Judge Martinelli Celebrates 22 Years on the Bench

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Rising recently interviewed Yonkers City Court Chief Judge Michael Martinelli to discuss his 22 years on the city bench, what he’s seen over the past three decades, and what drives him to continue to hear cases and deliver justice to the people.

Martinelli was first elected in 1999 and has been re-elected judge continually. For half of his 22 years on the bench, he has served as the chief supervisory judge for the court's 12 judges, managing the seven courtrooms, and serving as the presiding judge for the vacant State Senate seat in the 37th District.

“I can’t believe how much time has gone by,” he said. “The chief judge assigns the judges to the different parts (different courts that provide over 40 services, like landlords, tenant, traffic, small claims, criminal, drug, domestic violence) and I try to put the judges in their best spot. Everyone has their strengths and I try to move them into a part that leverages their strengths to make the courts as efficiently as possible. I love the job. Before I was a judge I was a lawyer for 20 years, and had been president of the Yonkers Lawyers Association. I felt that I had good experience trying cases to become a judge and provide fairly, justly. I have always tried to do the right thing, and the best place to do it is on the bench.

“The other important part of being a judge is to be involved in your community,” continued Martinelli. “When I first got elected I was rated ‘highly qualified,’ but I also brought my experience from the community, hard work from working for my dad’s Gazette News, but also in volunteer capacities as a Little League coach, or presiding over the sheriff. I have always tried to be involved in the community.”

Last week, former prosecutor and Yonkers Inspector General Dan Schorr declared his candidacy to run for the vacant State Senate seat in the 37th District. Martinelli is unopposed in his attempt to continue serving as presiding judge for the court.

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St. Joseph’s Hospital Opens Wound Care Center

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St. Joseph’s Hospital recently opened its new wound care center. The center features a multidisciplinary team trained in wound care and evaluated for all possible physical conditions, such as diabetes, that could interfere with proper healing. The care team follows evidence-based clinical pathways to determine why wounds are not healing and then develops individual treatment plans.

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Councilwoman Williams Hosts Women’s March

Councilwoman Shame Williams hosted the first Women’s March in Yonkers with partners Mayor Mike Spano and the YWCA. The movement started last year as a protest against President Donald Trump and his administration. Women are still subjected to discrimination, sexual assaults, and artistic practices in the workplace, at home and in the community, and many believe it is time to bring awareness to the issues women face and practice fair treatment.

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School 13 Named School of the Month

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, joined by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Querzada, Board President the Rev. Steve Lopez, YPD Commissioner Charles Gardner and Councilman John Rubbo celebrate with students and staff at School 13 for being named School of the Month.

Enjoy a Family-Friendly Movie at Philipse Manor

The city is searching for Yonkers’ next great young singers to compete in February for the titles of Yonkers Junior Idol 2018 and Yonkers Idol 2018. Celebrating its 11th year, the three-round competition will kick off at the New Mine Hill Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 4 to 6 p.m., and from Feb. 5 through March 26, at the Yonkers PAL Center, 127 S. Broadway, 3rd Floor | Yonkers, NY | www.saintjosephs.org

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You haven’t witnessed someone with a surgical mask covering their mouth and nose? Some-
The Upcoming Events at Sarah Lawrence College

The first social justice conference at Sarah Lawrence College, titled “Our Liberation,” was held in the name of social justice to work, fight, and create space for all. The event is scheduled for February 15 at 5 p.m. in the City Hall and online for Yonkers residents to enjoy.

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The documentary “I’m Not Racist, am I?” asks questions about how the next generation is being taught to creatively demonstrate their knowledge and commitment of our children. Through this award, we want to encourage our future leaders to act.
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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, who called the center "a symbol of the community’s resilience" and "the opportunity to share a message of hope with those in need," praised the move to the new location. "The Yonkers Animal Shelter has been a fixture in our community for many years," he said. "But it’s time for a new chapter in its history. This new facility will allow us to continue our mission to care for animals, but also provide a safe, welcoming environment for all those who walk through our doors."

The new shelter will be located at 283 Palisade Ave. The current facility on Broadway has been in operation since 1969 and has served as a temporary home for thousands of animals. The new facility will be able to accommodate up to 120 animals at once, compared to the current facility’s capacity of 55. The shelter will also have a new indoor kennel area, play yards, and a separate space for cats. The building will be constructed with energy-efficient materials and will meet ADA accessibility standards.

The facility will be managed by the Yonkers Animal Shelter, which is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. The shelter relies on donations and grants to operate and is looking for volunteers to help with daily operations.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter is located at 283 Palisade Ave. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, please visit www.YonkersAnimalShelter.org. To donate, visit www.WheelsForWishes.org. 

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The Yonkers Animal Shelter has been a fixture in our community for many years, and we are excited to see it grow and thrive in our new home. We encourage everyone to visit the shelter, volunteer, and support our efforts to care for animals in need. 

Yonkers, NY, Jan. 30, 2023 (GlobeNewswire) -- The Yonkers Animal Shelter is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new facility, located at 283 Palisade Ave.

The new facility will provide much-needed space for the shelter’s ongoing efforts to provide care for animals in need. The new location will allow the shelter to expand its services and continue its mission of caring for animals in the Yonkers community.

