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The room was spellbound listening to Wesley as he spoke eloquently about his love for Yonkers and the many lives he has been a part of. His heartfelt thanks left many alternating between tears and laughter. The entire room erupted in laughter and applause as he was reminded that he almost forgot to thank his wife!

The recipient of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award was the Yonkers Branch of the NAACP for decades of committed service to the cause of racial equality and eliminating racism within our community.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Janine Rose, managing news director of News 12, and the keynote speaker for the 27th anniversary celebration was Reverend Doctor Marvin E. Wiley, the renowned, 20-year pastor of Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood, Illinois. Under Wiley’s leadership, Rock of Ages has built two multi-million dollar houses of Worship to accommodate the rapidly growing membership.

Special thanks to NCC Executive Director Doctor Jim Bostic, Board President Andrea Clark Brown and all who made this event a success.

Kaira Hassell lead the audience in the Negro National anthem. Minister Bryan Allen gave an incredible rendition of the gospel song “Stand” that had the room on their feet long before he got to the last note.
Order Promoting Minority- 
and Women-Owned Projects

Mayor Mike Spano recently announced that he has issued an executive order which will mandate the city to establish a process for 2013-2014 School year

**Process for 2013-2014 School Year**

- Eighth grade students, except for those students identified by that organization.

- Students register now. To register, parents should call 914-369-3500 or go to YonkersPublicSchools.org.

- The process of notifying parents of the competition requires the completion of a School Choice Application mailing.

Bengalis are among the most food- and culture-oriented people in India. They are commonly found in the Pros on dating and entertaining or such an integral part of their culture.

First, second and third place winners will be presented certificates and prizes. A book of poetry and imagery by Sprayregen, Naderi has taught Piano and Conducting Tech-

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You can see why it's a perfect match.

Andrea DeFoe, deputy congressional staff secretary for member investment and operations, said the office is set up as his liaison to the faith-based community. In addition, he said, "It's a great way to be accessible to the public."

Astorino stressed that this new initiative supports efforts to meet with the religious community on a regular basis.

A View from the Middle

We are hearing from the left, we are hearing from the right, but we usually don’t hear from the middle. On a daily basis, Americans see their politics from the middle. It is clear that if we don’t hear from the middle, many will not even know there is no charge at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Architect of the Capitol. Senators, this benefit has a pretty high cap, currently $3,000 for expenses while outside their home. The number is based on how big of a state a Senator represents; a median personal wealth for members of Congress can sign up for a 401k style retirement plan. The “after-tax” plan is available to most other government workers.

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Help Seniors from Falling

Falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for seniors, and Seniors Andrea Haltaba-Heidebrecht and George Liebman, Assen-
Hyphensmeyer Shelley Mayer and Gary Prenow taught older clients to
stay on their feet.

On Thursday, January 18, these elected officials are co-hosting an event, “Preventing Falls Among Seniors,” with VINOY CHOICE, a menu-led health plan for Medicaid and/or Medicare eligible by New York’s non-profit 
Visiting Nurse Service of New York. The work-
shop focuses on tips and techniques to prevent total
faller the risk of falls among seniors.
Every 17 seconds, a senior is taken to the emergency room because of a fall. Furthermore, 
70 percent of these falls occur in the home. The free workshop will help seniors identify com-
mon situations and activities that can put them at increased risk for dangerous falls.

At the workshop, attendees will learn to take simple steps to protect their health and that of their families.

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“Should you always get a flu shot each year to protect yourself,” Amber said. “Many local
pharmacies still have flu vaccine and it’s never too late to benefit.”

The health department a contact a provid-
ers to make sure that available appointments are
available to those who are not well."

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For more information, call 914-613-5000 or visit WestchesterGov.com/health.

Dicky Kay, a longtime Westchester resi-
dent and volunteer for Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester (HPCW), was recently in-
ducted into the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs & Services (DSPS) Senior
Hall of Fame. She was recognized for her nu-
merous volunteer efforts, which she began more than 40 years ago.

Kay, began volunteering with HPCW in 2010. She dedicates one or two days each week to
avoid spreading your germs. Clean surfaces that you touch frequently, such as doorknobs, water faucets, refrigerator handles
The flu vaccine protects provides protection against the three
strains of the flu that are circulating this season. People most at risk for complications from the flu include pregnant women, adults aged
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Social Security Statement
Financial Wellness Can Be Yours in 2013
By Susan Sobel, Social Security District Manager in Yonkers
January is Financial Wellness Month — a great time to think about your own financial future. It also happens to be at this time that Social Security sockects for the New Year. Why not combine the two and make some financial wellness a resolution for 2013?

Here are our suggested resolutions for your financial wellness.

Start your financial plan with your Social Security Statement: The online Statement is simple, easy to use and provides available benefits so that you can plan for your retirement.

It provides estimates for the three Social Security benefits, including the Social Security retirement benefits. The online Statement allows you to review and remember that your earnings are accurately posi-
ons that can help seniors build strength and offer increased stability and how to find local re-
structions in the home. This is the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries for seniors. It can be either a terminal illness or a serious illness that is likely to end in death within a year. Mrs. Kay acknowledges that she was inspired to volunteer by her mother, who was diagnosed with a terminal illness at United Hospital.

