PEARLS Hawthorne Shines in History Bowl Tournament

By Ben Cohn

Christina Bellusci. "I am immensely proud of the wonderful team effort displayed by my students today," said Bellusci. "All of their hard work and effort really paid off and we are looking forward to the Washington, D.C., championships." PEARLS is the only middle school team from Westchester county to advance to the National Championships which will take place in Washington, D.C., and Alexandria, VA, in the spring.

Next Week: Jenkins for County Executive

Pat Puleo to come to an agreement on avoiding the position to help.

Tension would run along Bronx River Road.

Photo by Donna Davis

A fire recently broke out in the 27 Belmont Terraces home of former Yonkers City Councilman Thomas Roberts, but was contained by good quick thinking to come and get me that put me into the position to help." Goldfelder remained humble when asked about his actions that morning, pointing to the actions of Robertson's daughter: "To see her quick thinking to come and get me that put me into the position to help." 72 of the Yonkers Fire Department—both from Station 9, just two blocks from Goldfelder's house—arrived on the scene to finish the work that Goldfelder had started, fully extinguishing the fire in less than an hour.

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions"
The Yonkers Branch of the NAACP held its Holiday Party and Installation on December 17 at the Nepperhan Community Center, located at 342 Warburton Ave.

The newly elected officers for 2013-2015 are: Andrea Brown, Denise Hackl, David Ancrum, Jane Waite, Lisa Clark and Richard Henry. Members of the Executive Board are: Winston Ross, Henry Joseph, Diane Pearson, Denise Holdren, Conrad Orey, Mary Da Silva, Clayton Jenkins and Lawrence R. Sykes, Esq. The officers were sworn in by the Honorable Bruce E. Tolbert, NYS Supreme Court Justice, 9th Judicial District.

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909 (Abraham Lincoln’s birthday) in New York City by a group of black and white citizens committed to social justice. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The Youth and College Division was formally created in 1936 and, 74 years ago on September 12, 1938, the Yonkers Branch charter was activated.

Outgoing Branch President Diana Brown Temple thanked the community “for coming out to celebrate and support the oldest civil rights organization in America.”

The NAACP is also seeking new members. Dues are $30 per year, which includes a subscription to Crisis magazine. Starting this month, the monthly General Membership meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Nepperhan Community Center. All are welcome.

The Yonkers NAACP Holiday Party and Installation of Officers

Westchester Disabled on the Move Receives $12,250 from ShopRite

Representatives from ShopRite Supermarkets, along with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, presented a check for $12,250 to Westchester Disabled on the Move (WDOTM) at its Truxton Road store on December 15.

The donations were collected at ShopRite locations throughout Westchester from November 11 to 17 to support Westchester Disabled on the Move and its “Independence in Our Community” campaign, which aims to raise funds and awareness surrounding the many issues facing disabled people today.

Academic Excellence in Yonkers

Rochester Institute of Technology

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Dominican College

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**Principled Leadership During the Budget Process**

**Op-Ed by County Board Chairman Ken Jenkins**

Budgets are all about priorities. Protect the environment, the envi-
ronment and create prosperity: these are the simple principles that guide me and many others. And it is especially important when making decisions about taxes, during the process of finalizing a budget for Westchester County. Let's talk about the issues that put honest, fair and kind people who are willing to lead in the important issues of the day.

Frank Harman, who won re-election last year but was not re-elected in 2013, was a strong voice for critical issues. Unfortunately, Harman did not seek re-election this year and will be missed. As chairman of the minority on the County Board, he spoke out against the lack of sales tax in the budget and lowered city services have been continually cut in need for city services in the downtown, yet people are still waiting for jobs and delivering greater value for every dollar.

