters. Many companies sought the contract and lobbyists were paid millions to try and win the contract. One lobbyist was Anthony Mangone, who has been cooperating with the government in an attempt to win leniency on his upcoming sentencing on extortion and other crimes.

The day after the contract was awarded six years ago to ES&S, Mangone was indicted. ES&S paid him \$63,100. A losing bidder, Dominion Voting Systems said Mangone tried to "shake them down" for payments during the

selection process.

Depending on how fertile the grounds of political corruption still are in Westchester will determine how much more we will see Bharara at the White Plains Federal Courthouse in the days to come.

FBI Director Comey is a Westchester and Yonkers native. He lived in Yonkers until his teenage years and his grandfather, William Comey, was the Yonkers police commissioner.

Comey served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney before being named deputy attorney general under President George W. Bush from 2003-05. He then worked in the private sector before being nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as FBI director in 2013, and was sworn in as the seventh person to hold the position.

Comey's two most admirable traits are his ability to serve under both Democratic and Republican administrations, and his willingness to challenge his superiors when he sees fit.

In 2004, then-Deputy Attorney General Comey challenged President Bush and then-FBI Director Robert Mueller when they attempted to re-authorize a secret warrantless surveillances of foreign terrorists.

Comey said he was willing to resign because "significant aspects" of the top secret program were against the law, and fought Bush, with the rules amended to Comey's satisfaction. When asked if it was his responsibility to support the president, Comey said: "No, I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Comey's recent comments have come over the past year, as he has sounded the alarm about the growing terror threat at home. He said he agreed that there are more terrorist organizations with the desire to attack the American homeland, and called on more resources to help monitor and look for "radicalized" terrorists.

"This isn't a New York phenomenon or a Washington phenomenon," but a phenomenon in every state of the Union, said Comey. "We have investigations of people in various stages of radicalizing in all 50 states."

He added that the threat of domestic terrorism is "in ways that are very hard to see" and the FBI depends on information-sharing between state and local law enforcement and the federal government, and that it's "highly unlikely" that federal agents are going to be the first to notice "someone acting in strange ways" on social media and in the community.

"The Joint Terrorism Task Forces that we have set up all around this country are in some ways more important today than they were at 9/11 because of the nature of this threat," said Comey.

Looking for domestic terrorists that "go dark" or use encrypted messaging to discuss their plans may be like a needle in a haystack, but Comey warned that "increasingly the needles are invisible to us."

"ISIL in particular is putting out a siren song with their slick propaganda through social media. Troubled soul, come to the caliphate, you will live a life of glory, these are the apocalyptic end times, you will find a life of meaning here, fighting for our so-called caliphate. And if you can't come, kill somebody where you are," Comey said in describing the group's message, months before the attack at San Bernardino, Calif.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Morey Amsterdam

By Mary Hoar
President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, Jan. 11

Jan. 11, 1927: Chief of Police Edward Quirk announced that all news dealers who persisted in selling the "so-called art literature" banned in Yonkers would lose their newsstand licenses.

Jan. 11, 1931: The Common Council adopted a resolution requesting a gong or signal device be placed in Getty Square to notify police and pedestrians in case of fire. Fire trucks from headquarters frequently sped through the square and the signal would give policemen advance warning that the engines were coming.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Jan. 12, 1920: A bill to form the State of Manhattan was introduced in the State Legislature; the proposed 49th state would include Yonkers and the rest of Westchester.

Jan. 12, 1924: A certificate of incorporation for Roy Pictures was filed; its initial capital was \$20,000. The new company, whose principal offices were in Yonkers, was to make moving pictures and deal in amusement enterprises. Directors were Whitman Bennett, H. Clay Miner and Gordon Ellis of Yonkers, and Myron Lesser of New York City.

Their first picture was to be "Virtuous Liars," directed by Leon d'Usseau and featuring Hedda Lind, Dagmar Godowsky, Holmes Herbert, Ann Li, Maurice Costello, and Edward Paul as the photographer. The next production was to be "The Hoosier Schoolmaster," featuring Henry Hull and Jane Thomas.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Jan. 13, 1906: Dr. Nathan Warren was elected the first president of the Physicians' Association of the City of Yonkers at its initial meeting. One of the first resolutions the group passed to was deny medical attention to all people able to pay, but refused to "give any attention to their doctors' bills."

Jan. 13, 1924: Former Mayor John Coyne passed away from pneumonia on the West Coast, where he had been ill for several days. Black drapery was placed over the front entrance of City Hall and the flag in front flew at half-mast for 30 days to signify the city's mourning.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Jan. 14, 1907: Salvatore Cinelli was recuperating from a serious injury in St. Joseph's Hospital after a railroad train had stabbed him. He was standing near the tracks when a train passed by. He suddenly felt a sharp pain in his neck and found a large piece of steel had been deeply imbedded in it.

Jan. 14, 1928: The Police Honor Board had to postpone its meeting one day to Jan. 14. Several police officers had expressed fear that if the honor citations were considered on Friday the 13th, it would bring the officers bad luck.

Friday, Jan. 15

Jan. 15, 1910: Yonkers "automobilists" learned that a bill introduced into the State Legislature would create a speed limit of 10 miles



Bennett Whitman

per hour for cities the size of Yonkers.

Jan. 15, 1921: The Common Council approved Alderman Thomas Brogan's plan to start proceedings to bring the subway to Yonkers by extending the line from the Van Cortlandt Park station.

Jan. 15, 1953: Television, radio and stage star – and Yonkers resident – Morey Amsterdam appeared at the Commander's Dinner of the Second Battalion, Auxiliary Police Corps, held at the American Legion Bregano Post clubhouse on Crescent Place.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Jan. 16, 1924: Capt. Cooper of the Yonkers Police Department Detective Bureau launched a drive to stop smoking on trolley cars. He said he was determined to stop it because of the many persistent complaints.

