Over the past several years, downtown Yonkers has transformed into a creative haven for artists and performers. With the opening of new venues and the renovation of historic buildings, Yonkers is now home to a vibrant arts community. One of the most notable changes is the transformation of the former Yonkers Armory into the Hudson Hudson Art Center, which has become a hub for emerging artists and experimental performances.

"With the growth of the arts scene in Yonkers, there is a renewed sense of community and pride in our city," said Eliana Sapienza, director of the Hudson Hudson Art Center. "We are excited to be a part of this creative movement and to offer a space for artists to showcase their work and connect with the public.

Another significant development is the opening of new restaurants and bars in the downtown area. The newly opened Zinc & Oak, a steakhouse and wine bar, has become a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. The restaurant offers a menu of high-quality steak, fresh seafood, and a wide selection of wines, as well as a relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere.

In addition to the arts and restaurant scene, Yonkers is also seeing an increase in the number of parks and green spaces. The proposed development of the Yonkers Parkland, a former industrial site, into a park and open space will provide a much-needed green space for residents and visitors.

Yonkers residents are welcome to come and experience the transformation of their city. With its rich history, vibrant arts community, and growing number of restaurants and parks, Yonkers is a place where everyone can find something to enjoy.

By Dan Murphy

Young Democrats: Rising Stars in Yonkers

Last year, Yonkers Rising highlighted two young Yonkers Republicans considered to be rising stars in the party. This week, Yonkers Rising features two up-and-coming young Democrats – Juanita Lewis and Euthimios Theotokatos.

Juanita Lewis is the lead organizer in Westchester County for Community Voices Heard, an organization that works with low-income and multi-racial residents to secure social, economic and racial justice for all. Originally from Minnesota, she moved to New York and Yonkers in 2009, taking a job as community organizer for CVH in Yonkers. "I had been doing community and electoral organizing since 2004 in Minnesota, and that's where I started to get into issues affecting low-income families and people of color, especially education," she said. "I was looking for a change and a new challenge in my life, and I took a job with CVH!"

Lewis worked for several years in Yonkers, building the local CVH chapter and attending City Council meetings and other events throughout the city. Her success led to her promotion to county-wide CVH for the state, but she still lives in Yonkers and looks forward to the city's future. "Yonkers has a lot of potential, with all of the infrastructure and great people."

Euthimios Theotokatos said he came to Yonkers because of the "beautiful town" and the "great restaurants." He was born in New York City, graduated from Stuyvesant High School and is a graduate of the University of Chicago with a degree in political science. He is currently attending law school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Theo is the co-founder and executive director of the Westchester Young Democrats, an organization that brings together young people to work on local and state-level political issues. The Westchester Young Democrats have an active chapter in Yonkers and are organizing with the Young Democrats of America on a statewide level.

Theo said he is running for the Yonkers City Council next year, and he is excited about the opportunity to work on issues that affect Yonkers residents. "I am running for the Yonkers City Council so we can fix our schools, cut property taxes and bring more jobs to the city," he said. "I am excited about the opportunity to fight for the issues that affect Yonkers residents and to work to make Yonkers a better place for all of its residents."
Häagen-Dazs Debuts New Shop Design in Bronxville

The Häagen-Dazs Shops Company premiered an exciting new design Jan. 24 at its Bronxville location. This grand opening served as the national launch of the new Häagen-Dazs Shop design that will be used at all new shops going forward, as well as for existing shops when they remodel.

“The new Häagen-Dazs Shop was designed in collaboration with Interbrand Design Forum to be both modern and classic, like our ice cream,” said Justin Chafe, marketing manager for the Häagen-Dazs Shop Company. “We are focused on providing an exceptional experience for guests to enjoy the brand’s super-premium ice cream, gelato, sorbet and frozen yogurt and will once again experience is more enjoyable.

In order to create a premium experience for guests, the brand focused on three key goals: simplify the ordering process, create a tasting station to sample new flavors, and minimize the “ordering pressure” so the experience is more enjoyable.

The shop offers 24 flavors of ice cream, gelato, sorbet and frozen yogurt and will once again offer the brand’s decadent ice cream bars hand-dipped in either milk or dark chocolate. Once guests have decided on a cone, waffle or freshly-hand-dipped Häagen-Dazs bar, they will be able to wash the creation of their treat from a special “dessert theater” viewing area.

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“The aesthetic reflects the old-world traditions and craftsmanship at the heart of the brand. You can see this in the classic details like the tin ceiling, the carved wood stools and the ice cream cone-shaped syrup pulls, which give the space substance within a contemporary setting,” he added. To celebrate the Jan. 24 opening of the Häagen-Dazs Shop at 29 Park Plaza, Bronxville, the brand hosted a grand opening weekend and celebration where guests were invited to tour the new shop, sample ice cream and enjoy a day full of festivities.