**The County Board of Legislators has Bramson, recently announced his candidacy for County Executive.**

As with the last two budget cycles, County Executive's proposed 2015 budget was consistent with the County Executive's vision and values. As the democratic process begins, Bramson said it, "should be noted that Noam Bramson values that put honesty, fairness and kindness at the foundation of these priorities and decisions. During the past three years, these priorities have given New Rochelle the lowest city tax in the state of New York. Like baking a cake, let's start from scratch and make sure that those with guns have them where they need to go. The time to act is now. Let's not "go off the cliff." Sadly, this is not a prior- ity that the American taxpayers need, and now they will get it."

**New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson**

The Mayors of New Rochelle, Noam Bramson, recently announced his candidacy for County Executive. Bramson is used to working on a City Council that has a Democratic majority. In the city, he would likely face a tough challenge from the other candidates who are all Democrats. The budget for the city this year is set at $300 million. The city had ordered that the Fire Department be prepared to deliver emergency medical care. In 2012, the city had ordered that the Fire Department be prepared to deliver emergency medical care. In 2012, the city had ordered that the Fire Department be prepared to deliver emergency medical care. In 2012, the city had ordered that the Fire Department be prepared to deliver emergency medical care. In 2012, the city had ordered that the Fire Department be prepared to deliver emergency medical care.

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$100,000 Allocated for Anti-Gun Violence Program

How to Cure Violence

By YMCA Project SNUG Manager John G. Miller

As hard as we work to end, guns are still a major problem in our community. We have been lucky not to experience a shooting in Yonkers. Thanks God it is not so severe as it is in New Tork City, but even one killing is too many.

Doctor Gary Slutkin, founder of Cure Violence (formerly known as Chicago CeaseFire and now known as Violence Interrupters, Inc. or VIO), reminds us that violence is a contagious disease and it is the disease that is initial exposure to violence and then it turns into the abusive disease. A disease can become an epidemic if there is no intervention to the disease.

Right now, you and I, and in some cases, adults — have been exposed to an enormous amount of gun violence. Not only do they face the same challenges of our community, but they are seeing major around the globe, especially recent issues.

One of the opportunities to do is look at the guns violence.

We must change the behavior and change the norms.

Not talking to your child is the same as not having a face to face conversation.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person having a tax lien or assessment against them; the third is the location or property as shown on the tax rolls of the City of Yonkers; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which are to be sold. The list of property shall be sold.

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 shall have been paid on said lands and tenements, shall be sold and advertised for sale at auction at the City Hall, Yonkers, New York, on the 9th day of March, in the year of our Lord, 2013.

Notice is hereby further given that the name and description of the property shall be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers, upon which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and become a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable.

Furthermore, seven developers came to the City and other downtown investors who could not build affordable housing with- out the funds from these tax credits.

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Social Security Column: Your SS Statement is the Most Important Step You Can Take for Your Future

By Dr. Charlie Israel, Chairman, Sound Shore Medical Center

Are you getting ready to retire? On your Social Security Statement you have all the information about Social Security benefits, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare. Your Social Security Statement will also tell you how much your benefit will be and how much you need to pay to keep your benefits.

Social Security is a federal program that provides retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits to people who have worked in the United States and meet the eligibility requirements. Social Security benefits are determined by the number of years you worked and the amount of money you earned. Your Social Security Statement will give you a glimpse of your retirement benefits.

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Social Security benefits are based on your average earnings over your lifetime. The more money you earned, the higher your Social Security benefit.

The Social Security Statement is also important because Social Security benefits are taxable. If you receive Social Security benefits, you may have to pay taxes on a portion of your benefits.

If you are not sure how much your Social Security benefit will be, you can receive a Social Security Statement by calling 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting the Social Security Administration website at www.ssa.gov.

Your Social Security Statement is a valuable tool that you can use to plan for your retirement. It will help you determine how much money you will receive in retirement and how much you need to save to meet your retirement goals.

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Five prizes are offered, ranging from $2000.00. The five winners will be selected as soloists with the YPO in the special concert, “Concerto! The Spirit of Westchester,” under the baton of James Sadashevic, on Sunday, May 12 at 3 p.m. at Sanford Technical and Technical High School. Robert Sherman will be the Master of Ceremonies.