Jan. 16, 1925: Local residents presented a petition to the Board of Alderman protesting the ordinance authorizing changing the name of the Park Avenue extension to Hoyt Street.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Jan. 17, 1921: City Judge Charles Boote gave a suspended sentence as a wedding present to F. Sullivan Hyde, who was given a speeding summons the previous week as he drove through Yonkers; he told the court he was on his way to his wedding and did not want to keep his bride waiting at the church. The judge said he thought it was a good reason and suspended the sentence.

Jan. 17, 1924: Mayor Wiesendanger and members of the Yonkers Museum Association made an inspection of Trevor mansion. They were examining the house to assess its suitability as a potential Yonkers museum.

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.

City Council Rule Changes Irk Dems

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council held its yearly organizational meeting Monday and picked its leadership positions and official newspaper, and set the rules for debate and moving legislation forward for the next two years.

Councilman John Larkin was re-elected by his peers as majority leader, and Councilman Michael Sabatino was re-elected council minority leader. Both were elected by a majority of the council; the positions of Republican majority leader and the Democratic minority leader are made by all seven members, a rule that has been in place for decades.

Yonkers Rising was re-selected to be the official weekly newspaper in the City of Yonkers. We thank the council for the designation and look forward to serving our readers, and the people of Yonkers, with the positive news in the city for the next two years.

The four Republican members of the City Council – Council President Liam McLaughlin, Minority Leader Larkin and Councilmen Mike Breen and Dennis Shepherd – hold a 4-3 majority over the three democrats – Minority Leader Sabatino, Councilman Christopher Johnson and Councilwoman Corazon Pineda.

The working majority gives the council Republicans the right to set the rules for the council for the upcoming two years. Majority rules in any legislative body, and the council rules for the next session were adopted by a 4-3 vote along party lines.

The three council Democrats came out loudly against the rule changes. A release issued by all Democrats reads: "Monday morning, the City Council president along with the other members of the Republican Caucus voted to ignore half of the residents of the city, as well as those who represent them. The majority has changed the 'rules' in such that the council president has sole 'discretion' regarding the introduction of legislation and 'may deny a motion or question' regarding items before the council."

Minority Leader Sabatino added: "Over the past four years the City Council has worked together, as a team, to the benefit of the citizens of Yonkers. Essentially, the Minority Caucus is being disempowered and whatever balance of governance that existed is no longer in place. This political decision will keep the Democratic Caucus from having any say in how the council represents its citizens. It is not in the best interest of the community at large and not what our constituents elected us to perform. It is political misfeasance. Their vote in favor of these rules is oppressive and offensive to the Democratic process."

"Reaching across the aisle had allowed for good governance. That era seems to have come to an end by the rule changes instituted by the Republican majority," he continued. "On a personal note, it is with great disappointment that the majority removed me (as) the chair of education, a job at which both parents, teachers and trustees felt I had excelled."

Councilman Johnson added: "The council president can decide what legislation will and will not be introduced. To add 'insult to injury'

he will also decide if I, or any other council members, will be allowed to ask questions regarding legislation that is introduced, or to open discussions that represent the people's best interests. If he deems my questions and/or comments are a 'waste of time,' I will not be allowed to speak up during council meetings. The council president, along with the majority council members, have successfully 'tied the hands' of the Democratic Caucus and your voice on the City Council has been jeopardized."

Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac stated: "Yonkers is represented by a City Council that consists of seven members. The 'rules' that were adopted today hi-jacks this body of government and empowers four individuals, essentially disempowering thousands of Yonkers residents."

Pineda issued another statement, claiming council Republicans had "stripped away our democracy," and explained some of the rule changes – such as stifling debate.

"To speak more than twice on an issue, a council member would need approval by the majority Republicans of the council," she said. "The council president can now also determine the purpose of a motion and not allow it if he determines it is being used as a delay tactic... As many of you may know, there are issues we can be passionate about that are not always as passionately felt by other council members, i.e. education, affordable housing, living wage (just to name a few). As someone who represents 30,000 people, speaking more than twice can be quite necessary. Giving someone the power to take away your voice when it deems convenient for them can be an alarming sentiment. Stripping away our democracy."

"Hidden agendas: The requirement that all items introduced at council meetings must have unanimous consent has been eliminated. The proposed rules simply require a majority vote. So, now the council majority can introduce legislation without following due process. They essentially can add any last-minute items on to the agenda without informing the public. Stripping away our Democracy."

"Stacking the deck: Membership on committees must have a majority of members from the majority... We no longer have control of the committees that we chair. If the majority chooses, items can 'die' in committee and never see the rules floor, and are even less likely to make it to the council floor, effectively preventing us from pushing forward legislation for our constituents that we care about and want to be on the record for. Stripping away our Democracy."

"The creation of a new un-budgeted position – sergeant of arms: This new position was created without informing us of the cost for this addition. Although the position has been created but not yet filled, I'm quite positive the majority will have sole authority on deciding who fills this position. Stripping away our Democracy," stated Pineda.

Council Republicans did not issue any releases on the re-organizational meeting. One explanation for the rule changes could be the desire by council Republicans to work in a more efficient and organized manner.