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The Häagen-Dazs Shop Company is always looking for new franchise owners with a passion for Häagen-Dazs super-premium ice cream to open shops in premier locations. To learn more, visit www.haagendazsshops.com.
Well friends, we dodged another snow storm. Based on the model forecasts from the National Weather Service, we were expected to get 2-3 feet of snow that would cause traffic gridlock in our neighborhoods. As smoke (or snow) clears, we look ahead to the Department of Transportation, the schools, and the business community. We were not clobbered by snow, as predicted.

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The Westchester Photographic Society is exhibiting "Staging Shadows" at the Cancer Treatment and Wellness Center at Northern Westchester Hospital through June 2, 2015. Viewing hours are Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon.

The exhibition portrays a wide range of subjects that highlight the photographic possibilities of light, shape, line, form, texture, color, pattern, design, perspective, space, subject, mood and atmosphere. The exhibition is open to the public and free to all.

Photographic Society Hosting Upcoming Events

The Westchester Photographic Society is hosting a tax counseling program on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers. The program is free and open to the public. Tax counseling sessions will cover a range of topics, including filing individual income tax returns, filing business returns, filing employment taxes, filing information returns and other tax issues.

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Lest We Forget: John C. Hahn

Mayor Mike Spano. "This tax aide program is the result of a joint effort between the City of Yonkers and the Internal Revenue Service, and it is an example of how we can work together to support our neighbors in Buffalo." All meetings are hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 96 Hale Avenue, White Plains.

Yonkers was among the first cities in the country to provide a tax preparation service to low-income taxpayers. The tax aide program has been in place for over 40 years and is designed to assist low-income taxpayers in filing their tax returns.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is a program designed to provide low-income taxpayers with free tax preparation and filing assistance. The program is available to taxpayers with incomes below $54,000 and is designed to help taxpayers file their tax returns accurately and on time.

The tax aide program is provided by trained volunteers who are knowledgeable in tax law and have experience in preparing tax returns. The volunteers are available to answer questions and provide assistance with the preparation of tax returns.

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The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets ready for adoption. Zeus is a 1-year-old Neapolitan Mastiff with a gentle disposition. He is a big puppy who loves people and is fun to be around. He’s not too fond of other dogs and needs a home that will be able to provide him with the attention and care he needs. Zeus is neutered and up-to-date on his shots. He is currently in foster care and has no place to bring a large dog until a home is found. There are several large animals available for adoption. Call 914-920-5900, guaporestaurant.com; 1429, Giovannis4.com; 9777, Labellahavana.com; or visit the Yonkers Animal Shelter for more information.

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**Everyone has his or her own ideas when it comes to what constitutes a big puppy. For some, it may be a dog that is simply large in size. For others, it may be a dog that has a large personality or a big heart.**

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Social Security: A Day Dedicated to the New You

By Ilana Jacob

Social Security assistant district manager, Westchester County

Proverbially displaying your new last name on a marriage certificate is only the first step to becoming the real you. The wedding and honeymoon are over, now you need to take the necessary steps to change your Social Security card.

Many people have spent their lives and careers helping others deal with social security-related concerns. Please join Dr. Leandro Benmergui, assistant professor at SUNY Purchase, for his talk, “Learn What Documents You Need” presented by Casa Purchase during the summer of 2014. You’ll be able to navigate the Social Security cards that prepare students for life in a globalized world.

Classes at the beginning, intermediate and advanced level will be taught by ESL/tutor certified instructors, with Purchase College student as learning assistants. Classes are currently being offered at three different times: Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Brenda Hartley at 914-964-4274. For more information, visit search at 914-798-8965.

If you need a new, replacement or corrected Social Security card, you can find all the details at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber. To request your Social Security number; people who commit fraud or use your Social Security number for identity theft.

Advanced Dentistry of Westchester

Advanced Denistry of Westchester has launched a new decay prevention program that is not only predictable, but caries-free – especially for people with aggressive decay.

The program has expanded to meet the increased demand for predictable, caries-free teeth in a socially and fiscally responsible manner. We have decreased the treatment costs for several procedures, as well as made them caries-free with little to no chance of decay.

We have a successful program for many people, especially for those who have had more than 10 previous crown cases,” said Dr. Salima Majid-Khan. “Now, we have added one more component that assures us we can be successful against even the most aggressive decay. This is very important for those who have two or more cavities.

The program was developed at SUNY Purchase College’s Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “It also provides communicative English lessons on site for one of our valued campus neighbors,” Assistant Professor Leandro Benmergui, assistant professor at SUNY Purchase.

“Casa Purchase launches our collaborative educational research and community development initiative that prepares students for life in a globalized world.”

The English classes are free and open to the public, and registration is required. For more information or to register, email: phyljemson@classroom.casa@purchase.edu or call 914-666-4699. For more information, visit search at 914-798-8965.

Senior Citizens and Health Care

Purchase College Offers Free English Classes

The State University of New York College at Purchase has announced four English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes for senior citizens that will be taught by ESOL-certified instructors, with Purchase College students as learning assistants. Classes are currently being offered at three different times: Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Brenda Hartley at 914-964-4274. For more information, visit search at 914-798-8965.

Multicultural Oral History Lab

Launched during the summer of 2014, Casa Purchase has created a free Oral History Lab in addition to the free English classes. These include interviews for Purchase students to present services to the local community, creative youth development programs, and an online multicultural Oral History Lab.