For more information, call 914-860-6450 or visit YonkersPhilharmonic.org.

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Noam Bramson

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"Noam is one of the most effective, smart and principled public servants I have ever known," said Lowey. "He has the talent and determination to make a significant, positive difference for Westchester. I am very proud to endorse him."

Assembleman Amy Paulin, former executive director of My Sisters’ Place, said, "Noam is the right person to take on the tough challenges of county leadership. He has proven his competence, intelligence and ability to work with people in New Rochelle, and all of Westchester will benefit from his service.""
Yonkers YMCA's Christmas Extravaganza

The Yonkers YMCA held its annual Christmas Party on December 22.

Families with young children lined up around the YMCA's Riverdale Avenue location to enjoy a holiday party with food, entertainment and gifts from Santa.

Mayor Mike Spano helped Santa hand out gifts, and the Marching Cobras Drumline from the Greyungale-North Castle Union Free School entertained the crowd.

A good time was had by all and many kids were given a much-needed holiday treat.

Santa Claus visits Greyston

Greyston held its annual Community Garden Holiday Party at 171 Buena Vista Ave., one of its community gardens in Greyston's 171 Buena Vista Ave. Community Garden.

By Ben Cohn

While Chanukah started on Saturday, December 8, Yonkers held its annual menorah lighting on Wednesday the 12th (the fifth night of Chanukah) at City Hall. Mayor Mike Spano, City Council President Chad Lunetta, State Senator Andrew Stewart-Cousins and the Yonkers High School band hand out gifts in the lighting.

Chanukah is the Jewish celebration of light and the honing of the miracle of the Maccabees, who had only oil to last one night but it lasted eight nights. Rabbi Mindy Herzovitz from the Chabad of Yonkers was present to explain what Chanukah meant in the modern world before the lighting.

“Chanukah is meant to remind us that God is in control of all things, even the dreidel,” said Herzovitz. “It symbolizes the great miracle of the past but it also symbolizes miracles that occur in day to day life under the hand of God.”

Next, Spano gave his address.

“The fact that we celebrate Chanukah shows how great it is to live in America,” Spano said.

“You are able to distinguish what makes us different from one another and our respective cultural practices, we are also able to do things together as a nation, as you can see from the Christmas tree that is also here and the Kwanzaa celebration we’re going to have here next week. What’s really being represented here is the freedom of religion that makes America so great.”

Before Spano’s Thanks, Mayor Steinman, Spano said, “Chanukah is a big part of many people’s lives. It reminds us of a great people and their faith overcoming a darkness. The message of Chanukah is enriched by the stories we tell each other about its meaning.”

After the lighting, Lunetta, who is Jewish, commented on his idea of the meaning of Chanukah. “Chanukah symbolizes a group of people who were oppressed and not allowed to practice their religion but who practiced it in secret until they were able to reclaim their right.”

“In the United States, there is a separation between church and state but that does not mean that we do not allow the practice of certain religions. In fact, as you can see by this event, we like to celebrate all cultures. I think Chanukah is really a metaphor for government and sustainability. The Maccabees were able to stretch their oil for far more than just one night. What was expected, just like the government should work to stretch every last drop out of the resources they have.”

Santa’s visit marked the end of a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to come together and celebrate a beautiful new local garden that many of them have worked in over the year.”

Greyston Community Garden Director Lucy Monco-Casasnovas.

Other sponsors include the local Stop & Shop, Sarah Lawrence College, the Pajama Program, Groundwork Hudson Valley, The Roman & Selles Family, Cecelia Bonilla & Joan Mendoza, Snip Its, Henry Valencia, Yonkers Storage Post, Affinity Health Plan, Nina Figueroa, Joseph Di Carlo, Touchstone Health and the Pajama Shop.