Legal Notices

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

January 4, 2016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Yonkers on TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. sharp, in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Yonkers, New York (building is accessible to the handicapped), on applications for Appeals from the Building Commissioner's decisions and applications for Variances under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:

CONTINUED HEARING

5466– Area Variance – John Imhof of Accent Architecture PLLC, on behalf of Anthony J. Sciacca, owner, on premises known as 80 Mile Square Road, Block: 5482, Lot: 27, Zone: S-50

NEW HEARINGS

5478– Area Variance – James A. Gibbons, P.E. on behalf of James Moore, owner, on premises known as 6 Glen Road, Block: 6287, Lot: 33, Zone: T

5479– Change From One Non-Conforming Use to Another – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Samuel Aberer, owner, on premises known as 127 Ludlow Street, Block: 169, Lot: 10.33, Zone: A

5480– Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Dhanraj Sam, owner, on premises known as 114 Harrison Avenue, Block: 82, Lot: 56, Zone: T

5481– Change From One Non-Conforming Use to Another – B & G Associates, on behalf of themselves, owner, on premises known as 217 Riverdale Avenue, Block: 170, Lot: 34.36, Zone: A

JOSEPH CIANCIULLI
CHAIRMAN, ZBA

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LWV to Discuss Affordable Housing

In 2009, Westchester County entered into a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that calls for the development of 750 units of affordable housing by the end of 2016. On Tuesday, Jan. 12, Westchester Deputy Commissioner of Planning Norma Drummond will update residents on the status of the settlement and what the county is doing to address affordable housing needs.

The League of Women Voters of Westchester will present this "Hot Topics Breakfast" at 8:30 a.m. at the El Dorado West Diner, 480 S. Broadway, Tarrytown (across from the Doubletree Hotel.) This event is free and open to the public. RSVP to rtownsleague@gmail.com or 914-332-1301.

The breakfast is co-sponsored by Interfaith Council for Action and the Hastings-on-Hudson Affordable Housing Committee.

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Notice of formation of RHC Solutions LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on Sept. 1, 2015. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 383 Warburton Ave, Yonkers NY 10701. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6724 12/11 - 01/15

Notice of formation of Arvelo Counseling LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/15. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 45 Ludlow Street, Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10705 and Mailing address is P.O. Box 2, Yonkers, NY 10705. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Selina Arvelo/Arvelo Counseling LLC, P.O. Box 2, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6725 12/18/15 - 01/22/16

TAX SALE NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice:

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 16, 2015 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 16, 2015; will be sold at public auction in the Ceremonial Court Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 16th day of December, 2015.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 313 and 314 of the State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which are to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL TAX SALE NOTICE

In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2014 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.

The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold.

John Liszewski
Commissioner of Finance
and Management Services

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Legal Notices

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

ANDRADE REALTY MGMT. CORP., Plaintiff -against- PEARL JACKSON, MARGARET CORBIN, MARGARET BUTLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated November 18, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on January 28, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York; known and designated as Section 3 Block 3114 Lot 14.

Said premises known as 28 DUNBAR STREET, YONKERS, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 74,697.69 plus interest & costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 57905/2014.

MARIA JO FRANK, ESQ., Referee
Jeffrey I. Klein Esq.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
200 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 403, White Plains, NY 10601

#1424 01/01/16 - 01/22/16

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County.

U.S. BANK NAAS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2013 SC4 TITLE TRUST -against- JOHN MCBRIEN; NORA MCBRIEN; LIZ MINITER; "JOHN" REGAN; "JANE" MINITER; RYAN HAGE. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 19, 2015, and entered with the Westchester County Clerk on November 20, 2015, Referee Daniel P. Romano, Esq. will sell the premises known as 207 Sterling Avenue A/K/A 209 Sterling Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10704 at public auction in the Lobby of the Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York 10601, on February 9, 2016 at 10:15AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York known as Section: 6, Block: 6288, Lot: 1 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment Index No. 28981/2010. The approximate amount of judgment is \$408,542.52 plus interest and costs. PULVERS, PULVERS, THOMPSON & FRIEDMAN, LLP, 950 Third Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10022, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 52225/2014 Date of Filing: May 5, 2015 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-A3, Plaintiff,

-against-

PETER MUSSARED AKA PETER J. MUSSARED, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said PETER MUSSARED AKA PETER J. MUSSARED, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; HSBC BANK NEVADA NA; CAPITAL ONE BANK; FIA CARD SERVICES N.A.; WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Robert DiBella of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on May 4, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by PETER MUSSARED AKA PETER J. MUSSARED to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WEICHERT FINANCIAL SERVICES, its successors and/or assigns bearing date November 29, 2005 and recorded in Control #460410410 in the County of Westchester on February 28, 2006.

Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to Chase Home Finance, LLC, by assignment of mortgage dated March 19, 2010 and recorded in Control #501313284 in the County of Westchester on May 14, 2010. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff by assignment of mortgage dated December 17, 2013. Said premises being known as and by 60 HUGHES TERRACE, CITY OF YONKERS, NY 10701.

Date: November 14, 2014
Batavia, New York

Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq.
ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
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Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue
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585.815.0288

Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

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Seniors and Health Care

Cerebral Palsy of West. Appoints New Officers

The Cerebral Palsy of Westchester Board of Directors recently announced the appointments of David Kelson to executive vice president, and Randy Rifelli to treasurer, according to Board President Richard Osterer.

Kelson is a director in the Syndicated and Leveraged Finance Group at TD Securities, which is the global investment banking arm of TD Bank Group. He works with clients in many industries, including not-for-profit health care, educational and cultural organizations. Prior to TD Securities, Kelson held a number of different positions in investment banking, corporate banking, middle market lending, leveraged lending and as a rating agency analyst over the course of an almost 30-year career.

Previously, he was active in volunteer activities as vice president of the Board of the Scarsdale Youth Softball Association, volunteer softball coach, and as president of the New York City Chapter of University of Rochester Alumni Association. He currently is a member of the TD Cares community service committee at TD Securities and is also a member of the George Eastman Circle of the University of Rochester.

Rifelli is a structural engineer and president of United Iron, Inc., in Mt. Vernon, which is a 55-year-old family-owned business that has long been established as a leader in the steel industry. United Iron fabricates and

erects structural steel and miscellaneous metals for prominent projects throughout the New York-metropolitan area.