The Kay family has supported HPCW since the beginning with their volunteer services to White Plains Hosp-
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to live comfortably when you retire. Visit WestchesterGov.com/health to

If the information is incorrect, or if you have earnings missing from your record, you may not receive all the benefits to which you are entitled in the future. SocialSecurity.gov/estimator.

Word your statements. Once you get your
number, you can use the other free resources provided by Social Security. Use your Retirement Estimate, where you can get personalized estimates about benefits and how changes in your income can affect your retirement benefits using different retirement ages and scenarios. You can get this 
statement or SocialSecurity.gov/estimator.

Once you are in the know, choose to save. The earlier you begin your financial planning, the better off you will be. Social Security offers a library of books about the program. If you need more information, call 914-682-1484 or visit HospiceOfWest-
chute.com.

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- 6500 persons, just 110 people.

"Mr. Chaungton stated he was advised by democrats not to share the plan with the republicans or their reps," said Sabatino, adding that "Democrats had discarded 50 percent of the people of Yonkers by shooting out their elect-

representative and stifling their voice in the pro-

cess."

Lesnick added, "In essence, the democrats
defied half the people of Yonkers that they can’t see what they may have to say in how their city
governed, we’re doing it our way. They have created an environment where it won’t mat-
ter what the people want because they can run rough-shod over the people with total control."

Breen commented, "Neighborhoods have
literally been cut in half, diminishing the very
voice of the people through electoral repre-

sative. This move trivializes the very con-

cerns of a community and minimizes their right
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The three democrats that stand said they are
in the process of preparing a counter plan that
would comply with the Voting Rights Act, sus-

citing changes to the Third, Fourth and Sixth
districts. "It’s like a jigsaw puzzle," said Lesnick. "We are not passing this
in the dead of night and without public input, but the fact is there are four democrats on the
council; and, in a city that has 50 percent demo-
cratic enrollment; 20 percent republican enroll-
ment, it would be expected to have a couple of
districts that lean heavy democratic and one that
leans heavy republican. The other districts are
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Schumer Comes to Yonkers to Support Glenwood Power Plant Redevelopment

New York's Senior US Senator Charles E. Schumer came to Yonkers last week to help the redevelopment of the Yonkers Riverfront and the Glenwood Power Plant.

Schumer spoke successfully at year's end to extend the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC), which urged the Department of Treasury to strongly consider an allocation for the project.

The developers are pushing for more than $20 million in NMTC allocation, which will make our vision financeable, economic growth and job creation.

The abandoned Glenwood Power Plant, built in 1907, offers catalytic economic and community revitalization of the Yonkers waterfront and the creation of hundreds of jobs.

Schumer's commitment to secure an enhanced New Markets Tax Credit program, aimed at revitalizing and reinvesting in urban areas, and now I am calling on the Treasury to ensure that Yonkers gets its share.

Yonkers waterfront will create hundreds of jobs, boost and the city's economy and honor the city's legacy by spurring economic growth along the city's waterfront and the downtown Yonkers.

That is why, at year's end, I fought to extend the New Markets Power plant's existing historic tax credits, which could provide a 20 percent credit to the project's investors. The re-development would allow for the construction of a new hotel and recreation area on the Hudson River waterfront, promoting new economic activity in downtown Yonkers.

The transformative plan to redevelop the century-old Glenwood Power Plant on Yonkers waterfront will create hundreds of jobs, boost the local economy and honor the city's legacy, said Schumer. “The Glenwood Power Plant will now have the chance to become a destination to be rehabilitated into a space for a museum as a monument to our past, a world-class convention center, with restaurants, hotels and other attractions, on Yonkers’ waterfront.

In this year’s year-end, I sought to extend the Department of Treasury’s New Markets Tax Credit program, which is a true partnership between city, state, federal and private entities.

The Glenwood Power Plant was constructed between 1904 and 1906 as part of the New York City’s Waterfront.

By Ben Cohn

Shaw has already attracted numerous customers from across the Downtown area as income tax season approaches and Shaw’s firm picks up more business.

Tax Max opened two weeks ago and is still developing itself at its Warburton location, but Shaw hopes to firmly establish himself in the local business community shortly.

There is no shortage of tax business in the Downtown area, but Shaw’s Tax Max promises to establish the professionalism that many other businesses lack.

The Conference and Exhibit Center at Yonkers is available to discuss the shelter’s adoptable animals with you. The Yonkers Animal Shelter is constantly in search of new homes for all our wonderful pets, both cats and dogs.

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Barbara Jean has had some inquiries, but the right person hasn’t shown up yet. She has long legs and loves to run. She would be a great hiking companion or a playmate for kids who would throw a ball for her.

Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Leslie and Barbara Jean are available to discuss the shelter’s adoptable animals with you. The Yonkers Animal Shelter is located at 120 Fullerton Ave. For more information, contact the shelter during business hours (Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 3:30 p.m.) at 914-377-6730, or Leslie at 201-508-8121 or lsloan7@gmail.com.

Yonkers Animal Shelter: Barbara Jean

Meet Barbara Jean, a beautiful mixed breed dog, about 2 years old and 58 pounds. She is friendly with dogs but likely to be the boss! She is very affectionate with people and enjoys sitting on your lap if she can. Barbara Jean has had some injuries, but the right person has shown up yet.

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Shaw was born and raised in Yonkers and attended Roosevelt High School, where he developed a keen sense of enterprise and entrepreneurship.

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