The shelter is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is seeking volunteers to help with daily operations. For more information, please visit www.YonkersAnimalShelter.org.
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Senior and Health Care

Dr. Limongelli Hosts Annual Free Dental Day

In honor of Dental Health Month, Dr. William Limongelli is offering free dental treatment to residents of Yonkers, and selected siblings, for the 22nd consecutive year. The event features an assortment of treatments including: cleanings, fillings, extractions, and other procedures. The event is open to all ages and will be held on Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Yonkers Youth Center, 221 East Main Street, Yonkers.

Peretz Donates Supplies To MLK School

Peretz, R.D.P. and County Legislator Virginia Perez with MLK Assistant Principal Joseph Sayegh and students eager to bring home donated school supplies.

Osteoporosis Awareness

An osteoporosis awareness group is scheduled Monday, Feb. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, 775 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains. Park in the first lot and enter building #1.

The speaker will be Dr. Allan B. Warshawsky of Holistic Health for the 21st Century, who will discuss integrative medicine. There is no charge to attend.

Meetings are scheduled the first Monday of even-numbered months, including April 2, June 4, August 6, and October 1.

For more information, call Susan at 914-969-3333.

Families Who Adopt Receive Specialized Care From Montefiore

Parents of adopted children can now consult with a nationally recognized adoption medicine expert at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. The new adoption program is led by Dr. Elaine Schulte, a professor of pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and previously undiagnosed conditions.

The adoption program at CHAM supports families at every stage of the process. Schulte provides families with general information about adoption and can also review a prospective medical history, because we know that being adopted is an integral part of who a person is, not just part of their history.

Nutritional and behavioral health needs are among the most common concerns for adopted children and their families. Many also have learning and attention challenges. Therefore, Schulte is committed to ongoing support for children and their families and will connect them to sub-specialty care, if needed.

Dr. Schulte is a leader in the field of adoption medicine,” said Dr. Judy Aschen, physician-in-chief at CHAM, and Dr. Michael Cohen, university chairman and professor of pediatrics at Einstein. “She has created policy and clinical guidelines, served on national committees, and created education programs for pediatricians and adoption agencies. There is a huge need for her expertise in New York, and our families and patients will truly benefit from her knowledge and care.”

The adoption program is located at the CHAM (HealthEast practice, 141 S. Central Ave, Suite 500. For more information, call 855-5-ADOPTMD.)
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1989-1993, contributing significantly to the district’s success. Dr. Quezada also served as Superintendent of Schools from 2014 to 2016, “Nev-...
A casting call for men and women for Westchester Fashion Week is scheduled Sunday, Feb. 24 from 1 to 5 p.m., and for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., at Frances Bradley Jay, 27 Main St., Yonkers. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Females should be any ethnicity, at least 5 feet, 4 inches tall, a size 0-6, “beauty pageant personality, and be photogenic.

Males should be any ethnicity, at least 5 feet, 8 inches tall, “fit and muscular,” and have good skin tone. Dancing, acting and performing experience is preferred.

Designers will be present and select new faces for their upcoming and future events. All models need to be on time and check-in. Ladies should wear appropriate attire, such as dresses, pants suits, or jeans and heels. Photographers will also be in attendance.

Westchester Fashion Week show designers include Mercia Braga, Jodi Charles, Highly Handmade Brand, Alexia Jewelry Designs by Vale Galleria, and Bella Event’s. The Westchester Fashion Week show is scheduled Saturday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Racquet Club on Park Hill, 2 Glenbrook Ave., Yonkers. For more information, visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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Watch Super Bowl at Empire Casino With NY Giants Legend

Phil Simms may have coined the phrase “I’m going to Dinner With,” following his big game win in 1987, but the legendary quarterback is looking to make it to Empire City Casino this year’s big game to host a viewing party, hang out with football fans, and sign autographs. It’s going to be quite the party on game day, with Simms will reflect on his career, offer his game-day host for our guests,” said Taryn Duffy, director of public affairs for Empire City Casino. “We’re excited to have that energy and excitement Phil brought to the football field here at Empire City Casino, with fans meeting and hearing from the football icon.”

As an added bonus, the first 500 Empire Club members to check in at the main promotions booth will receive a free football-themed beanie hat. Fans who are not yet Empire Club members to check in at the main promotions booth will receive a free football-themed beanie hat. Fans who are not yet Empire Club members should sign up for free at a minor of ten promotions booths.

For more information on Empire City Casino and the viewing party, visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

First Thursday Art Gallery Hop Continues Feb. 1

A night of enjoying the downtown Yonkers arts scene continues with the First Thursday Art Gallery Hop on Feb. 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., sponsored by Yonkers Gallery Group, a partnership between five downtown Yonkers galleries – Rivertown Art Gallery, Blue Door Art Center, U+U Group, PC4 Yonkers and US+U Gallery. This month’s artistic offerings include Blue Door Art Center will display the 10th annual BDAC artist-member juried exhibition featuring guest curator Francisco Giordano, who is an artist, professor and chairman of the Fine Arts Department at the College of Mt. St. Vincent. "Phil Simms fits the bill as the perfect way Back,” said Haifa Bin-Kadi, director of public affairs for Empire City Casino for this year’s game win in 1987, but the legendary quarterback

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