Rifelli is co-founder and officer of the Executive Association of Westchester, a board member of The Steel Institute of New York, board member of the Subcontractors Trade Association, a member of the Economic Business Development Board for Hudson Valley National Bank and a trustee for the Ornamental Ironworkers Union, Local 580.

"We are very fortunate to have two distinguished individuals on CPW's Board of Directors," said CPW Executive Director Linda Kuck. "Their commitment and knowledge will help CPW as it continues to provide much-needed programs and services to individuals with disabilities."

For more than 65 years, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester has been the leading non-profit organization in Westchester County, providing essential services to children and adults with all developmental disabilities, including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, mental retardation, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. It has always been our purpose to help people realize their goals, build brighter futures and lead more independent lives as members of their community.

For more information about Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, visit www.cpwestchester.org.

Yonkers Loses

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their loved ones to bury.

In the 1990s, before the redevelopment of the waterfront, the Yonkers Pier was occupied by a rougher crowd, with drugs and alcohol rampant used and sold. Kay and Frank were the voices of reason on the pier and kept things under control and refused to leave the river that they loved.

On Sept. 11, 2002, Kay lost her beloved Frank, after Frank pulled another heroic rescue in the river. She could have packed up and left Yonkers, and the pier, but Kay had become – and always will be – a part of the Hudson River, and the salt of the earth of downtown Yonkers.

She continued to spend "A Lifetime of Guarding Lives," as the New York Times wrote, and spoke freely to Yonkers Rising, Phil Reisman, the Times and Post about her life and about death.

"We are our brother's keeper," she said. "When it comes to a child, you do it. If it's in you to save someone, you do it. If you happen to lose your life, well, there is a better life coming. I mean, this is the way I see death. I see death as a passing over."

Kay never harbored any bitterness toward the woman Frank saved. Quite the contrary.

"I considered her an angel who came for Frank that day," she said. "I think she was an angel because I could see the girl's face in the water. She wasn't screaming or waving. She was just floating away and Frank was swimming to save her. I think she was the angel waiting for him."

Kay Kendrick has many angels waiting for her, including her beloved Frank. In the 13 years since his passing, Kay has continued to occupy the Yonkers Pier, helping the homeless and those less fortunate who have fallen on tough times.

"My Frank died the way he lived, saving lives here," she said. After his death, she took over his duties. "I might as well finish what we started," she said. "I don't even know if I can swim anymore, but I'd throw on a life jacket and jump in after a child."

"Most of the people here are homeless from the shelter up the street," said Kay. "They call me 'ma' or 'grandma.' They're my extended family. Some people – the haves – don't want them here, but I tell them, 'You're safe here. No one's going to chase you out.'"

She also enjoyed a love of quilting, including crocheting her "going-away blanket."

"Kay shared that she gets a range of reactions when she tells them what her project is for," wrote the Yonkers Rising editor. "Instead of a spray of flowers, she wants this to cover her coffin when the time comes – a tangible testament to the person she is, which flowers could never convey, no matter how beautifully they are arranged. We had to laugh when she said that, by the time she is finished, she hopes that the quilt will be large enough to take over a lot of space at the church! The future of the pier as a safe and beautiful place for everyone to share is something we all could learn from Kay, with a good dose of local history, as well."

Kay Kendrick grew up in the Bronx and was a young teenager when she met Frank in Verplank in Westchester County, at the old Indian Point Amusement Park. Frank worked at the park and Kay always joked that Frank gave her a free ride and "we ended up getting married."

The two returned to Frank's native home of Yonkers and the rest is history – Hudson River history. "Instead of vacationing on the Riviera, we vacation on this river area," joked Kay, who will be cremated at Flynn Funeral Home on Central Avenue in Yonkers with a Mass of Christian Burial to be held at St. Mary's Church on South Broadway on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m.

White Plains Hospital Opens New Operating Rooms



A new emergency room at White Plains Hospital.

White Plains Hospital has long been a regional leader in the field of surgery, and was one of the first hospitals in Westchester to offer robotic surgery. And as of Jan. 1, it will have five brand-new, state-of-the-art operating rooms open and ready for patients.

The first new OR, completed in 2013, was designated specifically for minimally invasive and robotic procedures and includes the latest da Vinci surgical system. The four other operating rooms will all be in use this month. All are designed to support the most advanced surgical procedures, enhancing efficiency, safety and patient comfort.

According to Dr. Kaare Weber, director of surgery: "White Plains Hospital is going to be the first hospital in the tristate area to obtain the latest generation of minimally-invasive technology in these operating rooms. Everything about the new operating rooms, from floor to ceiling, has been extremely well thought out and deliberately planned."

White Plains Hospital's brand new operating rooms include the following features:

- * The latest robotic equipment – The da Vinci robotic surgical system allows surgeons to perform prostatectomies, nephrectomies,

- gynecologic surgeries, head and neck surgeries, colorectal surgeries and more.

- * An advanced surgical video system – The new operating rooms have an integrated video system – the 1588 AIM Platform by Stryker. This innovative system allows nurses to control equipment remotely and surgeons to control the equipment at the field of surgery. The system can also be used for training purposes, and includes cutting-edge technology.

- * Central sterile area – This "behind-the-scenes" area is crucial to ensuring all instruments and implants are fully sterilized for the OR. The new central sterile area has advanced state-of-the-art sterilization equipment to minimize infection. It is directly tied to the operating rooms by two elevators.

The new operating rooms are part of White Plains Hospital's campus-wide transformation, which includes a new six-story patient tower with a brand new lobby and entranceway, 24 private patient rooms and a new labor and delivery wing; as well as an expanded cancer center and a second cardiac catheterization laboratory.