To register for the class, contact Brenda Hartley at 914-964-4274. For more information, visit search at 914-798-8965.
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**Silver’s Shameful Scandal: How It Affects Yonkers**

By Dan Murphy

As Speaker of the Assembly, Sheldon Silver has served as one of the powerful ‘three men in a room’ for 20 years, on compadre with Governor Andrew Cuomo. To many residents, he’s known as the heart of the political machine that runs state government and as the go-to guy for help with everything from building permits to booking gigs in exchange for State contracts.

This week, a criminal indictment released by the government accuses Silver of taking $3 million in bribes and kickbacks. The case details how Silver has used his official position to secure business for clients through contracts with the state and local government.

The indictment reveals that Silver has engaged in a “sham consulting and exchange of benefits” arrangement with various businesses and organizations. Silver is accused of illegally diverting government funds to his law firm in exchange for his influence in awarding contracts and contracts for the law firm.

Silver’s actions have raised concerns about the integrity of the government and the effectiveness of law enforcement. The scandal has also raised questions about the role of politicians in awarding contracts and the potential for conflicts of interest.

Silver’s career in New York politics spans over three decades. He has been a key figure in the Democratic Party and has served as Speaker of the Assembly since 1997. His power base includes a network of influential lobbyists and business associates.

Silver’s indictment has sparked a wave of outrage among New Yorkers, who have grown increasingly disillusioned with their government due to the increasing number of corruption cases. The scandal has raised questions about the effectiveness of the legal system in holding public officials accountable.

Silver’s trial is expected to be one of the most high-profile cases in recent memory. It will be closely watched by both the public and the press, as it marks a turning point in the battle against corruption in New York politics.

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The governor has proposed a series of reforms to address the scandal, including new measures to increase transparency and accountability in government. These measures include:

- **Public Campaign Finance Act (PCA)**: This bill would allow for public campaign financing of state and local elections, which would help reduce the influence of money in politics.
- **Ethics and Accountability Act (EAA)**: This bill would create a new, independent commission to oversee the ethics of state and local government officials.
- **Anti-Corruption Act (ACA)**: This bill would expand the definition of corruption to include any act that undermines the integrity of government or the public trust.

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Minority Business Owners ‘Cruzin to Success’ This Year

County Executive Rob Astorino last week welcomed more than 100 Westchester-based minority- and woman-owned busi- nesses to a series of contractor matchmaking events—the first titled “Cruzin” to Success in 2015.”

This event brings together one of the region’s largest construction and engineering companies with Westchester’s small business owners,” said Astorino. “Making these kinds of introductions is one reason Westchester is the smart spot for doing business.”

E.E. Cruz currently has numerous contracting opportunities available to subcontractors and vendors for ongoing projects located throughout Westches- ter, New York City, New Jersey and Washing- ton, D.C.

Jonathan Sauskin, E.E. Cruz assistant compliance officer, provided details about available contracts and how to bid on them. He said E.E. Cruz is seeking to hire minority- and women business enterprises in order to meet or exceed state and federal mandates. The subcontract work includes construction projects as well as non-construction services such as photog- raphy, office cleaning, rodent control, office supplies and security guard services.

Jim Colakian, Westchester County Indus- trial Development Agency executive director, spoke on how to do business with Westchester County.

“We’re serious about getting more busi- ness for you so you can help us pay all of our bills for our residents to work,” he said. “We’re doing ev- erything we can to assist you in lucrative contracting opportunities to grow your busi- ness.”

Many of those attending the event praised the county for bringing them together with E.E. Cruz.

“What Westchester County is doing is abso- lutely great,” said Mufflini Konoue, owner of a cleaning company in Yonkers. “This is a fantastic opportunity for me to expand my services into commercial businesses.”

“The event was an awesome opportunity for small businesses to secure contracts and ex- pand their business,” added Robin Finney- Grant, owner of BSFG Consulting Group in Mount Vernon.

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“El arte inspira, motiva y instala un amor por la vida en todos los niños”

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Take a guided tour of Glenside, the museum’s 19th century river home, Saturdays and Sun- days at 1, 2, or 4 p.m. Photo courtesy of the Hudson River Museum.

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shaped by Soenne Workshop, the Beijing Plane- ning, Chicago’s Adler Planetarium and Liberty Science Center, with images provided by the National Science Foundation.

Also on Feb. 1, 2 p.m., take a tour of the galleries with museum docents. Event highlights include portraits in the Permanent Collection, which help viewers understand the social history of different times. Free with Museum admission.

On Saturdays and Sundays in February, at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m., HRM’s vision for Glenside was “Glummers and Glummers” in a guided. See the restorations 19th century period rooms, furniture and paintings.

Also on Saturdays and Sundays in Febru- ary, “Family art” and science projects will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Enjoy creative ac-
tivities inspired by the museum’s collections and paintings.

On Saturdays, the “Messengers” space-

rally, “Family Studio” art and science projects will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. in the family studio. Photo by Jennifer Patton.

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