For additional information, visit www.wphospital.org.

VA Hudson Valley Offers Caregiver Support Groups

The Department of Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System will conduct three telephone education groups titled "Creating a Space for You: Caring for a Loved One at Home" during the month of January.

The groups will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m.

The VA Caregiver Support Line will facilitate the sessions, which are open to family caregivers of veterans of all eras. People who wish to participate should register by calling John Immundo at 845-831-2000, ext. 5487; or Anne Milliken at 845-831-2000, ext. 5122.

Transcripts and handouts from past groups can be found at www.caregiver.va.gov.

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Why America's Middle Class is Vanishing

By Frank V. Vernuccio Jr., J.D.

Blame for the sharp reduction in America's middle class has been placed on misguided federal policies. The Daily Signal opines that: "Americans of all income levels would benefit from faster economic growth that raises wages. Unfortunately, wages are being held back by the very policies supported by those criticizing slow wage growth. Liberals across the country supported the misnamed Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare). The law's mandates have made health coverage more expensive for both individuals and businesses...when benefit costs rise, employers cut wages."

"Empirical research confirms this prediction. Ironically, some of the most rigorous evidence for offsetting wage cuts comes from Jonathan Gruber, the Obamacare architect who boasted the health law takes advantage of Americans' stupidity."

Research from the Heritage Foundation concurs: "The curse of the U.S. economy today is the downward trend in 'take-home pay.' This is the most crucial economic indicator for most Americans, but when President (Barack) Obama said in a recent speech at Northwestern that nearly every economic measure shows improvement from five years ago, he conspicuously left this one out."

"Most workers' pay has not kept up with inflation for at least six years. Even as hiring picked up... Why aren't wages rising? There are several reasons, including that many jobs today don't pay as well as the ones lost during the recession. ObamaCare has made health insurance more expensive for businesses...and that takes a bite out of take-home pay. Yet one factor is often overlooked: the tax increase on 'the rich' at the beginning of 2013..."

"The overall effect of the 2013 tax hike was not minor. The highest income-tax rate on small business income has risen to almost 42 percent from 35 percent. That's a 20 percent spike in the small business tax for successful companies. When the government takes more, there is less to plow back into the business or invest elsewhere."

"A comparison with the Reagan years when investment taxes were cut tells the story. From 1983 to 1988, private investment averaged 12 percent of gross domestic product, one-third faster than the 9 percent since 2009 under Obama. In the aftermath of the Kennedy, Clinton and George W. Bush capital-gains tax cuts (1998-2006), the investment rate rose sharply and immediately."

"What does investment have to do with stagnant wages? Everything. As Paul Samuelson, the premiere Keynesian economist who sold more economics textbooks than anyone in history, once explained: 'What happens to the wage rate when each person works with more capital goods? Because each worker has more capital to work with, his or her marginal product (or productivity) rises. Therefore, the competitive real wage rises as workers become worth more

to capitalists and meet with spirited bidding up of their market wage rates.'

"History bears this out. Workers did very well in jobs and rising incomes in the 1960s, 1980s and late 1990s when capital gains and dividend taxes fell."

"The high corporate tax rate is also holding the economy back. Twenty years ago the U.S. rate was about at the international average, but now we are about 15 percentage points above the rate of most of our competitors and nearly three times higher than countries like Ireland. The American Enterprise Institute has found that 'a 1 percent increase in corporate tax rates is associated with nearly a 1 percent drop in wage rates' because when corporations invest less here at home, worker productivity suffers."

An American Thinker article suggests that: "The U.S. middle class is sinking into government-provided economic quicksand. U.S. living standards have declined ever since 1970...the two-earner family lost ground... Typical U.S. households earned less in 2009 than a decade earlier; median household income is still declining. Even with two earners, many live closer to the poverty line than did families in the '70s. Middle-class family savings turned into consumer and mortgage debt, which reached 134 percent of household income at the end of 2007."

"A middle-class key, and a requirement for its upper half, is a degree. For those whose parents couldn't afford it, 'working your way through college' was practicable and so common that it became a cliché, but by 2008, ABC News said, 'Soaring Tuition Pushes College Out of Reach.' Not only lower-middle, but also many upper-middle-class parents can't afford college for their kids. Graduates are often burdened with school loan debt. In short, life has been growing tougher for the middle class, with a recent kick from the ailing economy."

"Considering that, what's ahead? Middle-class wealth was personal savings, homeownership and a pension, stemming in most cases from a decent job. Savings are now debt, homes are mortgaged and losing value, and the private-sector pension has devolved into a 401(k) with shrunken assets. Government pensions face shrunken assets, too. Everyone knows that Social Security is in the red (seven years early), and the government is broke."

"Unemployment is outlasting previous declines (excluding the 1930s), and the current 9.7 percent rate has been 'adjusted' by the government. At Shadowstats, where readjusted numbers are more realistic, unemployment shows close to 21 percent. Those unemployed add another economic burden for the government (i.e., taxpayers), or for families..."

"When most middle class wealth is built on jobs, no jobs equals no middle class. So will the jobs be back soon? Short answer: No. And the main reason, politicians' speeches to the contrary being lies, is deliberate government policy."

Frank Vernuccio serves as editor-in-chief of the New York Analysis of Policy and Government.

Learn About Catholic Ed. During Touring Tuesdays

Pre-kindergarten-through-grade-eight Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of New York's Central Westchester Region will hosting "Touring Tuesday" open house events for prospective parents on several upcoming occasions.

The 2016 dates are Jan. 12, Feb. 2 (during Catholic Schools Week), Feb. 23, March 8 and April 12. All open houses are from 9 to 11 a.m. or by appointment.

Touring Tuesday open house events are designed to introduce prospective families to the life-long benefits and value of a Catholic education. Since its inception in 2013, the Touring Tuesdays initiative has been attended by more than 1,600 families and has resulted in more than 5,300 new student enrollments from pre-kindergarten through grade eight, across the Archdiocese.

It is an opportunity to see the Catholic schools in action and learn about the enrollment process. Touring Tuesdays are for prospective parents and reservations are required. To RSVP, reserve online or call the 24/7 bilingual hotline at 646-794-2885. Parents who want to begin the admissions process can download and fill out a universal online application, and hand it in after the tour.

Touring Tuesday open houses will take place at the following schools:

New Rochelle – Holy Name of Jesus School,

70 Petersville Road; and Iona Prep Lower School, 173 Stratton Road;

Yonkers – Sacred Heart Grade School, 34 Convent Ave.; St. Ann School, 40 Brewster Ave.;

St. Anthony School, 1395 Nepperhan Ave.; St. Eugene School, 707 Tuckahoe Road; St. John the Baptist School, 670 Yonkers Ave.; St. Paul the Apostle School, 77 Lee Ave.; and St. Peter School, 204 Hawthorne Ave.;

Also – Corpus Christi-Holy Rosary School, 135 S. Regent St., Port Chester; Good Counsel Academy, 2 Broadway, Valhalla; Immaculate Conception School, 53 Winte Hill Road, Tuckahoe; Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 201 Boulevard, Scarsdale; John Cardinal O'Connor School, 16 N. Broadway, Irvington; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 59 E. Main St., Elmsford; Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 575 Fowler Ave., Pelham Manor;

Our Lady of Sorrows School, 888 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains; Our Lady of Victory School, 38 N. Fifth Ave., Mount Vernon; Resurrection Elementary School (Grammar and Middle), 116 Milton Road, Rye; Sacred Heart School, 59 Wilson St., Hartsdale; St. Barnabas School, 413 E. 241st St., Bronx; St. Joseph School, 30 Meadow Ave., Bronxville; Sts. John and Paul School, 280 Weaver St., Larchmont; and Transfiguration School, 40 Prospect Ave., Tarrytown.

Spano Takes

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inaugural prayer service at St. John's Episcopal Church. This year's ceremony marked the first known inauguration ceremony ever to take place at Philipse Manor Hall. The manor once served as Yonkers Village Hall and in 1872, became the first City Hall. In 1908, Philipse Manor Hall was acquired by New York State and City Hall moved to its current location.

Spano, joined by his wife and First Lady Mary Calvi, and three children, addressed the crowd.

"To Congressman Eliot Engel, Council President Liam McLaughlin, members of the City Council, members of the judiciary, state and county representatives, deputy mayors, commissioners, city staff, members of our city boards and commissions, and most of all to the people of Yonkers and those watching live on News 12 at home, thank you," he said. "Today, with the appointment of Judge Thomas Quinones, we welcomed the first Hispanic City Court judge in Yonkers history. It's a proud day for the Hispanic community and a proud day for our city. Congratulations, judge."

"Today, as I look around I see so many people who were part of our team more than four years ago when we set out to re-energize our city and bring new and better solutions to the problems that confronted us. So many of you are still here, still working to make Yonkers better and still building a greater tomorrow for our city."

"You've heard me say it before: We took a city whose finances were on the brink, whose schools were headed for crisis, whose future did not seem assured, and we turned things around," said Spano. "Four years ago most people thought we were headed in the wrong direction and were fearful of the future. Now we are headed in the right direction, and we greet the future with hope and confidence... Our finances are stable. Our schools are improving. Our city is safer. Jobs and investment are flowing into Yonkers as never before. Yet we are far from finished."

"While we deserve to look back on what we've accomplished; our obligation to the people is to always look forward to what more we can achieve. We are better today; we will be greater tomorrow."

"Let's take all the energy we put into making Yonkers better during the past four years and double it," said the mayor. "Let's take the partnerships we built and expand them. Let's take the billion dollars in private investment and jobs that have come into Yonkers and seek a billion more. Let's take the improvements that our schools are making and say that's just the start. Our young people are outstanding. Let's provide them with the future they deserve. And let's take our safe city and the investments we've made in our quality of life and turn Yonkers into the very best place in which to live, work and raise a family."

"My promise to the people of Yonkers is to begin this second term as we began the first. To look at everything we do in city government and see if there is a way to do it better. To consider the diversity of this city as its greatest strength. To consider the opinions of everyone, regardless of political or partisan background, as important and worthy. I ask for agreement on only one thing. That whatever we do, it has to make our city a greater place for the people."

"There is no better place to start our journey for the next four years than here at Philipse Manor Hall, because it is not just the center of where we've been, but it's the center of where we are going. From here you can see it all. This building is the oldest standing structure in Westchester County. It was built by Frederick Philipse in 1682. He and his wife raised 11 children here. As my parents would say, 'there's nothing wrong with having a small family.'"

"But this building is as much about our future as it is about our past," continued Spano. "Frederick Philipse built this house to be close to the river and to transportation... Today people are still coming here to be close to the river and to the Yonkers train station, where you're just a 25 minute ride to Grand Central Terminal. There are hundreds of new homes along the waterfront, and soon there will be many hundreds more."

"In August 1776, the first successful naval battle of the American Revolution was fought in

the Hudson River just down the hill from where we stand. Today, ships still sail up and down the mighty Hudson. They transport sugar to and from the Domino Refinery and bring visitors to our pier... It's been said that George Washington would come to the manor to court Mary Philipse; she was Frederick's sister. Just as we did this morning, Gen. Washington would attend service at St. John's Church then walk to the manor. So today, we walk in the footsteps of our first American president."

"What better place to begin our journey for the next four years? Many will join us to make that journey a success."

"Let me start with the members of the City Council and council president. Congratulations to Minority Leader Michael Sabatino and council members Chris Johnson and Mike Breen on their re-elections. Along with Council President Liam McLaughlin, Majority Leader John Larkin and council members Corazon Pineda-Isaac and Dennis Shepherd, they have changed the way things are done in Yonkers. No council has ever been more bipartisan or more determined to put the people first, and for that we should all be most thankful."

"Let me thank Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo and the state delegation, who are tireless in their work representing us in Albany," said the mayor. "We know how important it is to get Albany to recognize the needs of Yonkers. When I go to the Capital to make our case, it is so good to know that our state delegation has already paved the way... Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Sen. George Latimer, Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer and Assemblyman Gary Pretlow make up the very best delegation in all of New York and for that we are thankful."

"I also want to thank Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Board President Dr. Nader Sayegh, the Board of Education, and all who have begun to move our schools forward. Nothing is more important than continuing the progress that we have made in providing a top-quality education for every student in Yonkers."

"Let me thank every dedicated member of city government, our talented workforce and union leaders. Business owners, veterans, those who belong to civic organizations, churches, the PTAs and everyone who together is making Yonkers a greater place... Thank you to our first-responders who protect us at home and the Armed Forces who serve us abroad."

"Over the next four years, just as we have during the last four, we'll accomplish great things. We'll also face challenges, but we'll overcome them as we always do. That's because the people of this city are the hardest working, the most determined and the most dedicated you'll find anywhere."

"You're the resident who was born and raised in this city, and you're raising your own family here because you believe in Yonkers. You're the business owner who put your life savings on the line to stake out your piece of the American dream... You're the students in our schools. You're determined to succeed, go to college and one day return home to Yonkers... You're the immigrant who came to our city in search of a better life for you and your family. You never asked for a handout, just a shot to make it all work."

"People like my grandfather, Nicholas Spano, who came to Yonkers exactly 100 years ago with his father, Leonardo," said Spano. "My grandpa came to America with nothing but the clothes on his back and some change in his pocket. Like so many newcomers to Yonkers today, the odds were stacked against him, but he made it work."

"He built a successful business from nothing, delivering coal and ice to people in southwest Yonkers. And he raised a great Yonkers family. My dad, a U.S. Marine, who served our city as a county legislator and county clerk. Together with my mom, they raised 16 children right here in Yonkers."

"Like you, each and every one of us is proud to call this city our home. A city that's better today. A city that will be greater tomorrow. Happy New Year and God bless you all," concluded Spano.

Also participating in the inauguration were the Samuel Dow Post, Police Emerald Society, Yonkers Police Department, and students from Lincoln High School and PEARLS Hawthorne School. City Clerk Vincent Spano served as the inauguration's master of ceremonies.

County Exceeds Affordable Housing Benchmarks

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino announced last week that the county has once again exceeded its benchmarks for developing 750 units of affordable housing under the 2009 settlement with the federal government. Specifically, the county will finish 2015 with financing in place for 649 units – 49 more than required, and building permits in place for 579 units – 54 more than required.

"Our continued success proves we are committed to meeting the county's obligations under the settlement; local zoning codes are non-discriminatory and support the development of fair and affordable housing; and, cooperation – not litigation – is the best way to build housing," said Astorino.

"I want to thank our municipalities for their partnership and our county planning officials for their expertise and professionalism. It was through

this team effort that we've been able to meet our goals from the beginning."

The county met the benchmarks for units with financing in November. It went over the top for units with building permits last week when the City of Rye issued permits for 41 units on Theodore Fremd Avenue and the Town of New Castle issued permits for 28 units on Hunts Place.

The county has never failed to meet a benchmark under the settlement, since it began in 2011, according to the county executive.

Under the terms of the settlement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Justice Department, the county is required to spend at least \$51.6 million to develop 750 units of affordable housing by the end of 2016 in 31 "eligible" communities defined by their African-American and Hispanic populations in the 2000 census.

tance of education above all else and to focus on public service in order to give back to the community, I strive each day to live up to my law school's motto 'Law in the Service of Human Needs.' Being appointed Yonkers City Court judge provides me the great opportunity to continue my life's mission to serve others with fairness and compassion."

Quiñones will fill the vacant seat left by Judge Robert C. Cerrato and will run for a full 10-year term in the November 2016 election. Quiñones joins the Hon. Michael A. Martinelli, the Hon. Thomas R. Daly, the Hon. Arthur J. Doran III, the Hon. Edward J. Gaffney, the Hon. Evan Inlaw and the Hon. Mary Anne Scattaretto-Naber on the Yonkers City Court bench.

Former City Councilman Wilson Terrero commented on Quiñones' appointment, saying: "As a former council member and community Leader, I have been leading the fight to diversify the City of Yonkers judicial team. I would like to take this opportunity to commend Mayor Mike Spano in appointing Thomas Quiñones as the first Latino judge in the City of Yonkers. I have no doubt Mr. Quiñones will be an asset to our City of Yonkers' legal system. Congratulations to Thomas Quiñones and his family!"

Quiñones' appointment to the City Court will continue until a special election is scheduled.

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judicial system will prove to be a great asset to the Yonkers City Court System."

Quiñones joins the Yonkers City Court bench after being appointed as a Family Court support magistrate by the chief administrative judge of the City of New York in 1996. There, he was dedicated to the children and families of New York, presiding in Family Court and determining matters of paternity, child/spousal support, and other related proceedings. Previously, he worked in New York City's Office of Legal Affairs where he served as the executive associate general counsel and other various positions since 1987.

Quiñones attended Cornell University from 1977 to 1980, received his bachelor's degree in political science/sociology from Hunter College in 1984, and received his juris doctor from CUNY Law School in 1987. A Yonkers resident, Quiñones is married and a father of three.

"I want to thank Mayor Spano for his confidence in me as I serve the great City of Yonkers," he said. "Born in New York City to a single mother of Puerto Rican heritage, who always made it a point to emphasize the impor-

Yonkers Restaurant Week Returns for 5th Year



X20 Chef Peter Kelly with Yonkers Chief Judge Michael Martinelli and Jeanne Martinelli.



The Belle Havana restaurant is one of the many locations participating in Yonkers International Restaurant Week.

Photos by Donna Davis

Overlooking the Hudson River, downtown Yonkers has become a creative hub for entrepreneurs and social gatherings. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of this blossoming community are the award-winning sit-down restaurants.

From Jan. 10 to 16, diners and visitors in Westchester will have the unique opportunity to go to one of these amazing restaurants at a huge discount. Each of the participating restaurants of Yonkers International Restaurant Week will offer 20 percent off lunch and 25 percent off dinner for the entire week. To receive the discount, diners must bring the required discount certificate, which can be printed from www.YonkersRestaurantWeek.com.

Diners must make reservations over the phone and mention Yonkers International Restaurant Week.

Restaurant Week will showcase a variety of culinary delights. Iron Chef Peter Kelly's X20 Xaviars on the Hudson was voted Westchester/Hudson Valley's most popular restaurant; Zagat's described X20 as "magnificent" and "unbelievably creative." Westchester Magazine voted Zuppa Restaurant and Lounge best modern Italian restaurant, and Dolphin Seafood Restaurant was voted best new restaurant.

One of the region's best Indian Restaurants, Nawab, is participating this year, as well as La Bella Havana (Cuban), Khangri (Japanese), Giovanni's or The Pizza Place (Italian), and Guapo (Cocina Mexican), with foodie comfort food offered at Yonkers Brew-

ing Co. – and much more.

"Yonkers International Restaurant Week is a once-a-year opportunity to get great food

and huge discounts," said Daniel Lipka, executive director of the Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Business Improvement District.

"Restaurant week gives us a chance to showcase our unique dining spots and introduce them to a new audience."

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"The pro-business climate in Yonkers is remarkable. We're thrilled to be part of the economic renaissance underway in Yonkers."

Yonkers International Restaurant Week participating locations include:

- Dolphin Restaurant, 1 Van Der Donck St.; 914-751-8170 or www.Dolphinrbl.com
- La Bella Havana, 35 Main St.; 914-920-9777 or www.Labellahavana.com
- Giovanni's IV Italian, 25 Main St.; 914-375-1429 or www.Gioannis4.com
- Guapo Cocina Mexicana, 10 Warburton Ave.; 914-920-5900 or www.Guaporestaurant.com
- Khangri Japanese Sushi, 22 Warburton Ave.; 914-968-2134 or www.Khangrijapaneserestaurant.com
- Nawab Indian Cuisine, 2 Hudson St.; 914-909-9700 or www.Nawabny.com
- X20 Xaviars on the Hudson, 71 Water Grant St.; 914-965-1111 or www.Xaviars.com
- Zuppa Restaurant & Lounge, 59 Main St.; 914-376-6500 or www.Zupparestaurant.com
- The Pizza Place, 92 Main St.; 914-709-1050 or www.Thepizzaplaceinc.com
- Yonkers Brewing Co., 92 Main St.; 914-424-9918 or www.yonkersbrewing.com

Simone Development is investing \$35 million to transform the former Boyce Thompson Institute property in Yonkers into a modern 85,000 sq. ft. mixed-use complex of offices, medical space, restaurants and retail. Before even breaking ground, Simone leased 15,000 sq. ft. That's a testament to the business-friendly environment in Yonkers.



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Interfaith Service for Yonkers Inauguration 2016



Fr. John Hamilton of St. John's Episcopal Church with the Lincoln High School Honors Choir and Director Cecelia Myers at the Inauguration Interfaith Service held at St. John's recently.

Photo by Donna Davis

Fischer Brings New Life To Vintage Print at YOHO



YOHO Artist Glen Fischer

Glenn Fischer is not your average used bookstore customer. His purchases – vintage

textbooks, children's books and magazines – are some of the YOHO artists' favorite materials to use in his abstract collages. His artwork is striking in both color and geometric design, as discovered by companies like Delta Airlines, who has commissioned Fischer to create such works for their Sky Club.

Fischer found YOHO more than five years ago when he was searching for a Westchester art studio online, and he has been happily working there ever since. "I'm so appreciative every time I go there," he said. "It's such a good nook at the end of the building."

Fischer's creative process is both therapeutic and tedious, as the innumerable strips of paper selected from their original source are carefully cut to desired size and sorted by color and design. The act of selecting the paper materials is as enjoyable to the artist as creating the collage itself. Poignant phrases are artfully displayed in many of his pieces, offering an opportunity for viewers to freely associate the text's meaning.

Together with the shapes and linear images, an unexpected dialogue forms that is reminiscent of pop art that gained popularity in the 1950s.

Fischer's work has been exhibited at the Sara Nightingale Gallery in the Hamptons, as well as at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. He regularly participates in the Open Studio events at YOHO, and home design shows in the New York City area. Samples of his work can be found at www.glenfischer.com, and for more information about the YOHO artist community, visit www.yohoartists.com.

Congressman Engel Fights For \$15 Minimum Wage



Congressman Eliot Engel, who represents a large portion of Westchester, recently attended a #FightFor15 rally in New York City, calling for a raise in the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. He joined with workers at SEIU 1199 and Congressman Greg Meeks at the rally, sponsored by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

"Our economy has rebounded tremendously from the great recession, but thousands of workers across the state are still dealing with stagnant wages that do not reflect the cost of living in New York," said Engel. "It is time for a living wage, and New York will be at the forefront of delivering that to our workers."

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